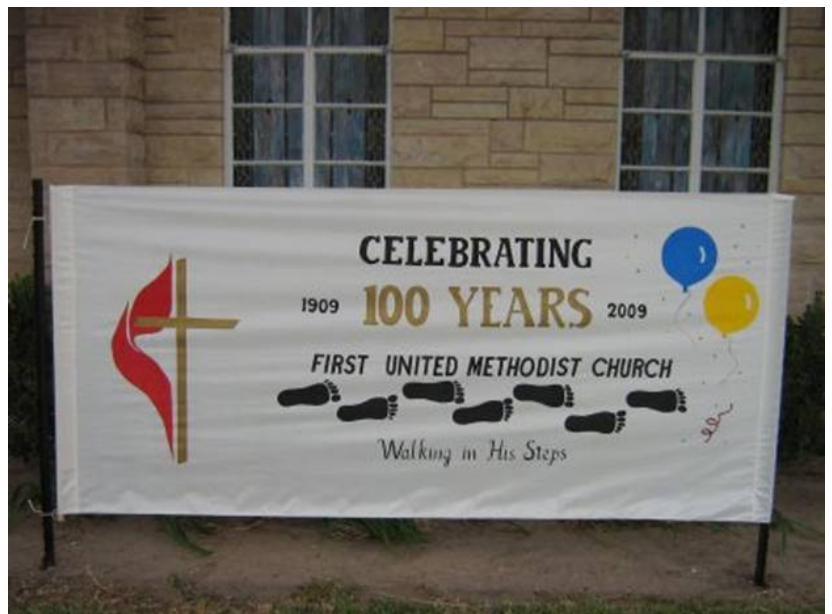


***FROM CHURCH TO CHURCH, AMEN!***

**AMEN** to Donna FUMC for working at becoming more welcoming by remodeling their coffee room. It is now called Cristo el Rey Café and has a Valley flair with a wall with crosses from the congregational families in honor of their 100<sup>th</sup> year of ministry in Donna.



Donna FUMC Cristo el Rey Café wall of crosses



Donna FUMC celebrates 100 years

**AMEN** to San Benito FUMC who, in observance of Epiphany, delivered 156 shoe boxes to the Pre-K & Kindergarten classes at Fred Booth Elementary. They took the Franklin Graham Samaritan's Purse Christmas Child idea and decided to apply it to their own back yard. The decorated boxes contained school supplies, toiletries, and small toys.

**AMEN** to Edinburg FUMC whose Silver Threads are sewing girls' dresses and boys' boxer shorts to be sent to Haiti.

**AMEN** to Pharr UMC and San Juan FUMC for continuing to host mission teams. The Mission Team from Emmanuel Reform Church of Sheldon, Iowa, recently hosted the Comunidad de Fe/Community of Faith service at Pharr UMC.

**AMEN** to Wesley UMC for providing note cards in their foyer for sending "Thinking of You" cards.



Wesley UMC sanctuary

**AMEN** to Kingsville FUMC for sponsoring Venture Crew, a coed division of Boy Scouts of America for all youth ages 14 to 21.

**AMEN** to Alice FUMC for the unusual idea of vacuuming their playground with an industrial vacuum. The playground had been deluged with grass burrs. Now the children can play comfortably.

**AMEN** to the Nomads who have been in our district with their gifts of repaired wood and paint and to Falfurrias FUMC's Pastor Jim Curran who challenges us to see that their work represents answering God's call to DO something to make the Kingdom of God closer than it was when they arrived. He challenges us to DO something to grow the seeds they left.

**AMEN** to Falfurrias FUMC for offering the use of the Old Parlor as a classroom for the Certified Nursing Assistant program for people in or out of high school. 19 high school students are presently enrolled and will receive dual credit with Coastal Bend College and be eligible to take the state CNA exam. The program is the first of a number of other career training programs being planned by the Los Mestenos Career Academy, a newly formed project of the Rural South Texas Economic Development Corporation.

**AMEN** to La Feria UMC who hosted faculty and a student from MCCS, the deaf school in Rio Bravo, which they support with supplies, scholarships, presents, and money to help the budget of the school. The director of the school gave the sermon.



Lunch with MCCS guests after worship

**AMEN** to Los Fresnos UMC who participated in hands-on mission. They helped to complete the building of a Worship/Neighborhood Community Center in a colonia in Matamoros, Mexico. This work had been started several years ago by Pastor Abraham Avila, who, in addition to his work at the colonia has been conducting Spanish Worship Services at Los Fresnos for several months and is ministering to a growing body of believers.

**AMEN** to San Benito for finding ways to honor those who serve our communities. They had a breakfast in honor of the San Benito Police Department and a Valentine's Dinner for spouses of military personnel serving overseas.

**AMEN** to Mercedes FUMC for sponsoring another Friday Night/Parents Night Out. This event is advertised in and is for the community. They give free child care with activities for ages 4 months through 6<sup>th</sup> grade several times in the fall and several times in the spring.



### Friday Night Parents Night Out is Free Childcare!

**PARENTS!**  
Give your kids ages 4 months  
through 6th grade a night out  
and yourselves a NIGHT OFF!  
From 6:30 to 10:00 p.m. on

Fridays February 6, April 3, and May 8,  
we will provide free childcare where your children can  
play games, have snacks, do arts and crafts and watch  
videos while YOU enjoy an evening to yourself!  
**PLEASE CALL AND MAKE RESERVATIONS AT  
565-1301 and leave your NAME, PHONE #, and  
NAMES, and AGES of your kids or email your  
reservation to [pastor@mercedesfumc.com](mailto:pastor@mercedesfumc.com).**

Friday Night Parents Night Out  
is FREE! It is located at  
First United Methodist Church  
200 16th St., Mercedes 78570  
(Enter behind the church  
from 17th St.)



Parents Night Out at Mercedes FUMC

Mercedes FUMC invites the community

**AMEN** to McAllen FUMC who's Young Women's Ministry prepares casseroles for people in need.

**AMEN** to Pharr UMC for sponsoring another Justice For Our Neighbor Day. One day a month they provide a lawyer from the General Board of Global Ministries to help people in the community receive legal help for immigration issues. Alongside they offer services from community agencies and the church, including health screening by their Wesley nurse.

**AMEN** to the Pharr Literacy Project who recently underwent training to become a Community of Shalom.

Do you have an **AMEN** to share about the McAllen District? If so, contact Mary Howard by phone or email. (956-421-3630 or [yard23@aol.com](mailto:yard23@aol.com))

**PLEASE PASS THESE ON TO OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS. THANKS**

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