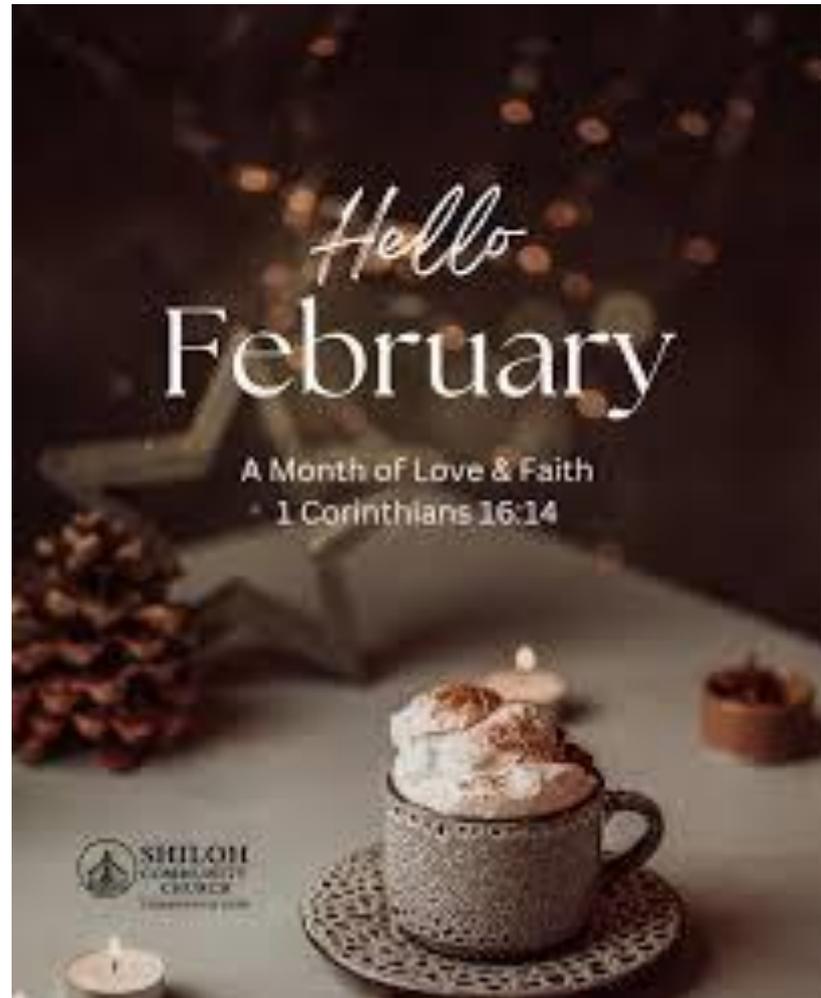

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH STANTON

2026 Newsletter



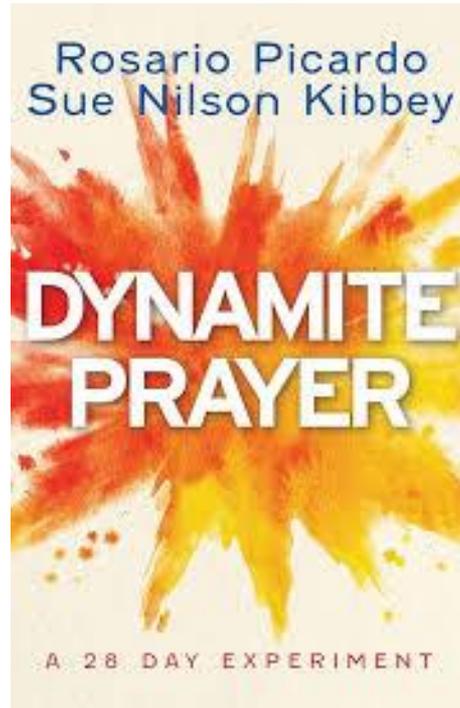
LETTER FROM PASTOR BOBBY

Greetings First Methodist Stanton Family!

Dynamite Prayer

This month the congregation is invited to join together in reading the daily devotional Dynamite Prayer. There are 28 daily devotional readings. It is my hope that you will join me in this. If you haven't been able to pick up a book yet, that's alright, I encourage you to start the daily devotional adventure when you are able to get one. We have a few copies left at the church.

The daily devotional is written to help guide us into a deeper and more powerful life of prayer and connection with God through recognizing the amazing power He works in us through the Holy Spirit.



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LETTER FROM PASTOR BOBBY

Ash Wednesday and Lent

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. We will gather for worship on February 18th at 6:00pm for our Ash Wednesday service. Below is a great explanation of Lent shared by Patricia S. Taylor on www.seedbed.com.

Why do people make an extra trip to church so they can get ashes smeared on their foreheads? The ashes are meant to symbolize both our mortality and our sin. The ashes we wear on Ash Wednesday are traditionally made from the same palm branches we waved on Palm Sunday, in praise of the King of Kings riding into Jerusalem. They are the symbol of our praise turned to ashes in the face of our sin.

We wear the ashes on our foreheads (or hands) to remind us first that we are but dust, and that it is the weight of our own sin and mortality that makes redemption necessary. Marking them in the shape of the cross reminds us not only of the penalty of that sin, but also how far the love of God will reach in order to save us. It reminds us that God remembers we are but dust, and that He has mercy on us despite the ravages of our own sin. There is no place our sin can take us where God's love will not go farther still to reach us.

The reason all of this is so important is that seeing ourselves rightly is absolutely essential to our faith formation. None of this remembrance, when instituted properly, should have its end in guilt or shame. The intended result is conviction rather than condemnation. The purpose is not to make us feel like terrible people, but to turn our hearts to God by helping us feel our desperate need for his grace and the love with which He freely gives it.

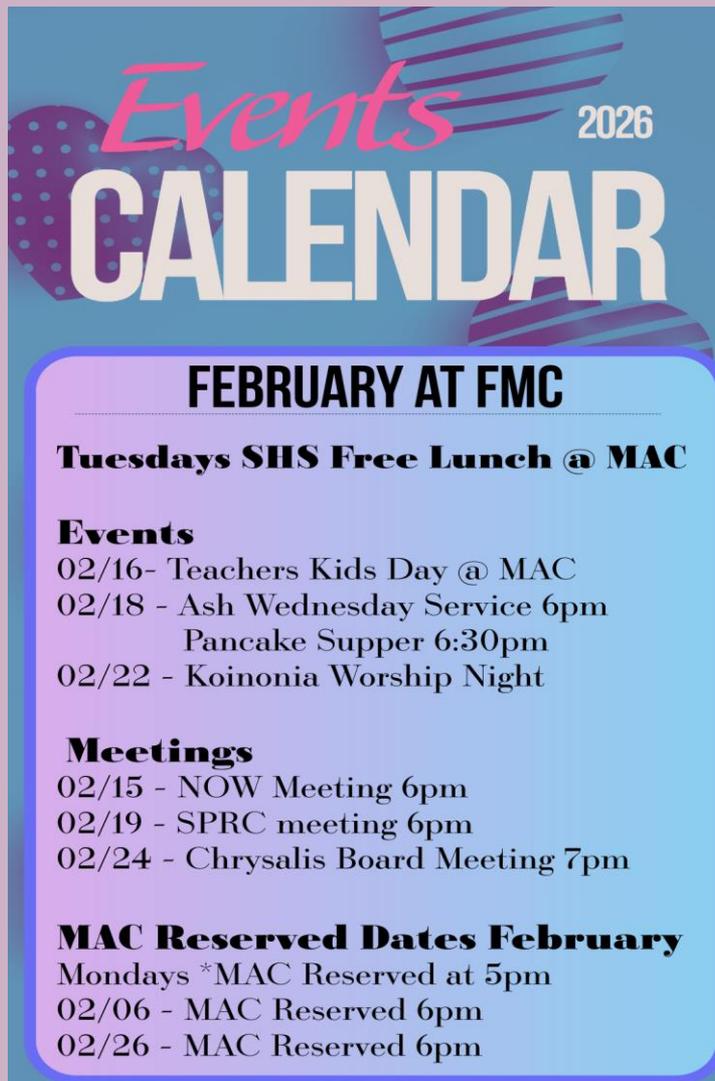
Not only does this help us in our relationship with God, but it also helps us in our relationships with others. When I do not see myself rightly, it is impossible for me to truly see others rightly. However, if I am keenly aware of my need for undeserved grace, it makes it much more difficult for me to harbor condemnation against another. The only thing that enables me to pray on someone's behalf, "Lord, have mercy" is the full knowledge that I don't deserve mercy any more than anyone else. Even so, God has mercy on us.

God Bless,
Pastor Bobby

WE MADE A CHANGE!



- Welcome to Subsplash. FMC is now using this platform for online giving and Donor management. If you currently donate online you will need to switch to our new platform. If you need assistance, we are here to help.



Events 2026
CALENDAR

FEBRUARY AT FMC

Tuesdays SHS Free Lunch @ MAC

Events
02/16- Teachers Kids Day @ MAC
02/18 - Ash Wednesday Service 6pm
Pancake Supper 6:30pm
02/22 - Koinonia Worship Night

Meetings
02/15 - NOW Meeting 6pm
02/19 - SPRC meeting 6pm
02/24 - Chrysalis Board Meeting 7pm

MAC Reserved Dates February
Mondays *MAC Reserved at 5pm
02/06 - MAC Reserved 6pm
02/26 - MAC Reserved 6pm

FMC FINANCIAL

Overview



📅 MONTH

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
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INCOME

Income	AMOUNT
January 2026	\$74,342.17
Feb 1-4 th 2026	\$21,118.52
Year To Date	\$95,460.69



Online giving

Set Recurring
Donations
or
One Time donations

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or scan the QR code for online giving

	Infrastructure	Durable Items	Vehicles & Other
Current Year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fellowship Hall Floor - Carpet, Upholstery Cleaning Every 2 years in Sanctuary, Education Building, MAC, & Parsonage - Parsonage Shed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Parsonage Dishwasher 	
1-3 Years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Replace Parsonage Windows - Fellowship Hall Kitchen Split Unit - Office Printer Lease Renewal - Replace Sanctuary Window Covers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Parsonage Washer & Dryer 	
4-9 Years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Steeple - Repaint Parking Stripes - Replace Chapel Split Unit - Third Floor HVACs (2) - Parlor HVAC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Replace Parsonage Hot Water Heaters - New Staff Computers: Pastor, Office Admin, Youth Director, Children's Director, Youth Intern - New A/V Computer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Replace 2020 Church Van
10-14 Years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sound Booth HVAC - Repave Sanctuary & Education Building Parking Lots - Nursery & Chapel Carpet - Repave MAC Parking Area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Game Tables in MAC Youth Room - Parsonage Refrigerator 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Replace 2024 Church Van
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sanctuary HVACs (2) - Sanctuary & Education Building Roof - Fellowship Hall HVAC & Split Unit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sanctuary Screens - Sanctuary Sound Board - MAC Sound Board - MAC Projectors 	

FMC STANTON 2026 - NOMINATIONS REPORT

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

Chairperson	Justin Burch
Vice-Chair/Lay Delegate	Lester Baker
Lay Leader	Wilma Stirl
SPRC Chair	Gary Reid
Finance Chair	Connor McKown
Trustee President	TBD By Trustees
Worship Chair	Mollie Madison
N.O.W. Chair	Kelli Holland
Pastor*	Bobby Wilson

N.O.W. MINISTRY TEAMS

Chairperson	Kelli Holland
Dir. Family Life & Missions	Karis Carstensen
Children's Coordinator	Karyn Pylant
Youth Coordinator	Edward Alberts
Pastor	Bobby Wilson

COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

NOMINATIONS

Chair (Pastor)	Bobby Wilson
Vice-Chair	<i>TBD By Committee</i>
Lay Leader	Wilma Stirl
At Large (2026)	Kim Baker
At Large (2027)	Paul Evans
At Large (2028)	Laurie Fleckenstein

STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS

Chairperson	Gary Reid
Lay Leader	Wilma Stirl
Lay Delegate	Lester Baker
At Large (2026)	Gary Reid
At Large (2026)	Cecelia Matthews
At Large (2027)	Dyan Hale
At Large (2027)	Amanda Louder
At Large (2028)	Kayla Nichols
At Large (2028)	Brad Holland
Ad. Council Chair*	Justin Burch
Pastor*	Bobby Wilson

FINANCE

Chairperson	Conner McKown
Trustee Chair	<i>TBD By Trustees</i>
SPRC Chair	Gary Reid
Lay Leader	Wilma Stirl
Lay Delegate	Lester Baker
Ad. Council Chair	Justin Burch
At Large (2026)	Ricky Fleckenstein
At Large (2027)	Connor McKown
At Large (2028)	Shawna Burch
Financial Secretary*	Briana Ellison
Treasurer*	Briana Ellison
Pastor*	Bobby Wilson

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Chairperson	<i>TBD By Trustees</i>
Vice-Chair	<i>TBD By Trustees</i>
Secretary	<i>TBD By Trustees</i>
At Large (2026)	David Matthews
At Large (2026)	Jimmy Mitchell
At Large (2027)	CherylN Stewart
At Large (2027)	Kenneth Cook
At Large (2027)	Steven Nichols
At Large (2028)	Erin Madison
At Large (2028)	Marty Graham
Pastor*	Bobby Wilson



**FMC YOUTH
SUPERBOWL
PARTY**

**SUNDAY
FEBRUARY
8TH**

**5:00
PM**

**At Pastor Bobby's house!
We will meet at the MAC at 5pm
and drive over together!**

Our church
made Snack Bags
for the Buffs and
Lady Buffs
Basketball teams!





SWEETHEART BANQUET

and Dessert Auction

WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!!

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT!
IN TOTAL, WE RAISED OVER \$8,000 FOR
OUR YOUTH TO GO TO CHURCH CAMP!

KOINONIA



Worship Night

JOIN US FOR COMMUNITY WIDE WORSHIP NIGHT!

**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 22ND
6:30PM-8PM @ THE MAC!**



Free Lunch Tuesdays!!

**ALL STANTON HIGH SCHOOL
STUDENTS ARE INVITED!**

**ALL SISD TEACHERS AND
STAFF ARE INVITED!
THE FOOD IS READY AT
12:15PM!**

- **MATTHEW 25:35-40**
- **"FOR I WAS HUNGRY AND
YOU GAVE ME SOMETHING
TO EAT... TRULY I TELL YOU,
WHATEVER YOU DID FOR
ONE OF THE LEAST OF
THESE BROTHERS AND
SISTERS OF MINE, YOU DID
FOR ME."**

Summer Church Camp!!



Camp Nova
Incoming 7th–12th graders
July 6–10 @ Ceta Canyon

Elevate Elementary Camp
Incoming 4th–6th graders
July 6–10 @ Butman Camp



FMC PRAYER'S NEEDED

Joe Alvizo
Bryan Cox
Juan Hinojosa
Lupe Moreno
Dailey Family

