



First Methodist Church Stanton

2025 Newsletter

Letter from Pastor Bobby

Happy New Year First Methodist Stanton Family!

I am typically not a person that makes new years resolutions or picks out a word for the year, but God led me to do that last year. Last year's word was Gratitude. I felt God leading me to be intentional about recognizing His presence, goodness, and gifts in my life. I also encouraged all of you do look for the reasons you have to be thankful and gratitude towards God over 2024. It was a great and eye-opening experience for me and I hope it was for you too.

This year, I've felt God leading me to do the same thing and this year's word is Amazed. Within the next couple of weeks, we will have "Amazed By God" jars for you to take home to keep tabs on all the ways God amazes us throughout 2025. I have a suspicion God will surprise us all!

Thank Yous From 2024

Thank you for once again taking part in the Angel Tree provide Christmas gifts for the children at the Josiah and Bethany Children's Home in Reynosa, Mexico. Through your generosity, we provided gifts for the seven children living there plus a large monetary gift for the children's home. This year AJ Ireton and I were able to go into Reynosa to visit the Children's Home and the children that live there. All of the children expressed their gratitude for the gifts. They were all very kind and appreciative. Pastor Alex and his wife Laura expressed their thanks as well. Please take a look at the picture of the children and gifts in the newsletter.

Thank you for another wonderful Advent and Christmas Season! A special thank you goes to Laura Alberts, Kayla Nichols, and Karis Carstensen for organizing the decorating, and thank you to all who came out to decorate. When you see Laura, Kayla, or Karis around the church, be sure to tell them THANK YOU!

The Methodist Activities Center (The MAC)

Our new building is almost complete. (*I know we've been saying that for a lot longer than we anticipated, but it's actually true, I promise.*) Please continue to be in prayer for the discipleship, outreach, missions, and evangelistic ministries that we will be able to put on and host. Our N.O.W. Group, Karis, and all of the discipleship staff are working on plans to utilize the MAC for God's glory and increase the size of His Kingdom.

Upcoming in January

First, Cheryl and I are still in awe and want to continue to express our thanks and gratitude to the church for the wonderful and amazing Pastor's Appreciation gift you all gave in 2024. (*The Bahamas vacation you gave Cheryl and I should cover Pastor's Appreciation Month for the next several years!*) Cheryl and I will be out for two Sundays as we will be traveling to and from the Bahamas. The first Sunday is January 26th and our Presiding Elder/District Superintendent Rich Jones will be our guest preacher. The following Sunday, February 2nd, Karis will be preaching. We will postpone the sacrament of communion to the following Sunday, February 9th.

Thank again for a wonderful year of ministry in 2024, and I look forward to another exciting and grace-filled year of experiencing and sharing God's love and grace with you all in 2025!

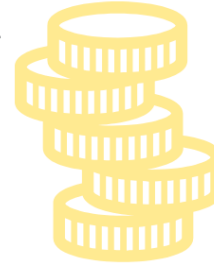
God Bless,

Pastor Bobby



**First Methodist Church
of Stanton**

Income



2024

December Total Income: \$293,750.91

2024 Total Income: \$1,647,648.29

2025

January YTD Total Income: \$17,325.00

2024 Giving Statements will be mailed out beginning of February. Please make sure your address is updated if you have had any changes this year Email or Call Briana at the church office. email: briana@fmcstanton.com , 432-756-2303

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Online Giving



Set Recurring
Donations
or
One Time donations

January Events

Jan. 8th

Encounter resumes
from winter break!

Jan. 14th

Boy Scouts meeting
@ 6:30pm in
Fellowship Hall

Jan. 20th

Office Closed - Federal
Holiday Martin Luther
King Jr. Day

Chrysalis Jan. Meetings

Sunday 12th @ 2:00

Sunday 19th @ 2:00



WINTER YOUTH

Retreat



Winter Youth Retreat
CALM THROUGH THE STORM
Matthew 14:22-33



MISSION SPOTLIGHT



Support for
Bethany and
Josiah Children's
Home

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

FMC STANTON

CONFIRMATION

CLASSES

4:45PM-5:45PM

ON THESE SUNDAY NIGHTS

FEBRUARY 2ND
FEBRUARY 9TH
FEBRUARY 16TH
FEBRUARY 23RD
MARCH 2ND
MARCH 23RD
MARCH 30TH
APRIL 6TH

**7TH GRADE-
12TH GRADE!**

**CONFIRMATION SUNDAY
APRIL 27TH!**





2025 FMC
Youth Schedule
January

Wednesday 01/08 - Encounter

Sunday 01/12-Sunday School 10am, Youth 6-8pm

Wednesday 01/15- Encounter

Sunday 01/19-Sunday School 10am, Youth 6-8pm

Wednesday 01/22 - Encounter

Sunday 01/26- Sunday School 10am, Youth 6-8pm

Wednesday 01/29- Encounter



Prayer Focus

Co-Worker of Edwards, Keune Family, Kolter Gray, Kyle & Malinda Blocker, Family of Manuel Aguirre, Family of Kay Lewis

Bereaved

Bud Lindsey, Kay Lewis, Manuel Aguirre

Submit prayer request at www.fmcstanton.com , Church Office or During Worship Service