

THE POINT



CITY POINT UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH

DECEMBER / JANUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER



As I write this, the fall foliage seems to be at its peak. Everywhere I look, I see brilliant red, yellow, and orange leaves stubbornly, desperately, clinging to their branches. I am all too aware that all this beauty surrounding me is fleeting, and I'm trying to appreciate every moment.

2009 was the first fall Lisa, Emma, in utero Trace, and I spent in Texas. I remember taking numerous strolls as the sun set on many perfect October evenings. I also remember being shocked at how late leaves change color here. In Chicago, leaves hit peak color in early to mid-October, but here, leaves didn't even begin to blush with the first hint of color until early November.

I remember how warm December days brought a touch of disappointment because it just didn't feel like Christmas time. I remember missing home.

Things have changed. I love that we have an extended autumn in Texas. I love that two weeks before Christmas the autumn-kissed leaves clinging to their branches put even the best Christmas light displays to shame. I love that I will – more than likely – be able to smoke a prime rib roast on Christmas Day without having to scrape off ice from my smoker. I love that I no longer feel home sick.

The love and hospitality this church has showered on my family and I over the past 5 months has been unbelievable. For the first time in 15 years, I feel like I'm home. Being your pastor and serving the amazing people of this church is the greatest Christmas gift ever. Merry Christmas City Point UMC, I can't wait to see what the future will bring us!

Pastor Ramiro



JOYS AND CONCERNS



To add someone to the prayer list please email Laurie at Laurie@citypointumc.org or call the church office at 817-284-9371.

CHURCH FAMILY

ROBIN CLEMENT	DAKOTA RUDZIK
PATTY HAWKINS	NOEL RUDZIK
DIXIE HAYNES	TYLER WILKINS
AMPA HINSON	

FAMILY & FRIENDS

TOM ADAMS (*Ken LeVan's son-in-law*)
 BETTY MILLER (*Susan Scott's mom*)
 PAT HYDEN (*friend of Craig & Tracie Wilkins*)
 JOHN (*Doris Elliott's son*)
 REBECCA & JIM (*Doris Elliott's daughter & son-in-law*)
 LONNIE & PAT TILSON
 (*Gaylene Donnell Schueneman's parents*)
 CALEB (*friend of Char Hudak*)
 SHERYL BOWMAN (*Tommy Phelps daughter*)

Expressions of love and sympathy are extended to the following families.

*The Family of Mildred Bennett who passed away recently.
Mildred has been a part of this church since January 2013.*

*Larry Atkinson and family in the passing of his brother,
Ronald Atkinson on December 8.*

*Ronda & Kyle Hantz in the passing of Ronda's mom,
Larea Phippen on Tuesday, November 26.
Services were held at Mount Olivet on Monday, December 2.*



MEMORIAL GIFTS

In Memory of: Larea Phippen

Given by: Meg Feula;

Jim & Carol Sharp (designated to Apportionments)

In Memory of: Jackie Davison

Given by: Longhorn BSA—Venture Crew;
Davison/Thompson Family



December 1

Joe Hackfeld
Mary Hackfeld

December 4

Pat Blackmon

December 5

Henry Hawkins
Linda Kirkdorffer

December 6

Della Cromeans

December 10

Craig Wilkins

December 11

Wavah Fore

December 15

Jack Henry
Richard Homer

December 26

Gary Patterson

December 28

Jordan Cramer
Noel Rudzik

December 30

Rick Grindley

January 2

Dande Snowden

January 3

Kevin Davis

January 11

Trace Rodriguez

January 15

Trudi Free

January 16

Robert Beale

January 17

Zadella Gilliam

January 18

Ron Phippen

January 23

Jim Allen

Brenda Bates

Emma Rodriguez

January 24

Kent Sanders

January 25

Amy Bridegam

January 28

Bonnie Doss

**If your DECEMBER / JANUARY
birthday is not listed, please
contact the church office.**



*Happy Birthday to the following
contributors to the Birthday Fun-d.*

**JEANNIE TREVIÑO-TEDDLIE
WAVAH FORE**

NOVEMBER WORSHIP



Sunday, November 10 - Veterans Recognition Sunday

Thank you to our Veterans (L-R, Cullen Turner, Henry Hawkins, David Wynn, Gary Tolbert, Larry Winnett, Bill Bailey, Larry Atkinson, Jack Hinson, Rick Grindley, Jim Sharp, and Doug Dugan. Acolytes were Leah Cramer and Lexi Cribbs. Katie Schulte sang *Balm in Gilead*, arr. by Burleigh. Pastor Ramiro led Children's Moment.



Sunday, November 17

Communion Sunday

Sharon Cramer led Children's Moment.

Pastor Ramiro gave a sermon on *New Beginnings*.



Sunday, November 24

Margaret Nicholson opened Worship with singing *Thanksgiving*, arr. by Beck, and Leah Cramer and Lexi Cribbs were Acolytes. Margaret and Debbie Seitter sang *Here I Am, Lord* for offertory. Pastor Ramiro led Children's Moment.

COMMUNITY MEAL



What a blessing the 2024 Community Meal was for everyone involved!

Thank you to all that helped make the event possible!

To watch the video that was done by the Horizon Texas Conference of the UMC, go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZfmHOUo-6t4>



MISSIONS INFORMATION



CITY POINT UMC HOMELESS MINISTRIES

Presbyterian Night Shelter Sandwich Making

Reeves Hall Kitchen

2nd Tuesday, of the month,
January 14, February 11 at 1:00 p.m.

Presbyterian Night Shelter Lunch Bags Needed!!

Drop off in Reeves Hall during PNS
Sandwich Making on 2nd Tuesdays

Upcoming Drop off dates-

January 14 & February 11

Suggested Items for Lunch Bags

(Items need to be non-perishable)

PLACE ITEMS IN

GALLON BAG OR GROCERY BAG

Peanut butter crackers Granola bars
Chips Vienna Sausages Applesauce etc.
Please include a bottle of water in each bag.

Contact Jack Teddlie or the church office
for information or questions about
CPUMC Homeless Ministries.



SAVE THE DATE!

**BILLY BOB CROCKER
BAKE-OFF**

**Sunday, March 30
After church in Reeves Hall**

**Men! Start planning
your desserts now!**

**Proceeds benefits
McCurdy School
Mission Trip!**



ROOM IN THE INN
Tuesday evenings through
Wednesday mornings during
December, January, February

City Point UMC hosts **Room in the Inn** providing hospitality to 10 homeless men in the form of a hot home cooked meal, a safe night's sleep, a hot breakfast, sack lunch, and transportation from and back to True Worth, a center for homeless services. This is our 13th year hosting some very appreciative men putting some normalcy in their lives. If you think you might be interested in showing some City Point hospitality to some men who have had and are still having a difficult time, consider volunteering. To volunteer, you can access the SignUp Genius link, <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0F4DA9AC2EA2F49-52432944-room#/> or by going on the church website and click on the Homeless Ministries box. If you have questions or have difficulty with signing up, contact Jack Teddlie or the church office.

DECEMBER

**Friday, December 20
6:00 p.m - Duncan FLC**

*Blue Christmas
Service*

**For more information contact
Rev. Amy Tate-Almy or the church office.**

**The Church Office will be closed
from Friday, December 20
through Sunday, January 5.**

**In case of emergency please call
the church office and leave a
voicemail and we will get back
with you as soon as possible.**

Although the church office will be closed at the end and beginning of the year, deposits will still take place and all giving dated for December 2024 will be coded as 2024 Giving. This includes online and giving mailed in. If you have any questions on this please get with Laurie in the church office.



2024 Leadership Apportionment Matching Grant

I want to thank all of you for your generosity in support of our many ministries and missions. At the top of that list for many is Binion Elementary. What a blessing it is for City Point. How? We are right across the street! We get to see the need and feel the response: joy, excitement of the students, school and community.

Now, let's talk about Apportionments, also known as Connectional Missional Giving. Through Connectional Missional Giving, each United Methodist Church is asked to give a portion of their church revenue to "The Administration" if you will, of The United Methodist Church which will then determine where the greatest needs are and how can all United Methodist churches participate in being the hands and feet of Jesus. That is the focal point and that is where most of the money goes.

City Point has struggled to pay 100% of our Apportionment, our portion of our Connectional Giving, on several occasions and we are behind this year. As of October 31 we had paid \$11,000 and we need \$30,000 more by December to pay our share.

The Finance Committee unanimously approved a recommendation to the Leadership Team: The 12 members of the Leadership Team were challenged to pledge a total of \$15,000 (half of the \$30,000) to a matching grant. The Leadership Team accepted that challenge and has pledged \$15,600. You, members of the congregation, are challenged to meet or exceed \$15,000. If we are all successful, we will exceed our Apportionments and will have funds to carry over to 2025! The matching grant only comes into play if the congregation does not meet the \$15,000 challenge. Remember what I said about being right across the street from Binion? There are thousands of Binions in far away, remote places...who will be their City Point UMC? WE CAN!!!

United by more than a name, but by a commitment that, TOGETHER, with God's help, City Point United Methodist Church Apportionments will impact more missions, ministries and lives than we can envision.

Jack Knowles
2025 Finance/Stewardship Team Chair

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH



The Inez Reeves Circle and the Rainbow Circle will be merging their groups in 2025.

Join this merged Circle group on the 2nd Thursday of each month starting in February.

**February 13
10:30 a.m.
Duncan FLC**

*Contact: Wavah Fore or
Linda Harden*



10:00 a.m. Room 104

Wednesdays

January 8, February 12

Tuesdays

January 28, February 25

Contact: Karen Murray

Saturdays

December 21 (Hantz's)

January 18

February 15

2:30 p.m. Duncan FLC

Contact Rosemary Huneycutt



Thank you to Mona Bailey for being the speaker at the November Inez Reeves Circle Meeting. We greatly appreciate you.



Mark your calendars for the 2025 UWF General Meetings

Sundays after Worship in Reeves Hall

February 23, April 27, August 17, and September 28

UNITED METHODIST MEN



CPUMMen Breakfast & Fellowship

Saturday, January 4, and Saturday, February 1 - Duncan FLC

The UMMen meet monthly on the first Saturday of each month at 8:00 a.m. for breakfast, fellowship, short meeting/planning, and then some work around the church. All men of the church are invited to attend. For more information contact CPUMMen President, Ralph Houy.

2025 UMMen Leadership

Ralph Houy, President

Ron Haynes, Secretary

Duane Kirkdorffer, Treasurer

JANUARY



Exciting News: Wednesday Night Worship Coming in 2025!

Starting in January 2025, City Point UMC will launch a **Wednesday Night Worship Service!** Join us for a time of food, fellowship, and worship every fourth Wednesday of the month in Reeves Hall.

- **Dinner:** 6:00 - 6:30 p.m.
- **Worship:** 6:30 p.m.

We aim to create a casual experience where we can explore together where we've seen God at work in our lives and community. Join us for this opportunity to connect, grow, and find midweek spiritual renewal. Mark your calendars for the kickoff on January 22nd, 2025, in Reeves Hall. I'm eager to worship with you and embark on this journey of faith together!

For more information contact Jordan Cramer.



Sunday, January 26
After Worship in Reeves Hall

What chili will you enter in the cook-off? Start planning now!

**Proceeds will benefit 2025
Apportionments / Connectional Missional Giving.**

SERVANT HEARTS



Opportunity to Serve!

Recently, City Point has revitalized our Greeter ministry. Are you interested in serving as a greeter? Contact Jordan Cramer for more information.



The kids at Children's Church had so much fun meeting Lady, a therapy dog, during Children's church on September 29.

Lady is an official employee of Richland Hills and came to meet with and teach the kids about Therapy Dogs.



Thank you to Robert Beale for donating his time to tune the piano in the children's Sunday school classroom. Jackson Snowden has memorized *Our God Is An Awesome God* and the children are learning to sing it. We are grateful to Robert for his support of the children and our music ministry!



Do you have a servant heart and love to send cards to people? If so, the Connectional Care Ministry Team has cards for you to pick up in Room 104 to use. There are many different types of cards for many different occasions. Help yourself and spread a smile in someone's life.



The Connectional Care Ministry Team was blessed by hearing from SOS—Serving Our Seniors at a recent meeting and presented this ministry a donation to help with needs for area seniors. For more information on Serving Our Seniors go to <https://servingourseniortexas.org/>.

GET PLUGGED IN

BIBLE STUDIES



MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Restarts January 13, 2025

9:30 a.m. - Duncan FLC

Monday Morning Bible Study invites you to join us for study, discussion, and fellowship! This group meets weekly on Mondays from 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. New Study starts January 13— *“Help. Thanks. Wow.”* by Ann Lamott. The study will run until Lent. Everyone is responsible for ordering his/her own copy of the book and there are many new/used online booksellers. **Newcomers are welcome!** If you would like to be added to the email group, please contact Mary Knowles.

MEN’S BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAYS

Restarts on January 8, 2025

6:30 p.m. - Duncan FLC

All men are invited to join us
in our current study:

*“Beating Guns: Hope for people
who are weary of violence”*

The study which is sponsored by the United Methodist Men is open to all men who are interested. Questions can be directed to Jim Allen or the church office.

PASTOR’S BIBLE STUDIES ON THURSDAYS

Restarts on January 9, 2025

Room 104

Morning Study - 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Evening Study - 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Bring your Bibles. If you need a Bible, please contact the church office.



The Lunch Bunch meets
the third Monday of each month
at 11:45 a.m.

Monday, January 20, 2025

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5131 Rufe Snow Dr, NRH, 76180

Everyone is invited!

Contact Wavah Fore for more information!



JOIN THE CHOIR
AT CPUMC

They meet at
8:30 a.m.
Sunday mornings!

Contact Debbie if
you would
like more
information.



New
Church
Directory

Church Directory pictures will be taken in January. Look for signup opportunities in Reeves Hall. Gary Tolbert will be taking the pictures in Room 109, which is a classroom near Reeves Hall. This is a great way to help the church put names with faces so join in on the fun.

2025 CHURCH LEADERSHIP

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LEADERSHIP TEAM

Chairperson	Craig Wilkins
Vice Chairperson	Max Wynn
Recording Secretary	Mary Knowles
Lay Leader/AC Delegate	Mona Bailey
Finance Chairman	Jack Knowles
Board of Trustees	Diane Umphress
SPRC	Louis Murray
Endowment Chair	Tim Truman
UMMen Rep	Ralph Houy
UWF Rep	Ronda Hantz
Missions Team	Jack Teddlie
Worship	Karen Murray
Care Team	Duane Kirkdorffer
Pastor	Rev. Ramiro Rodriguez
Members at Large	Jim Allen (2025) Bill Bailey (2025) Karen Murray (2026) Meg Feula (2027) Linda Harden (2027)

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chairperson	Jack Knowles	
Pastor	Rev. Ramiro Rodriguez	
Office Admin (<i>ex officio</i>)	Laurie Thompson	
<u>CLASS 2025</u> Jack Hinson Karen Murray	<u>CLASS 2026</u> Bill Bailey Wavah Fore	<u>CLASS 2027</u> Kyle Hantz Craig Wilkins

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Chairperson	Diane Umphress	
Secretary	Linda Kirkdorffer	
Pastor	Rev. Ramiro Rodriguez	
<u>CLASS 2025</u> Doug Dugan Henry Hawkins Hugh Underwood	<u>CLASS 2026</u> Linda Kirkdorffer Gary Tolbert Diane Umphress	<u>CLASS 2027</u> Mike Almy Thomas Cribbs Ron Haynes

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT/ NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Chairperson (Pastor)	Rev. Ramiro Rodriguez	
Lay Leader	Mona Bailey	
<u>CLASS 2025</u> Meg Feula Linda Harden Dixie Haynes	<u>CLASS 2026</u> Aletha Houy Duane Kirkdorffer Louis Murray	<u>CLASS 2027</u> Clint Allen Heather Rudzik

STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Chairperson	Louis Murray	
Lay Leader/AC Delegate	Mona Bailey	
Pastor	Rev. Ramiro Rodriguez	
<u>CLASS 2025</u> Susan Scott Joan Truman	<u>CLASS 2026</u> Brenda Bates	<u>CLASS 2027</u> Jake Allen Betty Morris

ANNUAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES

<u>LAY DELEGATES</u> Mona Bailey Ronda Hantz	<u>ALTERNATES</u> Bill Bailey Kyle Hantz
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ENDOWMENT / MEMORIAL FUND COMMITTEE

Chairperson	Tim Truman
Pastor	Rev. Ramiro Rodriguez
Bill Bailey Mona Bailey Kyle Hantz Jack Hinson Duane Kirkdorffer Jack Knowles Mary Knowles	Louis Murray George Scott Dana Tate Jack Teddlie Tim Truman Craig Wilkins

WORSHIP TEAM

Chairperson	Rev. Ramiro Rodriguez
Choir Director	Debbie Seitter
Organist	Candiss Krug
Visuals	Tyler Wilkins
Audio	Ralph Houy
Altar	Karen Murray
Live Stream	Tracie Wilkins
	Gary Tolbert
	Jake Allen
	Jordan Cramer
	Mona Bailey
	Bill Bailey
Liturgists	Jordan Cramer/Team
Ushers	Jeannie Treviño-Teddlie
Greeters	
Communion	

FOR YOUR INFORMATION



Effective January 1, 2025, the Central Texas, North Texas and Northwest Texas Conferences will be merged to form the Horizon Texas Conference.



Thank you to each of our faithful givers in 2024. Your donations have helped the ministries of this church in great ways. There are many ways you can give financially to the church.

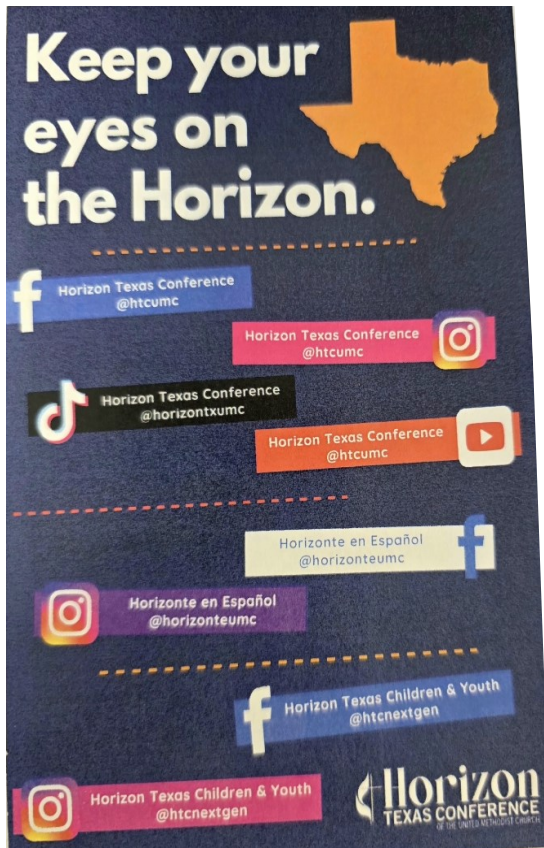
First is giving on Sunday mornings by check or cash and placing in the offering plate. If you give cash and would like it added to your giving statement please use a offering envelope and write your name on the envelope. If you wrap cash in the registration sheets it can fall out. If you wrap money in your registration sheet please write the amount under your name.

Another option is setting up bank checks that are mailed to the church from your bank.

We also have online giving available through our website at www.citypointumc.org. Effective January 1, 2025, the online Tithely giving portal will have fees included for each donation given. If you are already paying the online fees the only change you will see is that it will automatically be included in your giving. This change is to help with covering the cost of the benefit of having online giving.

Please mark all giving to special funds with the appropriate special fund. If giving online and you do not see the option for your giving you can add a note or email Laurie in the church office at Laurie@citypointumc.org with where to designate the giving.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.



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