

# WORSHIP SERIES: WON'T YOU BE MY NEIGHBOR?



Serving as a beacon of light in the name of Jesus Christ | Putnam City UMC

## Order of Worship

Gathering Music

Chimes

Welcome

Prelude

\*Praise & Worship

\*Affirmation of Faith

Joys & Concerns

Call to Offering

Offertory

\*Doxology

Musical Reflection

Scripture Reading

Message

Invitation to Discipleship

\*Hymn of Invitation

\*Dismissal & Blessing

\*Going Forth

Postlude

\*Means- stand as able.



## Sustained By God- Acts 2:42-47

Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood was an unlikely show to be on the air (not to mention the longevity of it; more than 30 years!). This show had to "compete" against action cartoons (Batman, He-Man, Thundercats, etc.), life's hardships (assassination of Dr. King and Sen. Kennedy, the Vietnam war), and the relentless change in television. It's set was low production value, its characters were "simple puppets," and Mr. Rogers was an atypical "lead man" (a Presbyterian minister). Yet, Mr. Rogers believed that love is abundant and needs to be shared. That was the fuel for the show: LOVE.

Christianity, in its early stages, was an unlikely movement to succeed: led by working class and illiterate people and persecuted by one of the most powerful empires of human history: the Roman Empire. Yet, "the believers devoted themselves to the apostle's teachings, to shared meals and prayers." This unlikely rowdy bunch transformed the world and "The Lord added daily to the community those who were being saved."

## Prayer Requests

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Bill McVey  
 Kelllye Bates  
 Hernández Family  
 Marcia Feisal  
 Katie Feisal

## From Pastor Carlos

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Since the first week of December, I started a video blog that is posted on Facebook. This weekly video blog has the purpose to communicate the exciting things that are happening in our church.

Facebook provide us with "insights" and we know how many people are engaged (watch the video, shared it, commented on it, or clicked on it) with every post. I am thrilled to let you know that we have an average of 584 people reached through each one of the posts. While many from our church engage with the videos, the majority of engagements come from people beyond our congregation.

Please, if you have a Facebook account, "like" our page and share the videos! I am also excited about the real possibility of "webcasting" our worship service. This will mean that no matter where you are, you can worship with us! We can reach many people through this new digital medium. We are in conversations to upgrade our system so that we can make the leap to the internet. Pray so that this soon can be a reality!

## From Alfonso Flores

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In October 2018 we started two in-home groups. Teaching about the church, the body of God and the beginning of the Methodist Church.

Maria Elena Luna Acosta opened her home on October 5th, one of her main questions was "What is the Methodist church? I want to learn more about the church and its history. Because I want to know why you are there. I want to feel the same feeling, when you talk about the Methodist church."

And for me that was something special because someone wanted to know about the place, where my family and I worship God.

### 1 Samuel 7:12

Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen. He named it Ebenezer, a saying, "Thus far the Lord has helped us." We have been working hard and knocking on doors sharing the world of God, saying "Thus far the Lord has helped us."

Join us at the Ebenezer Sunday School 9:30 a.m. (Spanish)  
 Our Sunday school class is dynamic and fun!

If you have any questions, or would like more information, please contact Alfonso Flores:

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## Calendar

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**January 22 3pm 6pm**— Guardians starts

**January 30 at 6pm**—Welcome **On Wednesdays** or **W.O.W**

**February 2 9:30 am - 3pm**— Crossroads District Leadership Training Event at Church of the Servant. Scholarships available.

## Staff and Worship Leadership

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Lead Minister- Carlos Ramírez, Associate Pastor- Karen Styers, Youth Minister- Jody Caruthers, 1st Gen. Hispanic Minister- Alfonso Flores, Organist- Carolyn Chillless, Keyboard- Woody Hawkins, Communion Stewards- Mary & Lacy Amen, Worship Coordinator- Alvena Brintnall, Nursery Director- Brittany Templeman, Administrative Assistant- Callie Amick, IT Director- Richard Swink & Team