

April 2014

Church Chat

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From the Pastor's Desk

Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Sunday...April will be a busy month around here. And I hope you will be a part of it.

On Palm Sunday, the combined choirs of First UMC and First Presbyterian will present their Easter Cantata, "I Am the Lord of the Dance" at our church at 10 AM and at the Presbyterian Church at 11 AM. With Perry Dean leading the choirs, you know it will be better than good! Invite your family and friends to this great musical worship.

Then on Thursday we will have our Maundy Thursday worship service at 7 PM. Here we will remember the final night Jesus spent with his disciples, preparing them for what was coming. This is the night that Jesus showed them what true leadership is all about and left them with the holy meal to remind them of his life and sacrifice.

On Good Friday we will gather in the sanctuary at 7 PM to observe that day when his life was given for ours, his death would mean our life, and the darkness of death would come over

him. We will leave the sanctuary with silence, and a sense of reverent awe.

Then on Sunday morning at 6:30 AM join with others of the various churches in Palacios for the Community Sunrise Service as we celebrate Jesus' victory over death and the grave. We will (weather permitting) see the sunrise and relive the excitement of Mary and the disciples in the realization that "He is Risen!"

We will gather at 10 AM in the Sanctuary for our Easter Sunday worship service. This year will be all the more special because during this service we will confirm eight of our young people. They will each affirm their decision to be a follower of this Jesus who has risen from the dead. Join in the celebration of this most special time of the year, this most special time in the life of every Christian.

I am so pleased and proud to be your pastor,

David

Recycling Initiative

We have started a recycling initiative at the church. The box is placed in the foyer of the church, as you leave the sanctuary. We encourage you to take your bulletins home, but if you don't, please place them in the Recycling box.

Also, we encourage you to place your **empty** and **rinsed** plastic and aluminum

beverage containers in the box.

Thanks to Marty Rieck for coming up with the idea!



Wesley Nurse News



The Bunny Run is **April 19**, in Point Comfort. It is a FREE 5k that you can walk or run. After the race there will be an Easter Egg Hunt and activities for the whole family. Registration for the 5k will be at 7:30am and the race begins at 8am.

April 2 is World Autism Awareness Day. We are asking that you change your front porch light bulb to a **blue** bulb to help spread Autism Awareness. If you need a blue bulb, let me know soon.

Save the following dates:

- April 14—Lunch and Learn, “The Importance of Sleep”, Palacios HUB, 12 pm
- April 23—Lunch and Learn, “Vitamins”, Palacios HUB, 12 pm

I will try to keep office hours on Monday and Wednesday 10am-2pm. Call me at 361-987-2071 if you need a different time and I will schedule something for you, or email me at lmachicek@mhm.org.

-Leslie Machicek, Wesley Nurse

Church Calendar for April



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Walk to Emmaus/Chrysalis

Crossroads Emmaus is hosting a Women's walk July 24-27 at the Spiritual Renewal Center outside of Victoria. Prayerfully consider attending this uplifting and spiritually energizing weekend.

In addition, Chrysalis, the Walk to Emmaus program for youth will have a girl's weekend July 14-16 at Cathedral Oaks, and a boy's weekend August 7-9 at Cathedral Oaks. If you are in 9th-12th grade, contact Pastor David for information on attending.

Crossroads Emmaus gathers for a potluck supper and worship at area churches every

month. If you are interested in Emmaus or Chrysalis, have been on a Walk to Emmaus or Chrysalis, or just want to enjoy some wonderful food and exciting worship, please contact Janie or Barney Gulley at janiegulley@hotmail.com.

The next monthly gathering will be at First United Methodist in Victoria on April 25 starting at 6:30 pm. If you are interested in learning about Emmaus, this is a good way to get started. If you want to carpool, contact the Gulley's.



United Methodist Women

We invite all women to join us on Thursday, April 17 at noon for a program delivered by Carol Singer. Bring a sack lunch and enjoy the program and fellowship!

For all those who missed the March program on the Call to Prayer and Self-Denial, you can still donate your offering. See Becky Johnson to give to this inspiring program.



Bethany Middle School Mission by the Sea

The Bethany U.M.C. Middle-School Youth from Austin, along with their adult chaperones, are returning to Palacios for their seventh year of fun, work and worship. Their return is due to Palacios' welcoming citizens, beautiful waterfront, small-town safety and charm, and great facilities in which to stay. The youth named their trip "Mission by the Sea." During their stay from **June 8th through 12th, 2014** the youth will worship together, experience Palacios, and serve others outside of their own community.

We need your help in finding them service opportunities. The jobs need to be in safe environments and ones that make a positive difference. We want the youth to have the chance to be

the hands and feet of Jesus. The jobs can be big or small, indoors or out.

The youth will bring paintbrushes, window cleaners, rags, carpentry and yard tools, and mowers. Due to limited funds, most paint and building supplies will need to be provided by the homeowner. However, there is a small materials grant for those in need.

If you, a neighbor, a friend, or a family member could use some help please get an application from Pastor David King or from Vikijane in the Library. Then turn them in on or before **May 18th**.

This is the perfect solution to help you tackle those jobs that keep getting put off.

Again, thank you for helping the Bethany Youth by opening your homes and hearts to them.

Sincerely,
Carl and Marty Rieck

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Holy Week Scripture Readings

Monday -- Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 36:5-11; Hebrews 9:11-15; John 12:1-11

Tuesday -- Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 71:1-14; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; John 12:20-36

Wednesday -- Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 70; Hebrews 12:1-3; John 13:21-32

Thursday -- Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19;
1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-7, 31b-35

Friday -- Isaiah 52:13-53-12; Psalm 22; Hebrews 10:16-25; John 18:1-19:42

Saturday -- Job 14:1-14; Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16; 1 Peter 4:1-8; Matthew 27:57-66



Summer Camp for Kids

Summer camp opportunities at Mount Wesley in Kerrville all have the theme:

Be a Hero, Live Like Jesus.

For more information and registration go to:
www.umcswtx.org/summer-camps

- 3rd-4th Grade -- July 6-9
- 4th/5th/6th Grade -- Music, Art & Drama Camp -- July 23-26
- Preteen 5th & 6th Grade -- August 3-7



Children's Easter Egg Hunt

Children are invited to join in an Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday during the Sunday School hour. We will provide baskets and candy. If you would like to donate money

to help us buy candy, we would appreciate it. All kids are invited to share in this celebration!



First Job Youth Event

Workforce Solutions is hosting an event for youth ages 17-21 on April 12, 2014 called "How to Get Your First Job." Youth can learn about:

- how to do a job search
- applying for work
- interviewing

- employers' expectations
- good work habits
- where to find the best jobs

It will be held at Workforce Solutions in Bay City, 3501 Avenue F from 9:00-1:00. Please contact Luz Lopez at 979-245-4808, extension 2610 for more

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Assisting With Worship in April

Those assisting with worship in April are:

Liturgists: TBA—please contact Pastor David to volunteer!

Ushers: Cha'e Neimeyer

Greeters: Lori King and Leala Kahlich

April Celebrations

Birthdays in April: 1—Joan Bates, Tess Weed, Tina Slaughter, 3—Kevin Harvey, John Neese Jr, 5—Chris Griffin, 7—Jenny Mack, Eric Janszen, Evelyn Viets, 8—Avery Kubecka, 9—Shelley Johs, 11—DeeDee Stork, 12—Janie Gulley, 14—Darren Samora, 16—Skylor Lambert, Jeff Miller, Sara Kubecka Repka, 17—Ruth King, Dylan Luke Henry, 22—Micah Glover, Jimmy Neeley, Mary Jo Neeley, 23—Ron Laws, 24—Zach Seaman, 25—Grace Gideon, Branson Hebel, 29—Dorothy Jenkins, Blake Prihoda

Did we miss a birthday or anniversary? Contact Janie Gulley to be sure it gets on the calendar!

Prayers and Praise

Aaron and Heidi Corporon announce the arrival of their son **Alexander Jesse**, born March 7th. AJ weighed 7 pounds 9 ounces and is 20 inches long. He is welcomed home by big brother Edward, grandparents Dale and Jeri Corporon, and great-grandmother Betty Stork.

Congratulations to **Ted Bates** on his recent induction in to the Sons of the American Revolution!

Thank You

The family of **Glenna Rogers** would like to express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to ALL the church members and friends who helped with Mom's funeral services, the food and refreshments, the cards, flowers, and memorials. Mom always enjoyed her fellowship and friendship with each of you. Many thanks. Sincerely,
Maxine Kubecka and family Lynda Froneberger and family

The Children's Sunday School class would like to thank **Erwin Janszen** for providing the lesson on the Lord's Supper on Sunday, March 23rd. It was very insightful. We really appreciate his willingness to assist in the teaching of the children.

Newsletter Articles

If you have any suggestions for information you would like to see in the newsletter, or notices or articles you want to submit for the May edition, please contact Janie Gulley at 361-972-3185 or janiegulley@hotmail.com.