

Church Chat

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From the Pastor's Desk

Think for a moment of how old you are...now think of how many Easters have you celebrated. How many of you have had some kind of memorable experience at Easter? How many left no impression on you at all?

As you may have heard me say, familiarity doesn't breed contempt as the saying goes, it breeds apathy. Apathy is a lack of feeling, a non-responsiveness. Is that how you have experienced the events of Holy Week and Easter? If so, I am so sorry.

Often it is difficult to let the eternal enormity of these few days really sink in. Often it is difficult for us to allow something to affect us on anything but a surface level.

The events of Holy Week changed everything for humanity and all of Creation, eternally.

This is a mystery. Not the kind of mystery like Sherlock Holmes or Agatha Christie. But a mystery to be pondered because it is too deep for human understanding. Not the kind of mystery that we will solve, but a mystery that we will never solve. It is the kind of mystery we will never have the satisfaction of figuring out. We will just stand in an ever-deepening awe as our mind and hearts begin, ever so slightly, to comprehend what God did in the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus. And not just what God did through Jesus, but why. Why did God allow His Son to become human, suffer a human death, be raised for that death by the power of God, and return to sit at God's right hand to intercede on our behalf, understanding what it is like to be human?

And even more than that, God sent His Holy Spirit, the Personal Presence of the Divine, to be with us and take up residence in us so that we not only have the hope of getting into heaven but we have the experience of getting heaven into us.

My prayer is that this Holy Week and Easter you will be touched. Touched by God through the worship experiences, through reading the daily scriptures for each day of Holy Week, through your own prayer and contemplation on the meaning of Easter. This is what renews people and churches. This energizing faith in the Risen Christ.

I'm so pleased and proud to be
your pastor,

David

Holy Week Services

Please join us for services to reflect and celebrate the Easter season:

- March 29—Palm Sunday, Choir Cantata
- April 2—Maundy Thursday, 6:30 PM
- April 3—Good Friday, 6:30 PM
- April 5—Community Sunrise Service, 6:30 AM
Easter Sunday Service, 10:00 AM



Wesley Nurse News



Important dates and information:

- April 6, Monday, Blood Pressure and Blood Sugar screening, HUB, 9AM-12PM
- April 7, Tuesday, Lego Club meets in Weimer Hall, 4-5PM
- April 13, Monday, Brain Health, Weimer Hall, 10:00 AM-Noon
- April 20, Monday, Palacios Interagency, HUB, 12:00 Noon
- April 23, Tuesday, Tattoos and Piercings, Teen Center, HUB, 5:30 PM

Office hours are: Mondays 9AM-3PM and Tuesday 9AM-4PM.

Palacios Interagency is a group open to all residents. We are focusing on developing a community resource book, finding strengths and weakness, and building an independent community that helps others. Please come and bring a friend and a brown bag lunch. We need all the help we can get!

--Leslie Machicek, Wesley Nurse

Walk to Emmaus/Chrysalis

The next Crossroads Walk is a Women's Walk to Emmaus on July 23-26. If you, or a woman you know desires a deeper experience of the Christian life and community, please contact Janie Gulley or Pastor David.

Crossroads celebrates every month with a gathering of the community. If you want to know more about Emmaus, or you have been on an Emmaus walk, you are welcome to attend. Come share in fellowship on **April 17 at 6:30 PM** at **FUMC Edna** for potluck dinner and worship.



Contact the Gulleys if you want to carpool.

United Methodist Women

United Methodist Women meet on **Thursday, April 16** at noon in Weimer Hall.



Come join us for a brown bag lunch and an interesting program

Mission by the Sea is Back!

The Middle-School Youth from **Bethany UMC of Austin** chose yet again to return to Palacios for their **eighth** year of fun, work and worship.

Their return is due to Palacios' welcoming citizens, beautiful waterfront, small-town charm, and great facilities in which to stay and play. The youth named their trip Mission by the Sea, and during their stay from **June 7th through 11th, 2015** (4 nights 3 days), they will worship, experience a small working coastal community, play hard, and serve others outside their home community.

These 80 people (total of youth and adults) need **your help** in finding jobs in safe environments and jobs that make positive differences to people in the Palacios community.

The goal is to give the youth opportunities to be the hands and feet of Jesus. Jobs can be big or small, indoors and out. **Some** of the things this age-group is really good at:

- washing windows (inside and out),
- dusting and cleaning high fixtures,
- scrubbing siding,
- scraping and painting houses (one story),
- repairing porches,
- weeding, mowing,
- cleaning garages,
- planting,
- picking up trash,
- helping at the food pantry
- doing chores at churches,
- visiting and play games with children and the elderly

There will be 8 or 9 work crews with each crew having about 6 youth and 2 adults. 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**.

If you would like to participate in another way, we could use help with **cooking and preparing food** for a hayride for the youth which is being hosted by Carolyn and Ronnie Kubecka on **Tuesday, June 9**. We also need help providing, preparing and/or serving a "**Shrimp Boil**" for the adults who volunteer on this trip. It will be on the evening of **Wednesday, June 10th**. Carl and I are new at this shrimp boil business, so we could really use help with this. It will be served at Weimer Hall.

Over the past 8 years the Bethany Youth have been blessed by the people of Palacios, and Palacios has been blessed by them. Thank you for providing them with these wonderful experiences.

Sincerely,
Carl and Marty Rieck, Job Coordinators for "Mission by the Sea"

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2015 Finance Committee Update

The Finance Committee would like you to see an overview of our finances so far in 2015:

	February	Year to Date	YTD Budget	2015 Budget
INCOME				
Offerings and Memorials	\$ 12,073	\$24, 185	\$25, 367	\$152,200
Rent	\$650	\$1,300	\$1,300	\$7,800
Oil Well	\$705	\$705	\$600	\$3,600
Other	\$12	\$25	\$25	\$150
Total	\$13,400	\$26,215	\$27,292	
Expenses				
Apportionments	\$264	\$528	\$3,185	\$19,109
Pastor Salary	\$5,436	\$10,211	\$10,690	\$64,139
Staff Salary	\$2,636	\$5,134	\$4,948	\$29,689
Operating Expenses	\$3,841	\$7,346	\$6,808	\$40,850
Program Expenses	\$96	\$85	\$317	\$1,900
Capital Expenses	\$509	\$3,551	\$1,343	\$8,060
Total	\$12,782	\$26,855	\$27,292	\$163,747
Balance	\$658	\$(640)		

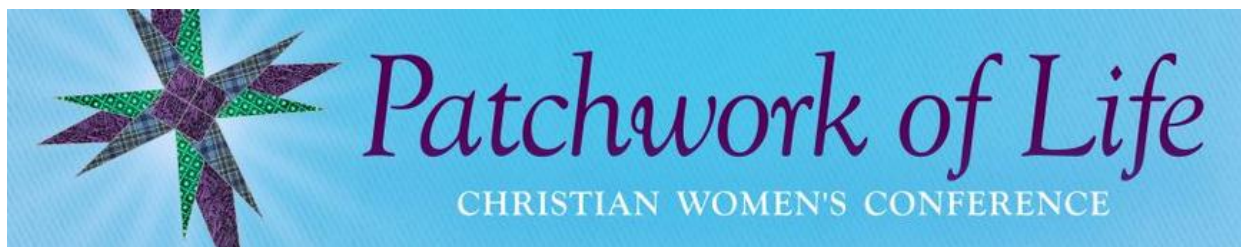
Announcements

LEGO CLUB

The LEGO Club has been formed by our Wesley Nurse, Leslie Machicek, to bring kids and their parents/grandparents together after school to build and play with their LEGOS. The club meets on the first Tuesday of each month in Weimer Hall from 4-5 PM.

BEGINNERS PILATES CLASS

Pilates meets in Weimer Hall on Thursday mornings in Weimer Hall from 8:00- 8:50 AM. The class is taught by Zeinab Ghais, a certified Pilates instructor from Bay City. Cost is \$7 per class, but if you pay by the month it is only \$20. Bring your mat and join the fun!



2015 Third Annual Patchwork of Life Community Christian Women's Conference

Saturday, April 11, 2015

The Christian Life Center

200 Welch St. Palacios, TX 77465

Our theme this year is ***The Potter's Hand***. Our guest speaker is **Rachel Norris**, Master Potter. Rachel will illustrate God's unique knowledge and love for each of us through her pottery. In addition, we are having an extraordinary **Pottery Exhibition**, featuring 4000-year-old potsherd fragments from the Holy Land, discovered by the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, DC. Also on

display will be pottery from Texas and the Southwest.

Tickets are \$15, or two for \$25; this includes the Conference, Exhibition, and Lunch.

Free childcare is available with advance reservations.

For more information:

- Call 214-649-1814
- Email info@patchworkoflife.com

Tickets are available locally at Old Main Bookstore, First Baptist Church, and Studio ZG in Bay City.

Brain Health Seminar

Our Wesley Nurse, Leslie Machicek, is working with Agri-life and Alzheimers.org to bring a program to Palacios called Brain Health. See below for details.

We want to serve some **light snacks** and **drinks** for the group. If you can help with that, contact **Janie Gulley** at **972-3185** or **janiegulley@hotmail.com**.



Matagorda Brain Health Seminar

First United Methodist Church
209 Lucas Avenue Palacios, TX 77469

April 13th
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



This Brain Health Seminar is open to health care professionals as well as the community. 10:00-10:30: "Know the 10 Warning Signs for Dementia" – Krista Bohn, MPH; 10:40-11:10: "Nutrition and Exercise for Brain Health"—Chinatu Gladrich; 11:20-12: Break Out Session to meet individually with Leslie Machicek, the Methodist Church Nurse.

Email Krista Bohn for more information
at
kbohn@alz.org

alz.org/texas
800.272.3900



Alzheimer's Association
Houston & Southeast Texas

Church Calendar for March/April



- 29 Passion/Palm Sunday
Choir Easter Cantata during Worship
5th Sunday Noisy Offering for Dale Peacock and family in Wycliffe Bible Translators
- 30 Monday of Holy Week
Scriptures: Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 36:5-11; Hebrews 9:11-15; John 12:1-11
- 31 Tuesday of Holy Week
Scriptures: Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 71:1-14; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; John 12:20-36
- 1 Wednesday of Holy Week
Scriptures: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 70; Hebrews 12:1-3; John 13:21-31
Hand Bells in Sanctuary, 5:30 PM
Choir in Sanctuary, 6:30 PM
- 2 Holy Thursday
Scriptures: Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35
Pilates Class in Weimer Hall, 8:00 AM
Women's Bible Study in Weimer Hall, 10:00 AM
Maundy Thursday Worship in Sanctuary, 6:30 PM
- 3 Good Friday
Scriptures: Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22; Hebrews 10:16-25; John 18:1-19:42
Good Friday Worship in Sanctuary, 6:30 PM
- 4 Holy Saturday
Scriptures: Job 14:1-14; Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16; 1 Peter 4:1-8; Matthew 27:57-66
- 5 Easter Sunday
Scriptures: Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; John 20:1-18
Palacios Ministerial Alliance Sunrise Service at Baptist Encampment, 6:30 AM
Sunday School 9:00 AM, Worship with Communion in Sanctuary, 10:00 AM
- 7 LEGO Club in Weimer Hall, 4:00 PM
- 8 Hand Bells in Sanctuary, 5:30 PM
Choir in Sanctuary, 6:30 PM
- 9 Beginner Pilates, Weimer Hall, 8:00 AM
Ladies Bible Study, Weimer Hall, 10:00 AM
- 11 Lay Servant Training
- 12 Second Sunday of Easter
Scriptures: Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133; 1 John 1:1-2:2; John 20: 19-31
Men's Breakfast in Weimer Hall, 7:30 AM
Sunday School, 9:00 AM; Worship, 10:00 AM
Fellowship Luncheon in Weimer Hall following Worship
- 13 Alzheimer's Association in Weimer Hall, 10:00 AM to Noon
- 14 Finance Committee in Weimer Hall, 6:00 PM
Administrative Council in Weimer Hall, 7:00 PM
- 15 Hand Bells in Sanctuary, 5:30 PM
Choir in Sanctuary, 6:30 PM
- 16 Beginner Pilates, Weimer Hall, 8:00 AM
Ladies Bible Study, Weimer Hall, 10:00 AM
United Methodist Women in Weimer Hall, 12:00 Noon
- 17 Crossroads Emmaus Gathering, FUMC Edna, 6:30 PM
- 17-18 Pastor David in Austin
- 19 Third Sunday of Easter
Scriptures: Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48
Sunday School, 9:00 AM; Worship, 10:00 AM
Youth Fellowship in Weimer Hall, 6:00 PM
- 21 Texas A&M AgriLife Presentation on Ground Water Conservation in Weimer Hall, 1-5 PM
- 22 Hand Bells in Sanctuary, 5:30 PM
- 23 Beginner Pilates, Weimer Hall, 8:00 AM
Ladies Bible Study, Weimer Hall, 10:00 AM
- 24-25 Pastor David in College Station
- 26 Fourth Sunday of Easter
Scriptures: Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23, 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18
Sunday School 9:00 AM, Worship in Sanctuary 10:00 AM
- 29 Hand Bells in Sanctuary, 5:30 PM
Choir in Sanctuary, 6:30 PM
- 30 Ladies Bible Study in Weimer Hall, 10:00 AM

Dates on the horizon to remember:

- May 7—National Day of Prayer
- May 10—Mother's Day
- May 25—Memorial Day
- May 29—Palacios ISD Graduation

The next **Men's Breakfast** will be in Weimer Hall on Sunday, **April 12**, at 7:30 AM. If you would like to help cook breakfast, plan to be there at **6:30 AM**.

Our next **Fellowship Luncheon** is set for Sunday, April 12, following worship. If you would like to provide a main dish, contact Mary Jo Neeley at 972-5236.

Mission Opportunity

The Peacock Family: Wycliffe Missionaries in Europe

Last month, Dale and Miranda Peacock (son of Billy Pat and Sharon Peacock) visited FUMC Palacios to share about their ministry with Wycliffe Bible Translators.

They will be moving this summer to Germany, where Dale will serve as a photojournalist and Miranda will serve in an administrative role with the Wycliffe News Network, a small global team of media professionals who gather and produce stories about how God is moving to make the Bible available in the heart-language of men, women, and children around the world.

Wycliffe is a faith-mission organization, which means that they don't receive a regular salary from Wycliffe—they depend on God to provide their financial needs through individuals and churches committing to partner with them in an on-going or monthly manner.

Right now, the Peacocks are in the midst of a campaign to reach 100% of their monthly partnership needs within the next 100 days. They are currently at 76%. To find out more, you can go to their family website, www.peacocksontheloose.com, or you can contact them by phone at: 713.898.7125.

If you are interested in partnering with them, you can either go to their partnership page at Wycliffe's website: www.wycliffe.org/partner/peacock. If you would prefer to partner with them by mail, please send checks to: Wycliffe Bible Translators, P.O. Box 628200, Orlando, FL 32862-8200. Checks should be made payable to "Wycliffe Bible Translators," with a separate note stating, "Preference for the Wycliffe ministry of Dale & Miranda Peacock."



Easter Sunday Devotional

He is not here, for He has risen...

Matthew 28:6

Only a week had passed since that triumphant Palm Sunday entrance into Jerusalem—but what a difference in the little procession that set out now! No cheering crowds, no waving branches. Just a few silent women setting out in the gray dawn to perform the last sad rites at the tomb.

The day that changed human history was not a public occasion but a private one. The day when everlasting life broke into earthly time began not with celebration but with tears.

This is still the way Easter breaks into our lives—when we least expect it, when all seems lost. That's when the stone rolls away and the angel speaks and "death is swallowed up in victory" (1 Corinthians 15:54)

If it seems too good to be true, this joy that invades our hearts, it seemed so on the first Easter morning too. Mary Magdalene could not believe what her eyes were telling her; she took Jesus to be a gardener at work early among the graves. Preoccupied with her loss, she barely glanced at the

figure standing before her on the path. She had a mournful task to fulfill and—

"Mary."

There in the first light of dawn, Mary stood still. That voice...that tone of loving involvement. This was the moment, the moment when Jesus called her by name, that Easter broke like the sunrise into her heart. It is how we recognize Him still. The risen Jesus calls us so personally, comes into our lives to individually, that with Mary Magdalene, we cry out in glad recognition.

And then we do what the women did on that first Easter Sunday. Dropping their spices and ointments, the burdens of their sad errand, they rushed to tell the others. They set the pattern, these women who were first at the empty tomb, the two-fold pattern of the Christian faith newborn that Easter morning. They met the living Jesus. And they brought the good news to those who grieved.

That's always our role, when it's Easter in our lives; to tell someone else that He is risen.

--By Elizabeth Sherrill
Guideposts



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Joys and Concerns

We extend our sympathies to Judy Davidson and her family at the death of her mother, **Dorothy Norton**.

Our sympathies also go to the family and friends of **Larry Griffin**, who died in North Carolina. A military funeral at Camp Legeune in North Carolina was held on Friday, March 27.

If you wish to send Margie a card, her address is:

103 Elizabeth St.
Richlands, NC 28574

Birthday Celebrations in April

- 1—Joan Bates, 8—Avery Kubecka,
- 9—Shelley Johs, 11—DeeDee Stork,
- 12—Janie Gulley, 17—Ruth King,
- 22—Jimmy Neeley, Mary Jo Neeley,
- 23—Ron Laws, 24—Zachary Seaman,
- 25—Branson Hebel, Grace Gideon,
- 29—Dorothy Jenkins



Assisting with Worship in April

Liturgist—Erwin Janszen

Greeters—Shelly Johs and Open

Ushers—Josh Harper and Mark Kubecka

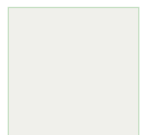
Newsletter Articles for May

If you have an article or announcement for the May newsletter, please get the information to Janie Gulley **by April 23**: 972-3185 or janiegulley@hotmail.com.

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