

August 2014

Church Chat

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From the Pastor's Desk

What do you expect from our church? And, are you getting what you expect? What do you need from our church? And, are you getting what you need? And now the big question: what does God expect from our church? And, is God getting what God needs? Those are the questions that I want us to ask and to answer in the coming weeks.

It may be oversimplifying things to say that what is expected and needed in a church falls in to three categories:

- Nurture
- Outreach
- Witness

Nurture is how we care for each other and grow in our faith. This happens through worship, Christian education, meeting the physical and emotional needs of the members, and spiritual formation.

Outreach is how we reach out beyond the church members to meet the needs of others in our community, region, and around the world.

Witness is how we share our faith in word and deed to those who need a place to practice and live out their faith.

You are being invited to participate in the conversations we will have in August about how we can begin to do a better job of being the church you expect and need, the church God expects and needs.

I am so pleased and proud to be
your pastor,

David

Help Wanted

We need someone who can work with Martha Law between now and the end of the year to learn the Treasurer's job. Experience with computers and QuickBooks is a plus.

The Treasurer keeps the church's checkbook, pays the bills and payroll, and produces reports for the Finance Committee and the Administrative Council.

If you feel this is something that you would like to learn, please contact Pastor David.



Wesley Nurse News



The Palacios HUB will be offering **free yoga classes** during the lunch hour. Fridays will be for beginners and Wednesdays will be for intermediate level. Please come join us!

I am in need of **diapers** for babies and adults to start the diaper pantry. I will be in the office on Wednesdays, so please drop them off then. Children’s diapers sizes 3 and 4 are the greatest need. The Diaper Pantry will open in September and times will be announced next month. Anyone in need can pick up diapers and receive a small educational program. There will be a limit of one pack a month while supplies last.

Save the following dates:

- August 13—Lunch and Learn, “Lunch Box Ideas”, Palacios HUB, 12 pm
- August 27—Lunch and Learn, “Benefits of Yoga”, Palacios HUB, 12 pm

During the summer months, I will only be in Palacios on Wednesdays 10am-2pm. If you need to see me at a different time, please call me at 361-987-2071 to make an appointment or email me at lmachicek@mhm.org. Also, please feel free to call or text me anytime on my cell: 361-571-1044.

-Leslie Machicek, Wesley Nurse

Church Calendar for August



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| <p>2 - Early Response Disaster Training, 8AM-4PM, Grace UMC in Calallen</p> <p>3 - 8th Sunday after Pentecost
- The Message: The Work of the Church—Nurture
- Choir Practice in Sanctuary, 9:15 AM
- St. Anthony’s Catholic Church Shrimporee</p> <p>4-10 - Pastor David on vacation</p> <p>7 - Ladies Bible Study, Weimer Hall, 10:00 AM*</p> <p>7-9 - Crossroads Boys Chrysalis Flight, Cathedral Oaks</p> <p>10 - 9th Sunday after Pentecost, Barney Gulley preaching
- Genesis 37:1-4, Romans 10:5-15, Matthew 14:22-23
- Men’s Breakfast in Weimer Hall, 7:30 AM
- Choir practice in Sanctuary, 9:15 AM</p> <p>11 - Trustees, Weimer Hall, 7 PM</p> <p>12 - Administrative Council, Weimer Hall, 6 PM
- Finance Committee, Weimer Hall, 7 PM</p> <p>13 - Hand Bells Sanctuary, 5:30 PM
- Choir practice in Sanctuary, 6:30 PM</p> | <p>14 - Ladies Bible Study in Weimer Hall, 10:00 AM</p> <p>15 - Crossroads Emmaus Gathering at FUMC Ganado, 6:30 PM</p> <p>17 - 10th Sunday after Pentecost
- The Message: The Work of the Church—Outreach
- The blessing of our Educators in worship
- Fellowship Luncheon, special honorees: our Educators</p> <p>20 - Hand Bells Sanctuary, 5:30 PM
- Choir practice in Sanctuary, 6:30 PM</p> <p>21 - Ladies Bible Study in Weimer Hall, 10:00 AM</p> <p>24 - 11th Sunday after Pentecost
- The Message: The Work of the Church—Witness
- Promotion Sunday, the blessing of students and parents in worship</p> <p>27 - Hand Bells Sanctuary, 5:30 PM
- Choir practice in Sanctuary, 6:30 PM</p> <p>28 - Ladies Bible Study in Weimer Hall, 10:00 AM</p> <p>31 - 12th Sunday after Pentecost, Jimmy Neeley preaching
- 5th Sunday Noisy Offering for Methodist Children’s Home, Waco</p> |
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*Please note the **TIME** for the **Ladies Bible Study**, now meeting at **10:00 AM** in Weimer Hall on Thursdays. Come join this great group of women! They use the Upper Room devotionals as their study and discussion guide.

United Methodist Women Summer Schedule

The United Methodist Women will not be meeting in the summer, but look for exciting new programs when we resume on the third Thursday in September at 12 noon in Weimer Hall.

Please take a look at the books in the UMW-sponsored library in the parlor. Help yourself and when you're finished with a book, just return it and choose another.



Bible Study Resources Available

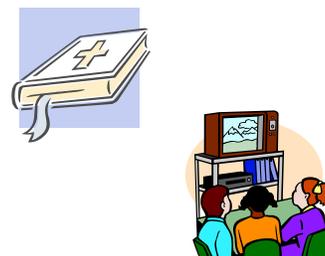
Palacios UMC is providing everyone an on-line Bible study library that has over 2,000 video sessions. There is teaching from a host of well-respected pastors and teachers (like Max Lucado, Dave Ramsey, and John Maxwell) on almost every subject that impacts your daily life.

You have received an email invitation from Pastor David. Simply accept the invitation and you can log in to RIGHTNOW MEDIA and watch any of these 2,000 video sessions for free.

If you didn't received the email or have questions, contact Pastor David. You will have access to this entire library when you need it, whether it's for your personal devotions, for your family (there is a Kids Channel available), or a class.

This is just another way that Palacios UMC wants to help you live out your faith every day.

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Answering Your Questions about Apportionments

In an ongoing series for the newsletter, we are looking at the five different categories of where we apportion money. In the United Methodist Church, apportionments are our share of the cost of being the United Methodist Church in ministry around the world today.

One of the items on our apportionments is for **Pension and Benefits**. The goal is to take care of those who care for the church.

- **Only 22.3 cents** of every apportioned dollar goes to the Pension and Benefits area.

Our pastors give their lives in ministry to the Southwest Texas Conference churches. Now it's time for the Southwest Texas Conference Churches to give back. This apportionment subsidizes current health benefits for pastors. The pension apportionment pays 50% of the cost of the coverage for each full-time pastor appointed to one of our churches, while the remainder of the cost is paid by the church and the pastor.

In the coming months, we will look at General and Jurisdictional Conference Support and Conference Benevolences.





Youth News

The Youth Fellowship group is taking a break for the summer. They will resume in September.

However, the **Youth Sunday School Class continues** through the summer. The August lessons are: "The Epistles Teach Us About... Faithful Living, Love, Avoiding Conflicts, Acts of Faith, and Prayer." The class meets in Weimer Hall at 9:00 AM. All youth in middle or high school are invited and welcome to come. The class is led by Barney Gulley and Pastor David.

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

- Preteen 5th & 6th Grade -- August 3-7



Walk to Emmaus/Chrysalis

Crossroads Emmaus is hosting Chrysalis, the Walk to Emmaus program **for boys 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 the **First United Methodist in Ganado** on **August 15** 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.

Upcoming Events

September 6 is a Community Senior Adult Workshop and Faith, 10 AM-2 PM, FUMC Corpus Christ.

November 9 is the Cluster Church Conference at FUMC in Port Lavaca.

September 16-18 the **September in the Hills Senior Christian Adult Retreat** will be at Mt. Wesley. Join with other Senior Adults for three days of fun, fellowship, worship, and learning. For more information and online registration, go to:
www.umcswtx.org/2014-autumn-hills.

Fellowship Luncheon August 17

It's hot, so it's time for a luncheon! Think of something cool! We will hold the next luncheon on the 3rd Sunday (**August 17**). It will be our annual Teacher Appreciation luncheon, to recognize the "old" teachers, the present teaching staff, and the new employees beginning their careers in

education. We are so very proud of those who educate our youth in the public schools and the church Sunday School. Let's get together for fun, fellowship, and delicious food. We hope to see you all there. If you can bring a meat/main dish, contact Mary Jo.



Choir and Hand Bell Practice Resumes

Mark your calendar! The Chancel Choir and Hand Bell Choir will resume regular practice on **Wednesday, August 13** at the regular times:

- Hand Bell Choir—5:30 PM
- Chancel Choir—6:30 PM



UMCmarket Website is New and Improved

There is a new and easier to use website for UMCmarket. In order to make the program more easily accessible, the website is back to www.umcmarket.org. With clear navigation, the new website offers you a simple way to shop online and receive a donation to your church or ministry.

The new website offers the **Easy Give Button** for desktop computers, which will make sure you never forget to donate to your ministry. By downloading the Easy Give Button, the shopping process is even easier! When you go to our

participating store websites, the browser icon will show that you are activated and ready to shop!

We value our members and strive to ensure each shopping experience is a great one so that you can give more, reach more, and do more. Our Customer Service team has been strengthened with cheerful, prompt, and knowledgeable support for any questions you might have regarding the website, program, or donations. So far, your using this website has raised **\$310.87** for **Palacios UMC!**

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Assisting With Worship in August

Those assisting with worship in August are:

Liturgist: Ken Johnson

Ushers: Bill Miller and Linda Bates

Greeters: Betty and Erwin Janszen

August Celebrations

Birthdays in August: 2—Hank Huitt, 4—Laura Hebel, 7—Derek Massey, 9—Leland Singer, 16—David Frankson, Jr, 18—Canion Frankson, 19—Long Han, 20—Cheryl Frankson Lutz, Mia Harvey, 29—Bruce Hart

Anniversaries in August: 6—Dennis and Lydia Schuetz, 25—Lowell and Carolyn Johnson (64 years!)

Did we miss a birthday or anniversary? Contact Janie Gulley at 361-972-3185 or janiegulley@hotmail.com to be sure it gets on the calendar!

Prayers and Praise

Our sympathies go to the family and friends of **Mack Johnson**. Mack was raised in Palacios and married Adene Starr of Palacios. They were married for 73 years. Mack's parents established the Johnson Fund to help Palacios UMC continue to be a vital congregation.

Our sympathies also go to the family and friends of **Rev. John Berkley**. Rev. Berkley was appointed to Palacios UMC following Hurricane Carla in 1962, and was the pastor here when the current sanctuary was constructed. His wife, Nan, can be reached at:

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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 September edition, please contact Janie Gulley at 361-972-3185 or janiegulley@hotmail.com.