

Church Chat

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From the Pastor's Desk

Someone please tell me it's not already August!!!! I can tell by the weather it is, and when I look on the calendar, it says so. But I'm not ready for it to be August already! That means we have to get back to our "normal" schedule for the Fall.

And this year it's going to be kicking into high gear rather quickly. You see, our Cluster/Cloud Church Conference is the first Sunday in October...and we're hosting it!!! That means we must have our 2016 Nominations, 2016 Budget, 2016 Lay Speakers' Forms, and our 2016 Clergy Compensation Form completed for approval at our Palacios Church Conference on Sunday, September 27.

There are a lot of meetings and coordination that need to take place before then. And it's easy to get caught up in the stress of that deadline. But I just have to stop for a minute and take a breath...okay, take a few deep and slow breaths. I need to remind myself of Who we are doing all this for...and it's not primarily for the District Superintendent or the Bishop.

First and foremost, we are doing this for God. It's good to remind ourselves of this. We aren't just running a religious organization. We are being God's Church. We are a means to God's end, not an end in ourselves.

We are here to represent Christ to the world with our hands, our hearts, and our minds. Our church, and all churches, are merely vehicles of God's message. We are the new community that shows the world what living under the grace of God is all about. And God is still very present with us.

Ah, I feel better already. A few deep breaths, a reminder of who we are and Whose we are, is just what I needed. Now we can get about the work of being God's Church, carrying God's message to a hungry and hurting world.

I'm so thankful and proud to be your Pastor,

David

Announcements

Men's Breakfast—Weimer Hall on Sunday, August 9 at 7:30 AM. If you'd like to help cook, plan to be there at 6:45 AM.

Fellowship Luncheon—will be held on Sunday, **August 16**, the **third** Sunday of the month, so that we can invite the new teachers to worship and lunch.

On **Sunday, August 16**, we will ask God's blessing on all current **teachers** and **administrators** during our time of worship.

On **Sunday, August 23**, we will ask God's blessing on all **students** and their **parents** during our time of worship.

Early Response Team Training

The mission of the Early Response Team is to provide a caring Christian presence in the aftermath of a disaster.



The purpose of this team training is to orient volunteers to the special needs and situations that are common after a natural disaster. In the first few days (and sometimes weeks) after disaster strikes, only teams who are trained are useful. In some situations teams must be self-sufficient because accommodations have been destroyed or are being used by survivors of the disaster.

When: Saturday, August 22, 2015

Where: FUMC Beeville

106 E. Cleveland, Beeville, TX 78102

Contact: Eugene Hileman, 210-557-8698,

ahileman@riotexas.org

<http://riotexas.org/early-response-team-training>

Cost: \$30 registration fee covers: ERT t-shirt, background check, identification badge, training resource material, and lunch at the class.

During the class you will learn:

- How disaster response is organized in the United Methodist Church
- How to organize an Early Response Team
- How to equip an Early Response Team
- The importance of listening as we work with disaster survivors
- How to do some important tasks, such as cleaning flooded homes, tarp roofs, etc.

Mission by the Sea Thank You

Thank you FUMC of Palacios!

The youth and adults (102 total) attending Mission by the Sea want to thank FUMC of Palacios for all they did to make their trip successful. They worked at 30 different job sites in 2 ½ days. Some jobs took 2 ½ days while others just took an hour or two. People in the congregation supported them in many different ways. Members of FUMC:

- used their own trailer to haul away brush and limbs cut on jobs
- provided lodging for the support team from Bethany for 5 days
- planned, prepared and implemented the hayride and cook-out
- drove the tractor on the hayride
- donated money to pay for the burgers
- washed dishes and provided food for the adult-appreciation meal which was held at Weimer Hall

Bethany also wishes to thank members who were brave enough to invite the youth into their homes to work. Many of these members then contributed to either Martha's Table, the Robert Duran Food Pantry, or Mission by the Sea (to defray cost of materials used on some of the jobs).

Mission by the Sea had yet another successful season, thanks to the support of FUMC of Palacios. They have already made the decision to return to Palacios during the first week of June 2016. So, please, be looking around our community for safe jobs they could do that would help community organizations or residents. Again, thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Marty Rieck

Dementia Caregiver Stress Seminar

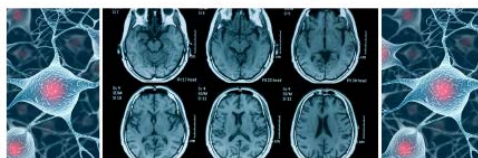


August 10th, 2015

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

First United Methodist Church

209 Lucas Ave; Palacios, TX 77469



This Caregiver Seminar is open to health care professionals as well as the community.

10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. "Alzheimer's 101 and Update on Current Treatments"

– Krista Bohn, MPH

10:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. "Managing Caregiver Stress"

– Chinatu Gladrich

11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Breakout session with Leslie Machicek

– Leslie Machicek, Methodist Church Nurse

Our Wesley Nurse, Leslie Machicek is helping to host a seminar aimed at those who are caregivers for loved ones with dementia or Alzheimer's. You don't need a reservation, just come on out and learn about this subject.

When: Monday, August 10
10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Where: Weimer Hall

We will be serving light refreshments, if you would like to help with that please contact Janie Gulley, 972-3185.

UMC Market Program Update

Thank you for your participation in the UMCmarket program. Since the launch of UMCmarket in 2012, over 40,000 supporters have signed up, benefiting over 4,000 UMC ministries.

We are excited to announce the launch of a new and upgraded version of the UMCmarket program, which still contributes a percentage of each online purchase you make at our participating stores to your designated ministry, but also includes the following features and enhancements:

Over 3,000 participating stores organized by category, name, and user-designated favorites

Redesigned UMCmarket website with improved user experience

Hundreds of continually updated savings offers for you from retailers like...



Check it out at www.umcmarket.org!

Children and Youth Sunday School

The **Children & Youth Sunday School Classes** will combine for the summer. The topic for the summer is "The Parables of Jesus." If you would like to teach one or two Sunday's over the summer please let DeeDee Stork or Pastor David know. We have all the materials for each Sunday.

Adult Sunday School

The **Adult Sunday School** class is reading and discussing the Gospel of John. They meet in the Parlor at 9:00 each Sunday morning. Josh Harper does a great job leading this discussion! Join us!

Walk to Emmaus/Chrysalis

The next Crossroads Walk is a **Men's Walk to Emmaus in April 2016**. If you, or a man you know desires a deeper experience of the Christian life and community, please contact Barney 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 **August 21 at 6:30 PM at First United Methodist in El Campo** for potluck dinner and worship.



United Methodist Women

United Methodist Women will be attending a program at **FUMC Port Lavaca** on Saturday, August 8 called "**Created for Happiness: Understanding Your Life in God**". The focus of

this study is to examine the understanding of happiness and how to live the life that God calls us to. If you would like to attend, contact Thelma Holloway or Janie Gulley. The study is from 8:30 AM to 12 PM.



THANK YOU!

We extend a big THANK YOU to all those who prepared, served, and cleaned up for the meal served for the **Hazel Koch** funeral.

--Betty Janszen

Peacock Family Mission Report

We made it to Germany!
Thanks to all of our friends and partners, we left Houston June 21 and flew first to Istanbul and then on to Zurich. We had a great flight and all of our luggage arrived safely.

After a week in temporary housing, we were able to move into our new house and begin to get settled. Dale and Maddie started language school and Miranda is working to get the house set up and everyone adjusted to German life. Our housing situation is a blessing from God and we have been provided with more than we could have

Wesley Nurse News



- August 3, Health Fair Planning Committee Meeting, 12 PM-1 PM, Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
- August 4, Tuesday, 11 AM – Lego Club, Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
- August 4, Tuesday, 4 PM—Teen Support Group, Teen Center
- August 10, Monday, 10 AM-12 PM—Alzheimer's Program, Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
- August 13, Thursday, Blood Pressure and Blood Sugar Screenings, 10:30 AM-12 PM, HUB
- August 18, Tuesday, Teen Support Group, Teen Center
- August 27, Thursday, Blood Pressure and Blood Sugar Screenings, 10:30 AM-12 PM, HUB

Office hours: Mondays 9 AM-2 PM, Tuesdays 9 AM-6 PM, and Thursdays 9 AM-2 PM (new day added).

Fan Drive and Diaper Pantry—Tuesdays 1-4 PM

I am collecting smoke detectors for the November and December Smoke Detector Drive. We need a lot of these!

Also, I need help planning a Women's and Children's Health Fair. Our first planning meeting will be August 3 at noon. Bring a snack lunch and ideas. I really need a lot of help with this event. The proposed date for the event is Saturday, September 19.

Thank you,

--Leslie Machicek, Wesley Nurse

imagined to seek. We have about 6 weeks before school begins and we are working hard to figure out a lot of details before then.

Thank you to our partners!

Thanks to all of our partners who prayed and gave so we could be cleared to leave. God moved powerfully through you in order to clear us to leave for the field.

--Dale and Miranda Pecock

Church Calendar for August



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| <p>1 Joshua's Glow Run—to support the Josh Hebel Memorial Scholarship Fund</p> <p>2 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, Communion Sunday
Scriptures: 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a; Psalm 51:1-12; Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35
Sunday School, 9:00 AM; Worship, 10:00 AM
St. Anthony's Catholic Church Shrimpooree</p> <p>4 LEGO Club, Weimer Hall, 11:00 AM</p> <p>6 Ladies Bible Study, Weimer Hall, 10:00 AM
Palacios Chamber of Commerce Luncheon in Weimer Hall, 11:30 AM</p> <p>7- Palacios Chamber of Commerce Family Fish Fest
8</p> <p>9 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
Scriptures: 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 31-33; Psalm 130; Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6:35, 41-51
Men's Breakfast at our church, 7:30 AM, Weimer Hall
Sunday School 9:00 AM, Worship, 10:00 AM</p> <p>10 Trustee Meeting, 6:00 PM, Weimer Hall</p> <p>11 Finance Committee Meeting, 6:00 PM, Weimer Hall
Administrative Council Meeting, 7:00 PM, Weimer Hall</p> <p>12- Palacios ISD New Teacher Orientation
13</p> <p>13 Ladies Bible Study, Weimer Hall, 10:00 AM</p> <p>14-15 Pastor David and Lori in Austin</p> | <p>16 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Scriptures: 1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14; Psalm 111; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58
Sunday School, 9:00 AM; Worship, 10:00 AM
Blessing of Teachers and Administrators in Worship
Fellowship luncheon following Worship</p> <p>20 Ladies Bible Study, Weimer Hall, 10:00 AM</p> <p>21 Crossroads Emmaus Gathering, First UMC El Campo, 6:30 PM</p> <p>22 Cannonball Run Youth Sailing Regatta, South Bay</p> <p>23 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Scriptures: 1 Kings 8:1, 6, 10-11, 22-30, 41-43; Psalm 84; Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69
Sunday School, 9:00 AM; Worship, 10:00 AM
Blessing of Students and Parents</p> <p>24 Palacios ISD—First day of class</p> <p>24-30 Pastor David on Vacation</p> <p>27 Ladies Bible Study, Weimer Hall, 10:00 AM</p> <p>30 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Janie Gulley preaching
Scriptures: Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9; James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
Fifth Sunday Noisy Offering
Sunday School, 9:00 AM; Worship, 10:00 AM</p> |
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Dates on the horizon to remember:

- September 2—Membership to Discipleship Training in Corpus Christi
- September 7—Labor Day Holiday—Church office closed
- September 8—Finance Committee and Administrative Council in Weimer Hall
- September 27—Palacios UMC Church Conference

Celebrations in August

Birthdays:

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 Isabella Harvey; 29—Bruce Hart

Anniversaries:

6—Dale and Jeri Stork Corporon, Dennis and Lydia Schuetz; 17—Paul and Lisa Stork Klaus, Donatin and Iris Stork Nelson



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Joys and Concerns

We extend our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of **Hazel Koch**, mother of Rita Cepak.

We extend congratulations to Brent and Kylie Kunefke of League City on the birth of their daughter, **Brooke**

Kaylor Kunefke born on June 16th. Brooke weighed 8 lbs. 13 oz. and was 20 ¾ inches. All are doing well and grandparents **Vanessa and Lennie Kunefke** are so happy to welcome Brooke to the family!

Assisting with Worship in August

Liturgist—Myra Brhlik

Greeters—Shelly Johs and OPEN

Ushers—Neva Taylor and Bill Miller

Do You Know Someone Who Needs to Receive the Newsletter?

We are trying to get an accurate mailing and email list for the church newsletter. If you know someone who should be receiving the newsletter and is not, either by mail or email, please let Janie Gulley know: 972.3185 or janiegulley@hotmail.com or call the church office.

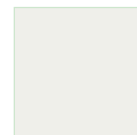
Newsletter Articles for September

If you have an article or announcement for the August newsletter, please get the information to Janie Gulley **by August 27**: 972-3185 or janiegulley@hotmail.com.

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