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Church Chat

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From the Pastor's Desk

First, I want to thank you all for your generous Christmas gifts to me and the rest of the folks who serve you on staff here. All of your generous gifts of cards, food, and goodies mean a lot to us.

Now, let me ask what you would say if I asked "What is the heart of the Church?" Some might say the Bible, others would say the Sacraments, still others worship. But I'm struck by the chorus of a popular Christian song, "I'm coming back to the heart of worship, and it's all about you, it's all about you, Jesus...I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it...it's all about you, it's all about you, Jesus."

This song was written at a contemporary worship service that featured all the projection screens, multi-piece band members and backup singers you can imagine. But during the

"show" a fuse blew out and everything went silent...Suddenly, they were powerless. It took a while to get the fuse replaced and the show to resume. Later one of the worship leaders reflected on that time of powerlessness and began to write this song.

As we gather each Sunday morning for our Sunday School classes and worship, as we read and study our way through Matthew's Gospel, and as we meet and deliberate as the various committees and Administrative Council, I hope that we will remind ourselves of Who and What is at the heart of all that we do in the Church..."It's all about you, it's all about you, Jesus."

I am so pleased and proud to be your pastor,

David

Library Sponsored by UMW

The United Methodist Women have put together a selection of books available for loan. There are books on varied topics, even a few children's books. Are you interested in:

- Learning about United Methodism
- Deepening your Spiritual Growth
- Starting a daily devotional
- Learning more about the history of the Bible
- Delving in to specific books of the Bible

Whatever your interest, there is probably a book there for you.

The lending library operates on the honor system, so if you take a book, be sure you bring it back at some point. We will be highlighting different books in the coming months for you to get a sense of what is available. The books are in the white bookcase in the parlor.

Wesley Nurse News



Move 4 God

Move 4 God is a 12-week training and devotional program that will not only build a closer relationship with God but will train you how to run/walk a 5k. Don't worry, it's about 3 miles and we can do this!

The program is 3 days during the week and you can do it with a group or by yourself. Seniors, I'm not leaving you out, you can move too by rocking in a rocking chair. We want everyone to Move 4 God this year. You can join me on M-W-F at 8am at the Point Comfort Swimming Pool. I'm looking for a helper to lead the Palacios group, so if you are interested let me know soon.

Each week you will be given instructions and devotionals for the week or you can buy the book. Let me know and we can get a group order form going. You can also order a Run4God t-shirt!!! To start off the program and to help hold you accountable, you will need to sign up, get blood pressure and weight taken, and set a short term goal. We will recheck all of this every 4 weeks.

We will have a "Kick Off" party and will have lots of activities and prizes during the 12-week program. The program ends on Good Friday and if all goes as we hope; the 1st Annual Bunny Run will take place before the Eggstravangaza!!!! So invite all of your friends and family to walk, run or hop this 5K!

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January 13 and 20th, I will be in Palacios to get you signed up. My hours will be 10am-2pm. If you can't come during this time, call me at 361-987-2071 to schedule a time.

January 26th, there is a Kick Off Party at the United Methodist Church of Point Comfort, 5-7pm.

April 19th, (Pray for us on this one) the Bunny Run in Point Comfort, TX. I will let you know more on this when we find out.

Other dates of interest:

- **February 5th**, Lunch and Learn Women's Heart Health
- **February 26th** Lunch and Learn – Cholesterol and new Blood Pressure guide lines

I am currently working on a big project: it's a Women's Health Fair/Luncheon/Fashion Show. If you or someone you know is interested in helping with this, please call me ASAP. I want to have the program in May, around Mother's Day.

If you are interested in learning more about certain health topics or want to start an exercise class, please let me know. Feel free to call me at 361-987-2071. I will get back to you as soon as possible.

May 2014 bring you and your family Healthy Blessings!

--Leslie Machicek, Wesley Nurse

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Walk to Emmaus/Chrysalis

The Crossroads Fourth Day Group in this area is hosting a Walk to Emmaus for men on February 20-24 at the Spiritual Renewal Center outside of Victoria. Deadline for applications is January 30.

There is a Women's walk in July at the same site.

In addition, Chrysalis, the Walk to Emmaus program for youth will have weekends for both high school girls and boys in the summer. More information on dates will be provided.

Crossroads Emmaus gathers for a potluck

supper and worship at area churches every month. If you are interested in Emmaus, have been on a Walk to Emmaus, 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 El Campo on January 17 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.



Church Calendar for January

- 12 - Men's Breakfast Trinity Baptist Church, 7:30 am
- Youth Hand Bells in Sanctuary, 8:30 am
- 1st Sunday after Epiphany
Isaiah 42:109, **Psalm 29**, Acts 10:34-43, Matthew 3:13-17
- 13 - Trustees, 7 pm, Weimer Hall
- 14 - Finance Committee, 6 pm
- Admin Council, 7 pm Weimer Hall
- 15 - Handbells in Sanctuary, 5:30 pm
- Choir in Sanctuary, 6:30 pm
- 16 - Ladies Bible Study, Weimer Hall, 9:30 am
- UMW, Weimer Hall, 12:00 pm
- 17 - Crossroads Emmaus gathering, El Campo UMC 6:30 pm
- 19 - 2nd Sunday after Epiphany
Isaiah 49:1-7, **Psalm 40:1-11**, 1 Corinthians 1:1-9, John 1:29-42
- Youth Hand Bells in Sanctuary, 8:30 am
- Youth Fellowship, 6 pm.
- 21 - Victoria Dist. Pastors & Professionals, Cathedral Oaks
- 22 - Handbells in Sanctuary, 5:30 pm
- Choir in Sanctuary, 6:30 pm
- 23 - Ladies Bible Study, Weimer Hall, 9:30 am
- 25 - Deutschburg Seafood Dinner, 11 am-6 pm
- 26 - 3rd Sunday after Epiphany
Isaiah 9:1-4, **Psalm 27:1, 4-9**, 1 Corinthians 1:10-18, Matthew 4:12-23
- Youth Hand Bells in Sanctuary, 8:30 am
- 29 - Handbells in Sanctuary, 5:30 pm
- Choir in Sanctuary, 6:30 pm
- 30 - Ladies Bible Study, Weimer Hall, 9:30 am



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Around the District and Conference

A special session of the Annual Conference has been called to meet in San Antonio on Saturday, February 8. The purpose of this conference is to vote on the details of the unification of the Southwest Texas and Rio Grande Annual Conferences. The Lay Members of the Annual Conference from Palacios UMC are Becky and Ken Johnson and the Clergy Member is Pastor David.

Assisting With Worship in January

Those assisting with worship in January are:

Liturgist: Ken Johnson

Ushers: Lucille Remlinger

Greeters: Rylee, Brooke, and Landra Vandenberg

January Celebrations

Birthdays in January: 2—Viv Witte, Larry Dillard, 4—Russell Laws, 7—Alice Wright, 11—Crystal Harvey, 13—Myra Brhlik, Thelma Holloway, 15—Jeff Hebel, 16—Milam Simon, 17—Vanessa Kunefke, 23—Nolan Oldham, 25—Jessica Law, 25—Melissa Law, 28—Gary Taylor, Malinda Harvey, 30—Susan Greenawalt, 31—Lowell Johnson

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