

July 2014

Church Chat

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From the Pastor's Desk

At the heart of every person's faith is their prayer life. And at the heart of every church is the prayer life of the people gathered together for worship and fellowship. But it's surprising how many people say they have a difficult time praying. Not everyone does, but many.

During the month of July, we'll spend some time in our worship services focusing on prayer. We'll look at who we are praying to and why. And we'll look at two model prayers of the Apostle Paul in his letter to the church at Ephesus.

The challenges that face our church and so many other churches need to be faced with action; but not just action, action based on prayer. And not just a prayer asking God to bless what we are doing, but prayer that asks God to align us with His will.

I'm looking forward to this series on prayer. I believe it will help us with our praying individually as well as together as a church.

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.



Finance Committee Meeting

The Finance Committee will meet on **Tuesday, July 8, at 6:00 PM** to discuss our current and future financial situation. We will be making decisions on what actions need to be taken. All Finance Committee members please plan to be there!

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. We should have the diaper pantry up and running by August!

Save the following dates:

- July 9—Lunch and Learn, “UV Protection”, Palacios HUB, 12 pm
- July 23—Lunch and Learn, “Water Safety”, 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.

-Leslie Machicek, Wesley Nurse

Church Calendar for July



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| <p>3 - Ladies Bible Study in Weimer Hall, 10:00 AM*</p> <p>4 - Independence Day, Church Office Closed</p> <p>3-4 - Lions Club 4th of July Celebration and Fireworks</p> <p>6 - 4th Sunday after Pentecost
- The Message: Prayer—Ephesians 1:3-10
- Choir Practice in Sanctuary, 9:15 AM
- Celebrate the Reappointment of Pastor David</p> <p>8** - Visit to Palacios UMC by Coastal Bend DS and Staff—10:00 AM
- Finance Committee Meeting in Weimer Hall, 6:00 PM</p> <p>10 - Ladies Bible Study, Weimer Hall, 10:00 AM</p> <p>13 - 5th Sunday after Pentecost
- The Message: Prayer—Ephesians 1:11-14
- Men’s Breakfast at Presbyterian Church, 7:30 AM
- Choir practice in Sanctuary, 9:15 AM</p> | <p>13 - Coastal Bend District Conference, FUMC Corpus Christi, 3-5 PM</p> <p>14-16 - Baby Shower, Weimer Hall, 2-4 PM</p> <p>17 - Girl’s Chrysalis, Cathedral Oaks</p> <p>17 - Ladies Bible Study in Weimer Hall, 10:00 AM</p> <p>18 - Crossroads Emmaus Gathering at Grace Presbyterian Church in Victoria, 6:30 PM</p> <p>20 - 6th Sunday after Pentecost
- The Message: Prayer—Ephesians 1:15-19
- Choir practice in Sanctuary, 9:15 AM</p> <p>24 - Ladies Bible Study in Weimer Hall, 10:00 AM</p> <p>24-27 - Women’s Walk to Emmaus #1756 at Spiritual Renewal Center</p> <p>17 - 7th Sunday after Pentecost
- The Message: Prayer—Ephesians 3:14-21
- Choir practice in Sanctuary, 9:15 AM</p> <p>31 - Ladies Bible Study in Weimer Hall, 10:00 AM</p> |
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*Please note the **NEW TIME** for the Ladies Bible Study, now meeting at **10:00 AM** in Weimer Hall on Thursdays.

No **Administrative Council meeting in July.

United Methodist Women Summer Schedule

Although the United Methodist Women will not be meeting over the summer, please be on the lookout for an announcement of a **special event in August**.

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.



Report from Annual Conference

Once again, it was a privilege for Ken and me to represent our church at the annual conference in Corpus Christi. We've enjoyed being FUMC's delegates for the past several years.

The theme this year was "Open Hands" and that is certainly what we will all need in the coming years. We were very proud to be among all of the hundreds of Methodists at such a diversified event. Some of us spoke different languages, but we all had a clear understanding of what we were called together to do. We spent time in

wonderful worship services, taking care of each day's business, and having fellowship with others at breakfasts and luncheons.

The main order of our business was to elect our national delegates, which we did. All of the districts were renamed and some of the churches were moved to different districts, including ours. David and I sat with the members of the Coastal Bend District and our seats were directly eye to eye with the Bishop's. We did feel a little pressure to behave!!

At the end of the session when the gavel was struck, it was a bit sad knowing the Southwest Conference was no more; but it was also a great feeling to know we are going to be a part of something new, moving forward with open hands.

--Becky (& Ken) Johnson



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 **Administration**. The goal is to provide support for the administration of the church conference-wide, and to distribute funds accordingly.

- **Only 8.2 cents** of every apportioned dollar goes to the Administration Fund.
- The Goal of the Administration fund is to support General Conference, Annual Conference Session, the Treasurer's office, and audits for District and Campus ministries.

The Administration Fund also provides for direct benefits to other local churches of the conference. For instance:

- Mount Wesley operations are supported directly by the Administration Fund.
- The property and liability insurance program—including worker's compensation, umbrella coverage and directors' and officers' coverage—is provided at cost, with an estimated saving to churches of the Conference of more than \$1 million annually.

In the coming months, we will look at Pensions and Benefits, 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 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

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



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 the **Grace Presbyterian in Victoria** on **July 18** 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.

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Assisting With Worship in July

Those assisting with worship in July are:

Liturgist: Janie Gulley

Ushers: Kyle and Zach Seaman

Greeters: Leland Singer and Mary Jo Neeley

July Celebrations

Birthdays in July: 1—Rhea Han, 3—Lorianne Janszen, 6—Kyle Seaman, 7—Becky Johnson, 8—Gary Hebel, 10—Cha'e Neimeyer, Harrison Dean, Lori Wilson Armatta, 11—Tiffany McCauley, 12—Melinda Law, 16—Chris Vandenberg, Dale Corporon, 17—Simon King, 18—Bill Kubecka, 19—Chelsea McCauley, 20—Carolyn Johnson, 24—Chuck Frankson, 25—Claire Fletcher, Jessica Hebel, 26—Adam Johs, Mark Glover

Anniversaries in July: 31—Mike and Viv Witte

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

Fran Fuller extends a big THANK YOU for all of the prayers and support during her recent illness. She is especially grateful to Pastor David who went above and beyond to make sure her pets were taken care of!

We extend our prayers for Betty Stork as she recuperates in DeTar hospital in Victoria.

We are happy that Pastor David is re-appointed to serve FUMC Palacios. Welcome back David and Lori!

Announcements



Don't forget the July 4th celebration sponsored by the Lion's Club. Festivities begin on July 3 with Bingo playing, and continue on the 4th with more Bingo, lunch, vendor booths, and culminates with a great Fireworks show!

On July 5, there will be a preview of the film "Texas Before the Alamo" at the Baptist Encampment amphitheater. This film is a documentary created by Bill Millet from Victoria, and features some clips of the La Petite Belle as it tells the story of Texas settlements.

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