

Church Chat

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From the Pastor's Desk

Independence. It's part and parcel of being human. It doesn't take a child too long before he/she wants to exert their independence, "No, Mommy, I do it myself!" And throughout our lives we enjoy our independence. And as we age we find that same independence turning back to dependence, but we still fight to be independent. You may have heard a parent say, "No, Son, I can still do it myself."

As a country we celebrate the day we declared our independence from Great Britain on July 4th. But just as we learn in life, our country learned that it's very difficult to be truly independent, and that we depended on other countries to help us supply our needs.

We as human beings find that we are interdependent too. We depend upon the city for our water, sewer, trash pickup and other city services. We depend upon the mechanic to keep our vehicles running. We depend upon our health care professionals for our medical needs. We depend upon the grocery stores to have food and necessities for us to buy. And all of these depend on us to provide the income they need to continue in business. We aren't truly independent, we are interdependent.

In our relationship with God we are dependent upon God for the grace we need to make it through each day, to provide the forgiveness and healing we need, and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit to live the life we were created to live. As much as we may try, we can't be independent of God.

As we celebrate our nation's independence, let us take some time to think and appreciate how interdependent we are upon our fellow church members for support and encouragement, for friendship and fellowship, for a time and place and people to worship with.

Our Christian faith was never intended to be practiced entirely independent of one another. The Christian faith and the Church are not a solo ventures. They are about a community...gathered around Jesus...to hear his words and to live them out...together. The Apostle Paul speaks of the Church as the Body of Christ, parts joined together for a common purpose, the hand is not independent of the knee, nor the foot independent of the ears. We all belong together, depending upon each other, and working for the common cause of making Jesus real to the world...together.

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

David

P.S. I am excited, thankful, and proud to be appointed to **FUMC Palacios** for another year. We will celebrate the re-appointment on **Sunday, July 5.**

Report from Rio Texas Annual Conference



Annual Conference was held in Corpus Christ on June 11-14; we are pleased to announce that Reverend David King has been re-appointed to FUMC Palacios. Welcome back, David and Lori!

The theme of this year's first annual Rio Texas Conference was "Come to the Waters". That theme was chosen as a visual of two rivers coming together to form one body of water. Just as the Rio Grande Conference and the Southwest Texas Conference have come together to form one body of Christ in the Rio Texas Conference.

The conference is entering a time of transition. The Conference has created "vitality centers", help strengthen the areas of congregational vitality, leadership development, and mission/outreach. More emphasis will be placed on the District and local churches, because they are better positioned to meet their unique community needs. The Conference will become more of a resource to assist the Districts in helping local churches become vital congregations in their communities.

- Congregational Vitality—building greater capacity at the district and local church level to better serve their unique community needs
- Outreach Vitality—mobilizing and equipping clergy, laity, and congregations to transform communities and the world through outreach opportunities and engagement
- Mission Vitality—equipping churches to reach the mission field to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world
- Leadership Vitality—equipping clergy and laity to meet the unique needs of leadership development in the local church

Bishop Dorff invited Bishops from around the country who have either served in this area or came up to the Episcopacy from either Rio Grande or Southwest Texas conferences. It was quite a site to see on that first opening worship service on Thursday night: EIGHT United Methodist Bishops participating in worship!

The opening service on Thursday was very moving. Each District brought a sample of water from a local river, and as part of the litany had a representative pour their water into a common bowl. As you can see from the picture, District Lay Leader Barney Gulley is pouring water taken from Tres Palacios Bay into the bowl.

Delegates to the General and Jurisdictional conference next year were introduced and are excited that representatives from both former conferences will be seated together as one Rio Texas conference.

Thank you for the opportunity to represent FUMC Palacios at Annual Conference this year.

Janie and Barney Gulley, Lay Delegates



2015 Finance Committee Update

The Finance Committee is pleased to present the current financial report to the Congregation. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any Finance Committee member.

		May	Year to Date	YTD Budget	2015 Budget
INCOME					
	Offerings and Memorials	\$ 15,448	\$ 65,580	\$ 63,417	\$ 152,200
	Rent	\$ 673	\$ 3,410	\$ 3,250	\$ 7,800
	Oil Well	--	\$ 705	\$ 1,500	\$ 3,600
	Other	\$ 13	\$ 65	\$ 63	\$ 150
	Total	\$ 16,134	\$ 69,760	\$ 68,229	\$ 163,750
Expenses					
	Apportionments	\$ 3,765	\$ 4,820	\$ 7,963	\$ 19,109
	Pastor Salary	\$ 5,143	\$ 26,211	\$ 26,725	\$ 64,139
	Staff Salary	\$ 2,271	\$ 13,168	\$ 12,370	\$ 29,689
	Operating Expenses	\$ 3,225	\$ 17,651	\$ 17,021	\$ 40,850
	Program Expenses	\$ 29	\$ 498	\$ 792	\$ 1,900
	Capital Expenses	\$ 914	\$ 5,304	\$ 3,358	\$ 8,060
	Total	\$ 15,347	\$ 67,652	\$ 68,228	\$ 163,747
Balance		\$ 787	\$ 2,108	\$ 1	\$ 3

Announcements

Help Needed with communion elements. Josh and Lisa Harper will be on vacation the first week of July so we need someone who will provide bread and set up the trays and juice for communion on Sunday, **July 5**. Please let Pastor David know if you can help.

LEGO Club—The LEGO Club has been formed by our Wesley Nurse, Leslie Machicek, to bring kids and their parents/grandparents together to build and play with their LEGOS. The club meets this summer on the first Tuesday of each month in Weimer Hall at 11 AM.

Hand Bells and Choir are taking the summer off from Wednesday rehearsals.

Youth Fellowship is taking the summer off and will regroup in September.

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!



Happy 4th of July!



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. The deadline for applications is **July 9**.

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 **July 17 at 6:30 PM** at **Grace Presbyterian in Victoria** for potluck dinner and worship.

Contact the Gulleys if you want to carpool.



Wesley Nurse News



- July 6, Monday, 9 AM-12 PM– Blood Pressure and Blood Sugar Screening, Marine Center
- July 7, Tuesday, 11 AM – Lego Club, Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
- July 7, Tuesday, 4 PM—Teen Dating Violence, Teen Center
- July 20, Monday, 10 AM-12 PM—Blood Pressure and Blood Sugar Screening, HUB
- July 20, Monday, Noon—Palacios Interagency, HUB
- July 21, Tuesday, 4 PM—Teen Situations, Conversations, and Esteem Building, Teen Center

Many of you know that I have a grandbaby due very soon, so the above dates may change.

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

Health Ministry Team – I am looking for a couple of new members for the Health Ministry team, if you have a passion for health and helping the community, please come by and talk to me. Anyone can join; you do not need to be a member of the church. **2 Meetings a year!!!**

Thank you, --Leslie Machicek, Wesley Nurse

United Methodist Women

United Methodist Women will be taking a break from meeting for the summer.

We'll resume meeting in September. Have a great summer!



Peacock Family Mission Report

Recently we invited Dale and Miranda Peacock (Dale is Billy Pat Peacock's son) and their five children to come and speak to the church about their work with Wycliffe Bible Translators. They are preparing to go to Germany to begin their work. Dale will be a photojournalist documenting the work of Wycliffe around the world. Miranda will be doing administrative work for Wycliffe. We have supported them with two special offerings.

The Finance Committee and Administrative Council have decided that the Palacios UMC will continue to support the Peacock family with a \$100 donation every month. If you would like to help the church

support the Peacocks, you can make your donation to the church and note that it is for the Peacock mission.

Thank you note from the Peacocks:

Dear FUMC Palacios congregation,

Thank you for the opportunity to share with you how God has called our family to support Bible translations. We are so excited to follow God's calling on our lives and excited that you are prayerfully considering how God might have you come alongside us in this ministry.

Dale and Miranda Peacock

Church Calendar for July



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| <p>2 Pilates Class, Weimer Hall, 8:00 AM
Ladies Bible Study, Weimer Hall, 10:00 AM
Palacios Chamber of Commerce Luncheon, Weimer Hall, 11:30 AM</p> <p>4 INDEPENDENCE DAY
Community July 4th celebration sponsored by Lion's Club, fireworks at 9:30 PM</p> <p>5 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, Communion Sunday
Scriptures: 2 Samuel 5:1-5; Psalm 48;
2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13
Sunday School, 9:00 AM; Worship, 10:00 AM
Celebration of Pastor David's Reappointment to Palacios UMC</p> <p>7 LEGO Club, Weimer Hall, 11:00 AM</p> <p>9 Pilates Class, Weimer Hall, 8:00 AM
Ladies Bible Study, Weimer Hall, 10:00 AM</p> <p>12 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Scriptures: 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19; Psalm 24; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29
Men's Breakfast at First Presbyterian Church, 7:30 AM
Sunday School 9:00 AM, Worship, 10:00 AM</p> | <p>14 No Finance Committee unless necessary
No Administrative Council unless necessary</p> <p>16 Pilates Class, Weimer Hall, 8:00 AM
Ladies Bible Study, Weimer Hall, 10:00 AM</p> <p>16- Pastor David and Lori in College Station
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Scriptures: 2 Samuel 7:1-14a; Psalm 89:20-37;
Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-35, 53-56
Sunday School, 9:00 AM; Worship, 10:00 AM</p> <p>23 Pilates, Weimer Hall, 8:00 AM
Ladies Bible Study, Weimer Hall, 10:00 AM
Women's Walk to Emmaus 1797 begins</p> <p>26 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost, Wanda Harris preaching
Scriptures: 2 Samuel 11:1-15; Psalm 14; Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21
Sunday School, 9:00 AM; Worship, 10:00 AM</p> <p>30 Pilates, Weimer Hall, 8:00 AM
Ladies Bible Study, Weimer Hall, 10:00 AM</p> <p>30- Pastor David and Lori in Austin
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Dates on the horizon to remember:

- August 1—Joshua's Glow Run—to support the Josh Hebel Memorial Scholarship Fund
- August 2—St. Anthony's Catholic Church Shrimporee
- August 6—Palacios Chamber of Commerce Luncheon in Weimer Hall, 11:30 AM
- August 7-8—Palacios Chamber of Commerce Family Fish Fest
- August 9—Men's Breakfast in Weimer Hall, 7:30 AM
- August 10—Trustee Meeting
- August 11—Finance Committee and Administrative Council Meetings
- August 16—Blessing of Teachers and Administrators, Fellowship luncheon following worship
- August 22-23—Cannonball Run Youth Sailing Regatta
- August 23—Blessing of Students and Parents
- August 24-31—Pastor David on vacation
- August 30—Janie Gulley preaching

Celebrations in July

Birthdays:

3—Halcy Dean, 6—Kyle Seaman; 7—Becky Johnson; 8—Gary Hebel; 10—Ch'a Lynn Neimeyer, Harrison Dean; 12—Melinda Law; 16—Chris VandenBergh; 17—Simon King; 18—Bill Kubecka, 20—Carolyn Johnson, 26—Adam Johs

Anniversaries:

18—Perry and Halcy Dean



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Joys and Concerns

We extend our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of **Grace Scheutz**, mother of Dennis Scheutz.

Assisting with Worship in July

Liturgist—OPEN

Greeters—Margie Holst and OPEN

Ushers—Shelly Johs 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.

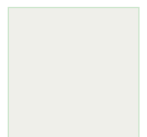
Newsletter Articles for August

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

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