

# Church Chat

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## From the Pastor's Desk

Recently someone posted a new group on Facebook that caught my eye. "Healthy is the New Skinny" was the name of the group. They were promoting the quality of someone's overall health rather than their body size as something to strive for. And that got me to thinking, which you all know can be a dangerous thing!

I have not served a church yet that didn't say, "We want to grow!" And some of the churches actually did. However, most of them followed the pattern of decline that we see in nearly all of the mainline Protestant churches.

But there is something more important to the life of a church than its size, and that is its vitality. Vitality is one of those inside-out things. My Grandma Ruth was vital, even though her body was bent over from osteoporosis, and twisted a bit from arthritis and age; she was vital, full of life.

Which would you rather be, a big church or a vital church? There are big churches that are just big churches, and there are small churches that are just that, small churches. Size doesn't matter when it comes to vitality. Both big, small, and medium-size churches can be vital.

We have a unique opportunity to move toward vitality. On Wednesday, June 17, key leaders of our church will meet with Rev. Bob Allen. Bob is the Director of Congregational & New Faith Community Vitality for the Rio Texas Conference. (He's someone we support with our apportionments, and he's available to us because of that.)

We are going to meet with Bob to discuss a program called the Small Church Initiative that helps small churches become more vital. And we will decide if we want to participate in it.

The vitality of a church has a lot to do with several factors, like pastoral leadership, lay leadership, worship, ministry, and mission. Every church has these basic factors. The question is: are we using them as wisely and as well as we can to become a vital church? Bob will be discussing with us how we can increase our church's vitality through improving each of these factors.

I'm so pleased and proud to be your Pastor,  
David

## Upper Room Daily Devotionals Online

Start your summer with daily devotionals! Did you know that you can receive the Upper Room daily devotional electronically every day?

- Straight to your email inbox on your computer, phone, or tablet
- Download an App for your Android or Apple device

What a great way to start the day! Simply go to [www.upperroom.org](http://www.upperroom.org) to sign up!

## Rio Texas Conference Area Flood Response



Our hearts go out to the many people whose lives have been disrupted and in some cases devastated by the recent flooding. Here's what we can do to help:

- Pray—pray for those who have lost family members, homes, and livelihoods. Pray for those who are already offering assistance.
- Pack—We will need more flood buckets, and we will need to resupply our warehouse with flood buckets for the future.
- Give—We can take an offering and designate it for the Conference Disaster Relief Fund. These funds will be spent to aid directly the victims of the floods and storms in the Rio Texas Conference.

You can find out more information at our Conference website: [www.RioTexas.org](http://www.RioTexas.org).

Communion Rail Offering on Sunday, June 7, will go to the Rio Texas Disaster Relief Fund to aid those affected by the recent flooding in the Wimberly area.

Flood Buckets are supplies provided to enable people to begin the overwhelming job of cleaning up after a flood or hurricane. See the below for how to assemble a flood bucket. As of Monday, May 28, the following locations in our area are flood bucket drop off and distribution sites:

- First UMC Seguin, Pastor Andy Smith
- First UMC Victoria, Pastor Jarrell Sharp
- First UMC Edna, Pastor Adam R. Knapp
- First UMC Luling, Pastor Madeline Henners
- First UMC Columbus, District Lay Leader Dale Alexander
- First UMC LaGrange, Reverend J. Paul Bruhm

## UMCOR Flood Buckets



Flood Buckets provide cleaning supplies to areas hit by disaster. If you would like to provide a Flood Bucket, here are the guidelines and contents. The buckets cost about \$65 to supply:

### 1 5-gallon bucket with resealable lid

Buckets from fast-food restaurants or bakeries can be used if washed and cleaned. Do not use buckets that have stored chemicals such as paint or pool cleaner. Advertisements on the outside are acceptable.

### Liquid laundry detergent

two 25-oz. or one 50-oz. bottle(s) only

### Liquid household cleaner

12-16 oz. liquid cleaner that can be mixed with water no spray cleaners

### Dish soap

16-28 oz. bottle, any brand

### 1 can air freshener

aerosol or pump

### 1 insect-repellent spray

6-14 oz. aerosol or spray pump with protective cover

### 1 scrub brush

plastic or wooden handle

### 18 cleaning wipes

handi-wipes or reusable wipes  
no terry cleaning towels  
remove from packaging

### 7 sponges

no cellulose sponges due to mold issues  
remove from wrapper

### 5 scouring pads

remove from wrapper  
no stainless steel, Brillo pads or SOS pads (nothing with soap built in)

### 50 clothespins

### Clothesline

two 50-ft. or one 100-ft. cotton or plastic

### 24-roll heavy-duty trash bags

33-45 gallon sizes  
remove from the box

### 5 dust masks

### 2 pairs kitchen dishwashing gloves

should be durable enough for multiple uses  
remove from packaging

### 1 pair work gloves

cotton with leather palm or all leather

### Assembling Directions

Place all liquid items in the bucket first. Place remaining items in the bucket fitting them around and between the liquid items. Sponges, scouring pads, clothespins and trash bags can be separated in order to fit all of the items in the bucket. Ensure the lid is closed securely.

## 2015 Finance Committee Update

The Finance Committee is pleased to present the current financial report to the Congregation. In the April 14 Finance Committee meeting, the Committee authorized payment of \$2,500 towards our Apportionment obligations. This will be reflected in the May statements. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any Finance Committee member.

	April	Year to Date	YTD Budget	2015 Budget
<b>INCOME</b>				
Offerings and Memorials	\$ 11,976	\$ 50,137	\$ 50,788	\$ 152,200
Rent	\$ 650	\$ 2,687	\$ 2,600	\$ 7,800
Oil Well	--	\$ 705	\$ 1,200	\$ 3,600
Other	\$ 13	\$ 52	\$ 50	\$ 150
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 12,639</b>	<b>\$ 53,581</b>	<b>\$ 54,583</b>	<b>\$ 163,750</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Apportionments	\$ 264	\$ 1,056	\$ 6,370	\$ 19,109
Pastor Salary	\$ 5,254	\$ 21,068	\$ 21,380	\$ 64,139
Staff Salary	\$ 2,776	\$ 10,897	\$ 9,896	\$ 29,689
Operating Expenses	\$ 3,699	\$ 14,426	\$ 13,617	\$ 40,850
Program Expenses	\$ 100	\$ 469	\$ 633	\$ 1,900
Capital Expenses	\$ 438	\$ 4,389	\$ 2,687	\$ 8,060
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 12,531</b>	<b>\$ 52,305</b>	<b>\$ 54,582</b>	<b>\$ 163,747</b>
Balance	\$ 108	\$ 1,276	\$ -	\$ 3

## Announcements

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

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

**Rio Texas Annual Conference** will be held in Corpus Christi on July 11-14. Pastor David, your clergy delegate, along with your lay delegates, Janie and Barney Gulley, will represent you at the Conference.

**District Lay Leader**—we are pleased to announce that **Barney Gulley** has been elected the Coastal Bend District Lay Leader. Congratulations Barney!

**Christian Music Concert**—On Saturday, June 27, we will host a Christian Music Concert featuring Phil and Debi Jones from the Austin area. Phil and Debi have a music ministry called Sonrise Ministries. You can watch their videos on Facebook or check out their music on iTunes.

**Fellowship Luncheon**—On Sunday, June 14 after Worship, let's gather in fellowship and eat lunch! Let Mary Jo Neeley know if you can bring a meat/main dish.

## 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!

## Peacock Family Mission Report

Recently we invited Dale & 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.

Now they need help with their monthly pledged support. Without this they can't begin. Here is an email I received from Dale recently:

Dear Friends,

We sent you an email on Tuesday in which we shared that we still had a monthly need of \$1969. In just a few days, God has worked through some of you to reduce that to only \$1424 per month. That is almost one quarter of our remaining need met in just two days! We are awed and thankful for God's provision through new partnerships. Thank you to each of our new partners as well.

We still need pledged support for the remaining \$1424/month\* in order to get to Germany for our language school start date of June 29 and to be able to begin our roles supporting Bible translation. No amount is too small for God to use. If you believe God is leading you to partner with us in our Wycliffe ministry, please call or email us directly today to get involved.

Please continue to pray that God will bring the partners He has already planned to join us in this ministry. Together, we can work to end bible poverty around the world.

Dale and Miranda

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\*As of May 25th, they have picked up a few more supporters and the monthly commitment has been reduced to \$1,354. For more information, go to their website: [www.peacocksontheloose.com](http://www.peacocksontheloose.com).

## Father's Day is June 21!

Father's Day is June 21. We extend prayers for all Fathers, Grandfathers, Step-Fathers, Step-Grandfathers, Brothers, Uncles, Foster Fathers, and all men who have given their talent and love to serve as influences on us.



God, bless all the fathers in the world.  
 Guide them to be good role models  
 and loving to all their children.  
 Help them to be a father like You are.  
 Give them grace and patience  
 to handle situations in a loving way.  
 Amen!

God our Father  
 Bless these men,  
 that they may find strength as fathers.  
 Let the example of their faith and love shine  
 forth.  
 Grant that we, their sons and daughters,  
 may honor them always  
 with a spirit of profound respect.  
 Amen!

## Wesley Nurse News



- June 1, Monday, 9 AM-12 PM— Blood Pressure and Blood Sugar Screening, HUB
- June 2, Tuesday, 11 AM – Lego Club, Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
- June 2, Tuesday, 4 PM—Social Networking Safety, Teen Center
- June 15, Tuesday, 10 AM-12 PM—Blood Pressure and Blood Sugar Screening, HUB
- June 15, Monday, Noon—Palacios Interagency, HUB
- June 16, Tuesday, 4 PM—Teen Dating Violence, Teen Center

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

**Fan Drive** - It will be hot soon and I need your help. I am in need of the 20"box fan; they cost around \$20.00 at Walmart and HEB. We will be handing them out to families in need in the Palacios area. Only one fan per household. **We need 15, and I've received 3.**

**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.  
 Thank you,

--Leslie Machicek, Wesley Nurse

## 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.

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 **June 19** at **6:30 PM** at **FUMC Ganado** for potluck dinner and worship.



Contact the Gulleys if you want to carpool.

## 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!

## Fellowship Luncheon June 14

Welcome to summer! Let's start off enjoying each other in Christian fellowship. We will have a potluck Luncheon following worship on **June 14**. Please let Mary Jo Neeley know if you can bring a meat or main dish. See you there!



## Church Calendar for June



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| <p>1 Staff-Parish Relations Committee, 6:00 PM, Parlor</p> <p>2 LEGO Club, Weimer Hall, 11:00 AM</p> <p>4 Pilates Class, Weimer Hall, 8:00 AM<br/>Ladies Bible Study, Weimer Hall, 10:00 AM<br/>Palacios Chamber of Commerce Luncheon, Weimer Hall, 11:30 AM</p> <p>5-6 Pastor David in Austin</p> <p>7 Second Sunday after Pentecost, Communion Sunday<br/>Scriptures: 1 Samuel 8:4-20; Psalm 138;<br/>2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35<br/>Sunday School, 9:00 AM; Worship, 10:00 AM<br/>Mission by the Sea volunteers arrive in Palacios</p> <p>11 Pilates Class, Weimer Hall, 8:00 AM<br/>Ladies Bible Study, Weimer Hall, 10:00 AM<br/>Rio Texas Annual Conference begins in Corpus Christi<br/>Mission by the Sea volunteers return home</p> <p>14 Third Sunday after Pentecost, Halcy Dean preaching<br/>Scriptures: 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13; Psalm 20 or 72;<br/>2 Corinthians 5:6-10; Mark 4:26-34<br/>Men's Breakfast at First Baptist Church, 7:30 AM<br/>Sunday School 9:00 AM, Worship, 10:00 AM<br/>Fellowship Luncheon in Weimer Hall following Worship<br/>Rio Texas Annual Conference ends in Corpus Christi</p> | <p>16 Finance Committee in Weimer Hall, 6:00 PM<br/>Administrative Council in Weimer Hall, 7:00 PM</p> <p>17 Small Church Initiative Meeting with Rev. Bob Allen, Weimer Hall, 7:00 PM</p> <p>18 Pilates Class, Weimer Hall, 8:00 AM<br/>Ladies Bible Study, Weimer Hall, 10:00 AM</p> <p>19 Crossroads Emmaus Gathering at FUMC Ganado, 6:30 PM</p> <p>21 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, <b>Father's Day</b><br/>Scriptures: 1 Samuel 17:32-49; Psalm 9:9-20;<br/>2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41<br/>Sunday School, 9:00 AM; Worship, 10:00 AM</p> <p>25 Pilates, Weimer Hall, 8:00 AM<br/>Ladies Bible Study, Weimer Hall, 10:00 AM</p> <p>26 Phil and Debi Jones in Concert, Sanctuary, 6:00 PM</p> <p>28 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost<br/>Scriptures: 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27; Psalm 130;<br/>2 Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43<br/>Sunday School, 9:00 AM; Worship, 10:00 AM</p> |
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Dates on the horizon to remember:

- July 14—No Finance Committee or Administrative Council unless needed
- July 12—Men's Breakfast at Presbyterian Church, 7:30 AM
- July 23-26—Women's Walk to Emmaus, Spiritual Renewal Center

## Celebrations in June

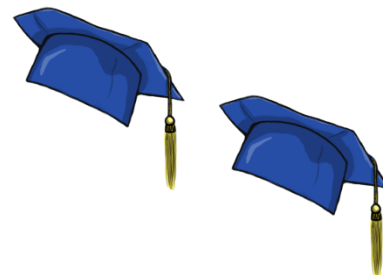
5—Ken Johnson; 14—Neva Taylor; 15—Gene Allen; 18—Bill Kubecka; 19—Dennis Schuetz;  
21—Martha Law; 22—Jed Harper; 22—Chris Harvey



## Congratulations Graduating Seniors!

Congratulations to our graduating Seniors from Palacios High School.  
Best of luck to you:

- Kyle Seaman
- Branson Hebel



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### Joys and Concerns

We extend our sympathies to the family and friends of **Peggy Zollars**.

Our sympathies are extended to the family and friends of **Evelyn Viets**.

Our sympathies go out to the family and friends of **Willie Mae Simpson**, mother of Shirley Kelley.

### Assisting with Worship in June

Liturgist—OPEN

Greeters—Shelly Johs and Leala Kalich

Ushers—Robert Bari and Chae Neimeyer

### 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.

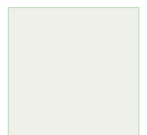
### Newsletter Articles for July

If you have an article or announcement for the July newsletter, please get the information to Janie Gulley **by June 25**: 972-3185 or janiegulley@hotmail.com.

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