

Church Chat

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From the Pastor's Desk

Among the treasures that I have are two that I inherited from my Dad's mother, we call her "Grandmother." The first is the family Bible that her father (we call him "Gaggy") gave to her mother when they got married in 1884. The second treasure is a very worn and tattered copy of "In His Steps" by Charles M. Sheldon. It was originally published in 1896, but the inscription in this copy is dated 1899.

You may be familiar with this Christian classic. The story is about a pastor who has an encounter that changed everything for him and his congregation. Following this encounter the pastor challenged himself and his congregation to consider "What Would Jesus Do?" before making any major decision. This is very likely where the WWJD bracelets and bumper stickers originated.

How would things change for you and for our church if we asked that same question? How could we know what Jesus would do in any given situation? Do we use our best judgment or best guess? The people in "In His Steps" discover that it's a lot more challenging than they thought.

One way to know what Jesus would do is to watch what Jesus does, listen to what He says, then we can know What Would Jesus Do. And one way to watch and listen to Jesus is to follow Him in the scriptures.

I'm inviting you to spend the month of June following Jesus through the Gospel of Luke. A little later in the newsletter there's a schedule of readings for each weekday of the month. It's usually just one chapter, sometimes more, sometimes less.

I'm inviting you to spend some time each day watching and listening to Jesus as He encounters people and situations in His life. I'm inviting you spend a little time each day using your imagination to picture the scene, the people, the conversations, the emotions, and actions.

It's always amazing to me the insights that God provides us when we take the time to look and listen to Jesus. It takes some patience and practice, but people have been doing this for a long time. And they have been learning what Jesus would do in many situations in life. I hope you'll give a try.

I am so thankful and proud to be your pastor,

David

Youth News

Youth Sunday School—Taking the summer off...have a great summer!

Announcements

Chancel Choir—practices at 6:30 PM each Wednesday in the Sanctuary. They will meet through June, then take July and part of August off.

Adult Sunday School—Reading and discussing the C.S. Lewis book, "The Screwtape Letters." Matt Graff is leading the discussion. Copies of the book are available in the class for \$8.50. They meet in the Parlor at 9:00 AM each Sunday.

Young Children's Sunday School—We now have a young children's Sunday School class! Linda Contreras is using the Play and Pray material for children who are ages 2-5. They meet in the Nursery at 9:00 AM every Sunday. **Karleigh Schulman** is home from school in Georgia and helping in the Nursery over the summer.

RioTexas Annual Conference is June 9-12 in Corpus Christi. Those from our congregation are Pastor David as our clergy delegate, Janie and Barney Gulley as Lay Delegate and Alternate, and Becky and Ken Johnson as at-large delegates from the Coastal Bend District. Keep them in your prayers as they represent Palacios UMC as we do the business of the Annual Conference.

THANK YOU

Thank you ladies and gentleman for the support and help in serving the family of **Margie Johs:** Thelma Holloway, Myra Brhlik, Janie Gulley, Carol Singer, Becky Johnson, Mary Bari, Donna Dillard, Joan Bates, Isabel Greenawalt, Vanessa Kunefke, Landra Vadenbergh, Maxine Kubecka, Martha Law, Neva Taylor, Dee Dee Stork, Betty Janszen, and Erwin Janszen, Jimmy Neeley.



Walk to Emmaus/Chrysalis

The next Crossroads Walk is a **Women's walk on July 21-24, 2016**. If you, or someone you know desires a deeper experience of the Christian life and community, please contact Barney or 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 17 here at FUMC Palacios** for potluck dinner starting at **6:30** with worship following. If you'd like to help set up Weimer Hall, come at **5:30 PM**.

Wesley Nurse News

Office hours: Tuesdays 9 AM-4 PM, and Thursdays 9 AM-2 PM.



Diaper Pantry—Tuesdays 1-4 PM

- Thursday, June 9, 9 AM-12 PM, Blood Pressure and Blood Sugar Screening, HUB
- Thursday, June 23, 9 AM-12 PM, Blood Pressure and Blood Sugar Screening, HUB

If you know someone with Diabetes that has no insurance and needs help with supplies, send them to me.

I still have smoke detectors available for anyone that needs one.

Thank you,

--Leslie Machicek, Wesley Nurse

United Methodist Women Putting Together School Kits

United Methodist Women are putting together **School Kits** to be given out by UMCOR. Come join us for a time of fellowship and fun as we gather to put together the kits. Supplies provided by UMW.

When: Thursday, June 16, 12 Noon

Where: Weimer Hall

Lunch: Provided by UMW



All Church Invited to SCI Workshop

Small Church Initiative Workshop

June 4 – 12Noon – 2:30pm

ALL members of the church are invited to participate in the Small Church Initiative Workshop to be held in Weimar Hall on **June 4**.

This is **your** opportunity to talk about our church's **future** direction. We will be led by a team of 3-4 Facilitators in discussion about:

- **What are the best things about our church?**
- **What needs to be changed?**
- **What should our church look like in four years?**
- **What drives the ministry of our church?**

A pot luck lunch will be provided at **Noon** with the discussions starting at **1:00 PM**.

This is your opportunity to express your views and opinions about the life and future of our church.

These discussions will result in the SCI team giving us recommendations following our worship service on June 5. The congregation is invited to remain after the service to hear the recommendations for our church.

We will hold another informal church meeting after church on June 19 to continue the discussion on the recommendations that the SCI process has given us and advise the Administrative Council how the church wants to move forward. The Administrative Council will meet on June 21 to vote on adopting or rejecting the recommendations.

It is important that we hear the opinions of as many church members as possible. Please save the date and let us know if you can attend or not.

Thank you,
Your Administrative Council

Read the Book of Luke in a Month

Spend the month of June following Jesus through the Gospel of Luke. Spend some time each day watching and listening to Jesus as He encounters people and situations in His life.

Monday, May 30 -- Luke 1

Tuesday, May 31 -- Luke 2

Wednesday, June 1 -- Luke 3

Thursday, June 2 -- Luke 4

Friday, June 3 -- Luke 5

Monday, June 6 -- Luke 6

Tuesday, June 7 -- Luke 7

Wednesday, June 8 -- Luke 8:1-25

Thursday, June 9 -- Luke 8:26-9:17

Friday, June 10 -- Luke 9:18-62

Monday, June 13 -- Luke 10

Tuesday, June 14 -- Luke 11

Wednesday, June 15 -- Luke 12

Thursday, June 16 -- Luke 13

Friday, June 17 -- Luke 14

Monday, June 20 -- Luke 15

Tuesday, June 21 -- Luke 16

Wednesday, June 22 -- Luke 17

Thursday, June 23 -- Luke 18

Friday, June 24 -- Luke 19

Monday, June 27 -- Luke 20:1-21:4

Tuesday, June 28 -- Luke 21:5-38

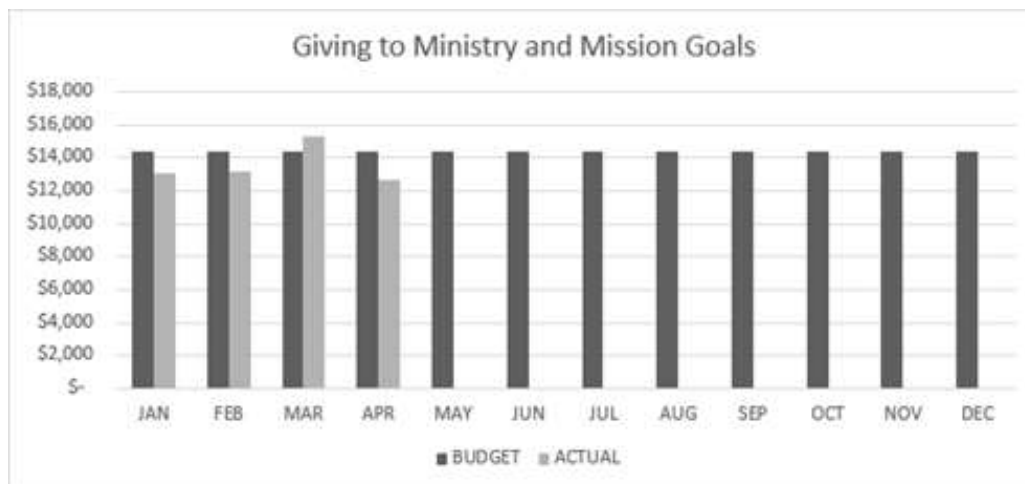
Wednesday, June 29 -- Luke 22

Thursday, June 30 -- Luke 23

Friday, July 1 -- Luke 24

Finance Committee Update

The Finance Committee is please to present the church's finances as of **April 30**. We are not meeting our income needs to pay for all obligations of the church, specifically our **Apportionments**. We ask that you keep the church's needs in your prayers and your personal budget planning, in order to help us catch up and get current. This will help us avoid a year end plea.



2016		APR	YEAR TO DATE	YEAR TO DATE BUDGET
INCOME				
	Offerings and Memorials	\$ 11,694	\$ 50,414	\$ 52,200
	Missional Giving	\$ 287	\$ 1,306	---
	Rent	\$ 650	\$ 2,600	\$ 2,600
	Oil well	\$ ---	\$ 425	\$ 667
	Other	\$ 16	\$ 189	\$ 10
	TOTAL	\$ 15,306	\$ 42,287	\$ 43,158
EXPENSES				
	Apportionments	\$ 500	\$ 765	\$ 6,533
	Pastor Salary	\$ 5,461	\$ 21,498	\$ 21,859
	Staff Salary	\$ 2,662	\$ 10,973	\$ 10,570
	Operating Expenses	\$ 3,219	\$ 13,848	\$ 14,133
	Program Expenses	\$ (99)	\$ (169)	\$ 633
	Mission	\$ 387	\$ 1,591	\$ -
	Capital Expenses	\$ 423	\$ 4,286	\$ 2,733
	TOTAL	\$ 12,553	\$ 52,792	\$ 56,462
BALANCE		\$ 94	\$ 2,142	\$ -

2016 Administrative Council

The 2016 Administrative Council consists of the following persons:

- Chairperson—Erwin Janszen
- Council Secretary—Janie Gulley
- Lay Leader—Barney Gulley
- SPRC Chair—Leland Singer
- Trustee Chair—Long Han
- Finance Chair—Bill Kubecka
- Church Treasurer—Barney Gulley
- President of UMW—Thelma Holloway
- Youth Representative—Zachary Seaman
- Pastor—Rev. David King
- Nurture Chair—Becky Johnson
- Outreach Chair—Marty Rieck
- Witness Chair—Erwin Janszen
- Lay Delegate to Annual Conference—Janie Gulley

The next meeting will be **Tuesday, June 21**, at 7:00 PM in Weimer Hall.

Introducing Matt Graff

I'd like to introduce **Matt Graff** to you. Matt is the son of Rick and Kari Graff from El Campo, and grandson of John and Bonnie Graff. Matt has just completed his sophomore year at Baylor and is considering being a pastor. He will be shadowing me for May and June to see what being a pastor is really like. Matt will be teaching in the Adult Sunday School Class and will preach on Sunday, June 12. I hope you'll reach out and make him feel welcome here.

--Pastor David

Workday at the Rent House

The Trustees invite you to help out in a **Workday at the Rent House**. We have new renters coming at the end of June. Dale and LoriBeth Mullinex from Goliad will be our new renters. Dale is one of the new assistant coaches and LoriBeth is a 4th Grade teacher in Palacios ISD. We want to make sure the Rent House is in great shape for when they move in.

On Sunday, **June 12**, following the Fellowship Luncheon, let's get work and get the Rent House ready to welcome Dale and LoriBeth.

Study the Beatitudes

Jesus gave us the **Beatitudes** in the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5:3-11. All are welcome to join the Children's Sunday School class as we explore the meaning the Beatitudes this summer.

Chrismons are Here!

The Chrismons are in! We will meet on **Wednesday, June 1st at 6pm** in the Children's classroom to begin working on them. If you would like to pick up a kit and work on them on your own, please come by that evening.

Celebrate Father's Day

The Children's Sunday School class is honoring all fathers on Father's Day, June 19th. Come join us for breakfast starting at 8:45 AM!

HAPPY
FATHER'S
DAY!

Congratulations Seniors!

Congratulations to the **Graduating Seniors** connected to this church: Blake Huitt, Destinie Cerda, Madeline Harvey, Hayden Harvey, and Erica Dean. Blake is the recipient of the Palacios UMC College Scholarship for this year.

Congratulations to all our Seniors!!! We will recognize them and present them with their Bibles on **Sunday, June 5**.



2016

Letter from the United Methodist Council of Bishops

To the people of The United Methodist Church:

The Council of Bishops brings you greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who has called us to be servant leaders of the church. In 1812, Bishop Francis Asbury, Bishop William McKendree and General Conference Secretary Daniel Hitt sent the first letter to churches following General Conference. This letter seeks to revive that tradition. Many bishops will also be communicating individually with their own areas.



Hundreds of lay and clergy delegates from around the world gathered in Portland, Oregon, along with bishops and pastors, church members and staff, volunteers and visitors, to engage in Christian conferencing, to make decisions for our church's future, to affirm our global connection, to worship and to celebrate God's faithfulness.

We celebrated the success of our Imagine No Malaria initiative, which seeks to raise \$75 million in the fight against malaria, a disease that takes the life of a child in Africa every two minutes. We celebrated our ecumenical partnerships as we move into full Communion with the Uniting Church in Sweden and toward full Communion with the Moravian church. We celebrated our heritage: the 250th anniversary of our oldest church, John Street United Methodist Church, the 200th anniversary of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, the 150th anniversary of United Methodist women, the 25th anniversary of Africa University and others.

We continued in our acts of repentance with a presentation from the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes about the Methodist involvement in the 1864 Sand Creek massacre. We shared in the consecration of deaconesses and home missionaries and the commissioning of missionaries. We moved toward a global Book of Discipline and global Social Principles. We voted to add five new bishops in Africa after 2020, and approved a church-wide study on our ecclesiology.

The Episcopal address set the tone for the event, focusing on humility and lifting up our accomplishments. We heard from our laity an invitation to members to be more involved in making disciples and getting involved in ministries to bring the love of Christ to others. We heard our young people say they "are engaged in Christ's journey with energy and love." We also heard them say clearly that they do not want a divided church and urged us to "be in unity even if we do not have unanimity." They give us hope for our future.

The body had difficult and challenging work before it as we acknowledged our differences over human sexuality. Amidst those differences, the delegates affirmed they want their bishops to lead and we found ourselves with an opportunity for a holy moment. We spoke candidly about what divides us and what our church might look like in the future if we dared to consider new possibilities. We offered a way forward, postponing decisions about sexuality matters and committing to having a different kind of global conversation that allows all voices to be heard.

Our differences do not keep us from being the body of Christ. They do not keep us from doing good in the world. They do not keep us from making a difference – and so we set forth bold new goals: to make a million new disciples of Jesus Christ; to engage 3 million new people to make a difference in the world; to transform 400 communities for vital abundant living; to reach a million children with lifesaving health interventions; and to double the number of vital congregations.

Most importantly, we affirmed our commitment to stay united. We proved that we are more than debates and divisions, more than rules and resolutions. We stood together as the body of Christ. As we reflect on our time in Portland, our prayer is for unity in the church for the advancement of our mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

As John Wesley reminded us, "Best of all, God is with us."

Signed on behalf of the Council of Bishops,
Bishop Bruce R. Ough, president of the Council



Church Calendar for June

- 1 Choir in Sanctuary, 6:30 PM
- 2 Ladies Bible Study, Weimer Hall, 10:00 AM
- 4 Interview with Rev. Bob Allen for the Small Church Initiative, 8:00 AM – 11:45 AM
Small Church Initiative Lunch, Weimer Hall, Noon
Small Church Initiative Workshop, Weimer Hall, 1-3:00 PM
- 5 Third Sunday after Pentecost, Rev. Bob Allen preaching
Scriptures: Luke 7:11-17
Sunday School, 9:00 AM, Worship, 10:00 AM
SCI Town Hall meeting, Sanctuary, 11:00 AM
Coastal Bend District pre-conference, 3:00 PM, Corpus Christi
Mission by the Sea volunteers arrive at Texas Baptist Encampment
- 6-9 Mission by the Sea volunteers working in Palacios
- 8 Mission by the Sea Adult volunteers' dinner, Weimer Hall, 4-8:30 PM
Choir in Sanctuary, 6:30 PM
- 9 Ladies Bible Study, Weimer Hall, 10:00 AM
- 9-12 RioTexas Annual Conference in Corpus Christi
- 12 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, Matt Graff preaching
Scriptures: 1 Kings 21:-1-21a; Psalm 5:1-8;
Galatians 2:15-21; Luke 7:36-8:3
Men's Breakfast at First Baptist Church, 7:30 AM
Sunday School, 9:00 AM; Worship, 10:00 AM
No communion after Worship
Fellowship Luncheon after Worship, Weimer Hall
Workday at the Rent House following the Fellowship Luncheon
- 13 Trustees meeting, Weimer Hall, 6:00 PM
- 14 Texas AgriLife Extension, Weimer Hall, 1-3:00 PM
Finance Committee, Weimer Hall, 6:00 PM
- 15 Choir in Sanctuary, 6:30 PM
- 16 Ladies Bible Study, Weimer Hall, 10:00 AM
UMW meets at noon in Weimer Hall to put together School Kits for UMCOR
- 17 Crossroads Emmaus Gathering, Palacios UMC, 6:30 PM
- 17-18 Pastor David in Austin
- 19 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, Father's Day
Scriptures: 1 Kings 19:1-15a; Psalm 42;
Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39
Sunday School 9:00 AM, Worship, 10:00 AM
Communion after Worship
SCI Town Hall Meeting, Sanctuary, after Worship
- 21 Administrative Council, Weimer Hall, 7:00 PM
- 22 Choir in Sanctuary, 6:30 PM
- 23 Ladies Bible Study, Weimer Hall, 10:00 AM
- 26 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Scriptures: 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14; Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20;
Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62
Sunday School, 9:00 AM, Worship, 10:00 AM
Called Church Conference following Worship
- 29 Choir in Sanctuary, 6:30 PM
- 30 Ladies Bible Study, Weimer Hall, 10:00 AM

Dates on the Horizon to Remember

- July 3—Celebration of Reverend King's re-appointment to Palacios UMC during Worship
- July 3-31—Pastor David on Renewal Leave
- July 4—Independence Day
- July 7—Texas AgriLife, Weimer Hall
- July 10—Janie Gulley, preaching
- July 15—Crossroads Emmaus Gathering, FUMC Louise
- July 17—Erwin Janszen, preaching
- July 21-24—Woman's Walk to Emmaus 1835, Spiritual Renewal Cneter
- July 24—Kyle Seaman, preaching
- July 31—Kristi Michealis from Methodist Home in Waco, preaching
- July 31—Noisy Offering for Methodist Home in Waco

Celebrations in June

Birthdays:

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



Joys and Concerns

We offer our sincerest sympathies to the family and friends of **Margie Johs**, who died on Sunday May 8.

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Assisting with Worship in June

Liturgist—Matt Graff

Greeters—Leland Singer and _____

Ushers—Shelly Johs and _____

Can you help out in June by being a Greeter or Usher, even if for one Sunday? Thanks!

Newsletter Distribution

Do you know someone who needs to be on the mailing list or email distribution list to receive the newsletter? If you receive the newsletter by mail, would you consider switching to email distribution? This would let us save a few trees and a little money in postage. Please contact Janie Gulley at 361-972-3185 or janiegulley@hotmail.com to update our distribution lists.

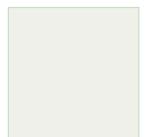
Newsletter Articles for July

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

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