

March 2014

Church Chat

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From the Pastor's Desk

Confirmation is special time in the life of a young person and in the life of their church. It marks a transition in life out of childhood and into adolescence. It marks the change from being dependent to being interdependent. It marks a time when we are living on the faith of our parents to taking the faith as our own.

This transition takes many shapes and forms in various religious groups. This transition in the Jewish faith is the Bar Mitzvah/Bat Mitzvah when a young man or woman becomes a man/woman of the covenant with God. In the Baptist church this is the time when many young people step forward to be saved and baptized.

We have a great group of young people who will be in our Confirmation Class this year: Rylee and Brooke

Vandenbergh, Jacob Hebel and Seth Quintanilla, Avery Kubecka, Robert Bari, and Bryson and Blake Huitt. (I think I've got them all in there!)

We will be doing Confirmation through the season of Lent using a little book by one of my favorite Christian authors, Father Joseph Girzone, "Stories of Jesus: 40 Days of Prayer and Reflection." Because of everyone's busy schedule we'll meet each Sunday during the Sunday School hour. We will confirm the kids during worship on Easter Sunday.

If you would like to help with the class, I'd love to have you. Also I have extra books if you would like to use "Stories of Jesus" for your Lenten devotions.

I am so pleased and proud to be your pastor,
David

Youth Activities

Youth Sunday School meets at 9:00 AM every Sunday in the Youth Classroom in Weimer Hall. During March, we will be studying the "Stories of Jesus: 40 Days of Prayer and Reflection" for the Confirmation students. You don't have to be in Confirmation to attend this class! This is a great class for all youth in middle and high school.

CONFIRMATION CLASS is getting ready to start. All youth interested in participating in the Confirmation Class

are asked to attend the Youth Sunday School class. Confirmation class will take place during the Sunday School hour, and will culminate with confirmation of the kids during worship on Easter Sunday.



Wesley Nurse News



Exciting things are happening this month! I am pleased to be working with the Palacios HUB to bring informative seminars to the church and community.

Save the following dates:

- March 3—Palacios HUB Grand Opening, 4-6 pm
- March 12—Stress and Your Blood Pressure, Palacios HUB, 10 am
- March 26—Autism Awareness and Acceptance, Palacios HUB, 10 am
- March 24—Bully Awareness Program, for parent of elementary students, Palacios HUB, 6 pm

For the Bullying Awareness seminar, we will have games and craft centers for the kids. Come on out!

I will try to keep office hours on Monday and Wednesday 10am-2pm.

Call me at 361-987-2071 if you need a different time and I will schedule something for you, or email me at lmachicek@mhm.org.

-Leslie Machicek, Wesley Nurse

Come hear our Wesley Nurse at the Palacios HUB on February 11 and 26!

Church Calendar for March



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| <p>1 - Emmaus/Chrysalis Leader Training, Ganado UMC</p> <p>2 - Last Sunday after the Epiphany
- Communion Sunday
- Matthew 6:1-6
- Youth Fellowship Weimer Hall, 6-7:30 p.m.</p> <p>5 - Ash Wednesday Worship, 5:30 pm
- Choir in Sanctuary, 6:30 pm</p> <p>6 - Ladies Bible Study in Weimer Hall, 9:30 am</p> <p>7 - World Day of Prayer</p> <p>8 - Turn your clocks FORWARD for Daylight Savings time</p> <p>9 - 1st Sunday in Lent
- Matthew 6:7-15
- Men's Breakfast, First Presbyterian, 7:30 am
- Kid's Handbells, Sanctuary 8:30 am</p> <p>11 - Pastor David in Victoria for Healthy Church Initiative
- Finance Committee, 6:00 pm
- Administrative Council, 6:00 pm</p> <p>12 - Handbells in Sanctuary, 5:30 pm
- Choir in Sanctuary, 6:30 pm</p> <p>13 - Ladies Bible Study, Weimer Hall, 9:30 am</p> <p>13-14 - Palacios ISD Spring Break</p> <p>14 - Crossroads Emmaus Gathering, 6:30 pm, FUMC Cuero</p> | <p>16 - 2nd Sunday in Lent
- Matthew 6:25-34
- Youth Fellowship at Presbyterian Church, 6-7:30 pm</p> <p>17 - Alpha Club Social, Weimer Hall, 6 pm</p> <p>18 - Pastor David at Victoria District Pastor's Meeting, Cathedral Oaks</p> <p>19 - Handbells in Sanctuary, 5:30 pm
- Choir in Sanctuary, 6:30 pm</p> <p>20 - Ladies Bible Study, Weimer Hall, 9:30 am
- United Methodist Women, 12 noon, Weimer Hall</p> <p>21 - Victoria District Celebration in Yoakum, 6-8 pm</p> <p>23 - 3rd Sunday in Lent
- Matthew 7:24-29
- Kids Handbells in Sanctuary, 8:30 am</p> <p>26 - Handbells in Sanctuary, 5:30 pm
- Choir in Sanctuary, 6:30 pm</p> <p>27 - Ladies Bible Study, Weimer Hall, 9:30 am</p> <p>30 - 4th Sunday in Lent
- Guest Preacher</p> |
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Walk to Emmaus/Chrysalis

The Crossroads Fourth Day Group in this area hosted a recent walk to Emmaus, and our own Perry Dean attended. Welcome to the Emmaus Community, Perry!

There is 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 First United Methodist in Cuero on March 14 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.



United Methodist Women Call to Prayer And Self-Denial

This month's program brought by Candice Neese will be the "Call to Prayer and Self-Denial". This annual observance gives local and district units a chance to study and reflect on a particular theme each year and to designate funds for ministries related to the theme for the year. In 2014, the offering received will go toward renovating, expanding and greening the buildings that house the critical work of National Mission Institutions and historically related international institutions.

These institutions, founded by United Methodist Women and their forebearers more than 100 years ago, include community centers, domestic violence and homeless shelters, and children's homes, schools, colleges and universities.

Come join us at noon in Weimer Hall. Bring your lunch and learn more about the efforts of UMW in our community and beyond.



Around the District and Conference

The Victoria District has its annual celebration on Friday, March 21st at the Yoakum Community Center, 6:00 p.m. See the enclosed flyer for more details. The theme this year is "A Past to Remember...a Future to Pursue." Tickets are \$8 each in advance, \$10 at the door. Come join us for this exciting night! See Pastor David for tickets.

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Assisting With Worship in March

Those assisting with worship in March are:

Liturgists: Janie Gulley

Ushers: Lucille Remlinger

Greeters: Joan and Ted Bates

March Celebrations

Birthdays/Anniversaries in March: 1—Jeffery Poessel, 2—Bill Miller, Brooke Vandenberg, Wyatt Nelson, 3—Glenn Howard, David and Lori King (30th), 5—Margie Holst, 6—Lydia Schuetz, 8—Bryson Huitt, 9—Heidi Turner, 12—Donna Dillard, 17—Betty Stork, Tess Bates, Joe Ray Beard, 21—Mark Kubecka, 22—Christopher Harvey Jr, 28—Maxine Kubecka, 31—Billy Pat Peacock

Did we miss a birthday or anniversary? Contact Janie Gulley to be sure it gets on the calendar!

Prayers and Praise

Our deepest sympathies go to Landra Vandenberg and family on the death of her father, Harvey Weekly, on February 22.

We also extend our sympathies to Maxine Kubecka and her family at the death of her mother, Glenna Rogers, on February 27.

Our sympathies are extended to the family and friends of Robert Harold (Bob) Stewart, cousin of Thelma Holloway. Bob passed away February 20th after a long illness. Memorial services will be held Saturday, March 8th, 2:00 pm at the First United Methodist Church in Snyder, TX. Rev. Buddy Payne and Dr. Craig Curry will officiate.

Congratulations to the Palacios Boys Basketball team on making District!

Congratulations to all those who competed in the events at the Matagorda County Stock Show and Rodeo!

Don't Forget to Turn Your Clocks Forward!

Daylight savings time begins on **Sunday, March 9**. Spring forward your clocks one hour on **Saturday** night March 8!

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



The Victoria District Board of Laity

Invites you to the

Victoria District Celebration

"A Past to Remember...A Future to Pursue"

March 21, 2014

6:00 p.m.

At the

Yoakum Community Center

Yoakum, TX.

Come and celebrate the past of the Southwest Texas Conference as we move forward to the future. Fellowship with one another while enjoying Food, Awards and Presentations.

Contact your church office to make reservations.

Tickets are \$8.00

\$10.00 at the door

Childcare will be available.
