

Church Chat

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From the Pastor's Desk

Early in the month of March is a day that doesn't get a lot of attention; it's **March 6** and that is **World Day of Prayer**. There is so much going so wrong in the world it's hard to know how to pray for it.

In spite of that, I'd like to offer some suggestions for praying for the situation with what is known as ISIS, the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria. How do you pray for people who are so murderous, who seem so bent on terror and regional domination?

1. Pray for the families and communities of the Christian martyrs. (Revelation 20:4-5)
2. Pray for the families of the refugees displaced by the violence. (Exodus 22:21)
3. Pray for the wisdom of political leaders and their policies. (1 Timothy 2:1-2)
4. Pray for the journalists who are reporting on the situation. (Proverbs 25:13)
5. Pray for Muslims around the world. (Jonah 4:11)
6. Pray for the soldiers engaged in combat. (Romans 13:4)
7. Pray for those committed to peacemaking and relief efforts. (James 1:27)
8. Pray for the lives and souls of the terrorists. (Matthew 5:44-45)

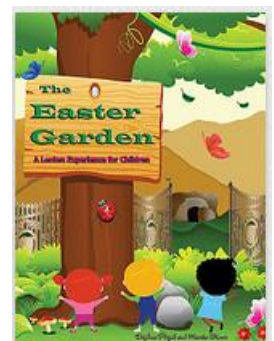
There is not a lot we can do, but we can at least pray.

I'm so pleased and proud to be
your pastor,

David

Easter Garden Lenten Study

The Children's Sunday School class has combined with the Youth Class to do a **Lenten Study** called the Easter Garden. The Easter Garden is a study centering on Holy Week, the study will move through Holy Week from Palm Sunday through the Resurrection. All are invited to come by the Children's Class and check out our Easter Garden and go on the journey as we travel with Jesus through Holy Week.



Wesley Nurse News



Important dates and information:

- March 2, Monday, blood pressure and blood sugar screening, 9AM-12PM, HUB
- March 3, Tuesday, Lego Club meets in Weimer Hall, 4-5PM
- March 16, Monday, Palacios Interagency, HUB, 12 Noon
- March 17, Tuesday, TXT & DRV, Teen Center, HUB, 5:30PM

Office hours are: Mondays 9AM-3PM and Tuesday 9AM-4PM.

Diaper pantry is up and running! Anyone in need can pick up diapers and receive a small educational program. There will be a limit of 1 pack a month while supplies last.

Samaritans Closet: I want to thank you all for supporting this mission. The girl scouts are now helping too and we have enough toiletries to help with the Women's Crisis shelter. This month I need **laundry detergent**, just small containers or single use. Thanks again!

Kids, **Lego Club** is here!! First Tuesday of every month at 4pm, come and let your imagination build!! You can bring your own creations or build with us. If anyone has any **extra Legos**, please bring them for the kids.

There will be days that I may not be here because of meetings out of town, or I may be in town at the HUB. If you need to see me on a different day, please call me (361-987-2071) and make an appointment. Or you can call or text my cell phone anytime: 361-571-1044.

--Leslie Machicek, Wesley Nurse

United Methodist Women

United Methodist Women meet on **Thursday, March 19** at noon in Weimer Hall.

Come join us for a brown bag lunch and a program on the Call to Prayer and Self-Denial, presented by Candice Neese. **A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial** offering is designated to a particular area of mission each year and funds national and international programs.

In 2015, the offering will go toward the pensions and health care of retired deaconesses and missionaries.



Walk to Emmaus/Chrysalis

The recent Men's Walk to Emmaus in February was a great success. Thanks to all of you for your support. The next Crossroads Walk is a Women's Walk to Emmaus on July 23-26. Applications are being accepted, so begin to prayerfully consider if this is the event for you.

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 **March 20** at **6:30 PM here at Palacios UMC** for potluck dinner and worship.

Come at **5:30 PM** and help us set up for this great evening!



Bears in the Pews?

Have you noticed the pews in our Sanctuary have one or more stuffed animals sitting in them? These are placed there by UMW, a project started by Becky Johnson.

These animals are for anyone to take; they are meant as a gesture of comfort for someone in crisis. Each animal has a tag with a poem telling their story. You are encouraged to pick one up and take it to someone who needs a little joy in their life. If you would like to support this ministry, please contact Becky Johnson or Thelma Holloway.



Beginner Pilates Class on Thursdays

Pilates meets in Weimer Hall on Thursday mornings from 8:00- 8:50 AM. The class is taught by Zeinab Ghais, a certified Pilates instructor from Bay City. Cost for each class is \$7 per class, but starting in March if you pay by the month it is \$5 per class. Bring your mat and join the fun!

2015 Finance Committee

On February 1, the Finance Committee and the Administrative Council approved changes in the leadership of the church's financial team:

- After many years of service, Martha Law retired as the Treasurer of the Church. We give thanks for her faithfully maintaining the books and paying the bills for the Church.
- Jimmy Neeley, Chair of the Finance Committee, volunteered to replace Martha as the Treasurer for the Church. Jimmy has spent several weeks working with Martha to ensure a smooth transition.

- Because Jimmy cannot service both as Treasurer and Chair of the Finance Committee, the Administrative Council appointed Barney Gulley as Chair of the Finance Committee until regular elections are held in November.

These changes to the church's financial leadership will help us move into the future. The Administrative Council welcomes any questions or concerns regarding the Church's finances.

Announcements

LEGO CLUB

The LEGO Club has been formed by our Wesley Nurse, Leslie Machicek, to bring kids and their parents/grandparents together after school to build and play with their LEGOS. The club meets on the first Tuesday of each month in Weimer Hall from 4-5 PM.

Do You Want to Continue Receiving the Newsletter by Mail?

Currently, the church newsletter is sent out two ways: email or regular mail. If you receive yours by regular mail, we ask that you pick it up on Sunday morning at church. Any that aren't picked up are mailed out on Monday morning.

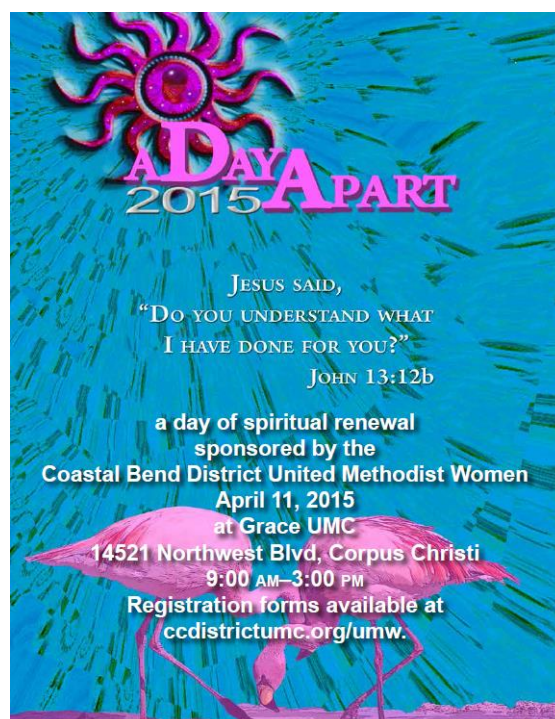
If you can help us cut down on mailing costs, can we add you to the newsletter email list? If so, would you send your email address to palaciosumc@warpspeed1.net? We won't use the list for anything except the newsletter and occasional church announcement. Thanks for your support!

A Day Apart With Coastal Bend District UMW

Coastal Bend District United Methodist Women presents a day of Spiritual Renewal on April 11, 2015, from 9:00 AM-3:00 PM at Grace UMC in Corpus Christi. Participate in a workshop choice:

- Studying scripture
- Experiencing the Healing Oils of the Bible
- Praying with Beads
- Expressing our Inner Thoughts, Deep Desires, and Dreams through Collage
- The Listening Heart
- Symbols of My Journey
- Encountering Taize

Registration is \$12; childcare is free, but children need to be registered so they know how many to prepare for. Registration needs to be in by March 28. Contact Thelma Holloway or Janie Gulley for more information.



Brain Health Seminar

Our Wesley Nurse, Leslie Machicek, is working with Agri-life and Alzheimers.org to bring a program to Palacios called Brain Health. See below for details:



Matagorda Brain Health Seminar

First United Methodist Church
209 Lucas Avenue Palacios, TX 77469

April 13th
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



This Brain Health Seminar is open to health care professionals as well as the community. 10:00-10:30: "Know the 10 Warning Signs for Dementia" – Krista Bohn, MPH; 10:40-11:10: "Nutrition and Exercise for Brain Health"—Chinatu Gladrich; 11:20-12: Break Out Session to meet individually with Leslie Machicek, the Methodist Church Nurse.

Email Krista Bohn for more information
at
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alz.org/texas
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Alzheimer's Association
Houston & Southeast Texas



Church Calendar for March



- 1 Second Sunday in Lent – Communion Sunday
Scriptures: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22:23-31;
Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38
Sunday School 9:00 AM, Worship 10:00 AM
- 3 LEGO Club, 4:00 PM, Weimer Hall
- 4 Hand Bells in Sanctuary, 5:30 PM
Choir in Sanctuary, 6:30 PM
- 5 Beginner Pilates, Weimer Hall, 8:00 AM
District Pastors Meeting in Pt. Comfort, 9-11 AM
Ladies Bible Study, Weimer Hall, 10:00 AM
Palacios Chamber of Commerce Lunch and Meeting,
Weimer Hall, 11:30 AM
- 6 World Day of Prayer
- 7 Possible Storytelling Workshop in Weimer Hall
**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS—Move your
clocks forward one hour!**
- 8 Third Sunday in Lent
Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25;
John 2:13-22
Men's Breakfast at First Presbyterian Church, 7:30 AM
Sunday School, 9:00 AM; Worship, 10:00 AM
- 9-13 Palacios ISD Spring Break
- 10 Finance Committee in Weimer Hall, 6:00 PM
Administrative Council in Weimer Hall, 7:00 PM
- 11 Hand Bells in Sanctuary, 5:30 PM
Choir in Sanctuary, 6:30 PM
- 12 Beginner Pilates, Weimer Hall, 8:00 AM
Ladies Bible Study, Weimer Hall, 10:00 AM
- 14 Alpha Club in Weimer Hall, 8:30 AM-Noon
- 15 Fourth Sunday in Lent
Scriptures: Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22;
Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:1-21
Sunday School, 9:00 AM; Worship, 10:00 AM
Youth Fellowship in Weimer Hall, 6:00 PM
- 16 Alpha Club Spring Party, Weimer Hall, 6:00 PM
- 18 Hand Bells in Sanctuary, 5:30 PM
Choir in Sanctuary, 6:30 PM
- 19 Beginner Pilates, Weimer Hall, 8:00 AM
Ladies Bible Study, Weimer Hall, 10:00 AM
United Methodist Women in Weimer Hall, 12:00 Noon
- 20 Crossroads Emmaus Gathering, Palacios UMC, 6:30 PM,
setup at 5:30 PM
- 22 Fifth Sunday in Lent
Scriptures: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:1-12;
Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-32
Sunday School, 9:00 AM; Worship, 10:00 AM
- 25 Hand Bells in Sanctuary, 5:30 PM
Choir in Sanctuary, 6:30 PM
- 26 Beginner Pilates, Weimer Hall, 8:00 AM
Ladies Bible Study, Weimer Hall, 10:00 AM
- 29 Passion/Palm Sunday
Choir Cantata during Worship
5th Sunday Noisy Offering for Methodist Home in Waco
Sunday School, 9:00 AM; Worship, 10:00 AM
- 30 Monday of Holy Week
Scriptures: Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 36:5-11; Hebrews 9:11-
15; John 12:1-11
- 31 Tuesday of Holy Week
Scriptures: Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 71:1-14; 1 Corinthians
1:18-31; John 12:20-36

Dates on the horizon to remember:

- April 2—Maundy Thursday Worship in Sanctuary, 6:30 PM
- April 3—Good Friday Worship in Sanctuary, 6:30 PM
- April 5—Palacios Ministerial Alliance Easter Sunrise Service at Baptist Encampment, 6:30 AM
Easter Sunday Worship in Sanctuary, 10:00 AM
- April 12—Men's Breakfast in Weimer Hall, 7:30 AM
- April 13—Alzheimer's Association presentation in Weimer Hall

Celebrations in March

Birthdays:

- 1—Jeffery Poessel, 2—Brooke VandenBergh, Bill Miller, 5—Margie Holst,
6—Lydia Schuetz, 8—Bryson Huitt, 9—Heidi Turner, 12—Donna Dillard,
17—Betty Stork, 17—Tess Bates, 21—Mark Kubecka, 28—Maxine Kubecka



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Joys and Concerns

We extend our sympathies to the family and friends of Rev. Wesley Schulze, who served Palacios UMC from 1949-1952.

You may contact Ann at:

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San Antonio, TX 78201-2758
(210) 736-0384

Rev. Schulze died early Monday morning, February 23, 2015. He is survived by his wife, Ann; and children Jan and John. Wes and Ann lived at Morningside Manor. Services are scheduled for Sunday, 3-1-15, at 2:00 at Laurel Heights UMC, 227 W. Woodlawn, San Antonio TX.

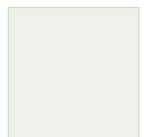
Assisting with Worship in March

Liturgist—Barney Gulley
Greeters—Leala Kahlich and Neva Taylor
Ushers—Shelly Johs and Open

Newsletter Articles for April

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

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