

May 2014

# Church Chat

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## From the Pastor's Desk

What a wonderful month April has been: the Palm Sunday Combined Choir Cantata, the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services, and then Easter Sunday, with Confirmation of eight of our young people. Was this the best week ever! And wasn't it great to see **111** in worship on Palm Sunday and **162** on Easter Sunday!

If we had attendance and offerings like this every Sunday, I wouldn't have to bring you the not-so-great news that financially we are in trouble. Most every month (with the exception of one or two a year), our giving is \$1000-\$1500 **below** what we need to operate the church. That means that each month we are behind it takes that much more to catch us up the next month. And unfortunately, the one or two months out of the twelve when our offering income does exceed our budgeted needs, we don't get in enough to cover the deficit of the previous months.

Consequently, we have had to draw out of the Johnson Fund to cover our operating expenses.

I once went to the manager of a facility I worked at with a whole list of things that I thought he needed to know about how bad off things were. His response was, "David, don't you think I'm aware of all those things on your list? What I need from you is not a list of the problems, I need solutions. So, what do you have to offer?" Well, that shut me up pretty quick.

In light of that, I do have the beginnings of a solution to our church's financial problem, and I won't ask anything of you that Lori and I aren't willing to do ourselves. I would like for all of us to look at our giving to the church and to prayerfully consider giving **ten percent** more. So, if you are giving \$10, you bump it to \$11. If you are giving \$100,

that would be \$110. Along with that, in May your Finance Committee will be meeting with Dick Young from the Texas Methodist Foundation to discuss ideas and strategies to improve our church's finances.

We all share in the joys of great Sundays in the life of this church, and we also share in the responsibility of supporting it. And if each of use does our share, we can enable our church to do more great things more often.

I cannot even begin to tell you how pleased and proud I am to be your pastor,

David

## Welcome Confirmation Class of 2014!

Easter Sunday we welcomed 8 confirmands into full membership of the church. These students completed a six-week course with Pastor David and Barney Gulley. Left to right in the photo are: Pastor David King, Jacob Quintanilla, Seth Quintanilla, Robert Bari, Avery Kubecka, Brooke Vandenberg, Rylee Vandenberg, Bryson Huitt, Blake Huitt, and Barney Gulley.



## Wesley Nurse News



I am starting two projects for the Palacios area and I'm in need of help:

- A Diaper pantry, collecting diapers for children AND adults. Children's diapers sizes 3 and 4 are the greatest need
- A Fan Drive to prepare for the hot summer months. The fans that we need are the 20" fans from WalMart, currently \$16.88

If you are interested in helping with either of these ministries, please contact me.

Save the following dates:

- **May 14**—Lunch and Learn, "Cancer Prevention and Screenings", Palacios HUB, 12 pm
- **May 22**—"Brand Name vs. Generic Medications", Bay Shore Manor, Palacios Assisted Living, 1 pm
- **May 28**—Lunch and Learn, "Women's Health", Palacios HUB, 12 pm

If you have any questions or concerns, please call me 361-987-2071 or email me at [lmachicek@mhm.org](mailto:lmachicek@mhm.org).

-Leslie Machicek, Wesley Nurse

## Church Calendar for May



1	- National Day of Prayer - Ladies Bible Study, Weimer Hall, 9:30 am	15	- Ladies Bible Study, Weimer Hall, 9:30 am - United Methodist Women, 12 noon, Weimer Hall
3	- David in Bay City for Jury Duty - Boys & Girls Club Cinco de Mayo Events	16	- Crossroads Emmaus Gathering FUMC Edna, 6:30 pm
4	- 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter, Communion - Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 116; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35 - Kids Hand bells in Sanctuary, 8:30 am - Youth Fellowship in Weimer Hall, 6:00 pm	18	- 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter - Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14 - Youth Fellowship in Weimer Hall, 6:00 pm
7	- Hand bells in Sanctuary, 5:30 pm - Choir in Sanctuary, 6:30 pm	21	- Hand bells in Sanctuary, 5:30 pm - Choir in Sanctuary, 6:30 pm
8	- Ladies Bible Study, Weimer Hall, 9:30 am	22	- Ladies Bible Study, Weimer Hall, 9:30 am
11	- 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, Mother's Day - Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10 - Men's Breakfast at Trinity Baptist, 7:30 am - Kids Hand bells in Sanctuary, 8:30 am	24	- Victoria District Conference at Cathedral Oaks
12	- Finance Committee meets with Dick Young from Texas Methodist Foundation, 6:00 pm	25	- 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter - Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21 - Kids Hand bells in Sanctuary, 8:30 am
13	- Finance Committee in Weimer Hall, 6:00 pm - Administrative Council in Weimer Hall, 7:00 pm	26	- Memorial Day Holiday, Church office closed
14	- Handbells in Sanctuary, 5:30 pm - Choir in Sanctuary, 6:30 pm	28	- Hand bells in Sanctuary, 5:30 pm - Choir in Sanctuary, 6:30 pm
		29	- Ascension of the Lord—Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47; Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53 - Ladies Bible Study in Weimer Hall, 9:30 am
		30	- Palacios ISD Graduation

## Walk to Emmaus/Chrysalis

Crossroads Emmaus is hosting 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-12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:janiegulley@hotmail.com).

The next monthly gathering will be at **First United Methodist in Edna on May 16** starting at 6:30 pm. If you are interested in learning about Emmaus or Chrysalis, this is a good way to get started. If you want to carpool, contact the Gulley's.



## United Methodist Women Mother's Day Prayer for Peace

We invite all women to join us on Thursday, May 15 at noon. The program delivered by Janie Gulley will explore mothers' yearning for peace and the unique and critical gifts and perspectives

women bring to the table when answering Christ's call to be peacemakers.

Bring a sack lunch and enjoy the program and fellowship!



## Bethany Middle School Mission by the Sea

The Bethany U.M.C. Middle-School Youth from Austin, along with their adult chaperones, are returning to Palacios for their seventh year of fun, work and worship. Their return is due to Palacios' welcoming citizens, beautiful waterfront, small-town safety and charm, and great facilities in which to stay. The youth named their trip "Mission by the Sea." During their stay from **June 8th through 12th, 2014** the youth will worship together, experience Palacios, and serve others outside of their own community.

We need your help in finding them service opportunities. The jobs need to be in safe environments and ones that make a positive difference. We want the youth to have the chance to be

the hands and feet of Jesus. The jobs can be big or small, indoors or out.

The youth will bring paintbrushes, window cleaners, rags, carpentry and yard tools, and mowers. Due to limited funds, most paint and building supplies will need to be provided by the homeowner. However, there is a small materials grant for those in need.

If you, a neighbor, a friend, or a family member could use some help please get an application from Pastor David King or from Vikijane in the Library. Then turn them in on or before **May 18th**.

This is the perfect solution to help you tackle those jobs that keep getting put off.

Again, thank you for helping the Bethany Youth by opening your homes and hearts to them.

Sincerely,  
Carl and Marty Rieck

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## New District Superintendent



Bishop Dorff has announced his intention to appoint Robert Lopez to the Victoria district effective July 1, 2014 and then to the Crossroads district beginning January 1. Robert loves Jesus and is blessed to currently be the pastor at El Mesias United Methodist in Mission, TX. Pastor Robert has a passion for worship and has been gifted with grace to lead worship and preach God's amazing Word.

Robert is married to his wife Ruth, and they have three children, Gabriela, Robert Jr., and Kerena all currently in high school. Ruth is an educator, singer, and proud mom. Ruth and the children have been very much involved in the ministry of the church. The kids are active singing, serving on servant team, CCYM, youth delegate to annual conference, and just enjoying youth group and friends.

Robert has been in ministry for 15 plus years and recently finished his doctor of ministry in the area of special needs ministry and children. During his doctoral studies, he was blessed to have travelled to Eastern Europe, South Korea, and throughout the US visiting country churches, house churches, large cutting edge churches, and leadership.

More recently, Robert co-chaired a team of conference leaders from South West Texas and Rio Grande in developing the Unification Plan of Action. This plan is among many things helping the two conferences become one and encouraging districts to strategically engage its mission field. Robert attended the last General Conference and Jurisdictional Conference as the alternate delegate to the Jurisdiction.

"I am so humbled and excited to be moving into the Victoria/Crossroads districts. I am eager to get to know clergy and lay folks alike. I appreciate your prayers during this time of transition for my family and please pray for the wonderful Hayes family as they transition into new ministry. God is good!"

## Summer Camp for Kids



Summer camp opportunities at Mount Wesley in Kerrville all have the theme:

**Be a Hero, Live Like Jesus.**

For more information and registration go to:  
[www.umcswtx.org/summer-camps](http://www.umcswtx.org/summer-camps)

- 3rd-4th Grade -- July 6-9
- 4th/5th/6th Grade -- Music, Art & Drama Camp -- July 23-26
- Preteen 5th & 6th Grade -- August 3-7

## Mother's Day

In celebration of Mother's Day, we take time to honor God's gift we call "mom", whether it is as a mother, a stepmother, an adoptive mother, a foster mother, or caregiver, we thank you for your willingness to give of yourselves to shape a child's life.

First Mother's Day  
 New Mom.  
 New fun.  
 So blessed.  
 This One.  
 Long nights.  
 Short days.  
 Go back?  
 No way.  
 --Author Unknown

**Making the decision to have a child is momentous. It is to decide forever to have your heart go walking around outside your body.**

--Elizabeth Stone

God our Creator, we pray:

for new mothers, coming to terms with new responsibility;  
 for expectant mothers, wondering and waiting;  
 for those who are tired, stressed or depressed;  
 for those who struggle to balance the tasks of work and family;  
 for those who are unable to feed their children due to poverty;  
 for those whose children have physical, mental, or emotional disabilities;  
 for those who raise children on their own;  
 for those who have lost a child;  
 for those who care for the children of others;  
 for those whose children have left home;  
 and for those whose desire to be a mother has not been fulfilled.

Bless all mothers, that their love may be deep and tender, and that they may lead their children to know and do what is good, living not for themselves alone, but for God and for others.

Amen.

A Mother...  
 When you are a child she walks before you to set an example.  
 When you're a teenager she walks behind to be there should you need her.  
 When you're an adult she walks beside you, so that as two friends you can enjoy life together.  
 --Author Unknown

Gracious God,

We thank you for adopting us into your family through the miracle of your grace, and for calling us to be brothers and sisters to each other.

Today, loving God, we pray for our mothers:

- Who cared for us when we were helpless
- Who comforted us when we were hurt
- Whose love and care we often too for granted.

We also pray for:

- Those who are grieving the loss of their mother.
- Those who never knew their biological mother, and now yearn for her.
- Those who have experienced the wonder of an adopted mother's love.
- The families separated by war or conflict.

Lord, give them special blessings.

Keep us united with you and with each other, so that we can be and become all that were are meant to be.

Amen.



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## Assisting With Worship in May

Those assisting with worship in May are:

Liturgists: Jimmy Neeley

Ushers: Zach and Kyle Seaman

Greeters: Jed and Josh Harper

## May Celebrations

Birthdays in May: 2—Devon Dillard, 3—Ted Bates, Wanda Harvey Johnson, 5—JD Greenawalt, 6—Blake Huitt, Karen Johnson Tilton, 10—Karen Laws, 11—Terrance Poessel, Sarah Hebel, Jean Beard, 16—Barney Gulley, 19—Rylee Vandenberg, 23—Wade Griffith, Sarah Klaus, 24—Michael Farmer, 27—Eric Frankson, 28—Bruce Allen, 30—Billy Jenkins

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

## Congratulations Graduates!

We extend congratulations to all Palacios ISD graduates, especially our own Bryson Huitt. Way to go grads!

## Thank You

A big THANK YOU to all who provided money and candy for the children's Easter Egg hunt. We appreciate your support, the kids had a great time!

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