

Church Chat

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From the Pastor's Desk

The month of May...the month students and teachers thought would never get here, and can't wait for it to be over. It's the month when the weather begins to remind us that summer is just about here. And it's the gateway to what Lori calls "the weekend of the year."

So what are your plans for the summer? Will you be traveling or is this the year for that "staycation"?

I have some suggestions for how you can make this summer a break from everyday concerns but not a break from God.

First, if you are traveling. Take some time to look out the window and appreciate the natural surroundings that you see. It may be a different kind of landscape, different plants and trees. Think of the beauty of God's creation that we are blessed with.

Second, if you are traveling and staying at a hotel. Collect the complimentary soaps, shampoos, lotions, etc. You have paid for them so you might as well take them. Bring them home and donate them to the Food Pantry or the church, so that they can be given to people who can't afford them.

Third, take the Upper Room or another devotional with you. Intentionally spend a few minutes with God while on your vacation. Remember, you may have left your church behind but God is still right there with you.

Fourth, since I've mentioned the church. Attend other churches while you're on vacation. Observe what they do and how they do it. Bring back the items they have in the pew. I'd love to hear and see what they are doing to see if it's something we could incorporate in our church here.

And finally, enjoy yourself!

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

Upper Room Daily Devotionals Online

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 to sign up!

Wesley Nurse News

- May 4, Monday, 9am-12pm– Blood Pressure & Blood Sugar Screening, HUB
- May 5, Tuesday, 4-5pm – Lego Club, Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
- May 18, Monday, Noon - Palacios Interagency, HUB
- May 19, Tuesday, 5:30pm – Summer Safety & Hydration, Teen Center, HUB



Office hours: Mondays 9am-3pm and Tuesdays 9am-4pm.

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.

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 **May 15 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 meet on **Thursday, May 14** at noon in Weimer Hall.



Come join us for a brown bag lunch and an interesting program where Janie will show a TED talk on Women and Children issues.

Mission by the Sea is Back!

Deadline for applications is May 18th

The Middle-School Youth from **Bethany UMC of Austin** chose yet again to return to Palacios for their **eighth** year of fun, work and worship.

Their return is due to Palacios' welcoming citizens, beautiful waterfront, small-town charm, and great facilities in which to stay and play. The youth named their trip Mission by the Sea, and during their stay from **June 7th through 11th, 2015** (4 nights 3 days), they will worship, experience a small working coastal community, play hard, and serve others outside their home community.

These 80 people (total of youth and adults) need **your help** in finding jobs in safe environments and jobs that make positive differences to people in the Palacios community.

The goal is to give the youth opportunities to be the hands and feet of Jesus. Jobs can be big or small, indoors and out.

Some of the things this age-group is really good at:

- washing windows (inside and out),
- dusting and cleaning high fixtures,
- scrubbing siding,
- scraping and painting houses (one story),
- repairing porches,
- weeding, mowing,
- cleaning garages,
- planting,
- picking up trash,
- helping at the food pantry
- doing chores at churches,
- visiting and play games with children and the elderly

There will be 8 or 9 work crews with each crew having about 6 youth and 2 adults. 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**. If you would like to participate in another way, we could use help with **cooking and preparing food** for a hayride for the youth which is being hosted by Carolyn and Ronnie Kubecka on **Tuesday, June 9**. We also need help providing, preparing and/or serving a "**Shrimp Boil**" for the adults who volunteer on this trip. It will be on the evening of **Wednesday, June 10th**. Carl and I are new at this shrimp boil business, so we could really use help with this. It will be served at Weimer Hall.

Over the past 8 years the Bethany Youth have been blessed by the people of Palacios, and Palacios has been blessed by them. Thank you for providing them with these wonderful experiences.

Sincerely,
Carl and Marty Rieck, Job Coordinators for "Mission by the Sea"

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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 April statements. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any Finance Committee member.

	March	Year to Date	YTD Budget	2015 Budget
INCOME				
Offerings and Memorials	\$ 13,977	\$ 38,161	\$ 38,050	\$ 152,200
Rent	\$ 737	\$ 2,037	\$ 1,950	\$ 7,800
Oil Well	--	\$ 705	\$ 900	\$ 3,600
Other	\$ 13	\$ 39	\$ 38	\$ 150
Total	\$ 14,727	\$ 40,942	\$ 40,938	\$ 163,750
Expenses				
Apportionments	\$ 359	\$ 887	\$ 4,777	\$ 19,109
Pastor Salary	\$ 5,602	\$ 15,810	\$ 16,035	\$ 64,139
Staff Salary	\$ 2,986	\$ 8,120	\$ 7,422	\$ 29,689
Operating Expenses	\$ 3,380	\$ 10,726	\$ 10,213	\$ 40,850
Program Expenses	\$ 284	\$ 369	\$ 475	\$ 1,900
Capital Expenses	\$ 401	\$ 3,952	\$ 2,015	\$ 8,060
Total	\$ 13,012	\$ 39,864	\$ 40,937	\$ 163,747
Balance	\$ 1,715	\$ 1,078	\$ 1	\$ 3

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.

Coastal Bend District Conference & Pre-Conference Briefing

Will on Sunday, May 17, at Grace UMC in Calallen from 3 to 5 PM. Pastor David will be our Clergy Delegate and Janie and Barney Gulley will be our Lay Delegate and Alternate Delegate at the District Conference and also at the **Rio Texas Annual Conference** in Corpus Christi from June 11-14.

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.

Online Learning Opportunity

United Methodist Communications is offering two **online courses**:

- United Methodism 101, May 13-June 24
- Moodle 100 Basic, May 6-June 17

United Methodism 101 is designed for new church members and anyone else wanting to know more about the United Methodist church.

Moodle Basic Training is an exploration of Moodle, an interactive software used for developing online training courses, and will enable participants to design and build an interactive online educational course.

Go to www.umcom.org/learn to learn more about the courses, cost, and deadline for registration.

Youth Summer Camp Opportunity

The youth leaders from the Hill Country District have joined together to create two youth camps for this summer at Mt. Wesley in Kerrville, TX. The link for registration and information is <http://www.reachingyouth.org/hill-country.html>

The Hill Country District is opening this camp up to the other six districts of the Rio Texas Conference. Every youth from 6th through 12th grade is encouraged to check out the camp!

Questions about the camp? Contact Brock.bomkamp@gmail.com or 512-964-9396 or Liz at kduc@kduc.org or 830-896-6400

Mother's Day is May 10!

Mother's Day is May 10. We extend prayers for all Mothers, Grandmothers, Step-Mothers, Step-Grandmothers, Sisters, Aunts, Foster Mothers, and all women who have given their talent and love to serve as influences on us.

A Prayer for Mother's Day

For our mothers, who have given us life and love,
that we may show them reverence and love,
We pray to the Lord.

For mothers who have lost a child through death,
that their faith may give them hope,
and their family and friends support and console them,
We pray to the Lord.

For mothers who have been unable to be a source of strength,
who have not responded to their children and have not sustained their families,
We pray to the Lord.

Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church. Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers. 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.
Grant this through Christ our Lord, **Amen.**



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 took for granted.

Today we 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
- 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 we are meant to be.
Amen



Church Calendar for May



- 1-2 Pastor David out of town
- 2 Cinco de Mayo celebration benefitting Boys and Girls Club
- 3 Fifth Sunday of Easter, Communion Sunday
Scriptures: Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31, 1 John 4:7-21;
John 15:1-8
Sunday School, 9:00 AM; Worship, 10:00 AM
- 5 LEGO Club in Weimer Hall, 4:00 PM
- 6 Hand Bells in Sanctuary, 5:30 PM
Choir in Sanctuary, 6:30 PM
- 7 **NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**
Pilates Class in Weimer Hall, 8:00 AM
Women's Bible Study in Weimer Hall, 10:00 AM
- 10 Sixth Sunday of Easter, **Mother's Day**
Scriptures: Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1-6;
John 15:9-17
Men's Breakfast at Trinity Baptist Church, 7:30 AM
Sunday School 9:00 AM, Worship, 10:00 AM
- 11 Trustees in Weimer Hall, 6:00 PM
- 12 Finance Committee in Weimer Hall, 6:00 PM
Administrative Council in Weimer Hall, 7:00 PM
- 13 Hand Bells in Sanctuary, 5:30 PM
Choir in Sanctuary, 6:30 PM
- 14 **Ascension of the Lord**—Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47;
Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53
Beginner Pilates, Weimer Hall, 8:00 AM
Coastal Bend District Pastors' Meeting at Fannin UMC, 8:30
Ladies Bible Study, Weimer Hall, 10:00 AM
- 14-15 Pastor David out of town
- 15 Crossroads Emmaus Gathering, FUMC Ganado, 6:30 PM
- 17 Seventh Sunday of Easter
Scriptures: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1; 1 John 5:9-13,
John 17: 6-19
Sunday School, 9:00 AM; Worship, 10:00 AM
Coastal Bend District Conference at Grace UMC in Calallen
- 20 Hand Bells in Sanctuary, 5:30 PM
Choir in Sanctuary, 6:30 PM
- 21 Beginner Pilates, Weimer Hall, 8:00 AM
Ladies Bible Study, Weimer Hall, 10:00 AM
United Methodist Women, Weimer Hall, Noon
- 24 Day of Pentecost
Scriptures: Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-35a; Romans 8:
22-27; **John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15**
Sunday School, 9:00 AM; Worship, 10:00 AM
- 25 MEMORIAL DAY, Church Office Closed
- 27 Hand Bells in Sanctuary, 5:30 PM
Choir in Sanctuary, 6:30 PM
- 28 Beginner Pilates, Weimer Hall, 8:00 AM
Ladies Bible Study, Weimer Hall, 10:00 AM
- 29 Palacios ISD Graduation
- 31 Trinity Sunday/First Sunday after Pentecost—Noisy
Offering Sunday
Scriptures: Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29; Romans 8:12-17;
John 3:1-21
Sunday School 9:00 AM, Worship in Sanctuary 10:00 AM

Dates on the horizon to remember:

- June 7-11, Mission by the Sea in Palacios
- June 11-14, Rio Texas Annual Conference, Corpus Christi
- June 21, Father's Day
- June 27, Phil and Debi Jones Concert in Sanctuary
- June 28, Phil and Debi Jones assisting in Worship

Celebrations in May

2—Devon Dillard; 3—Ted Bates; 5—J.D. Greenawalt; 6—Blake Huitt; 10—Karen Laws; 11—Jean Beard; 16—Barney Gulley; 19—Rylee VandenBergh; 24—James Hebel; 27—Eric Frankson; 30—Billy Jenkins



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Joys and Concerns

We extend our sympathies to the family and friends of **Larry Griffin**. Larry's memorial service was held on April 18.

Our sympathies go to **Alice Wright** and her family at the death of her brother, **Albert Johs**, in Austin.

We welcomed **Sharon and Billy Pat Peacock** into the church in March. They transferred their membership from First UMC Florresville.

Assisting with Worship in May

Liturgist—Maxine Kubecka

Greeters—Maxine and Bill Kubecka

Ushers— Shelly Johs and Kyle/Zach Seaman

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.

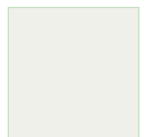
Newsletter Articles for June

If you have an article or announcement for the June newsletter, please get the information to Janie Gulley **by May 28**: 972-3185 or janiegulley@hotmail.com.

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