

Church Chat

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From the Pastor's Desk

If there's any constant in life, it is change. Some folks like change, and other folks don't. I've found that most folks don't like change that they didn't initiate, anticipate or have a voice in. But we all have to accept change as a part of life and we learn to deal with change reactively as well as proactively.

Our church has experienced some changes recently that were neither expected nor invited. However, this church has always reacted to change faithfully. I remember hearing the story of how this church came together following the disaster of Hurricane Carla. In spite of the devastation, this church held together, worshiped together, and moved forward together.

Our Small Church Initiative is one way that we can handle change proactively. Through this SCI process we have looked at our congregation, our leadership, and our community. We have seen that the vast majority of the people of this church feel positively about change that will lead the church forward in faithful mission and ministry. The SCI process will result in some recommendations of how we can be even more effective in mission and ministry to our membership and in our community.

I can assure you that there are changes in the future of Palacios UMC. What they are I do not know. But I do know that we will meet them together and respond to them as we have in the past. And I know that we will continue to evaluate where we are, what we are doing in mission and ministry, and how we can respond with even more faithfulness as we choose our path forward.

How can I be so sure? In the four years I've served as your pastor I've heard of your faithfulness in the past, I've seen it in the present, and am sure of it in the future. I can also be sure because of the faithfulness of a small group of people who are praying for this church and each person associated with it. Our SCI Prayer Team is undergirding this church with prayer, and there is no greater power in a church than the people praying for it!

I am so thankful and proud to be your pastor,

David

Youth News

Youth Sunday School—The class is for all youth in grades 6-12 and meets in the classroom at the back of Weimer Hall at 9:00 AM.

Announcements

The **Seaside Ringers** meet at 5:30 PM each Wednesday to practice. They play the bells during worship on the third Sunday of each month.

Adult Sunday School—is reading and discussing the book of Nahum. They meet in the Parlor at 9:00 AM each Sunday morning, led by Josh Harper.

Chancel Choir—practices at 6:30 PM each Wednesday in the Sanctuary.

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.

A new **Prayer Request Email** is active for you to send in prayer requests online if you wish. This will be monitored daily and someone will be praying for all requests. Just email: prayerrequests@fumcpalacios.org

On Sunday, April 3, we designated our **Communion Rail** offering for **Dale and Miranda Peacock** and family, who are serving in Germany as Wycliffe Bible Translators. Thanks to your generosity, we sent \$187 to help be effective in their ministry!

THANK YOU

Ladies of the church, you once again came through for **Mignon Smith's** family and friends on March 30: a gracious thank you goes to: Becky Johnson, Myra Brhlik, Donna Dillard, Janie Gulley, Vanessa Kunefke, Judy Davidson, Candice Neese, Martha Law, Thelma Holloway, Mary jo Neeley, Betty Janszen, Maxine Kubecka, Amy Kubecka, Michele Colura, Landra VandenBergh and Sandy Miller.



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 **May 20 at 6:30 PM** at **John Wesley UMC in Victoria** for potluck dinner and worship. Contact the Gulleys if you would like to carpool.

Wesley Nurse News

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



Diaper Pantry—Tuesdays 1-4 PM

- Tuesday, May 24, 5 PM—Diabetic Support Group, HUB
- Thursday, May 26, 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 am starting a Diabetic Support Group on the fourth Tuesday of every month at the HUB. Open for diabetics and family members.

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

Thank you,

--Leslie Machicek, Wesley Nurse

United Methodist Women

All women of the church are invited to United Methodist Women to learn more about how UMW supports mission giving for women and children.



Come join us on **May 19**. Bring a sack lunch and join us at 12 Noon in Weimer Hall.

Missions Corner

Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to him, "Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed." but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? – James 2:15-16

- May's Communion Rail Offering will be used to purchase the necessary items to create **Flood Buckets**. Our youth and Sunday School members will be compiling the buckets. The buckets of supplies will be given out by UMCOR to aid in recovery during disasters such as the Houston floods and hurricanes. This is a mission very near and dear to coastal communities, such as ours.
- April's Rail Offering of \$187 was sent to the Dale and Miranda Peacock family as they serve in Germany with Wycliffe Bible Translators. This really helped to start catching us up in our financial commitment to them and this great mission. Thank you.
- Calling for boxes of **Macaroni & Cheese** for May and June! As of April 19th, our church donated 165 boxes of Macaroni and Cheese. That is just 15 shy of the month's 180 goal, which will surely be met on April 25th. Because of your donations, the Robert Duran Food Pantry will be able include a box of Macaroni & Cheese in each of the 300 boxes they will give out this month. We will continue collecting Mac and Cheese during May and June, so, please, keep putting it on your grocery lists. The brand does not matter, just as long as it is Macaroni & Cheese and it is in a box. There is a box in the Narthex in which to place your donations.
- **Mission by the Sea** will be here **June 6th, 7th and 8th**. If you, a neighbor, family member or friend could use some willing helpers, you may pick up an application from Pastor David, Marty or Carl Rieck, or the library. Applications are due **May 16th**. If you would like to help in some way, just let Marty or Carl know at m.jo.riek@gmail.com. Help is needed in preparing a meal to honor the 20 to 25 adults who use their vacation time to help, lead, and chaperone the youth. A shrimp boil is being considered. If you have a good source of shrimp, sweet corn, sausage or new potatoes, please, let Marty know.
- The next Missions Work Team meeting will be on Monday, **September 12th** at 6:00 p.m. All who are interested are invited to attend.

Come Pray at the Church for National Day of Prayer

The National Day of Prayer is **Thursday, May 5**. Our sanctuary will be open from 8 AM until 8 PM for people to come and have a time of person prayer. At **11 AM** there will be brief prayer service for those who wish to gather for prayer. If you are not able to come and pray, here are a couple of prayers from two great faith leaders, Peter Marshall and William Barclay that can be used to pray for our nation.

Prayers for the National Day of Prayer, May 5, 2016

"Sanctify Our Love of Country" by Rev. Dr. Peter Marshall

Lord God of Heaven, who hath so lavishly blessed this land, make us, Thy people, to be humble. Keep us ever aware that the good things we enjoy have come from Thee that Thou didst lend them to us.

Impress upon our smugness the knowledge that we are not owners—but stewards; remind us, lest we become filled with conceit, that one day a reckoning will be required of us.

Sanctify our love of country, that our boasting may be turned into humility and our pride into a ministry to men everywhere.

Help us to make this God's own country by living like God's own people. Amen.

From William Barclay:

O God, our Father, help us to love our country with a passion so strong and so true that we shall be jealous for its honor and instant in its service, and that we shall not rest until we have made this a land where men and women walk in the freedom of the truth and in the light of knowledge. To that end help us to find leaders whose only master is their conscience and who ever speak with you before they speak to others. Amen.

Finance Committee Update

The finances of the church remain good, though we have not been able to pay towards our Apportionments this year. We pray the congregation will continue their stewardship of the church in order to help us catch up so we will not need a large end-of-year appeal.



2016		Mar	YEAR TO DATE	YEAR TO DATE BUDGET
INCOME				
	Tithes and Offerings	\$ 13,844	\$ 38,216	\$ 40,700
	Undirected Memorials	\$ 455	\$ 505	---
	Missional Giving	\$ 265	\$ 1,019	---
	Rent	\$ 650	\$ 1,950	\$ 1,950
	Oilwell	\$ ---	\$ 425	\$ 500
	Other	\$ 92	\$ 172	\$ 8
	TOTAL	\$ 15,306	\$ 42,287	\$ 43,158
EXPENSES				
	Apportionments	\$ 265	\$ 265	\$ 4,990
	Pastor Salary	\$ 5,356	\$ 16,010	\$ 16,394
	Staff Salary	\$ 1,883	\$ 8,311	\$ 8,378
	Operating Expenses	\$ 3,303	\$ 10,630	\$ 10,600
	Program Expenses	\$ 30	\$ (48)	\$ 475
	Mission	\$ 250	\$ 1,204	\$ -
	Capital Expenses	\$ 376	\$ 3,862	\$ 1,980
	TOTAL	\$ 11,463	\$ 40,234	\$ 42,817
BALANCE		\$ (386)	\$ (1,687)	\$ -

2016 Administrative Council

Effective January 1, 2016, the following persons begin their terms on the Administrative Council of the church:

- 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, May 10**, at 7:00 PM in Weimer Hall.

Church Calendar for May



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| <p>1 Sixth Sunday of Easter, Communion Sunday
Scriptures: Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67; Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5; John 14:23-29
Sunday School 9:00 AM, Worship, 10:00 AM</p> <p>4 Hand Bells in Sanctuary, 5:30 PM
Choir in Sanctuary, 6:30 PM</p> <p>5 Ascension of the Lord—Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47; Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53
National Day of Prayer, church open 8 AM to 8PM for personal prayer time
Ladies Bible Study, Weimer Hall, 10:00 AM</p> <p>8 Seventh Sunday of Easter
Scriptures: Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97; Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21; John 17:20-26
Men's Breakfast Trinity Baptist Church, 7:30 AM
Sunday School, 9:00 AM, Worship, 10:00 AM
Communion after worship</p> <p>10-20 General Conference of the United Methodist Church in Portland, Oregon</p> <p>9 Trustee Meeting, Weimer Hall, 6:00 PM</p> <p>10 Finance Committee meeting, Weimer Hall, 6:00 PM
Administrative Council meeting, Weimer Hall, 7:00 PM</p> <p>11 Texas AgriLife Extension Agency, Weimer Hall, 1:30-3:30 PM
Hand Bells in Sanctuary, 5:30 PM
Choir in Sanctuary, 6:30 PM</p> <p>12 Ladies Bible Study, Weimer Hall, 10:00 AM</p> <p>12-15 Pastor David in College Station for Ruth's graduation</p> | <p>15 Pentecost Sunday, Barney Gulley preaching
Scriptures: Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Romans 8:14-14; John 14:8-27
Sunday School, 9:00 AM; Worship, 10:00 AM</p> <p>18 Hand Bells in Sanctuary, 5:30 PM
Choir in Sanctuary, 6:30 PM</p> <p>19 Ladies Bible Study, Weimer Hall, 10:00 AM
United Methodist Women, Weimer Hall, 12 Noon</p> <p>20 Crossroads Emmaus Gathering, John Wesley UMC, Victoria, 6:30 PM</p> <p>22 First Sunday after Pentecost, Trinity Sunday
Scriptures: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Psalm 8; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15
Sunday School 9:00 AM, Worship, 10:00 AM
Communion after Worship</p> <p>24 Aldersgate Day</p> <p>25 Hand Bells in Sanctuary, 5:30 PM
Choir in Sanctuary, 6:30 PM</p> <p>26 Ladies Bible Study, Weimer Hall, 12 Noon</p> <p>29 Second Sunday after Pentecost
Scriptures: 1 Kings 18:20-39; Psalm 96; Galatians 1:1-12; Luke 7:1-10
5th Sunday Noisy Offering for Methodist Home in Waco
Sunday School, 9:00 AM, Worship, 10:00 AM
Communion after Worship</p> <p>30 MEMORIAL DAY—Church Office closed</p> |
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Dates on the Horizon to Remember

- June 4—Small Church Initiative interviews
- June 5—Small Church Initiative recommendations
- June 5—Coastal Bend District Conference and Pre-Conference Briefing at FUMC Corpus Christi
- June 5-9—Mission by the Sea volunteers in Palacios
- June 9-12—RioTexas Annual Conference in Corpus Christi
- June 12—Fellowship luncheon after Worship
- June 17—Crossroads Emmaus Gathering, TBD
- June 19—Father's Day
- June 21—Finance Committee and Administrative Council meetings
- June 26—Called Church Conference to vote on Small Church Initiative recommendations

Celebrations in May

Birthdays:

2—Devon Dillard; 3—Ted Bates; 5—J.D. Greenawalt; 6—Blake Huitt;
10—Karen Laws; 16—Barney Gulley; 19—Rylee VandenBergh;
25—Perry Dean



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Joys and Concerns

We offer our sincerest sympathies to the family and friends of **Dorothy Jenkins**, who died on Monday April 11. We owe a huge debt of thanks to all those who helped with the meal following Dorothy Jenkins' funeral.

Assisting with Worship in May

Liturgist—Ken Johnson

Greeters—Myra Brhlik and _____

Ushers—Bill Miller and _____

Can you help out in May 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.

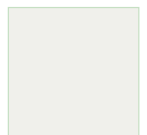
Newsletter Articles for June

If you have an article or announcement for the June newsletter, please get the information to Janie Gulley **by May 26** at 972-3185 or janiegulley@hotmail.com.

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