

## Church News



### Message from the Pastor

When I think of November I think of thankfulness. And this year I'm especially thankful. I'm especially thankful for Barney and Janie Gulley. Many of you may not know that they are moving in early December to Denison to be nearer their family.

In the almost six years that I've been here at Palacios UMC, these two have been such a positive influence in this church and community. They will be sorely missed. From their service in the church in various positions of leadership to their initiating new ministries and activities in the church and the community, they have blessed this church beyond measure.

With their move we are left with some areas in the life of the church that will need to be picked up by someone if we want them to continue. Janie and Barney both have been two of our five trained lay speakers, filling in for me when I have to be out of the pulpit. Janie has been active in our United Methodist Women, and our shepherding program, keeping up with all of our church members where they live in Palacios or not, and if they are active or not. She has also been the one who has put together our monthly newsletter and an active part of our Mission Team. Barney has been our church treasurer and fortunately Wanda Johnson has agreed to take that position. But as treasurer, Barney has been responsible for our church website, our ChurchTrac Software (that keeps our membership and giving records), and is listed as the administrator on the church's electricity account.

There's no doubt that after they move there will be other things that will come up that will make us realize just how much Barney and Janie have enriched and blessed this church.

But their move gives the rest of us an opportunity to step up and fill their shoes and roles in the church. The rest of us can build on what Barney and Janie have done in their time here just as they built on what those who came before them did, and the ones before them, and the ones before them. This church will continue to move forward as it has for all these many years. I have no doubt.

You continue to make me so thankful and proud to be your pastor,

**David**

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## Missions Corner

- **November's Communion Rail Offering** will be donated to the Society of St. Andrew (SoSA), whose mission is: ...to introduce people to God's grace in Jesus Christ through meeting their hungers. SoSA gleans produce and gets it into areas of need, even areas affected by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. Regarding those disasters, this was posted on their web site: The Society of St. Andrew will stay out of the way in this immediate response time, but will seek opportunities to get fresh produce into affected areas when our agency partners on the ground there tell us they are ready to receive and distribute it.
- **October's Rail Offering** of \$163 will be given to KAIROS Prison Ministry.
- **The Blessing Porch is being used!** If you have things you think others could use, please, place it in the trunk on the Mission House porch. Non-perishable food items and personal hygiene items are needed. Also, if you see someone in need, you may direct them to the porch.
- **Clothing Vouchers for school-aged children** will be purchased from the Senior Citizen Thrift Store and then given to our school nurses to give out for students in need.

This community need was found as interviews were being conducted for the Community Resources Catalog. If you would like to donate to this, just label your donation "Clothing Vouchers."

- **HUB support- In November** we will be collecting small heaters and in December we will collect blankets. You may take your donation to the HUB or place it in the cardboard box in the Narthex.
- A Peek Preview of **December Mission Opportunities:** John Wesley's Rules state: Do all the good you can in all the places you can. Well, FUMC of Palacios will be doing just that. We will support Heifer International by rail offerings and through individual pledges and we will be giving support locally in our "Shoes and Socks for School Children". Members will be able to buy shoes and socks for specific children in PISD who will be referred by either school counselors or nurses.
- The **Ministerial Alliance Dinner and Concert is Sunday, November 19th at 6:00 p.m.** There is even going to be a baked-goods silent auction. Proceeds go to support those in or passing through our community with immediate emergency needs.

*"Let us love not only in words, but in deed and in truth."*

1 John 3:18

## Joys and Concerns

Our deepest sympathies go to Carolyn Johnson and the family on the death of **Lowell Johnson**, who passed away on October 22. Services were held at our church on October 27.

## All Saint's Sunday November 5

On **Sunday, November 5**, we will observe **All Saints Sunday** during worship. We will remember those members and friends who have passed away since last year's All Saints Sunday, including Benita Thompson, Alton Nelsen, Cindy Johnson, Marian Simons, Barbara Curtis, Vic Kahlich, and Lowell Johnson.

## United Methodist Women Chicken Spaghetti Dinner November 4!

FUMC Palacios United Methodist Women will host the annual **Chicken Spaghetti Dinner and Bazaar on November 4, 2017.**



Come grab a great lunch, eat in or take out.

**Lunch: \$10/plate**

**10 AM to 2 PM**

**Bazaar with baked goods, crafts, new and used treasures**

**Location: Weimer Hall**



The **Adult Sunday School** is mining the book of Revelation for valuable lessons in life. Join this great class in the Parlor of Weimer Hall Sundays at 9:00 AM.

The **Youth Sunday School Class** will watch and discuss "The Gospels" lessons from The Bible Project on RightNow Media. We meet each Sunday at 9:30 AM in the Youth Classroom at the back of Weimer Hall. All youth from 6th-12th graders are invited and welcome.

**Helping Hands Fund** – The Missions & Outreach Team has established a fund to assist people with short-term financial needs such as medication, transportation, lodging, food, and utilities. This will replace the Ministerial Alliance Fund that will now only be used for assistance with catastrophic events. For those seeking assistance an ID and an application will be required, and they will be able to receive assistance once per year. The Helping Hands Fund will be administered by the pastor and updates will be given to the Administrative Council each month.

The **Men's Breakfast** will meet at First Presbyterian Church on Sunday, November 12 at 7:30 AM.

A **Community Choir** is being formed to sing at the **Community Thanksgiving Service** on Sunday November 19. Practice is on this Thursday at the East Side Annex from 6:30-7:30 PM.

We have a **Young Children's Sunday School** class. Linda Contreras is using the Play & Pray material for the children who are 2-5. They meet in the Nursery at 9:00 AM every Sunday.

## Decorating the Church for Advent and Christmas

Stay after Worship on **Sunday, November 26** to help decorate the Sanctuary for the **Advent/Christmas** season!

## Help with Making Chrismons

We still have kits available to make **Chrismons**. If you would like to make one, please see DeeDee Stork.

Also, the **Children's Sunday School Class** is making Chrismons during the Sunday School hour. Everyone is welcome to join us at 9:00 AM on Sunday!

## Ceramics Class

The **Ceramics class** is working on holiday items and if there is something that you want to work on, let DeeDee know and she will see if it is available. Come join us on **Tuesdays at 6:00 PM**, Children's Sunday School room.

## Conducting the Business of the Church

### Administrative Council Minutes October 10, 2017, 6:00 PM

In the absence of Maxine Kubecka, Chair of Administrative Council, Erwin Janszen, Lay Leader, welcomed those in attendance and opened the meeting with a prayer at 6:02 p.m. In attendance: Joni Flores, Erwin Janszen, Annette Stonedale, Bill Law, Thelma Holloway, Leland Singer, Becky Johnson, Carl and Marty Rieck, Sherry Seaman, Long Han and Pastor David King.

Pastor David shared a letter of resignation from Council from Maxine Kubecka that is accepted with our prayers for her, Bill and their family during this difficult time. David also asked for prayers for Nellie Rockenbaugh and Myra Bhrlik.

Included in the Council packet: meeting agenda, financial report, 2018 proposed budget, the 2018 Compensation Form and the 2017-2018 Consultation Form for PPRC. The minutes of the September Council meeting were included in the church newsletter.

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as submitted via newsletter (Johnson, motion; C Rieck, second; all in favor)

#### Updates from Ministry Teams

Nurturing Ministries: Pastor David noted his enjoyment of having the choir back in service. Marty and Carl are cleaning out the “banner” room and choir room and in the process, have created a basket of goods to be purchased by donation which will be made available in the narthex on Sundays.

Missions & Outreach Ministries: Marty reported that the communion rail offering for November would go to St. Andrews field gleaning projects. The December communion rail offering will go to Heifer International. Also in December, there will be an opportunity for congregants to participate in a shoe and sock donation for students. Joni continues to develop the online community charitable resources website. PUMC Missions team will purchase gift cards from the FOEC (Friends of Elderly Citizens) Thrift Store to provide clothing and shoes to needy children in PISD.

United Methodist Women: Thelma Holloway shared that UMW will hold their annual Chicken Spaghetti luncheon and Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, November 4, 2017. Donations of bazaar items and baked goods are welcome.

Youth: Pastor David noted that the Youth are enjoying “Bible Project” videos in Sunday school class.

Lay Leader/Lay Speaker report: Erwin encouraged council to get involved as new lay speakers.

Small Church Initiative (SCI) Implementation Update: David is working to set up dates with our “coach,” Pastor Kelley.

### Reports from Resource Ministries

Treasurer’s/Finance Committee report was in the council packet and presented by Pastor David. A recommended \$1500.00 apportionment payment was approved (Flores, motion; Han, second; all in favor). The proposed 2018 church budget was approved (Han, motion; Stonedale, second; all in favor). David will work with Ken Johnson to arrange to get an audit of the 2016 financials performed. Council discussed the pastoral package and its impact on our future pastor.

Staff-Parish Relations Committee Report and Action Items: Pastor David encouraged Council to consider what leadership qualities are most needed in the new pastor for the church to continue to accomplish its mission in the future. They have between now and the end of November to do so, when the SPRC will need to fill out the Consultation Form (included in the Council package). This fall, the RioTexas conference will begin education programs on the 2019 health insurance program for pastors/staff called HealthFlex Exchange. Council approved the 2018 Clergy Compensation Form (Johnson, motion; Han, second; all in favor).

Board of Trustees Report & Action Items: Council instructed Pastor David to file a claim with TWIA so that an adjuster could examine church properties for damages from Hurricane Harvey. A location for a church sign has been secured on northbound State Highway 35. Marty & Carl Rieck and Bill Law will work together to come up with a list of possible projects for a church workday with STP and church volunteers. Long Han agreed to chair a Capital Campaign committee that will include Leland Singer beginning in 2018 to address repairs and maintenance needs that require significant funding.

Lay Member of Annual Conference Report and Action Items: Becky and Ken Johnson have asked to be replaced as delegates to Conference effective immediately.

New Business: Marty is working to create a hospitality room in the “banner” room off the narthex that will serve coffee and treats before service to encourage social connections between members and visitors.

Planning Calendar Updates: The Church Conference will be held immediately after worship on 11/12/2017.

Pastor David closed the meeting in prayer at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joni Flores

## Church Conference November 12

Our **Palacios UMC Church Conference** will be immediately following worship on **Sunday, November 12**. At the Church Conference we will adopt the 2018 Pastor's Compensation, the 2018 Budget, 2018-2020 Nominations, hear a report from the United Methodist Women, and read the names for those inactive members whom we've lost contact with for removal from our membership rolls.

## The Church Needs You for This Ministry!

FUMC Palacios is working to keep everyone informed and involved in our Church life. One way we do that is through the **monthly newsletter**.

We are need of someone (or several someones) to take over the publishing of the newsletter starting with the **January** newsletter.

What do you have to do? It's pretty simple: every month newsletter information is sent in and we put it together the last week of the month. It is sent out via email and copies are made for those who don't have email or need it sent out by mail.

If this sounds like something you would be interested in doing, contact Pastor David or Janie Gulley at 361-972-3185.

## Daily Scripture Readings

October 30 – Proverbs 1:1-2:22  
 October 31 – Proverbs 3:1-4:27  
 November 1 – Proverbs 5:1-6:35  
 November 2 – Proverbs 7:1-8:36  
 November 3 – Proverbs 9:1-10:32

November 6 – Proverbs 11:1-12:28  
 November 7 – Proverbs 13:1-14:35  
 November 8 – Proverbs 15:1- 16:33  
 November 9 – Proverbs 17:1-18:24  
 November 10 – Proverbs 19:1-20:30

November 13 – Proverbs 21:1-22:29  
 November 14 – Proverbs 23:1-24:29  
 November 15 – Proverbs 25:1-26:28  
 November 16 – Proverbs 27:1-28:28  
 November 17 – Proverbs 29:1-31:31

November 20 – Ecclesiastes 1:1-2:16  
 November 21 – Ecclesiastes 2:17-4:12  
 November 22 – Ecclesiastes 4:13-6:12  
 November 23 – Ecclesiastes 7:1-8:17  
 November 24 – Ecclesiastes 9:1-10:20

November 25 – Ecclesiastes 11:1-12:14  
 November 27 – Song of Songs 1:1-2:13  
 November 28 – Song of Songs 2:14-3:11  
 November 29 – Song of Songs 4:1-16  
 November 30 – Song of Songs 5:1-16  
 December 1 – Song of Songs 6:1-7:9a  
 December 2 – Song of Songs 7:b-8:14

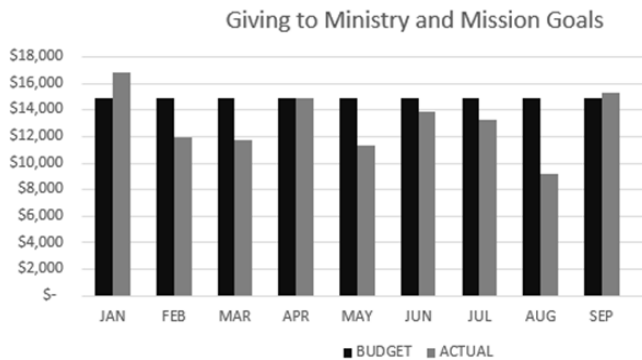


If you enjoy these daily scripture readings, you might want to get the NIV Quest Study Bible to enhance your reading. This Bible has questions that are often asked and provides non-technical answers.

## Financial Update

The Church responded very generously to the shortfall in August, and the working cash balance has returned to a comfortable level. **The \$7,000 of contingency funds that were withdrawn from the Johnson Fund for hurricane related needs has been returned to the Johnson Fund.**

No payments towards Apportionments were made in September. The balance due towards our Apportionment obligation is \$8,517. The anticipated budget shortfall that will be to be addressed in the last three months of the year is \$6,000.



2017	SEP	YEAR TO DATE	YEAR TO DATE BUDGET
<b>INCOME</b>			
OFFERINGS & MEMORIALS	\$ 14,432	\$ 108,343	\$ 121,275
MISSIONAL GIVING	\$ 120	\$ 1,580	\$ 2,475
APPORTIONMENTS		\$ -	\$ -
RENT	\$ 750	\$ 6,750	\$ 6,750
OILWELL		\$ 1,079	\$ 900
OTHER		\$ 3,115	\$ 473
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 15,302</b>	<b>\$ 120,867</b>	<b>\$ 131,873</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
APPORTIONMENTS	\$ 211	\$ 10,706	\$ 14,258
FIVE STAR CHURCH GIVING	\$ 100	\$ 1,067	\$ 225
PASTOR SALARY AND BENEFITS	\$ 5,270	\$ 47,421	\$ 48,584
STAFF SALARY	\$ 933	\$ 19,104	\$ 19,395
OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 4,184	\$ 34,267	\$ 33,454
PROGRAM EXPENSES	\$ 33	\$ 799	\$ 900
MISSIONS	\$ 275	\$ 826	\$ 2,250
CAPITAL EXPENSES	\$ 379	\$ 6,196	\$ 8,289
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 11,385</b>	<b>\$ 120,386</b>	<b>\$ 127,355</b>

### Apportioned Funds—What are They and Why Do We Pay Them?

An apportionment is the amount each local church pays its annual conference to support international, national, and regional missions. Together we accomplish what no single church, district, or annual conference ever could hope to do alone. Through this method, we all give a fair share for the church's work. We combine our prayers, presence, gifts, and service to make a significant difference in the lives of God's people. Apportioned Funds go to:

- **World Service Fund**—Underwrites Christian mission around the world
- **Ministerial Education Fund**—Supports our seminaries, provides scholarships to students and meets the needs of people in ministry today
- **Episcopal Fund**—Pays the bishops' salaries, covers their office and travel expenses, and provides their pension and health benefits
- **Black College Fund**—Supports 11 U.S. historically Black colleges and universities. Their graduates: teachers doctors, ministers, bishops, etc., are leaders in the African-American community and in a rapidly changing, more diverse United States.
- **Interdenominational Cooperation Fund**—Affirms our unity with other Christian communions as we witness to a common Christian faith, meet human suffering, and advocate for peace and justice all over the world.
- **Africa University Fund**—Supports the only United Methodist-related, degree-granting university on the continent of Africa, serving students from 21 countries all across Africa.
- **General Administration Fund**—Implements trustworthy administrative oversight, supports the legislative processes of the church, and curates The United Methodist Church's rich history.

## Calendar for November



- 1 All Saints Day: Scriptures – Revelation 7:9-17; Psalm 34:1-10, 22; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12  
Hand Bells in Sanctuary, 5:30 PM
- 2 Ladies Bible Study, Children’s Classroom, 10 AM  
Palacios Chamber of Commerce meeting, Weimer Hall, 12 Noon
- 4 TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR BEFORE YOU GO TO BED!  
United Methodist Women Chicken Spaghetti Dinner/Bazaar, 10 AM-2PM
- 5 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Communion Sunday  
Scriptures: **Joshua 3:7-17**; Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37; 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Matthew 23:1-12  
Sunday School 9 AM      Choir Practice 9 AM      Worship in Sanctuary 10 AM
- 7 ELECTION DAY – Pastor David out of the office all day  
Ceramics in Children’s Sunday School room, 6:00 PM
- 8 Hand Bells in Sanctuary, 5:30 PM
- 9 Pastor David in Kingsville for District Pastor’s meeting  
Ladies Bible Study, Weimer Hall 10 AM
- 11 VETERANS DAY
  
- 12 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Men’s Breakfast at First Presbyterian Church, 7:30 AM  
Scriptures: **Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25**; Psalm 78:1-7; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13  
Sunday School 9 AM      Choir Practice 9 AM      Worship in Sanctuary 10 AM  
Palacios UMC Church Conference following Worship
- 14 Administrative Council in Weimer Hall, 6:00 PM  
Ceramics in Children’s Sunday School room, 6:00 PM
- 15 Hand Bells in Sanctuary, 5:30 PM
- 16 Ladies Bible Study in Weimer Hall, 10:00 AM  
United Methodist Women in Weimer Hall, 12 Noon
- 17 Crossroads Emmaus Community Gathering at John Wesley UMC in Victoria, 6:30 PM
- 18 Coastal Bend District Conference at Grace UMC in Calallen, 10:00 AM
  
- 19 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Scriptures: **Judges 4:1-7**; Psalm 123; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30  
Sunday School 9 AM      Choir Practice 9 AM      Worship in Sanctuary 10 AM  
Communion after Worship  
Palacios Community Thanksgiving Meal and Service, Baptist Encampment, 5:00 PM
- 21 Ceramics in Children’s Sunday School room, 6:00 PM
- 22 NO Hand Bells
- 23 THANKSGIVING DAY, Scriptures: Deuteronomy 8:7-18; Psalm 65; 2 Corinthians 9:6-15;  
Luke 17:11-19
- 23-24 Church Office Closed
- 26 Last Sunday After Pentecost/Christ the King Sunday  
Scriptures: **Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24**; Psalm 100; Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46  
Sunday School 9 AM      Choir Practice 9 AM      Worship in Sanctuary 10 AM  
No Communion after Worship  
Decorate the Sanctuary for Advent and Christmas following Worship
- 28 Ceramics in Children’s Sunday School room, 6:00 PM
- 29 Hand Bells in Sanctuary, 5:30 PM
- 30 Ladies Bible Study in Weimer Hall, 10:00 AM  
Pastor David in Corpus Christi

## Dates on the Horizon

### December

- 3—First Sunday of Advent
- 10—Men’s Breakfast in Weimer Hall, 7:30 AM
- 15—Crossroads Emmaus Gathering at Danevang Lutheran Church, 6:30 PM
- 24—Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 6:00 PM
- 25—Christmas Day, CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
- 31—Fifth Sunday Noisy Offering
- 31—NEW YEAR’S EVE

## Hand Bell Choir

Our **Hand Bell Choir** begins practicing each week beginning on **Wednesday, November 1, at 5:30 PM** in the Sanctuary. If you love to make music, this is a great place to do it.

## Birthdays in November

- 4—Amy Kubecka
- 7—Mackinzie Lambert
- 8—Judy Davidson
- 12—John Neese
- 15—Landra VandenBergh
- 16—Robert Curtis
- 19—Mandi Jean Martin
- 19—Sandy Miller
- 20—Mary Bari
- 21—Andy Erdelt
- 25—Frances Crunk
- 26—Erwin Janszen
- 27—Rhonda Huitt

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## Assisting with Worship in November

Greeters—Leland Singer and Janie Gulley

Liturgist—OPEN

Ushers—Bill Miller and Maxine Kubecks

Can you serve just  
ONE Sunday as  
Liturgist? Let  
Pastor David know!

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## Newsletter Articles for December

If you have an article or announcement for the December newsletter, please get the information to Janie Gulley by **November 21<sup>st</sup>** (due to Thanksgiving holiday) at 972-3185 or [janiegulley@hotmail.com](mailto:janiegulley@hotmail.com).