

# Church Chat

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## From the Pastor's Desk

I walked into Walmart the other day and saw the employees getting the Thanksgiving items out and onto the shelves. So I'm going to take their cue and celebrate some thanksgivings early too.

I am so thankful for the way you have responded to the financial challenge that was set before you so well by Jimmy Neeley, Barney Gulley, and Erwin Janzsen in August. Many of you have made a commitment and are following through with an increase in your monthly giving. It definitely is showing up in our weekly offerings.

I am so thankful for the generosity and creativity with which you are responding to the needs of the church. And I'm not just speaking about money, but things like the Adult Sunday School Class hosting a breakfast that brought over 40 people out to enjoy the food and fellowship.

I'm speaking about the willingness on the part of several people to provide food

and an adult presence (from 10 PM to Midnight!) for the Fifth Quarter activities over at the Christian Life Center at First Baptist Church.

I'm speaking about the work of Gene Allen, Deb Smith, and Marti and Carl Rieck installing fans and lights for the Hand Bells.

I'm speaking about Billy Pat Peacock putting in the winning bid for the metal carport over at the Mission House.

I'm speaking about the generous donation for the new sidewalks and the new grass in front of Weimer Hall and the Education/Office wing.

Yes, we have significant challenges facing us as a church but I'm thankful that I'm the pastor of this church at this time with each and every one of you. You all are facing these challenges with incredible strength and willingness to part of the solution. And for that I am very, very thankful!

I am so pleased and proud to be your pastor,

**David**

## New Mission Sponsored by Wesley Nurse

**Samaritan's Closet** is a new mission sponsored by Leslie Machicek, our Wesley Nurse. Every month, we will be collecting different items to benefit the needy in OUR community. Bring them by the church office to stock the closet!

October—Socks (any size, any number)

November—Blankets

December—Coats

January—Toiletries (Shampoo, soap, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste)

February—Toilet paper and feminine products

March—Laundry detergent

April—First aid supplies (Band aids, bandages, tape, and ice packs)

May—Sunscreen and bug spray

June—Adult Diapers

July—Hand Soap

August—Backpacks and school supplies

September—Infant Diapers

## Wesley Nurse News

"Cold, Flue, and Allergies: How to Tell the Difference" at the HUB, October 14, Tuesday, 1 PM.

The HUB will be offering **free yoga classes** during the lunch hour on Fridays and 4pm on Wednesdays starting October 8<sup>th</sup>.



**Diaper pantry** will open on Tuesday, September the 23. I will be here on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. 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.

We are starting the **Samaritans Closet**, a mission to collect things for families in need that are hard to come by. Every month we will be collecting something different. For the month of **October** we are collecting **socks**, all sizes. You can drop them off in the office. For a complete list of items to collect, please stop by the office or see the article on the front page of the newsletter. Thank you all for helping with this mission, other churches will be helping too!

My new office hours for Palacios are **Tuesdays 9am-3pm and Wednesdays 9am-3pm**. 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. I will be in San Antonio for training October 1-3. 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

The last Victoria District United Methodist Women's meeting was held on September 13, 2014. As part of the worship service, a candle is lit and stays burning throughout the day. Each unit donates money in honor or memory of someone to sponsor the minutes the candle stays burning. **Palacios UMW** donated funds to keep the candle burning for one minute each in memory of **Glenna Rogers** and **Joe Ray Beard**.

Next month, UMW will celebrate missions with a **World Thank Offering** program presented by Becky Johnson. The meeting will be **October 16** at 12 noon in Weimer Hall. Members, bring your World Thank Offering collections. Come join us!



## Walk to Emmaus/Chrysalis

The next Crossroads Emmaus walk is a **Men's Walk** scheduled for February 19-22, 2015 at the Spiritual Renewal Center. Barney Gulley is the Lay Director and Pastor David is the Spiritual Director. If you are a man or know a man who would like to deepen their Christian experience and understanding, the Walk is a great way to do it. If you have questions, please contact Pastor David or Barney Gulley

Crossroads Emmaus gathers for a potluck supper and worship at area churches every month. The next monthly gathering will be at the **OUR church** on **October 17** starting at 6:30 pm. If you are interested in learning about Emmaus, this is a good way to get started, so come for great food, fellowship, and uplifting worship.

**We will meet at 5:30 to set up Weimer Hall in preparation for the gathering.**

## UMW Holiday Bazaar and Chicken Spaghetti Dinner

United Methodist Women will once again host a **holiday bazaar** and their famous **Chicken Spaghetti Dinner** on **Saturday, November 15** starting at 10 am.

Come join us for some holiday shopping: baked goods, Christmas decorations, and many other holiday-themed items, plus have a GREAT lunch!

More information will be coming in the November newsletter.



## Announcements

### HELP DESPERATELY NEEDED

We need someone who can work with Martha Law between now and the end of the year to learn the Treasurer's job. Experience with computers and Quickbooks is a plus. The Treasurer keeps the church's checkbook, pays the bills and payroll, and produces reports for the Finance Committee and Administrative Council. If this is something **YOU** can help with, please contact Pastor David.

### Resources for Bible Study

Palacios UMC is providing everyone an on-line **Bible study library** that has over 2,000 video sessions. There is teaching from a host of well-respected pastors and teachers (like Max Lucado, Dave Ramsey, John Maxwell) on almost every subject that impacts your daily life. You have received an email invitation from Pastor David. Simply accept the invitation and you can log into RIGHTNOW MEDIA and watch any of these 2,000 video sessions for free. If you didn't receive the email or have questions, contact Pastor David. You will have access to this entire library when you need it, whether it's for your personal devotions, for your family (there's a Kids Channel), or a class. This is just another way that Palacios UMC wants to help you live out your faith every day.

### Houston Hospice Volunteer Training

Offered in Weimer Hall on Oct. 7, 14, & 21, from 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM. There is no charge for this training, but pre-registration is required. This is 25 hours of training that includes class time and at-home reading time.

For registration and information, please contact Gloria Garza at 1(800)420-6193.

### Program Hope

Senior Behavioral Health is an outpatient program that provides individualized treatment for older adults who suffer from emotional, behavioral, or mental health disorders. The program provides intensive outpatient treatment Monday through Friday at the Memorial Medical Center in Port Lavaca. Transportation as well as lunch are provided. For more information call, 361 552-0798.

### Overnight Spiritual Retreat

The Coastal Bend District is offering an over-night Spiritual Retreat "Windows of Prayer" at Mustang Island Conference Center on Oct. 17-18. The retreat will be led by Rev. Valli Blair. For more information and registration contact Linda Morrow at linda@coastalbendumc.org. Deadline for registration is Oct. 10.

## Fellowship Luncheon

Okay, FUMC folks, it's finally Fall. Let's celebrate with a **Luncheon on Sunday, October 12**, Columbus Day! The temperature should be cooler, (at least cooler than August's Luncheon). So bring a dish and a healthy appetite and we'll visit and enjoy wonderful fellowship. If you plan to bring a meat/main dish please let Mary Jo know. We hope to see everyone there.



## Youth News

The **Youth Sunday School Class** continues through the fall. We are choosing lessons from the RightNow Media library to use in our class. All youth in middle or high school are invited and welcome to come. The class is led by Barney Gulley and Pastor David.

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## Do You Want to Serve?

**Are you eager to be the hands and feet of Jesus and to serve the body of Christ through the church?**

**Are you called to live out your discipleship as Jesus did in John 13 when He washed the feet of His disciples?**



If you answer YES to either of these questions, you may already BE a Lay Servant!

Lay Servant Ministries (formerly known as Lay Speaking) is an opportunity to serve your church and learn more about scripture, doctrine, heritage and the life of the United Methodist Church.

The name was changed a couple of years ago because many people thought that to be a Lay Speaker meant you had to preach. Changing the name to "Lay Servant" more accurately reflects the three areas of servant leadership:

- Leading—you combine words and actions in leadership roles within your church and community
- Caring—caring for others through visitation of the homebound, serving funeral meals, sending a note of encouragement to someone in crisis
- Communicating—proclaim God's transforming love for a broken world through filling pulpits and assisting in worship

If you are feeling a tug on your heart to explore your gifts in any of these areas, there is an **upcoming training at Grace UMC in Corpus Christi on October 25**. Contact Pastor David or any of the other Lay Speakers in our church if you want more information: Erwin Janszen, Jimmy Neeley, Mike Witte, Josh Harper, Halcy Dean, Barney Gulley or Janie Gulley.

## Monthly Devotional

*Note From The Editor: I was looking for a spiritual column or short devotional to put in the newsletter this month, and I picked up a devotional book I've had for a long time. When I opened it, a piece of paper fell out and the devotional on the page was this one. I believe God puts things on our hearts when we need them, and this devotional seemed to speak to me about our church members and how we are the hands and feet of Christ in our community.*

### The Spiritually Vigorous Saint

"...that I may know Him..." —Philippians 3:10

A saint is not to take the initiative toward self-realization, but toward knowing Jesus Christ. A spiritually vigorous saint never believes that his circumstances simply happen at random, nor does he ever think of his life as being divided into the secular and the sacred.

He sees every situation in which he finds himself as the means of obtaining a greater knowledge of Jesus Christ, and he has an attitude of unrestrained abandon and total surrender about him. The Holy Spirit is determined that we will have the realization of Jesus Christ in every area of our lives and He will bring us back to the same point over and over again until we do. Self-realization only leads to the glorification of good works, whereas a saint of God glorifies Jesus Christ through his good works.

Whatever we may be doing—even eating, drinking, or washing disciples' feet—we have to take the initiative of realizing and recognizing Jesus Christ in it. Every phase of our life has its counterpart in the life of Jesus. Our Lord realized His relationship to the Father even in the most menial task. "Jesus, knowing...that He had come from God and was going to God,...took a towel...and began to wash the disciples' feet...(John 13:3-5).

The aim of a spiritually vigorous saint is "that I may know Him..." Do I know Him where I am today? If not, I am failing Him. I am not here for self-realization, but to know Jesus Christ. In Christian work our initiative and motivation are too often simply the result of realizing that there is work to be done and that we must do it. Yet that is never the attitude of a spiritually vigorous saint. His aim is to achieve the realization of Jesus Christ in every set of circumstances.

--Oswald Chambers, "My Utmost for His Highest"

## Church Calendar for October



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| <p>1 Hand Bells in Sanctuary, 5:30 PM<br/>Choir in Sanctuary, 6:30 PM</p> <p>2 Ladies Bible Study, Weimer Hall,<br/>10:00 AM</p> <p>5 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost<br/>Scriptures: Exodus 16:2-15;<br/>Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45 or Psalm 78<br/>World Communion Sunday</p> <p>7 Hospice Volunteer Training, Weimer Hall, 9:00AM-3:30 PM</p> <p>8 Hand Bells in Sanctuary, 5:30 PM<br/>Choir in Sanctuary, 6:30 PM</p> <p>9 Ladies Bible Study, Weimer Hall, 10:00 AM</p> <p>12 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost<br/>Scriptures: Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 78:104, 12016<br/>Men's Breakfast, First Baptist Church, 7:30 AM</p> <p>13 Columbus Day</p> <p>14 Hospice Volunteer Training, Weimer Hall, 9:00 AM-3:30 PM<br/>Finance Committee in Weimer Hall, 6:00 PM<br/>Administrative Council in Weimer Hall, 7:00 PM</p> <p>15 Hand Bells in Sanctuary, 5:30 PM<br/>Choir in Sanctuary, 6:30 PM</p> | <p>16 Ladies Bible Study, Weimer Hall, 10:00 AM<br/>United Methodist Women, Weimer Hall, 12:00 Noon</p> <p>17 Crossroads Emmaus Gathering, Palacios UMC, 6:30 PM</p> <p>17-18 District Spiritual Retreat, Mustang<br/>Island Conference Center, "Windows of Prayer"</p> <p>18 Monstrous 5K Benefit for Boys and Girls Club</p> <p>18-19 Pastor David in College Station</p> <p>19 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost<br/>Laity Sunday, Josh Harper, preaching</p> <p>21 Hospice Volunteer Training, Weimer Hall, 9:00 AM-3:30 PM</p> <p>22 Hand Bells in Sanctuary, 5:30 PM<br/>Choir in Sanctuary, 6:30 PM</p> <p>23 Ladies Bible Study, Weimer Hall, 10:00 AM</p> <p>25 Harvest Moon Library Fundraiser</p> <p>25 Lay Servant Ministry training, Basic and Advanced courses,<br/>Grace UMC, Corpus Christi 8:30-5:30</p> <p>26 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost<br/>Scriptures: Exodus 20:1-20; Psalm 19</p> <p>28 Pastor David in El Campo for District Committee on<br/>Ordained Ministry</p> <p>29 Hand Bells in Sanctuary, 5:30 PM<br/>Choir in Sanctuary, 6:30 PM</p> <p>30 Ladies Bible Study, Weimer Hall, 10:00 AM</p> |
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### Dates on the horizon to remember:

- **November 2**—Church Conference following worship
- **November 8**—Cultural Sensitivity Training at Asbury UMC in Corpus Christi, 9:00 AM to Noon
- **November 9**—Cluster Church Conference at FUMC Port Lavaca, 3-5 PM
- **November 15**—UMW Holiday Bazaar and Chicken Spaghetti Dinner

## Celebrations in October

### Birthdays:

2—Jason Miller, 4—Ansley Kubecka, 5—Michele Colura, 8—Lori King,  
17—Mike Witte, 18—Jody Kubecka, 21—Ney Oldham III, 25—Marion  
Frances Simon, Jim Davidson, 29—Betty Janszen, 31—Debbie Poessel,  
David King

### Anniversaries:

28—Chuck and Julie Frankson, 29—Dwayne and Cheryl Lutz



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## Joys and Concerns

We send congratulations to **Brent Kunefke**, son of Vanessa and Lennie Kunefke, who will marry Kylie Kerlin in Round Rock, TX, on October 4, 2014. The couple will reside in League City, TX.

Our sympathies go out to the family and friends of **Charles Luther** who died on August 23.

Our sympathies are also extended to the family of **Gay Harrison**, mother of Sandy Miller who died on September 9.

And thanks to everyone who helped make Gay's service on September 12 in our Sanctuary and the reception at the Parish Hall of St. John's Episcopal Church such a wonderful event for the family.

## Assisting with Worship in October

Liturgist—Josh Harper

Greeters—Bill and Maxine Kubecka

Ushers—Bill Miller and Mark Kubecka

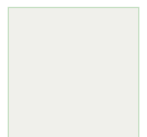
## Newsletter Articles for November

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

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