

September 2014

Church Chat

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From the Pastor's Desk

Growing up, my brothers and I were told stories about two of our great grandfathers. One was a deputy marshal and cattleman in north Texas. The other an inventor in Ohio and Illinois. One had a run in with Billy the Kid and the other competed with Alexander Graham Bell for the patent on the telephone.

Lori and I have passed these stories and more on to Simon and Ruth. And it's a pretty good bet that they will pass them on to their children. But why? Why do we share these family stories?

These stories help give each generation a place in the timeline of history. These stories help shape an understanding of who we are, where we came from, the kind of people who contributed to our genetic makeup, and the kind of people we take after.

This fall, we as a church will begin looking at the stories that give us the same thing. They are our family stories. Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob's stories inform us as to where we came from, why we are here, and the kind of people we can be in God's family.

We're going to focus on the story of Moses in the book of Exodus and the songs of God's people in the Psalms. I hope that we can recapture that sense of identity as God's people in the long timeline of human history and God's eternity. I hope that we can regain that sense of purpose that God sought to instill in the children of Israel as they left slavery behind in Egypt and moved out in faith toward freedom. And I hope that we can rediscover what it means to be God's people, depending upon God's providence and God's leadership.

And most of all, I hope that as we read these stories we will see ourselves and our current situation and that we will learn from them how to move forward faithfully.

I am so pleased and proud to be
your pastor,

David

Help (Still) Wanted

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 the Administrative Council.

If you feel this is something that you would like to learn, please contact Pastor David.



Wesley Nurse News



The Palacios HUB will be offering **free yoga classes** during the lunch hour. Fridays will be for beginners and Wednesdays will be for intermediate level. Please come join us!

The **Diaper Pantry** will open September 23. I will be here Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Anyone in need can pick up diapers and receive a small educational program. There will be a limit of one pack a month while supplies last.

Save the date of **September 24 for Blood Pressure and Blood Sugar** screening, at the HUB, 12pm-2pm.

My new office hours for Palacios are Tuesdays 9am-1pm and Wednesdays 9am-3pm. There will be days that I may not be here because of meetings out of town or I may be at the HUB. I will be in San Antonio for training September 9-12. If you need to see me at a different time, please call me at 361-987-2071 to make an appointment or email me at lmachicek@mhm.org. Also, please feel free to call or text me anytime on my cell: 361-571-1044.

-Leslie Machicek, Wesley Nurse

Church Calendar for September



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| 1 | - Labor Day Holiday, Office Closed | - Sunday School, 9:00 AM |
| 3 | - Hand Bells Sanctuary, 5:30 PM | - Worship in Sanctuary, 10:00 AM |
| | - Choir Practice Sanctuary, 6:30 PM | - Hand Bells Sanctuary, 5:30 PM |
| 4 | - Ladies Bible Study in Weimer Hall, 10:00 AM | - Choir Practice Sanctuary, 6:30 PM |
| | - Quintanilla/Montalvo Wedding in the Sanctuary, 10:00 AM | - Ladies Bible Study, Weimer Hall, 10:00 AM |
| 6 | - | - United Methodist Women, Weimer Hall, 12 Noon |
| 7 | - 13 th Sunday after Pentecost | - Crossroads Emmaus Gathering, 6:30 PM, Port Lavaca UMC |
| | - Exodus 1:8-2:10, Psalm 124 | |
| | - Sunday School, 9:00 AM | |
| 9 | - Worship in Sanctuary, 10:00 AM | - 15 th Sunday after Pentecost |
| | - Finance Committee, Weimer Hall, 6:00 PM | - Exodus 12:1-14, Psalm 149 |
| | - Administrative Council, Weimer Hall, 7:00 PM | - Sunday School, 9:00 AM |
| 10 | - Hand Bells Sanctuary, 5:30 PM | - Worship in Sanctuary, 10:00 AM |
| | - Choir Practice Sanctuary, 6:30 PM | - Hand Bells Sanctuary, 5:30 PM |
| 11 | - Ladies Bible Study in Weimer Hall, 10:00 AM | - Choir Practice Sanctuary, 6:30 PM |
| | - Palacios UMC helps with Fifth Quarter at First Baptist Church, 10 PM to Midnight | - Ladies Bible Study, Weimer Hall, 10:00 AM |
| 12 | - | - Palacios Community Medical Center Box Supper |
| | - Palacios UMC helps with Fifth Quarter at First Baptist Church, 10 PM to Midnight | - Coastal Bend District Clergy Family Picnic, Mathis |
| 14 | - 14 th Sunday after Pentecost | |
| | - Exodus 3:1-15, Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c | - 16 th Sunday after Pentecost |
| | - Men's Breakfast at Trinity Baptist, 7:30 AM | - Exodus 14:19-31, Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21 |
| | | - Sunday School, 9:00 AM |
| | | - Worship in Sanctuary, 10:00 AM |

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

United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women will hold their Fall kickoff luncheon and program on **Thursday, September 18**. We invite all women to come to Weimer Hall at **noon** for fellowship and a great program! Bring your

lunch to eat while we meet! All women are welcome, and we do our best to keep the meeting to an hour so those who work can get out by 1:00!



Bible Study Resources Available

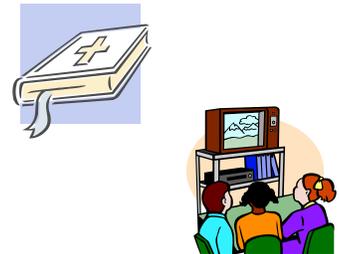
Palacios UMC is providing everyone an on-line Bible study library that has over 2,000 video sessions. There is teaching from a host of well-respected pastors and teachers (like Max Lucado, Dave Ramsey, and John Maxwell) on almost every subject that impacts your daily life.

You have received an email invitation from Pastor David. Simply accept the invitation and you can log in to RIGHTNOW MEDIA and watch any of these 2,000 video sessions for free.

If you didn't received 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 is a Kids Channel available), or a class.

This is just another way that Palacios UMC wants to help you live out your faith every day.

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UMCmarket Website is New and Improved

There is a new and easier to use website for UMCmarket. In order to make the program more easily accessible, the website is back to www.umcmarket.org. With clear navigation, the new website offers you a simple way to shop online and receive a donation to your church or ministry.

The new website offers the **Easy Give Button** for desktop computers, which will make sure you never forget to donate to your ministry. By downloading the Easy Give Button, the shopping process is even easier! When you go to our

participating store websites, the browser icon will show that you are activated and ready to shop!

We value our members and strive to ensure each shopping experience is a great one so that you can give more, reach more, and do more. Our Customer Service team has been strengthened with cheerful, prompt, and knowledgeable support for any questions you might have regarding the website, program, or donations. So far, your using this website has raised **\$314.99** for **Palacios UMC!**



Youth News

The **Youth Sunday School Class continues** through the summer. The September lessons are: "The Bible is About...Right Relationships, Helping Others, God's Compassion, and Worshipping God." The class meets in Weimer Hall at 9:00 AM. All youth in middle or high school are invited and welcome to come. The class is led by Barney Gulley and Pastor David.

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 **First United Methodist in Port Lavaca** on **September 19** starting at 6:30 pm. If you are interested in learning about Emmaus, this is a good way to get started. If you want to carpool, contact the Gulley's.

Adult Sunday School Class

The Adult Sunday School Class meets in the Parlor at 9:00 AM. We will be starting a study of the book of Romans on **September 14**.

On **September 21**, we are having a potluck breakfast during the SS hour. Please come join us!

Upcoming Events and Announcements

Houston Hospice Volunteer Training will be offered in Weimer Hall on October 7, 14, and 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 forms or any questions, please contact Pastor David.

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 is provided. For more information, call 361-552-0798.

FOR SALE: The metal Carport in the parking lot next to the Mission House is for sale. Please submit a sealed bid to the church office or to Bill Miller. The minimum bid is \$250. The deadline for bids is Sunday, September 21.

Answering Your Questions about Apportionments

In an ongoing series for the newsletter, we are looking at the five different categories of where we apportion money. In the United Methodist Church, apportionments are our share of the cost of being the United Methodist Church in ministry around the world today.

One of the items on our apportionments is for **General and Jurisdictional conference**. The goal is to reach the church mission together.



- **21 cents** of every apportioned dollar goes to the General and Jurisdictional area.

There are four main areas of support for the General and Jurisdictional monies:

- World Service: Allowing the Connection--The World Service Fund is the backbone of the Agencies of the General Church, whose aim is to flourish in the four ministry goals of the Council of Bishops:
 - **Poverty** - Fifty (50) native leaders will be trained and placed with strategic mission partners in poor areas, with special emphasis placed on responding to the critical needs of women and children.
 - **Global Health** - Reduce by 66% the number of malaria-related deaths of children under the age of 5 by working with international partners.
 - **New and Existing Congregations** - Recruit 1,000 new church planters to “seed” 650 new churches in the United States, specifically targeting 50% of those to be racial and ethnic congregations.
 - **Develop Christian Leadership** - The church must recruit young people for ministry and provide them with the skills necessary to be effective in this new time of opportunity. That includes women and people of color the world over. Similarly, we must offer leadership training for lay people who are in ministry in countless ways.
- Africa University-- Supports a Christian university in Africa where Christian leaders are trained. Africans from across the continent come together at Africa University to learn about Christ, and to learn about church leadership.
 - For the 2010-11 Academic year, 1,098 students from 27 countries were enrolled
 - 49.6% were women, 50.4% were men
- Ministerial Education Fund--Ministerial Education Funds provide financial support for the recruitment of and ongoing education of clergy at the general level and at the local annual conference including scholarships.
- The Lydia Patterson Institute--Located in El Paso, it has historically provided most of the pastors to Spanish-speaking congregations in Texas.

In the coming months, we will look at Conference Benevolences.

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Assisting With Worship in September

Those assisting with worship in September are:

Liturgist: Barney Gulley

Ushers: Lucille Remlinger and Betty Janszen

Greeters: Margie Holst and Myra Brhlik

September Celebrations

Birthdays in September: 2—Miss Murphy, Paula Morey, 4—Bill Law, 5—Lee Schuetz, 6—Rosie Jewell, Brent Kunefke, 7—Lucille Remlinger, 8—John Turner, 10—Jacob Cuellar, Brittany Kubecka Werner, 12—Jovanne Han, 16—Cathy McCauley, 18—Pat Jewell, 20—Ty Kubecka, 22—Linda Bates, Stuart Johnson, 23—Rita Cepak, Margie Griffin, 24—Frances Neitsch, 25—Ryan Kubecka, 29—Betty Janszen, 30—Bailey Elizabeth Kubecka, Glenn Howard

Anniversaries in September: 4—JD and Isabel Greenawalt

Did we miss a birthday or anniversary? Contact Janie Gulley at 361-972-3185 or

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