

# Church Chat

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## From the Pastor's Desk

This is one of those Bad News/Good News/Bad News/Good News sort of messages that pastors have to deliver every so often.

The Bad News is the central AC at the Parsonage finally broke down and was beyond repair so it had to be replaced.

The Good News is the church had the money in the Johnson Fund to pay for it. And the new system is in and working great thanks to Bill & Melissa Law.

The Bad News is that the almost \$10,000 that it cost to replace the system cut the Johnson Fund in half, leaving only about \$10,000 for the next large emergency expense.

The Good News is that some of you have the heart and the head to know that churches need to have some kind of cash reserves to handle unforeseen emergencies like an AC system going out. And I know that some of you will want to help replenish the Johnson Fund so that we can handle the next big expense without going into an emergency plea to the congregation.

The Bad News is that there are aging AC units in the Sanctuary and the day will come when they will need to be replaced. It's not a matter of if but when that day will come.

The Good News is that I know we will find a way to be fiscally responsible and have the funds available when that happens.

That's just one of the reasons I am so thankful and proud to be your pastor,

**David**

## Announcements

**Youth Sunday School**—will resume meeting on Sunday, September 6. 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.

**Youth Fellowship**—will meet on Sunday, September 13 at 6:00 PM to make plans for the new year.

**Adult Sunday School**—is reading and discussing the Gospel of John. They meet in the

Parlor at 9:00 AM each Sunday morning, led by Josh Harper.

**Hand Bells**—will meet at 5:30 PM each Wednesday to practice in Weimer Hall until the temperatures moderate.

**Chancel Choir**—will practice at 8:45 AM on Sunday mornings in the Sanctuary until the temperatures moderate.

## United Methodist Women

United Methodist Women will be resuming our regular program and meeting schedule on **Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at noon** in Weimer Hall.

Please come join us for an interesting program and bring a sack lunch as we fellowship and start our new program year!



## Walk to Emmaus/Chrysalis

The next Crossroads Walk is a **Men's Walk to Emmaus on April 14-17, 2016**. The next **women's walk is 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 **September 18 at 6:30 PM** at **First United Methodist Church in Port Lavaca** for potluck dinner and worship. Contact the Gulleys if you would like to carpool.

## 2015 Finance Committee Update

The Finance Committee is pleased to present the current financial report to the Congregation. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any Finance Committee member.

2015		July	Year to Date	YTD Budget
<b>Income</b>	Offerings & Memorials	\$ 10,193	\$ 87,382	\$ 88,783
	Rent	\$ 650	\$ 4,550	\$ 4,550
	Oil Well	\$ 0	\$ 1,396	\$ 2,100
	Other	\$ 0	\$ 65	\$ 87
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 10,843</b>	<b>\$ 93,393</b>	<b>\$ 95,520</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	Apportionments	\$ 359	\$ 5,353	\$ 11,147
	Pastor Salary	\$ 5,323	\$ 36,984	\$ 37,415
	Staff Salary	\$ 2,159	\$ 17,727	\$ 17,319
	Operating Expenses	\$ 3,145	\$ 24,593	\$ 23,829
	Program Expenses	\$ 1,261	\$ 1,798	\$ 1,108
	Capital Expenses	\$ 474	\$ 5,848	\$ 4,702
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 12,721</b>	<b>\$ 92,303</b>	<b>\$ 95,520</b>
<b>Balance</b>		<b>\$ (1,878)</b>	<b>\$ 1,090</b>	<b>\$ --</b>

## Special Thanks

Special thanks to those who helped with Kathy Curtis: the Reverend David King, Sherry Kelley, Gene and Cindi Young, Heather Curtis, Tony Garcia, Will Mozley, Diane Rojas, Darlene Biffle, and my mom and dad, Marvin and Barbara Curtis.

Also, thanks to those who helped on the day of her memorial: Erwin Janszen, Larry Dillard, Billy Dolezal, Linda Contreras, and to Betty Janszen and all those who worked in the kitchen and those who brought food: Candice Neese, Sherri Seaman, Marty Rieck, Carolyn Johnson, Landra VandenBergh, Leala Kahlich, Myra Brhlik, Janie Gulley, Thelma Holloway, Donna Dillard, Linda Curtis, Isabel Greenawalt, Susan Greenawalt, Carolyn Kubecka, Carol Singer, Mary Jo Neeley, Sandy Miller.

Thanks so much,  
Robby Curtis

## Wesley Nurse News

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



### Fan Drive and Diaper Pantry—

Tuesdays 1-4 PM

- Tuesday, September 1, 4 PM—Teen Support Group, Teen Center
- Thursday, September 3, 10:30 AM-12—Blood Pressure and Blood Sugar Screen, HUB
- Tuesday, September 15, 4 PM—Teen Support Group, Teen Center
- Thursday, September 17, 10:AM-12—Blood Pressure and Blood Sugar Screenings, HUB

I am collecting **smoke detectors** and **9 volt batteries** for the November and December Smoke Detector Drive. We need a lot of these!

**Flu vaccines** will be in soon! I am working with Walgreens to provide a flu vaccine drive in October.

Thank you,

--Leslie Machicek, Wesley Nurse



## Church Calendar for September

- 1 Staff-Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) meets in Weimer Hall, 5:00 PM
- 2 Membership to Discipleship Workshop at St. Johns UMC in Corpus Christi  
Hand Bells in Weimer Hall, 5:30 PM
- 3 Ladies Bible Study, Weimer Hall, 10:00 AM
- 6 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Communion Sunday  
Scriptures: Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23; Psalm 125; James 2:1-17; **Mark 7:24-37**  
Chancel Choir in Sanctuary, 8:45 AM  
Sunday School, 9:00 AM; Worship, 10:00 AM
- 7 Labor Day Holiday, Church Office Closed
- 8 Finance Committee Meeting, 6:00 PM, Weimer Hall  
Administrative Council Meeting, 7:00 PM, Weimer Hall
- 9 Hand Bells in Weimer Hall, 5:30 PM
- 10 Ladies Bible Study, Weimer Hall, 10:00 AM
- 13 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Scriptures: Proverbs 1:20-33; Psalm 19; James 3:1-12;  
**Mark 8:27-38**  
Men's Breakfast at Trinity Baptist Church, 7:30 AM  
Chancel Choir in Sanctuary, 8:45 AM  
Sunday School 9:00 AM, Worship, 10:00 AM
- 16 Hand Bells in Weimer Hall, 5:30 PM
- 17 Ladies Bible Study, Weimer Hall, 10:00 AM  
United Methodist Women, Weimer Hall, 12 Noon
- 18 Crossroads Emmaus Gathering, Port Lavaca UMC, 6:30 PM
- 19-20 Pastor David in Freer
- 20 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost—Erwin Janszen, Preaching  
Scriptures: Proverbs 31:10-31; Psalm 1; James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a; Mark 9:30-37  
Chancel Choir in Sanctuary, 8:45 AM  
Sunday School, 9:00 AM; Worship, 10:00 AM
- 23 Hand Bells in Weimer Hall, 5:30 PM
- 24 Ladies Bible Study, Weimer Hall, 10:00 AM  
Palacios Community Medical Center Box Supper Fundraiser
- 24-26 Pastor David in College Station
- 27 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Scriptures: Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22; Psalm 124;  
James 5:13-20; **Mark 9:38-50**  
Chancel Choir in Sanctuary, 8:45 AM  
Sunday School, 9:00 AM; Worship, 10:00 AM  
Church Conference immediately following Worship
- 29-30 Pastor David in San Antonio
- 30 Hand Bells in Weimer Hall, 5:30 PM

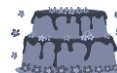
### Dates on the horizon to remember:

- October 4—Coastal Bend Cloud/Cluster Conference in Sanctuary, 3:00 PM
- October 11—Men's Breakfast at First Baptist Church, 7:30 AM
- October 11—Fellowship Luncheon following Worship
- October 13—Finance Committee and Administrative Council meetings in Weimer Hall
- October 15—UMW in Weimer Hall, Noon
- October 16-17—Coastal Bend District Spiritual Retreat at Mustang Island Conference Center
- October 18—Laity Sunday
- October 24—Lay Servant Ministries training in Corpus Christi
- October 30-31—Pastor David out of town

## Celebrations in September

### Birthdays:

2—Miss Murphy; 4—Bill Law; 5—Lee Schuetz; 6—Rosie Jewell; 8—John Turner; 10—Brittany Werner; 16—Cathy McCauley; 18—Pat Jewell; 20—Ty Kubecka; 22—Stuart Johnson, Linda Bates Curtis; 23—Margie Griffin; 29—Betty Janszen; 30—Bailey Elizabeth Kubecka



## Peacock Family Mission

Dear David and the FUMC Palacios family,

We are so thankful and excited for your partnership with our family! It has been almost 2 months since we landed in Germany. Dale is finishing his second month of language school and I am getting the kids ready to start school in a few short weeks. We are slowly building relationships with our German neighbors and visiting German speaking churches

in our area. We want to join with the congregations already working to reach our neighborhood and community and are looking for a new congregation to call home.

I wanted you to know that we are praying for you today (we pray for each of our partners specifically one day a month). Please let me know if there is anything specific we can be praying for. We couldn't be here without your partnership and are so thankful for you!

Dale and Miranda Peacock

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**Joys and Concerns**

Our deepest sympathies go out to the family and friends of **Crystal Kathy Curtis**, who died on August 2. Kathy is the wife of Robby Curtis, the son of Barbara and Marvin Curtis. Thanks to Betty Janszen and all the others who helped with the reception in

Weimer Hall following the memorial service.

Our sympathies also go out the family and friends of **Sandra Glen** who passed away on August 27. Funeral arrangements are pending at this time.

**Thank You!**

Once again the ladies of the church responded in a loving way. A Big Thank You goes out to all the ladies for the food and help in the kitchen for the Kathy Curtis Memorial meal.

--Betty Janszen

**Assisting with Worship in September**

Liturgist—Ken Johnson

Greeters—Myra Brhlik and Margie Holst

Ushers—Shelly Johs and Bill Kubecka

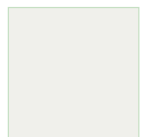
**Newsletter Articles for October**

If you have an article or announcement for the October newsletter, please get the information to Janie Gulley **by September 24**: 972-3185 or janiegulley@hotmail.com.

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