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A Note From Your Pastor, April 2019

The Lord be with you! This is not an easy article to write, and I ask for grace and understanding as we discuss transitions. Beginning July 1, I will be the new pastor at First UMC in La Grange. On that same day, Rev. David McNitzky will become your new Senior Pastor.

The question surrounding this transition is 'why'? I will do my best to explain the rationale behind this move. Let me begin by expressing my gratitude for you and the ministry opportunities at Manchaca. You are an amazing congregation with a compassionate heart for the least, the last, and the lost. Your support for the Youth at Akins experiencing homelessness is evidence of the gospel at work and an example for other churches to follow. You have an amazing staff that works hard to provide effective programing and spiritual growth. I will miss this congregation and the wonderful opportunities you provide to advance the kingdom.

But again, why a change in the senior pastor position? The simple answer is that I believe it is time for Manchaca to receive fresh leadership when it comes to clergy appointments. I asked the Bishop to consider moving me because I felt a new appointment at Manchaca would help the church in its next steps for growth and outreach. Rev. McNitzky is just such a person to fit the needs of Manchaca. For the last 25 years, he served as senior pastor at Alamo Heights UMC in San Antonio. His experience and leadership will be an amazing addition to this congregation.

I thank you for your outpouring of love and support in these past weeks. This was not an easy decision for me to make, but I do so because I believe it is what's best for me and for Manchaca. Again, I ask for grace and understanding.

In my remaining time, I will be working with the Build-Serve-Grow leadership team in Phase 2 of our goal to renovate areas of our church. Our heart and eyes are on the Family Life Center and areas within the main church building. This project has my full support and I humbly ask that you support these noble efforts to make our facilities as inviting and functional as possible. Visit our church's website and click on the '**BSG Information Center**' to view all the information regarding this campaign.

As I ask for your prayers, I am reminded of what the Apostle Paul said to the church in Corinth. Long ago, that church went through a similar time of transition with its leadership. In his final message to the church Paul said, "*Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love.*" (1 Cor. 16: 13)

In Christ's Service,

Andy

Town Hall Meeting Regarding the 2019 UMC General Conference

On Sunday, April 7 after the 11 am worship services, everyone is invited to a town hall meeting in the main sanctuary to reflect upon the events of the recent General Conference meeting in St. Louis. It was hoped that this Conference would provide a way forward with how the church ministers with and includes those of the LGBTQ community. Our town hall will discuss the events of the General Conference and reflect upon ways we can respond in light of the decisions made.



WORSHIP AND FINE ARTS



Daily Scripture

Week of April 1

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| Monday | Isaiah 43:16-19a |
| Tuesday | Isaiah 43:19b-21 |
| Wednesday | Psalm 126:1-3 |
| Thursday | Psalm 126:4-6 |
| Friday | Philippians 3:4b-14 |
| Saturday | Philippians 3:4b-14 |
| Sunday | Isaiah 43:16-21 Psalm 126 Philippians 3:4b-14 John 12:1-8 |

Week of April 8

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| Monday | Isaiah 50:4-9a |
| Tuesday | Isaiah 50:4-9a |
| Wednesday | Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 |
| Thursday | Philippians 2:5-11 |
| Friday | Philippians 2:5-11 |
| Saturday | Luke 19:28-40 |
| Palm Sunday | |
| Sunday | Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 Philippians 2:5-11 Luke 19:28-40 |

Week of April 15

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| Monday | John 12:1-11 |
| Tuesday | John 12:20-36 |
| Wednesday | John 13:21-32 |
| Thursday | John 13:1-7, 31b-35 |
| Good Friday | |
| Friday | John 19:16-30, Isaiah 53:1-5 |
| Saturday | John 19:38-42 |
| Easter Sunday | |
| Sunday | Acts 10:34-43 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 John 20:1-18 |

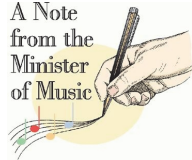
Week of April 22

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| Monday | Acts 5:27-32 |
| Tuesday | Acts 5:27-32 |
| Wednesday | John 20:19-31 |
| Thursday | John 20:24-31 |
| Friday | Revelation 1:4-8 |
| Saturday | Revelation 1:4-8 |
| Sunday | Acts 5:27-32 Psalm 150 Revelation 1:4-8 John 20:19-31 |

Week of April 29

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| Monday | Acts 9:1-16 |
| Tuesday | Acts 9:16-20 |

A Note
from the
Minister
of Music



My daughter and I have become fans of a show called “Chef’s Table.” Unlike other cooking shows, “Chef’s Table” documents the lives of chefs from around the world, sharing their stories and offering insight into their personal struggles and philosophies. In a recent episode, the chef being documented was female Indian chef who opened a restaurant, staffed by all women cooks, in London. One of the dishes which the program showed her making was “biryani” which is a rice dish which includes meat and a variety of spices cooked together in a large pot. In this episode the chef, Asma Khan, assemble all the ingredients in the pot then sealed the pot with some sort of bread dough. The dish cooked sealed in the pot, without the chef being able to look in the pot. The chef had to have faith in the cooking process and know when the dish would be completed. Life is sometimes like cooking biryani. All our experiences, thoughts, dreams, relationships, etc., all go into the “pot” we call “life.” We really never know how it will turn out, but we have to have faith that the master chef, God, knows the recipe and that all will turn out. One thing I have learned about watching “Chef’s Table” is that a skilled chef can take ingredients which we make think ordinary or even incompatible and make a gourmet meal. We might not know exactly how the final product may turn out, but we have to have faith that God knows the recipe.

– Mark Hixon, Director of Music and Fine Arts

Holy Thursday Seder Meal, April 18

In Jewish tradition, the Seder relives the enslavement and subsequent Exodus of the Children of Israel from Ancient Egypt. The night in the upper room before Jesus was arrested, the disciples were preparing for the Passover Seder. On Thursday, April 18 at 7 p.m. members of the congregation will gather in the Family Life Center around “family tables” and experience portions of the Seder celebration through readings, songs, and ritual. Dinner will be included. A love offering will be taken. This event is sponsored by the Worship and Fine Arts Team.

Good Friday Service and Fauré’s “Requiem”

A Requiem Mass is traditionally a mass, or service, that is offered for someone who has died. The name is derived from the first words of the Introit, (“Requiem aeternam” - “Grant them rest eternal”) which is often the first movement. On Friday, April 19, the Sanctuary Choir will present Fauré’s “Requiem” as part of the Good Friday service. The service will take place in the Sanctuary at 7 p.m.

Children’s Choir presents “Fat, Fat Jehoshaphat” April 28

On Sunday, April 28 during the 8:30 and 11 a.m. services the Children’s Choir will tell the story of Jehoshaphat. Jehoshaphat is a king who is mentioned in the Old Testament. In Second Chronicles, the story is told of Jehoshaphat and the nation of Judah facing a great conflict. “Fat, Fat Jehoshaphat” is a musical which tells how Jehoshaphat turns his people back to the Lord and helps them keep faith when disaster looms. Don’t miss this special presentation and learn more about the power of prayer.

Worship Opportunities

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Sunday
Traditional Services
Sanctuary
Rev. Andy Smith preaching

9:45 - 10:45 a.m. Sunday
Sunday School
for all ages
Various Classrooms

11:00 a.m. Sunday
Life on the Road
Family Life Center
Contemporary Worship



STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS

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We Pray for...

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| Sam Arhelger | James Kennedy |
| Ashley Brown | Jackie Kerr |
| Hannah Butler | Frank Mathews |
| Byrony & Family | Ethan McBride |
| Donna Carlson | Chris & Allen McKean |
| Tina Carter | Bobby Meador |
| Betty Chase | Dick Meyer |
| Ned Coleman | Mark Monteith |
| Kristine Ehrlich | Charlotte Morahan |
| Tyler Farmer | Tish Moulton |
| David Fegan | Dorma Nickels |
| Rene Garcia | Pat Nixon-Gunn |
| Odette Gibbs | Mike O'Dell |
| Amanda Glass | Karola Paul |
| Imogene Gray | Peggy |
| Kyle Grimshaw | Rev. Mimi Raper |
| Kristi Guilbeaux Family | Katrina Roberts |
| James Guthrie | Aliya Rosegreen |
| Tena Hammond | Deborah Sanders |
| Robin Hansen | Cathy Sandoval |
| Kevin Henderson Family | Christi Sontag |
| Lee Herring | Josie Stevens |
| Susan Hilburn | Wanda Summers |
| Alycia Howell | Adrienne Thel |
| Angel Jackson | Emmett Thomason |
| Norma Jacobson | Dean & Rita Thompson |
| Jolly James | Robert Todd |
| Jennifer | Carolyn Vail |
| Julie Jerome | Ray Vaughn |
| Eleanor Jett | B. A. Wilcoxson |
| Forest & M'Liss Jordan | Bobbye Word |



Names are removed from prayer list each month unless otherwise requested.

Sympathy to...

Mark Williams and Family, on the loss of Mark's wife, **Sheila Williams**.



We Celebrate the Baptism of...

Sophia Rose Olejar, daughter of **Kevin and Natalie Olejar**.



Attendance

| | |
|-----------------------------|-----|
| Sunday 2-24-19 | 303 |
| Sunday School | 173 |
| Visitors | 63 |
| First time visitors 1 | |
| Sunday 3-3-19 | 262 |
| Sunday School | 171 |
| Visitors | 32 |
| First time visitors 0 | |
| Sunday 3-10-19 | 278 |
| Sunday School | 144 |
| Visitors | 41 |
| First time visitors 6 | |
| Sunday 3-17-19 | 250 |
| Sunday School | 117 |
| Visitors | 33 |
| First time visitors 1 | |

Financial Report



JANUARY

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|---------------------------|--------------|
| Operating Income | \$ 67,728.94 |
| Operating Expenses | \$ 64,918.26 |
| Net Op. Gain | \$ 2,810.68 |

YTD (January)

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|---------------------------|--------------|
| Operating Income | \$ 67,728.94 |
| Operating Expenses | \$ 64,918.26 |
| Net Op. Gain | \$ 2,810.68 |

January Special Offering Rec'd

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|----------------------------|-------------|
| Food Pantry | \$ 810.00 |
| Build-Serve-Grow | \$ 7,805.00 |
| Debt Reduction | \$ 1,575.00 |
| Missions | \$ 229.00 |
| Alter Rail Offerings | \$ 350.00 |
| Scholarships | \$ 500.00 |
| Youth Ministries | \$ 135.00 |
| Memorials | \$ 60.00 |

The Church's financial reports are available for review, by any Church member, in the Church's office, during normal working hours. Please contact Dick for assistance and to make an appointment.

Calendar of Events

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| Coloring Café -10 am | Mon, Apr 1 |
| Staff Meeting -1 pm | Mon, Apr 1 |
| Build Serve Grow Team-7 pm | Mon, Apr 1 |
| Open Hearts -7 pm | Tues, Apr 2 |
| Stephen Ministry Leaders -9 am | Thurs, Apr 4 |
| Town Hall re: Gen. Conf. -noon | Sun, Apr 7 |
| Stephen Ministry Supervision -1:30 pm | Sun, Apr 7 |
| Prayer Shawl Ministry -6 pm | Mon, Apr 8 |
| Tween Ministry (FISH) -6:30 pm | Wed, Apr 10 |
| Daytime Bunko -1 pm | Thurs, Apr 11 |
| Church Council -7 pm | Thurs, Apr 11 |
| Women of the Word -9:30 am | Fri, Apr 12 |
| Habitat Methodist Build -8 am | Sat, Apr 13 |
| Caring Kids at Marbridge -10 am | Sat, Apr 13 |
| PALM SUNDAY/Bring Silver Savers. Sun, Apr 14 | |
| Last Day-Youth Stock Sales -9:30 am | Sun, Apr 14 |
| Pastor's Coffee -9:45 am | Sun, Apr 14 |
| Coloring Café -10 am | Mon, Apr 15 |
| Staff Meeting -1 pm | Mon, Apr 15 |
| SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE | |
| IN OFFICE NO LATER THAN 5 PM. Mon, Apr 15 | |
| NEWSLETTER DEADLINE -noon. Tues, Apr 16 | |
| SEDER MEAL/SVC -7 pm FLC | Thurs, Apr 18 |
| GOOD FRI SERVICE -7pm | Fri, Apr 19 |
| EASTER SUNRISE SVC -6:45 am | Sun, Apr 21 |
| TRAD. EASTER SVC -8:30 & 11 am | Sun, Apr 21 |
| EGGSTRAVAGANZA -9:45 am | Sun, Apr 21 |
| PRAISE EASTER SERVICE -11 am | Sun, Apr 21 |
| Stephen Ministry Supervision -1:30 pm | Sun, Apr 21 |
| Prayer Shawl Ministry -10 am | Mon, Apr 22 |
| Missions Commission -7 pm | Mon, Apr 22 |
| FLAMS -9 am | Wed, Apr 24 |
| Daytime Bunko -1 pm | Thurs, Apr 25 |
| Women of the Word -9:30 am | Fri, Apr 26 |
| Recycling -9 am | Sat, Apr 27 |
| Mother's Day Carnation sale -8 am-12.. | Sun, Apr 28 |
| Children's Choir Musical -8:30/11 am | Sun, Apr 28 |
| College Care donations due | Sun, Apr 28 |

Adult Classes

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|---|-------------|
| GriefShare -1:30 pm (thru 4/14) | Sun |
| Short Stories By Jesus -3 pm (thru 4/7) | Sun |
| Wordspirations -4 pm (thru 4/7) | Mon, Apr 22 |
| Disciple Fast Track -7 pm (thru 4/16) | Tues |
| Never Alone -9:30 am | Wed |

Recurring Events

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| Worship - Sanctuary -8:30 am | Sun |
| Sunday School -9:45 am | Sun |
| Worship - Sanctuary -11 am | Sun |
| Worship - Family Life Center -11 am | Sun |
| UMYF -3 pm | Sun |
| Children's Choirs -4:30 pm | Sun |
| Bulletin Deadline -noon | Mon |
| HS Youth Bible Study -6:30 pm | Mon |
| AA -7:30 pm | Mon |
| Boomer Exercise -9/10 am | Tue/Thur |
| Craft Group -7 pm | Tue |
| Craft Group -9 am | Wed |
| Men's Group -12 noon | Wed |
| Such as These Praise Band -6:30 pm | Wed |
| Sanctuary Choir -6:45 pm | Wed |
| Glory Bells -7 pm | Thurs |

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Build•Serve•Grow

My friends, may grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

“Giving” is the second most frequently discussed subject in the ministry of Christ, next to teachings of the Kingdom. It is a time of generous giving at our church. Stewardship commitments are being requested this month and our church family is in the midst of a building campaign. This drive is called Build-Serve-Grow because it is much more than just a building fund raiser. We are called to Serve one another and Grow in Christ. This is a time for us to close ranks and grow in stature and in favor with the Lord. It is a time for us to unite in a common cause to rebuild God’s temple.

Approximately \$600,000 is required for BSG Phase 2 over a three-year commitment. The scope includes the renovation of the Family Life Center, the main corridors, stair cases and restrooms in the main building.

We are asking our congregation to prayerfully consider an additional or extended pledge. Over \$535,000 has been pledged thus far to address the Phase 1 work already completed. We thank all of you have given sacrificially and the many families that have generously exceeded their original commitment.

Generous givers offer extraordinary gifts to the church that will impact the Lord’s work beyond the giver’s own lifetime. Sacrificial giving goes beyond just meeting our basic needs. It is more than just repairing our main hallway flooring or addressing a couple of out-dated restrooms. We have begun a good work with the beautiful, paid in full, renovation of the Sanctuary. We submit it is God’s will to extend the rebuilding efforts to the rest of His house.

So the elders of the Jews continued to build and prosper under the preaching of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah. They finished building the temple according to the command of the God of Israel. Ezra 6:14

The BSG Committee held an information session on March 3rd and will provide additional information after our joint service on March 31st. BSG team members are available to talk to your Sunday School class or other small group, upon request, and members are encouraged to talk to anyone of the BSG team individually, as you feel led. And don’t forget our online Feedback Form if you would like to submit questions online.

Here is a timeline of key events that will occur over the next several months:

March 31st - Additional detailed information will be shared

April 14th - Conduct Church Conference to obtain preliminary approval; this will be a vote of church members to move forward with fund raising supporting the proposed renovations

May 19th - Commitment Sunday; we will announce pledges received on May 26th

June 20th – Church Council meets to provide funding approval, based on pledges, and announce date for a final Church Conference

June 30th - Conduct Church Conference to obtain final member approval; this will be a ratification of the funding reviewed and approved by the Church Council

This is an ambitious building campaign, but we can all take comfort in the knowledge that all things are possible through Christ who strengthens us. Through your continued generous giving, we can transform this house of worship, grow in Christ and serve the generations to come.

Yours in Christ,

Build-Serve-Grow Team

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Teddy Bear Collection

In honor of Child Abuse Prevention Month in April, you can bring a ray of hope to children in crisis by donating new and gently used teddy bears and other stuffed animals to our annual Teddy Bear Collection. Children learn what it means to share God's love when they go through their own collection picking out gifts to give others. Drop off your donations in the playpens in the Hospitality Area and Family Life Center. The donations will be blessed during the Children's Time on the last Sunday in April. And be sure to pick up a blue ribbon from church and wear it through the month of April to promote child abuse prevention and awareness!

**TEDDY BEAR
COLLECTION**
for children in crisis



FISH Pre-Teen Youth Group

Our FISH Group for 4th and 5th grade students will meet on Wednesday, April 10, 6:30 – 7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Our theme this month is "Prayer Stations!" Tweens will be exploring creative ways to pray as they learn tools that they can use at home to spend time with God.

Find our full schedule online at <http://www.manchacaumc.org/ministries/children/fish-pre-teen-ministry/>



Caring Kids: Egg Hunt at Marbridge

Our Caring Kids group will be meeting at Marbridge at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 13 to host an egg hunt for the residents. Please bring a couple dozen plastic Easter eggs stuffed with a non-edible treat such as stickers to hide. If you can't come, but would like to support us, please drop off a dozen pre-stuffed eggs to the main office. Families with children of all ages are welcome to join us. Sign up online or on the clipboards at church.



Holy Week and Easter for Families

- Families with children ages 0-5th grade are invited to pick up a Holy Week Pop-up Calendar from the hospitality area or back of the Family Life Center.
- Children and youth are invited to join the Palm Processional at any of our Sunday morning services (8:30 and 11 a.m.) on Sunday, April 14.
- We will have a child-friendly Seder meal on Maundy Thursday, April 18. The nursery will be open for younger children.
- Children are always welcome at any worship service. However, for the Good Friday service at 7pm (featuring a choir cantata) we always open childcare for children up to 5th grade, where they will watch an Easter movie for children.
- Don't miss the Easter EGGstravaganza with Egg Hunt during the Sunday school hour on Easter Sunday, 9:45-10:45 am!



Easter Sunday, April 21

Family Celebration in the Sunday School Hour (9:45-10:45 am)

Families are invited to participate in the Easter EGGstravaganza during the Sunday school hour on Easter morning. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall for Easter-themed family games, crafts and snacks. Kids will also hunt for color-coded eggs that lead them through the story of Holy Week. We'll end with the sharing of the Easter story with a butterfly release! Come join us and invite your neighbors to participate in the fun!



Children's Ministry this Summer Will Be Out of This World!

Here's a sneak peek at all the Summer Fun!

- Kick off Summer at our **Galactic Block Party** – Sunday Evening, May 19
- Go on a **Star Trip** to a galaxy far, far away at **Summer Sunday School** (Begins June 2)
- Enjoy free family-friendly space and alien themed movies at **Movies with a Message**, Tuesdays @ 2:30 pm, begins June 11
- Be a Star at our **Drama Camp** – June 24 - 28
- **Star Wars Movie Nights** – June 19 and July 10
- **To Mars and Beyond VBS** – July 29 - August 1

Check out the children's page of our website (www.ManchacaUMC.org) for more information.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Calling all 3rd-6th Grade Thespians!

This summer, MUMC will offer a Drama Camp to rising 3rd through 6th graders. The camp will be from 9:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. June 24-28, with a performance on Sunday, June 30th. Campers will spend the week learning lines and songs, playing games, painting sets, and taking part in a daily devotional. The play, "Come to the Table" teaches the children that all are welcome at God's table. The cost of the camp will be \$75. Online registration will begin soon! Want to volunteer or have questions? Email Leslie Piggott at blpiggott@verizon.net.



Blast Off to Vacation Bible School 2019

As we travel To Mars and Beyond, we'll explore where God's power can take us!

- Monday – Thursday, July 29 – August 1
- 9:00 a.m. – Noon
- Ages 4 Years Old – 5th Grade (Early drop off available for volunteers)
- Cost: \$20/child, \$10 additional children (Scholarships Available)
- New VBS Service Squad for rising 6th-7th grade students (\$10 registration fee)
- Youth in rising 8th-12th grade may fill out an application to be VBS Youth Volunteer (\$10 donation for shirt and snacks is appreciated)
- Registration begins May 1!



VBS Wish List:

Please begin collecting these items, but **don't bring them to church until June!**

- Foil Rolls
- Balloons
- Straws
- AA batteries
- tissue paper in bright colors
- clean frosting containers or similar size
- Clean, clear plastic soda bottles with lids (i.e. 16-20 oz)
- Small paper cups (like leftover birthday party cups)
 - 35mm plastic film canisters with snap-on lids
 - Sturdy plastic drinking cups (like solo)
 - Black plastic sheeting or disposable tablecloths
- Cereal boxes
- Old CDs
- nuts, bolts, washers
- Toilet paper rolls

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Confirmation Dates for April

- Class Dates: Sunday April 7 and April 28 at 5:15 after youth group
- Reading: Mark Chapters 14 and 15
- Memorization: Romans 5:1



Final Sunday for Buying Youth Shares - April 14th

Please help support our youth on this summer's mission trips! A share cost just \$10, and there is no limit to how many you can buy! Every dollar goes towards helping offset the cost for the youth to attend. If you have already purchased shares, thank you so much! We are truly blessed by your generosity. If you haven't been able to purchase a share yet, it is not too late! April 14th (between church services) will be the final weekend of share sales. Please help us make these trips happen!

Awaken Sunday Morning Youth News! Can you be a Summer Youth Teacher?

Sundays, 9:45 am



This Summer in Youth Sunday school we will be watching and finding glimpses of the gospel in the original Star Wars trilogy. Popcorn provided! We need Summer Youth Teachers! Come watch movies and lead our youth in discussions about their faith! Teachers must be active in our church for at least 6 months prior to service, fill out a background check, and attend safety certification training through the Rio Texas conference.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

2019 MUMC SCHOLARSHIPS

The MUMC Scholarship Committee announces the 2019 Manchaca United Methodist Church Chris Brown and Don Banker College Scholarships. **Application forms are available in the church office NOW.** Applicants should be entering or enrolling in an accredited college or vocational school for the fall semester of 2019.

The application deadline (with ALL required supporting documents) is Monday, April 15, 2019, by 5:00 p.m. -- NO EXCEPTIONS.

Pick up your application now!

Don't Miss the

DEADLINE!

Youth Star Wars Games and Outdoor Movie Nights

Save the Dates!

- Wednesday, June 19 - Star Wars: The Force Awakens
- Wednesday, June 10 - Star Wars: The Last Jedi

Come early for Star Wars themed games, snacks, and a gospel message just for youth (rising 6th-graduating 12th graders) and stay late for the family outdoor movie (open to all ages).



Looking Ahead...

- **SAVE THE DATE:** Youth-led Easter Sunrise Service will be at 6:45 am on April 21st! Sign up to help: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044aadad2fa13-easter1>
- High School Mission Trip 2019 to Marvell, AR, June 30 - July 6. Overflow sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044aadad2fa13-high2>
- Middle School Mission Trip 2019 to San Angelo, TX, July 14 - 18. Sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044aadad2fa13-middle1>



Senior Sunday, May 5th

We want to celebrate the graduating class of 2019! It's getting close to Graduation time, and we are excited for the class of 2019 as they move on into the next chapters of their lives. Please sign up to be recognized on Sunday, May 5th:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080944aead29a3fa7-senior>



MUMC SCHOLARSHIPS

History of the MUMC Scholarship Fund

The MUMC Scholarship Fund began in 1984, when Christine Brown, a longtime MUMC member and retired teacher, was honored by parents of her students. She was recognized with a \$300 check, and her response was "Let's give it back to the children."

Christine had opened Jet Star School after her retirement. These parents wanted to acknowledge her forty years of teaching, devotion to children, and her endless energy, so their \$300 gift was the seed money for the scholarship fund. Christine began to have her famous rummage sales to benefit the scholarship nest egg. She was so successful with her sales, friends and family dubbed her "Queen of the Rummage Sale".

Christine's life revolved around God, her family, MUMC, children, and their educations. Though she is no longer with us, Christine's spirit lives on, and she continues to influence lives through the MUMC Scholarship Fund.

In 1994, another scholarship was added to the MUMC Fund. Janna Banker contributed proceeds from a scholarship established in memory of her husband, Donald. His career had its foundation in an engineering degree from Texas A&M University. After serving in the USAF and working in private industry, he returned to A&M to obtain a master's degree in mathematics, starting a long and distinguished career in education. The majority of his teaching career was spent at McCallum High School in Austin.

Don's passionate belief in higher education and the opportunities it afforded was often the source of his teaching style. Mathematics was his platform from the very basic algebra to the higher logic of calculus, he urged, pushed, and if necessary, held the hands of students until they understood.

Like Christine Brown, Don Banker's devotion to teaching and his students was reciprocated with admiration and respect.

MUMC SCHOLARSHIPS

35th Year of MUMC Scholarships

35 YEARS

Please give generously to the April 7, 2019 Communion Altar Rail Offering. These monies are designated for the Chris Brown and Don Banker Scholarship Endowment, which gives scholarships to local high school and college students each year. This fund began with \$300 in 1984, 35 years ago. Since that time, over \$66,500 has been given in college scholarships to 135 students.

Like the mustard seed in Matthew 13:32 “although it is the smallest of all seeds, it grows larger than any garden plant and becomes a tree. Birds even come and rest on the branches.” With God’s blessing and your generosity, the scholarship fund will grow again this year, serve more students, and MUMC will continue to play a vital role in assisting students to achieve their goals and dreams.

It is important for you to know that each and every dollar of all of the offerings for the April 7 Communion Rail will go to the scholarship fund to help students with their college expenses. Please help support our youth in their future endeavors.


Gratitude from Previous MUMC Scholarship Recipients

Receiving the MUMC Scholarship helped my family, but also lessened stress during the hardest parts of the semester. I definitely have an Almighty God and a church family to never walk the road alone. Thank you. *Kandice Cox*

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I would like to thank the church for its support while growing up and their continued support throughout my college career. The church scholarship was very helpful, as I was able to buy textbooks. Having this financial aid enabled me to focus more fully on my studies and not have to worry about how I was going to purchase the books. My church family has always shown me in both words and action how to love people and I will always continue to pay it forward. Sincerely, *Marissa Konde*

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 Receiving the MUMC scholarship provided a stepping stone to attending the university I desired and helped me receive my Bachelors in Nursing. Not only did MUMC award me the scholarship, but the constant love and support from the ministry gave me the encouragement and strength I needed to finish school. With the initial help from the MUMC Scholarship I am now able to use my degree to serve children with cancer in the Seattle area. Thank you MUMC. *Katie Luna*

2019 MUMC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORMS & DEADLINE

The MUMC Scholarship Committee announces the 2019 Manchaca United Methodist Church Chris Brown and Don Banker College Scholarships. Application forms are available in the church office **NOW**. Applicants should be entering or enrolling in an accredited college or vocational school for the fall semester of 2019.

This year the **deadline** for submitting applications will be **Monday, April 15, 2019, at 5:00 p.m.** MUMC members and visitors are reminded that donations to the MUMC Scholarship Fund are accepted anytime during the year.

ADULT MINISTRIES

Open Hearts

Tuesday, April 2, 7 pm, Room 8 Main Bldg.

[A LAITY SUPPORT GROUP FOR PARENTS, FRIENDS, FAMILY, AND ALLIES OF LGBTQ PERSONS]

Open Hearts held a sad but very interesting gathering in March. The vote by the Global UMC at the Special Session General Conference had just told us our children, friends and allies of the LGBTQ community would continue not to be welcome as full participants in the church. This is heartbreaking as well as disturbing. It was made worse when our discussion brought out the fact that a large portion of MUMC congregants and those of other churches throughout the United States did not even know the topic that was up for a vote. This is not completely resolved, so we will continue to meet each month to share our stories and support one another through life’s joys, sorrows and struggles. For more information, call Loretta [mother of a gay son] 281-615-6149 [cell] or Kim 512-282-7274 [at the church]. We gather the first Tuesday of each month to share.



ADULT MINISTRIES

Volunteers for VBS Wanted!

According to our Safe Sanctuary policy, all volunteers at VBS must be sitting in our pews right now! Is that you? We are currently recruiting for Group Leaders, Station Leaders, Registration Greeters, and more!

If you are interested in joining our VBS leadership and volunteer team, please contact Kim Carroll or Jenny Rinehart!



Hays Praise Community Gathering



Stay connected to your Emmaus community by attending this month's Hays Praise Community Gathering.

⇒April 2, 2019

⇒North Shore UMC, 23880 N. Cranes Mill Rd., Canyon Lake

⇒6:30 p.m. Potluck

⇒7:00 p.m. Worship

Please bring a potluck dish & an Emmaus friend. Remember your worship book, lanyard and nametag. Childcare provided.

Christians Without Borders . . . a Reconciling Community

9:45 am Sunday Mornings in Classroom B of the Family Life Center

In light of the recent vote at General Conference to perpetuate discrimination and harm to our LGBTQIA siblings and their allies, we, as a class, wish to reaffirm our commitment to be reconciling and work for full inclusion of all God's beloved children in the United Methodist Church.

Perhaps you are among those not yet aware that MUMC's Christians Without Borders Sunday School class (CWB) is a "Reconciling Community." In 2014, CWB completed the thoughtful process to affiliate with Reconciling Ministries Network and add our witness for a fully inclusive church. And at the end of that process, we crafted this public statement of explicit welcome:

God is Love (1 John 4:16).

Our faith calls us to love unconditionally and to not judge others. As a justice-seeking community, the Christians Without Borders Sunday School Class of Manchaca United Methodist Church is committed to unconditional love for all of God's people, including individuals of all ages, ethnicities, genders, gender identities, sexual orientations, physical and mental abilities, economic means and family structures.

We commit to welcoming everyone to Christ's table, to participate fully, unconditionally, and without barriers in the life of the church.

We are all on this journey of faith together. Please join us.

The love of Jesus Christ is for all (John 3:16).

Our class studies material that encourages growth in mind/spirit and motivates us to be bridge-builders and change-agents for justice, reconciliation and transformation. We are a friendly group that values diverse perspectives and learning from one another. We meet Sundays at 9:45 AM in FLC Classroom B and would enjoy having you visit us soon. If you have questions or need more information, please contact Bobbie Lilljedahl at (512) 282-0682.

Book Club Invitation!

When: Thursday, May 2, 6:30 p.m., Location: Home of Kim Carroll

Book: *The Ragamuffin Gospel: Good News for the Bedraggled, Beat-Up, and Burnt Out* by Brennan Manning



Are you bedraggled, beat-up, burnt-out? Most of us believe in God's grace—in theory. But somehow we can't seem to apply it in our daily lives. We continue to see Him as a small-minded bookkeeper, tallying our failures and successes on a score sheet. Yet God gives us His grace, willingly, no matter what we've done. We come to Him as ragamuffins—dirty, bedraggled, and beat-up. And when we sit at His feet, He smiles upon us, the chosen objects of His "furious love." Brennan Manning's now-classic meditation on grace and what it takes to access it—simple honesty—has changed thousands of lives. (From Book Description on Amazon)

Note: Ms. Kim has a small dog, who is family, and whose hair is everywhere. Please let me know if you have a fear of dogs or an allergy, because we may have to change location.

Coloring Café

1st & 3rd Mondays: April 1 & 15, 10 am in the Parlor

Come and join us this month at the Coloring Café! Coloring sheets, colored pencils, gel pens and markers will be available to share but feel free to bring your own supplies and a friend!

Everyone is welcome to join us and you can come and go as you please. You do not need to be a member of the MUMC family. You are welcome to bring a treat or refreshment for yourself or bring one to share! Coffee and water will be available.

Questions? Call/text Kristine at 512-789-9285 or email her at ehrllichkristine@gmail.com.

SERVICE AND OUTREACH

Super Silver Saver 2019



The Super Silver Saver drive is continuing during Lent. Super Silver Saver cups are available either in the hospitality area or the Family Life Center. Please pick one up before or after your service and take it home with you. Fill it each day with change and bills, and while you do so, say a prayer of thanksgiving for God's many blessings.

The money will be used by the Missions Team to fund mission activities sponsored by our congregation, such as local disaster victims, flood buckets, students at Akins High School who are experiencing homelessness, Back Pack ministry, Zoe Helps ministry, our missionaries, Food Pantry, Angel Tree Program, housing improvement projects, and manna bags for the SoChac 5K, and manna bags for the fall festival.

Bring your money-filled Super Silver Saver cup back to worship on Palm Sunday and you will be asked to bring the cups forward to offer during the service.

April Altar Rail Offering

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Habitat for Humanity Methodist Build 2019 LAST TWO WORKDAYS

April 13th and May 4th



Our last two workdays to help build a home for Laura Rosales, and her family are April 13th and May 4th. Currently Laura shares a two-bedroom duplex in South Austin with her five children; Josiah (2), Michael (6) Michaela (8), Ray (12), and Kaithlyn (16). Laura now qualifies for the program and works toward completing her "sweat equity" hours. You can learn more about Laura from the poster on the Missions Team's bulletin board near the cookie table.

The first workdays were tiring, but very satisfying knowing that we were helping to build a home for someone in need. The only skill you need is a desire to help and, of course, there will be Habitat construction experts there to show us what to do. We have two workdays left: April 13th and May 4th. If you want to help, please go to:

<https://austinhabitat.volunteerhub.com/lp/manchacaumc/>

and sign up for one or both of the dates. Also, on that site you must sign a waiver and take the very brief safety training called "Volunteering on a Habitat for Humanity Job Site." If you have questions or problems with the website please call Ron Hawkins at (512) 924-8692 (C). If you had rather contact Ron via email, he can be reached at ronandlinniehawkins@gmail.com.

- Age 18 and above can participate fully.
- Ages 16-17 may engage in construction work, but are not permitted to use power tools or to work from a height of more than six feet. They must provide their own adult supervision (must be a parent or legal guardian over the age of 21).
- Ages 15 and younger are prohibited from working on an active construction site.

Coats for Kids

Over the last four years the Craft Group has donated 354 coats to the KVUE/Jack Brown Cleaners program. Last year with our budgeted amount we were able to purchase 82 coats and had 22 donated. It was our largest coat donation to date, and we hope to surpass that amount this year. So if you have outgrown coats we would be glad to donate them with ours in November. Just bring them to the church anytime.



Thanks! The Craft Group

Pancake Supper Update

Enthusiastic diners enjoyed over 33 pounds of pancake mix and 32 pounds of sausage at the "Fat Tuesday" pancake supper on March 5th. Proceeds of \$750 will go to South Austin Area Ministries for assistance to the needy.

We wish to thank HEB, Randalls & Walmart for their support.



~Rocky

PAPER SHREDDING IS COMING !!!

APRIL 27th, 9:00-11:00

West Parking Lot

Hard drives, Computer tape, Discs and CDs should be separated out

NO: 3-Ring binders, Black binder clips or Plastic bags

Shredding done on-site

SERVICE AND OUTREACH

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month



Did you know that today 195 children in Texas will be victims of abuse or neglect? In one year, more than 70,000 cases of child abuse were confirmed in Texas. A staggering 1 in 4 girls, and 1 in 6 boys, is sexually abused before their 18th birthdays? (from Children's Advocacy Centers of Texas, Inc.) In 2017, 172 children in Texas died from child abuse. In 2016, Child Protective Services investigated 10,311 child abuse cases in the Austin metro area (Travis, Hays, Williamson, Bastrop and Caldwell), 6,356 in Travis county alone. (from the Austin American-Statesman) The statistics are alarming, but there are things that we can do about it. In honor of Child Abuse Prevention month, we will have several opportunities for you to learn what child abuse is and how we can work together to protect children:

- 1) Check the Children's Ministry blog and Facebook posts where we will post facts, tips, and links throughout the month.
- 2) Pick up a blue ribbon (available in the hospitality area and in the Family Life Center) to wear throughout April to raise awareness and be an advocate for children and strong, healthy families.
- 3) Donate a gently used or new teddy bear or stuffed animal to be given to children in crisis situations, some of whom are being removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect.
- 4) Learn about our Safe Sanctuary policy (found on the children's page of our website--www.ManchacaUMC.org) and become a "Trusted" adult by completing the Safety Certification training through the Rio Texas conference, which will provide a rich education on preventing child abuse in our community and enable you to work in ministry with children, youth and vulnerable adults for 2 years.

College Care Packages



College is a fun, exciting and stressful time in the lives of young adults. We would like all of our college students to feel loved and supported by their church family in their college endeavors so we will be sending care packages to arrive before finals. If you have a student that you know would appreciate a care package, I need your name, students name & students address. Please email this information to Melodee Konde: konde@swbell.net.

We are also seeking food or small school supply donations which may be dropped off at the MUMC office anytime on or before April 28th. We typically send out 25 boxes.

Some suggested items (pre-packaged): Granola bars, Cracker packets, Jerky, Highlighters, Trail mix, Microwave Popcorn, Gum, Post It Notes, Protein bars, Candy, Cookies...

Thanks so much for your help!

~Melodee

Mother's Day Carnations



It's time to honor that special lady in your life and also help the MUMC Food Pantry with your donation!

The WOW (Women of the Word) group will be selling Mother's Day carnations before and following all services times on Sunday, April 28, May 5 and May 12, 2019. You may choose to honor or remember any female who has touched your life.



Postcards for acknowledging your donation will be available. Carnations may be picked up at any church service on Mother's Day, May 12, 2019. Funds raised through sales and donations will go to provide food for the MUMC food pantry.

SoChac 5K and Kids Dash Update



The 2019 SoChac 5K and Kids Dash was a huge success! We had tons of community involvement and support. Thanks to our generous sponsors, volunteers, and runners, we



raised and presented a check for \$2,645 to each school (Menchaca Elementary, Paredes Middle School, and Akins High School). We also packed 100 Manna Bags during the Kids Dash and sent those out into our community!

Crop Walk 2019 – A Big Success!

Thank you to all who donated to this year's walk for the fight against hunger! For communities around the world, your donations translate into sources of fresh food and clean water. For example, in the communities in West Timor, Indonesia, almost everyone struggles to get healthy food...and this photo shows one key way to overcome that struggle.



Jacob is training his community on how to administer vaccinations that protect both the animals and the community from disease, resulting in healthier lives for everyone (and yes, that also includes the chickens). From happy chickens to the sustainable source of eggs and the nutrition they provide, CROP Hunger Walk comes full circle to change the hunger equation.

Thank you for being a hunger champion! ~Missions Team

MISSING!

TWO BLACK 3-PANEL ROOM DIVIDERS/SCREENS

In mid-November the screens were inadvertently stored in the pavilion and now cannot be found. They were loaned to the Craft Group for the Craft Show and we would like to return them to them to the owners. If you borrowed the screens or know of their location, please contact the Craft Group.

Thanks! ~Judy Parker, 512-971-5293/Susan Montry, 512-203-2624



Holy Week Schedule

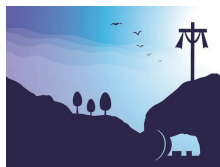
† *Palm Sunday, Sunday, April 14*
 8:30 and 11 am Traditional Services in the Sanctuary
 11 am Praise Service in the Family Life Center
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† *Holy Thursday Seder Meal, Thursday, April 18 (Maundy Thursday)*
 7 pm in the Family Life Center
 Experience portions of the Seder Celebration through readings, songs and ritual--dinner included



† *Good Friday Service, Friday, April 19*
 7 pm in the Sanctuary
 The Sanctuary Choir will present Fauré's "Requiem"



† *Easter Sunday Services, Sunday, April 21*
 6:45 am Sunrise Service in the Pavilion
 8:30 and 11 am Traditional Services in the Sanctuary
 9:45 am EGGstravaganza for Families
 11 am Praise Service in the Family Life Center



DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at **NOON**
 Email submissions to:
deanna@manchacaumc.org or
office@manchacaumc.com

NEXT NEWSLETTER WILL BE MAILED
 Wednesday, March 27, 2019

Sunday Worship and Sunday School Schedule:

8:30-9:30 a.m.- Traditional Worship w/Communion
 in the Sanctuary
 9:45 - 10:45 a.m.- Sunday School for all ages
 11 a.m. - 12 noon- Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
 11 a.m. - 12 noon- Praise Worship in the Family Life Center

Contact Information:

Rev. Andy Smith, Sr. Pastor
 Office: 512-282-7274 FAX: 512-282-7508
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