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Pastor David will begin preaching on July 7th at ALL 3 SERVICES!

Happy July 4th!

A word from our new pastor...



Pastor David & Pam McNitzky

one of the more memorable moments from the history of vice presidential debates, Admiral James Stockdale, a candidate in 1992, was asked to give an opening statement. He responded with these two rhetorical questions, "Who am I? Why am I here?" The audience laughed, applauded and signaled it's approval. Later, however, Stockdale appeared to be somewhat unfocused and had a hard time breaking into the debate with more outspoken fellow candidates Dan Quayle and Al Gore. Sadly, he ended up being judged as less articulate

than he really was. In later years he lamented the fact that he never got to answer his own opening questions. That was unfortunate, not just for his reputation, but also because those questions have become a punchline when they should really be considered absolutely vital for anyone trying to live well on their journey of life. Questions of identity and purpose are key guides to shaping a life of faith as well. So, by way of introduction, let me as your new pastor share my responses to those questions.

Who am I? Most importantly I am a beloved child of God. On my better days I remember that I am valued in Christ regardless of what I do or don't do. I am also husband to Pam, a retired neonatal nurse practitioner. We have been married more than 40 years. I am father to Mark, who is married to Vanessa and practices law in San Antonio. I am also father to Ryan, who is married to Gerrie and manages the Austin office of Redgate. My youngest son is Reed who married Becca on Memorial Day weekend and is starting as a pastor at University UMC in San Antonio. Of course I am most proud to be 'Doc' (grandfather) to Grayson (3 years), Colette (8 weeks) and Everett (8 months). Finally, I am known as a passionate fan of Duke basketball and can get distracted from Lent during March Madness!

Why am I here? I am here to partner with you in helping earth become more like heaven by forming disciples of Jesus who help make a difference in the world. Another way to say it is that I am here to do what God wants done and to do those things in community. We have an important job in this world, but we need to have fun and enjoy the relationships we form while doing the work.

As we journey together, we'll share the adventure of asking these and many other questions and we'll risk living out the answers. In doing so, we will be blessed and more critically, our world will be blessed by God through us.

In anticipation,



WORSHIP AND FINE ARTS



Daily Scripture

Week of July 1

Monday 2 Kings 5:1-8
Tuesday 2 Kings 5:9-18
Wednesday Luke 10:1-11, 16
Thursday Euke 10:17-20
Galatians 6:1-10
Saturday Galations 6:11-16
Sunday 2 Kings 5:1-14
Psalm 30
Galatians 6:7-16

Week of July 8

Monday Amos 7:7-9
Tuesday Psalm 82
Wednesday Colossians 1:1-14
Thursday Amos 7:10-17
Friday Colossians 1:9-12
Saturday Luke 10:25-28
Sunday Amos 7:7-17
Psalm 82

Colossians 1:1-14 Luke 10:25-37

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Week of July 15

Monday Amos 8:1-12
Tuesday Psalm 52
Wednesday Psalm 52
Thursday Colossians 1:15-28

Friday Luke 10:38-42 Saturday Luke 10:41-42 Sunday Amos 8:1-12 Psalm 52

Colossians 1:15-28 Luke 10:38-42

Week of July 22

Monday Hosea 1:2-10
Tuesday Psalm 85:1-7
Wednesday Psalm 85:8-13
Thursday Colossians 2:6-15
Colossians 2:16-19
Saturday Luke 11:1-4
Sunday Hosea 1:2-10
Psalm 85
Colossians 2:6-15

Week of July 29

Monday Luke 12:13-21 Tuesday Hosea 11:1-7 Wednesday Hosea 11:8-11 Galatians 5:1, 13-25 Luke 8:26-39

Luke 11:1-13





here's a game I've been playing on my Ipad for a while now. In the game the character runs a variety of courses containing various obstacles as they collect coins. As the coins are collected, a meter on the side of the screen fills. Once

enough coins have been collected, a special ability is unlocked. If the character stumbles on the course, what has been accumulated in the meter disappears and the process starts over again. There are times when I'm playing the game that I've collected enough coins to activate the special ability, but for some reason I delay activating it. I think it get so involved in the game, following the course, avoiding the obstacles, that I forget about the special ability, until I stumble and the meter resets. I may have missed my opportunity, but I know I'll get another chance. As I was playing the other day, it occurred to me that the game resembles our spiritual journey. As we run our course, facing our daily obstacles, we have a constant source of God's love represented by the coins and the fill-meter. We run along just fine, perhaps not even noticing that when the meter is full, we are still able to collect "coins." However, it's not until we stumble on our way and we might think we've lost our supply, that we realize that we continue to collect "coins" and the meter continues to fill. As long we as we are pursuing our main objective, the meter continues to fill so we may obtain our "special ability." God offers us a constant supply of love and forgiveness. It's up to us to pursue God's love and accept what God has to offer. Even when we stumble and we think the supply is gone, God quickly begins filling us up again. I'm not so worried about what "special ability" we receive, I'm just thankful for God's constant supply of "coins." I'm also glad that God's version of the game is multi-player. "You are my strength when I am weak, You are the treasure that I seek, You are my all in all..."

- Mark Hixon, Director of Music and Fine Arts



New York Minute

Sanctuary Choir members Rochelle Lacy, Sue Thomason, Lew Sitterly, Jake Pinner and Mark Hixon were all decked out for their Carnegie Hall concert on May 26th, 2019. "Immortal, Invisible: The Music of Mary McDonald," was sponsored by Distinguished Concerts International New York (DCINY).

Twenty-three ensembles performed together in the concert, and the consensus among the MUMC participants is that the experience was "incredible!"

Sunday Worship and Sunday School Opportunities

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Sunday

Traditional Service Sanctuary 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. Sunday

Sunday School (all ages) Various Classrooms 11:00 a.m. Sunday

Praise Worship (*Life on the Road*)
Family Life Center

STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS PRESENCE GIFTS SERVICE WITNESS

We Pray for...

Alton Benner **Bobbye Meador** Malcolm Caldwell Dick Meyer Donna Carlson Mark Monteith Tina Carter Charlotte Morahan **Betty Chase** Dorma Nickels **Ned Coleman** Karola Paul Crowley Family Rev. Mimi Raper Kristine Ehrlich Katrina Roberts David Fegan The Rocha Family Pat Gunn Donna Rone Tena Hammond **Deborah Sanders** Robin Hansen Opal Shuffield Sophie Harrigan Christi Sontag Lee Herring Josie Stevens Susan Hilburn John Stone Dallas Howell Wanda Summers Angel Jackson **Emmett Thomason** Dean & Rita Norma Jacobson Thompson **Jolly James** Carolyn Vail Ronnie Johnson Ray Vaughn Forest & M'Liss B. A. Wilcoxson Jordan Apple Kähler Clint Wilson & Family Ron Wilson Ethan McBride **Bobbye Word** Chris & Allen Roger Young McKean



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

Sympathy to...



The Family and Friends of **Duncan Copland**.

Danny Guardiola, on the loss of his father, **Pedro Guardiola**, **Jr**.

Jean Casner, on the loss of her husband, Jack Casner

July Altar Rail Offering

The July altar rail offering benefits the South Austin Assistance Ministries (SAAM). SAAM is a community coalition of several churches in South Austin seeking to better serve people in need of basic food, clothing, housing, and utilities assistance.

Attendance

Sunday 5-26-19 Sunday School Visitors First time visitors	1	. 205 99 24
Sunday 6-2-19 Sunday School (Andy's r Visitors First time visitors		
Sunday 6-9-19 Sunday School Visitors First time visitors	0	. 241 117 30
Sunday 6-16-19 Sunday School Visitors First time visitors	2	. 215 111 30

Financial Report



APRIL

Operating Income \$	60,818.68
Operating Expenses \$	63,748.27
Net Op. <u>Loss</u> \$	(2,929.59)

YTD (April)

Operating Income \$	246,416.66
Operating Expenses\$	255,503.73
Net Op. <u>Loss</u> \$	(9,087.07)

April Special Offering Rec'd

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Food Pantry\$	310.00
Build-Serve-Grow\$	5,170.00
Debt Reduction\$	2,315.00
Missions\$	807.67
Alter Rail Offerings\$	160.00
Memorials\$	2,095.00
Scholarships\$	2,484.00
Youth Ministries\$	150.00

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.

Your giving throughout the summer months helps to support our operating costs.





Calendar of Events

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Sr. High Mission Trip Su, Jun 30 - Sa, Jul 6
Coloring Café -10 am M, Jul 1
Staff Meeting -1 pm
Movies with a Message -2:30 pm T, Jul 2
Open Hearts -7 pm T, Jul 2
OFFICE CLOSEDTh, Jul 4 - F, Jul5
Stephen Min. Sprvsn1:30 pm Su, Jul 7
Making Sense of the Bible -3 pm Su, Jul 7
Wordspirations -4 pm Su, Jul 7
Prayer Shawl Ministry -6 pm M, Jul 8
Movies with a Message -2:30 pm T, Jul 9
Grace Not Perfection -9:30 am W, Jul 10
Stephen Ministry Leaders -9 am . Th, Jul 11
Daytime Bunko -1 pm Th, Jul 11
Women of the Word -9:30 am F, Jul 12
Jr. High Mission Trip. Su, Jul 14 - Th, Jul 18
Church Conference -noonSu, Jul 14
Making Sense of the Bible -3 pm .Su, Jul 14
Coloring Café -10 am
Staff Meeting -1 pmM, Jul 15
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE -noon T, Jul 16
Movies with a Message -2:30 pm T, Jul 16
Grace Not Perfection -9:30 am W, Jul 17
Stephen Min. Sprvsn1:30 pm Su, Jul 21
VBS Prep -2:30 pmSu, Jul 21
Making Sense of the Bible -3 pm .Su, Jul 21
Prayer Shawl Ministry -10 amM, Jul 22
VBS Prep -1 pmM, Jul 22
Missions Commission -7 pmM, Jul 22
VBS Prep -9 amT, Jul 23
Movies with a Message -2:30 pm T, Jul 23
FLAMS -9 am
VBS Prep -5 pm
Daytime Bunko -1 pm Th, Jul 25
Women of the Word -9:30 am F, Jul 26
Church-wide VBS setup -3 pmSu, Jul 28
VBS -9 am M, Jul 29 - Th, Aug 1
Recurring Events
Worship - Sanctuary -8:30 am Sun
Sunday School -9:45 amSun
Worship - Sanctuary -11 am Sun

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Sunday School -9:45 amSun
Worship - Sanctuary -11 am Sun
Worship - Family Life Center -11 am Sun
UMYF -3 pmSun
Bulletin Deadline -noon Mon
HS Youth Bible Study -6:30 pm Mon
AA -7:30 pm Mon
Boomer Exercise -9/10 amTue/Thur
Craft Group 7 pm T/ 9 am W
Men's Group -12 noon Wed
Such as These Praise Band -6:30 pm Wed
Sanctuary Choir -6:45 pm Wed

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Adventures with Flat Jesus!

How can your children continue their Faith Formation while on summer break? Pick up a Flat Jesus as a reminder that Jesus is with us wherever we go! Use the hashtag #MUMCFlatJesus to document his travels!

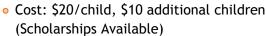


Blast Off to Vacation Bible School 2019

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

We will likely close registration by early - mid July, so register now!

- Monday Thursday, July 29 -August 1
- 9:00 a.m. Noon
- Ages 4 Years Old 5th Grade (Early drop off available for volunteers)



Movies with a Message

Tuesdays @ 2:30 in the Fellowship Hall

Free family movies on the big screen with free popcorn and water provided. Kids are invited to bring blankets, pillows or nap mats to lounge on the floor, while chairs are provided for adults.

June Schedule:

- July 2 Home
- July 9 Big Hero 6
- July 16 Wreck It Ralph 2: Ralph Breaks the Internet



Attention Families! Save these dates:

- August 4: VBS Celebration and Singing at the 11 am Service in the Sanctuary
- August 18: Backpack Blessing
- Sept. 1: Mission Sunday Service Projects in Sunday School
- Sept. 8: Sunday School Rally Day 1st Day of School-Year Sunday School
- **Sept. 15**: Bible Sunday and Luncheon

Alex's Lemonade Stand Update

Our Caring Kids hosted lemonade stands on Sunday, June 9 to raise money for Alex's Lemonade Stand foundation. With your help, the children raised \$358 by selling cookies and lemonade! Thank you for helping them exceed their goal! And a special thank you to the Craft group and to Mary Rio and her granddaughters Paulina and Sofi for their contributions!



YOUTH MINISTRIES

Youth: Sign up to Volunteer at VBS!

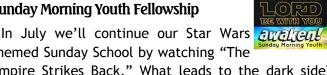
Hey youth, have you signed up to volunteer at VBS, yet? We need your support to offer the best VBS ever. It's the most fun you'll ever have earning service hours! You are also welcome to earn even more hours by participating in

prep and set up! Have questions? Ask Ms. Kim!



themed Sunday School by watching "The

Empire Strikes Back." What leads to the dark side? How can we guard our hearts against it? Popcorn provided each week!



ADULT MINISTRIES

Wordspirations

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Women's Bible Study Sunday Afternoons July 7, August 4, 4:00-6:00 pm No cost, no homework, and there are always snacks!

Wordspirations Women's Bible Study will meet Sunday afternoons from 4:00-6:00 p.m. and fellowship together, sing, visitand this summer we will do something different - we will watch a DVD each time and discuss it together! We will hear from teachers Ann Voskamp, Max Lucado, Joyce Meyer, and Stasi Eldredge.... then we always leave feeling lighter and uplifted by God's touch and the community of others. We would love for you to join us - and bring a friend! Led by Ellen Carpenter & Team ~ Julie Chandler, Sharon Mize, and Debi Jones.

Coloring Café

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

Come and join us this month at the Coloring Cafe! Coloring sheets, colored pencils, gel pens and markers will be available to share or 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! We will provide coffee & water.

Questions? Call/text Kristine at 512-789-9285 or email her at kehrlich01@gmail.com.

Open Hearts

Tuesday, July 2, 2019, 7 pm in room 8



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July 4th is already here! Time flies - although the heat and humidity tell us it is summer. We are thankful for the many freedoms we enjoy every day. However, can you talk about the new person your child started dating that seems like "The One"? Or can you share the plans for your child's wedding? For some it is a taboo subject. They can't get married in the church where they were baptized; had their first communion; heard about Noah [remember the toy ark full of little animals that they played with for years!]; were president of UMYF. OPEN HEARTS is just the place to find love and support from those who have encountered similar bumps in life's path. We are here to help or at least love. 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. If you're not ready to share, we understand. Just come listen. It will definitely be worth your time.

SERVICE AND OUTREACH

School Supplies Fundraiser in July

In July our children and youth will be raising money to purchase school supply kits and backpacks for up to 15 children at Menchaca Elementary and to supply Paredes Middle School with prizes to use for attendance incentives.



Please pick up one of the paper backpacks from the displays in the hospitality area and Family Life Center and donate the amount written on the backpack (ranging from \$1-30). Checks can be made to MUMC with "school supplies" in the memo.

If you'd rather donate an item instead of money, we also need 15 new full-size backpacks in fun colors!

The fundraiser will end on Sunday, July 28!

SERVICE AND OUTREACH

Hey Church - We need your support at VBS!

VBS is only successful with 100% participation from the church! We still have several ways that you can support our VBS ministry.



- Playground Supervisor: We would love to have Safety Certified people come and help supervise the playground during VBS (9:20-11:50 am). This is perfect for someone who doesn't mind the heat! Even if you can only help one day, that would be a gift!
- Baby Holder: We have a couple of infants coming to childcare. Perfect for those who love to hold, rock and read to babies! Even if you can only help one day, that would be a gift!
- Playground Greeter: Welcome volunteers' kids at early drop off (7:45-8:45 am).
- Prayer Team: Pray for a group and their leaders (from home) each day of VBS!
- Donate Scholarship Money or Items: Each scholarship is \$20. We've had 12 children ask for scholarships so far, but we usually end up giving scholarships to about 20-25 children. Make scholarship checks out to MUMC with "VBS scholarship" in the memo line. See our updated "Wish" lists for items needed.
- Prep and Set Up Days: See below for days that we need help getting ready for VBS!
- Help us Clean Up VBS: What comes up, must come down! Help us tear down decorations and put away supplies on Friday, August 2 at 9:30 am. We will also be taking down some decorations after church on Sunday, August 4.

VBS Prep Dates and Set Up

Many hands make light work! We have lots of opportunities to come help us prepare for Vacation Bible school by creating decorations, and prepping science and art materials. We have projects for all skill levels and talents. You can come and go as you are able. Childcare might be available by reservation: childcare@manchacaumc.org.

Prep Days:

- Sunday, July 21, 2:30 5:00 pm (After the training)
- Monday, July 22, 1:00 5:00 pm
- Tuesday, July 23, 9:00 Noon
- Wednesday, July 24, 5:00 9:00 pm

VBS Church-Wide Set UP:

Sunday, July 28, 3:00 - 6:00 pm. Childcare will be

available for young children and older children are welcome to help. Please come out and help us transform our church into the Mars Space Station!





UPDATED VBS Wish List

One of the ways you can help with Vacation Bible School is through donations of items you may have around the house! Drop off your donation in the bin outside Ms. Kim's office!

- 4-5" round Lids from containers such as butter, sour cream, cool whip, etc.
- Cellophane in bright colors
- 35mm plastic film canisters with snap-on lids
- Sturdy plastic drinking cups (like solo)
- Clean, clear plastic soda bottles with lids (i.e. 16-20 oz)
- AA batteries
- 8 oz paper cups (like leftover birthday party cups)
- Tissue paper in bright colors
- Clean, frosting containers or similar size
- Nuts, bolts, washers
- Large cardboard boxes (like for appliances)
- Black lights that plug into the wall (to borrow will return)

SERVICE AND OUTREACH

MUMC's Support of ZOE's Children - They have graduated!

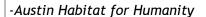
The Missions team is so grateful to all who supported ZOE's empowerment program. The young families in Liberia's Leeneh "Happiness" working group have made an amazing journey of transformation. They have developed their economic, social and life skills so that they are extremely independent and self-sufficient. The group which began meeting in August 2016 will now graduate in July 2019! Thank you for supporting these young people as they emerged from the harshness of extreme poverty to create better lives for themselves and their families.



-Missions Team

Thank you, from Habitat for Humanity

Thank you to everyone at Manchaca United Methodist Church for participating in the 2019 Methodist Build for the Rosales family. Together, with the other 12 partnering churches, we've raised over \$90,000 which directly pays for the construction materials of the Rosales home. Your financial contributions to the build, volunteer hours, and prayers have made this house possible. Putting faith into action, Laura Rosales and her five children now have a safe, and stable place to call home. Thank you!









Mid Year Craft Group Report

Mid year also means we are just 5 months away from the 44th Annual Craft Show! Each year we spend the money made at the previous year's Craft show on the church and community. So far in 2019 we have made these donations to MUMC:

Grief Share, Confirmand Bibles, 3rd grade Bibles, 5th grade choir member hymnals, Youth Shares, Alex' Lemonade Stand, Akins Homeless, contributed to utility use in our room, purchased new custodian shirts, memorial donations to MUMC Memorials and UMCOR, college care packages, and ongoing Coats for Kids purchases. Benefiting the wider community, we have made these donations: new microwave and kitchen items for the Habitat build family, donations to Brown Santa, Safe Place, Salvation Army, and Meals on Wheels.

Our crafting and donating continues throughout the year. Thank you for your purchases and ongoing support!

Special thanks to the men's Bible study group

The Missions Team celebrated another successful school year of providing weekend food for children in need at Menchaca Elementary School. The men's Bible study group deserves a <u>special thank you</u> for their tireless efforts packing the backpacks every Wednesday and delivering these to the school every Friday morning. Each weekend, 5 families consisting of 14 children were given healthy and easy to prepare food.

Welcome New Members!



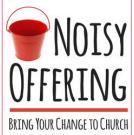
Pam Leigh

Michael DeVilbiss

Schedule for Sunday, June 30th:

→ Combined service at 10 am in the Sanctuary, Rev. Jeanne Devine preaching. No Sunday School.

→ Noisy Offering during worship! During Children's



Time, the children will come around with their little metal buckets to collect your spare change. This money goes toward all of the service projects our children complete throughout the year, including making manna bags.

→ Popcorn and a
Play after worship in
the Family Life Center. "Come to the
Table" will be presented by the Summer Drama Campers.
Popcorn Bar provided!
ALL are invited!



Memorials

Given by: Gail Gant Kenneth & Joey Glowka M. J. & Peggy Nipper Kav Zunker MUMC Craft Group Clarence & Joyce Hough Richard & Christiane Milisci Patsy Garnet Holly Smyth Patricia & Will Stewart Mary Jane & Bob Caudill Mary Jane & Bob Caudill Pat Stine Jerry Edinger Margaret Bowen Gateway Sunday School



In Memory of:

Leroy Machemehl DC McCauley Grover Alexander Grover Alexander Lerov Machemehl Grover Alexander Grover Alexander Grover Alexander Imogene Gray Imogene Gray

Newsletter Article Submittal:

NEXT MONTH'S DEADLINE: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 at NOON EMAIL SUBMISSIONS TO:

deanna@manchacaumc.org or office@manchacaumc.com

NEXT NEWSLETTER WILL BE MAILED: Wednesday, July 24, 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. - noon — Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

11 a.m. - noon — Praise Worship in the Family Life Center

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