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**D** *O YOU HAVE HOPE?* I hope so. We all need hope. One of the reasons why I cherish hope is because hope never disappoints. Real hope always rests in God, and this kind of hope never disappoints. Sometimes our hope is tested by moments of difficulty, trouble, and despair. But hope is always greater than the rocky roads we travel because hope is of God. Hope is never dependent upon our strengths and abilities. Hope exists because of who God is! Hope is a product of God's grace! Hope never dies because God never dies. Hope is never conquered because God cannot be conquered. There is nothing greater or more powerful than our Lord. He is all powerful. He is present everywhere in the past, present, and future ~ all at once. And the Lord is all knowing. There is not a thought that God does not already know.

Now, what does all this mean? It means that God always triumphs. Romans 8: 37 reads, ***"No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us."***

When you feel inadequate to handle life's pressures and you feel like you cannot take another step; then know God is absolutely with you. God is with you now! When you are weak, God is strong for you. God watches over you when you are too down to even look up.

Sometimes we feel forsaken, but hope is remembering that God is closer than our beating heart. *"Hope in God"* is the strength behind our going on; the encouraging words behind every smile. When you feel forsaken, God is carrying you. When you feel alone, God is comforting God. God is your Helper. God is your Deliverer. Hope in God, because God never disappoints! Take a moment right now to be still for a moment. Quiet yourself from the noisy world, and you will know God is there. God will never leave you nor forsake you! That is our HOPE! God bless you!

In Christ's Service,

*Andy*



## Daily Scripture

### Week of June 4

Monday Mark 3:20-30  
 Tuesday Mark 3:31-35  
 Wednesday 1 Samuel 8:4-20  
 Thursday 1 Samuel 8:19-20  
 Friday Psalm 138  
 Saturday Psalm 138  
 Sunday 1 Samuel 8:4-20 (11:14-15)  
 Psalm 138  
 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1  
 Mark 3:20-35

### Week of June 11

Monday 1 Samuel 15:34-35  
 Tuesday 1 Samuel 16:1-13  
 Wednesday Psalm 20  
 Thursday Mark 4:26-29  
 Friday Mark 4:30-34  
 Saturday 2 Corinthians 5:6-10  
 Sunday Father's Day  
 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13  
 Psalm 20 or Psalm 72  
 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 (11-13),  
 14-17  
 Mark 4:26-34

### Week of June 18

Monday 1 Samuel 17:1-11  
 Tuesday 1 Samuel 17:1a, 4-11, 9-23,  
 32-49  
 Wednesday Psalm 9:9-20  
 Thursday Mark 4:35-41  
 Friday Mark 4:35-41  
 Saturday 2 Corinthians 6:1-13  
 Sunday 1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23)  
 32-49  
 Psalm 9:9-20  
 2 Corinthians 6:1-13  
 Mark 4:35-41

### Week of June 25

Monday 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27  
 Tuesday Psalm 130:1-4  
 Wednesday Psalm 130:5-8  
 Thursday 2 Corinthians 8:1-9  
 Friday 2 Corinthians 8:8-15  
 Saturday Mark 5:25-34  
 Sunday 2 Samuel 1:1. 17-27  
 Psalm 130  
 2 Corinthians 8:7-15  
 Mark 5:21-43



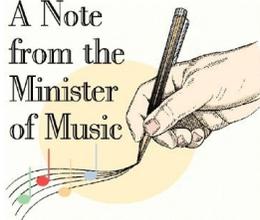
## Worship Opportunities

**8:30 & 11 a.m. Traditional Services**  
**Sanctuary - Rev. Andy Smith preaching**

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

**11 a.m. Praise Worship (Life on the Road)**  
**Family Life Center - Rev. Rosie Grattan preaching**

### A Note from the Minister of Music



As I was growing up, my mom worked in our local hospital as a nurse. Over the years I became familiar with a number of medical terms. I even learned at an early age how to take someone's blood pressure. One thing I learned quickly was the difference in the terms "bacterial" and "viral." So, I do find it interesting how the word "viral" is now used to describe non-medical events: viral videos, viral tweets, viral instagrams, etc. It's understandable why "viral" was picked up as a slang word. Viruses have a tendency to spread quickly. Many people get so excited about a news report, or a funny video, or a cute picture, that they can't wait to hit that share or send icon. Soon what they've shared is spreading through their list of friends, then on to someone else's list of friends, and so on. What if we got so excited about our faith or about worship that we couldn't wait to share it with others? Would that go viral as well? Following his resurrection, as Jesus was taken up into heaven, he told his disciples to proclaim the good news to everyone, everywhere. We are to do the same thing. As the hymn says, "We've a story to tell to the nations..." So...go tell it. And make it viral!

– Mark Hixon, Director of Music and Fine Arts

## Summer, Sun and Singing

Have you ever thought about what it would be like to sing with the Sanctuary Choir? Why not give it a try for a few weeks? While some church choirs take off during the summer, the Sanctuary Choir will continue to rehearse. Singers of all levels of experience are welcome in all sections. Not sure if you sing soprano or alto, tenor or bass? Try out an evening rehearsal and see where you feel most comfortable. The Sanctuary Choir rehearses Wednesday evenings from 6:45 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. in the main Choir room and participates in the 11a.m. Sanctuary service on Sundays. For more information, contact Mark Hixon at 512-282-7274 or [Mark@ManchacaUMC.org](mailto:Mark@ManchacaUMC.org).



## Thank You Nancy Bourell!



Nancy Bourell has faithfully directed the Glory Bells handbell choir since the Fall of 2010. Nancy has decided to step down from directing the ensemble. She has done a fantastic job directing and the Glory Bells have provided exceptional music for the congregation. Nancy will still be active in the Music Ministry in other ways, but will have a little more time to do other things. When you see Nancy, please show your appreciation for her faithful service to Manchaca UMC.

# Stewardship

Prayers Presence Gifts Service Witness

## We Pray for the Following:

Jennifer Bailey	Chris Calavitta
David Joseph Dahill	Bobbie Meador
Don Moreo	Nancy Moriss
Sean Myers & Family	Bobbie Word
Evan Lawson	Mike Mead
Jaime Pisani	Jeff Shunn
Stacey Stage	
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Troy Crail	Bunnie Kelly
Lena Knight	Clifford Ratcliff
George Senn	Dean Thompson
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Ainsley Beck	Gary Acone
"Nacho" Ignacio Bejarano	
Family of Doug Bell	
Family of Julia Bradley	Clair Brown
Ken Butler	Tom Calnan
Bob Carroll	Tina Carter
Caulin & Family	Karen Davis
Em Dee	Andrea Exter
Travis & Chelsey Fallin	Roy Gordon
Imogene Gray	Marilyn Hallmark
Tena Hammond	Robin Hansen
Harold Hoffmeister	Scott & Maria Jackson
Norma Jacobson	Warren Jacobson
Chuck & Eleanor Jett	Forest Jordan III
Robin Julien	Bobby Kollman
Julie Linnard	Laura Lopez
Annette Lostak	Nichole Lupo
Chris McKean	Joni Mead
Tom Mead	Dick Meyer
Mark Monteith	Charlotte Morahan
David Nancarrow	Dorma Nickels
Kerry Nixon	Pat Nixon-Gunn
Margie Osborn	Jana Pankratz
Mimi Raper	Mary Lynne Reagan
Larry Riddell	Shirley Riddell
Rex Ryan	Seth Rye
Micah Sagebiel	Lucretia Scalise
Chris Scholle	Cary Sitterly
Eleanor Smith	Rhena Smith
Rick Thorpe	Robert Todd
Seth & Erika Tucker	Kat Vice
Randy Waters	Robin Wella
Clint Wilson	Ron Wilson
Ines Zippe	Chuck Zaloga

## Attendance

<b>Sunday 4-22-18</b> .....	267
Sunday School	137
Visitors	29
First time visitors	7
Sunday 4-29-18 .....	349
Sunday School	159
Visitors	26
First time visitors	4
<b>Sunday 5-6-18</b> .....	294
Sunday School	172
Visitors	14
First time visitors	5
<b>Sunday 5-13-18</b> .....	282
Sunday School	141
Visitors	16
First time visitors	0

## Financial Report April



Operating Income .....	\$71,976.03
Operating Expenses .....	\$66,336.71
<b>Net Op. Gain</b>	<u>\$ 5,639.32</u>
<b>YTD (Apr)</b>	
Operating Income	\$271,077.36
Operating Expenses	\$267,288.37
<b>Net Op. Gain</b>	<u>\$ 3,788.99</u>
<b>April Offering Rec'd</b>	
Food Pantry .....	\$ 676.00
Memorials .....	\$ 100.00
Build Serve Grow .....	\$5,109.00
Debt Reduction .....	\$1,955.00
UMCOR .....	\$ 35.00
Noisy Offering .....	\$ 496.83
Missions .....	\$ 990.82
Scholarship .....	\$2,379.00
Youth Ministries .....	\$ 362.00

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.

## Coming Events

<b>Silver Thistle Pipes/Drums</b> .....	June 2
GriefShare Support -1:30 pm .....	June 3
Coloring Café -10 am .....	June 4
Emmaus Gathering -5 pm .....	June 5
Stephen Ministry Supervision -7 pm .....	June 5
Annual Conference .....	June 6-9
Stephen Ministry Leaders -9 am ...	June 7
Open Hearts - 7 pm .....	June 7
WOW -9:30 am .....	June 8
Kairos Team Meeting -8 am .....	June 9
Pastor's Coffee -9:45 am .....	June 10
Stitches from the Heart - 6 pm ...	June 11
Sunshine Café - 10 am .....	June 14
<b>FATHER'S DAY</b> .....	June 17
Staff Meeting -1 pm .....	June 18
Newsletter Deadline - noon .....	June 19
Steph Ministry Supervision -7 pm .....	June 19
WOW -9:30 am .....	June 22
Stitches from the Heart - 9:30 am .....	June 25
Summer Sports Camp .....	June 25-28
FLAMS -9 am .....	June 27

## Weekly Opportunities

### Sundays:

Worship - Sanctuary .....	8:30 am
Sunday School .....	9:45 am
Worship - Sanctuary .....	11 am
Worship - Family Life Center .....	11 am
UMYF - .....	3 pm

### On-Going - Meetings:

Youth Activities -2-5 pm .....	Sun
Daniel Plan Support - 6 pm .....	Mon
AA Meetings -7:30 pm .....	Mon
Boomers - Exercise - 9/10 am Tue. & Thur	
Craft Group -7 pm .....	Tue
Stephen Ministry -7 pm .....	Tue
Craft Group - 9 am .....	Wed
Backpack Packing - noon .....	Wed
Such as These Praise Band-6:30 pm	Wed
Sanctuary Choir - 6:45 pm .....	Wed
Glory Bells - 7 pm .....	Thur

# Youth News

## √ Weekly Youth Schedule

Sunday

8:30 or 11:00 a.m. - Worship

9:45-10:45 a.m. - Sunday School

3-5 p.m. - Youth Group



Join the  
Youth Group

## √ Summer of Service

### Awaken Sunday Morning Youth Fellowship

During the Sunday School Hour (9:45-10:45 a.m.)

7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Students

Begins Sunday, June 3!

We'll be meeting in the youth room at 9:45 for breakfast and a devotional and then we'll get to work on a service project around the church! First Task – Painting Room 3, where Middle School Sunday school meet.



## √ Be a Youth Mentor! – Service Hours Available

Youth have the opportunity to earn fun service hours while mentoring younger children through two volunteer opportunities this summer!

1. **Summer Evening Sports Game** – We need youth group leaders to lead small groups of children through art, science and sports drills stations at our Sport camp, the evening of June 25-28. If you are interested, please talk to or email Ms. Kim at [Kim@ManchacaUMC.org](mailto:Kim@ManchacaUMC.org).
2. **Rolling River Rampage VBS 2018** – Youth are invited to participate in VBS as assistant group and station leaders! Sign up to volunteer at VBS by filling out a VBS Youth Volunteer Application, available through the weekly Youth email or on our website.

## IT'S VBS TIME

### VBS 2018: Rolling River Rampage

We're on a quest to experience the ride of lifetime with God! As we raft down the river, we'll discover Adventure, Acceptance, Joy, Rest and Peace!

- ◆ Monday - Friday, July 30 - August 3
- ◆ 9:00 - Noon, with early drop-off at 8 a.m.
- ◆ For Ages 4 Years Old - 5th Grade
- ◆ Cost: \$20/child, \$10 additional children
- ◆ Find the link to register on the children's page of our website: [www.ManchacaUMC.org](http://www.ManchacaUMC.org). (Paper forms can be found in the main office.)



### VBS Wish List:

- ◆ Reusable grocery bags
- ◆ Paper milk cartons (rinsed)
- ◆ Cereal boxes and egg cartons
- ◆ River rocks and small pebble rocks
- ◆ Birdseed
- ◆ Muffin liners
- ◆ Wooden clothespins
- ◆ Bright and colorful yarn
- ◆ Empty, clean 2-liter bottle with cap
- ◆ Blue disposable tablecloths and rolls of blue cellophane

# Children's Ministries

## Adventures with Flat Jesus!



Pick up a "Flat Jesus" to take with you on your Adventures this summer! Flat Jesus is a reminder that Jesus is with us wherever we go. Take pictures with Flat Jesus at the zoo, or the pool, or wherever else you go on summer vacation, and then post them on Instagram or Facebook with the hashtag #MUMCFlatJesus. You can also send your pictures to Kim@ManchacaUMC.org and Ms. Kim will post them on our church's Facebook page and/or our website! Every time you participate, we will enter your family in a drawing to win fun prizes! All families who participate will win something.

## Summer Bible Reading Plan

Encourage your children to continue their Christian education this summer break by reading 12 beloved Bible stories (one per week). Print out the checklist on our website or pick one up at church, and download the activities for each story from our website. Children from birth to 5th grade can participate: parents can read to non-readers, early readers can participate by reading the stories from a children's Bible, while older elementary children are encouraged to read the stories straight from their Bibles. We will celebrate our success at a pizza and ice cream party on Sunday, August 19 after worship!



## Caring Kids: Reading at Marbridge



On Mondays this summer, we invite families with children of all ages to read with and to the residents at Marbridge! Click on the Caring Kids logo on the Children's Ministry page of our website to find the sign up. There are multiple

Mondays available, and you can sign up for as many as you'd like. Please RSVP by the Thursday before, so we can let the Marbridge staff know how many readers to expect each week.

## Campfire Stories

**Begins June 3 (9:45-10:45 a.m.) in room 30**

Our 3 year olds - graduating 5th graders will gather around the "campfire" for a special one-room Sunday school series in Room 30. We'll be singing camp songs and telling spooky and strange stories from the Bible, followed by drama, craft, game and science stations! At the beginning and end of the summer, on May 27 and September 2, children's and youth classes will combine for "Mission Sundays" in the Fellowship Hall to complete various service projects.



## Alex's Lemonade Stand

### Alex's Lemonade Stand

On Sunday morning, June 3, Caring Kids will be host our annual lemonade stands to raise money to fight childhood cancer through Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation. Children will "sell" lemonade and cookies for a minimum \$1 donation. Learn more about ALSF and make direct donations through the Caring Kids page of our website: [www.manchacaumc.org](http://www.manchacaumc.org). (Go to the children's ministries page and then click on the Caring Kids logo.) If your child would like to help sell lemonade, please sign up on the clipboards at church or online. Be sure to join us on Mission Sunday during the Sunday school hour when we'll be making cookies and prepping for our stands!

## TEAMWORK:

### Summer Evening Sports Camp

Monday, June 25- Thursday, June 28 (6 - 8 p.m.)

Children in camp will learn about Teamwork as they practice sports drills for football, soccer, basketball, and baseball/softball. Campers will also work on crafts, conduct fun science experiments, eat a wholesome snack, and explore Bible lessons about working together on God's team. This camp is for children are 4 years old - 5th grade. They do not have to be athletic or be skilled in sports to have fun!



## Movies with a Message



We invite families with kids of all ages to come and watch free family movies on Tuesday afternoons at 2:30 p.m. in our Fellowship Hall. We provide popcorn and water, chairs, and lots of room where kids can lounge on the floor. Kids can bring their own pillows and blankets. A short Bible lesson follows each movie. Movies with a Message is open to the community, so please invite your friends and neighbors! See our movie schedule on the bulletin board at church or on the website.

## Boomers Exercise Group

Stay active, get fit and make friends at our exercise groups on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. These classes are especially for seniors, but all ages and fitness levels are welcome. Choose the fitness level that's right for you. Both groups meet in the parlor.



- ◆ 9 a.m. – Moderate Cardio: Participants use Leslie Sansone’s “Just Walk” or a similar DVD for moderate cardio exercise with arm movements.
- ◆ 10 a.m. – Strength & Balance: Participants use the “Go4Life” DVD published by the National Institute on Aging to improve strength, balance, flexibility, and endurance.

## Wordspirations

### Summer 2018 Wordspirations

#### Women’s Bible Study on Sundays

June 10, July 15, August 12, 4-6 p.m.

There are 3 remaining monthly meetings of our Wordspirations Women’s Bible Study, open to all who would like to join us! We will meet Sunday afternoons from 4:00-6:00 p.m. and fellowship together, sing, visit, and focus on a particular passage of Scripture. We read the passage aloud several times, listen, let God speak to our hearts, and then journal about it in the moment. Then we share with each other and discover how amazing it is that God knows just what we each need to hear from Him – everyone has something different and very personal. We all leave feeling lighter and uplifted by God’s touch and the community of others. No cost, no homework, and there are always snacks! Led by Ellen Carpenter and Team ~ Julie Chandler, Sharon Mize, and Debi Jones. We would love for you to join us.

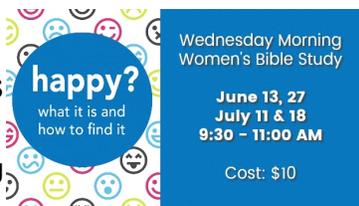
## Happy? what it is and how to find it

### Wednesday Morning Women’s Bible Study

June 13 & 27, July 11 & 18, 9:30 – 11 a.m.

Cost: \$10 for the book

We all dream of being happy. If we could just lose the extra weight, get the job, buy the house, we could truly be happy. But over time, it begins to seem as though lasting happiness is unattainable. So how do we find lasting happiness and contentment in our lives? Come and see! Sign up on the clipboards at church or on our website.



## The Daniel Plan:

### A 6-week Journey to Health

Monday Evenings, Starting June 4, 6:30 – 8 p.m.

Cost: \$5 for materials (for new members)



The Daniel Plan will equip you with practical tools and resources to bring health into every area of your life. The program is centered on five Bible-based essentials: faith, food, fitness, focus and friends. Whether you want to lose

weight or just improve overall health, you'll learn simple ways to incorporate healthy choices into your current lifestyle. The Daniel Plan is not a diet – it's about changing your life! You can customize your plan and be empowered to make choices based on your own food and fitness goals. You can learn more about The Daniel Plan on their website: [www.danielplan.com](http://www.danielplan.com). Come and see how the Daniel Plan might work for you! We will meet for 6 Monday evenings, 6:30 – 8:00pm, beginning June 4 (skipping June 25). There cost of the class is \$5 to cover the cost of materials. Daniel Plan books and resources will be offered at a discounted rate. For added support and accountability, consider signing up for the Personal Fitness Challenge (kick off after church on Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> after worship in the Parlor).

### Personal Fitness Challenge (PFC) begins June 3rd!

Join me and others in a personal fitness challenge! Establish your own personal goals for increased fitness and overall better feelings about your health and well-being through weight loss/exercise/personal habits, etc. Through our Christian Education department, we will also be offering a six-week Daniel Plan class, beginning Monday, June 4.

Register for that class here:

<http://www.manchacaumc.org/event/1121116-2018-06-04-daniel-plan-class/>

(This Daniel Plan class sign up can be found on the church's website Event Calendar)

### Kickoff Gathering

For those interested in establishing a personal fitness challenge (a "PFC"), we will offer a "kickoff" meeting to gather, share our goals for fitness, and even find accountability partners to help keep one another on track. At this initial gathering, we'll also be able to hear more about the Daniel Plan from Kim Carroll, Director of Christian Education. As added personal fitness support, Wesley Nurse, Eileen Stedl-Walter, will be offering, by appointment, opportunities for health screenings: blood pressure check, weigh-ins and other services. For a scheduled time, contact Eileen at [EWalter@mhm.org](mailto:EWalter@mhm.org).

Whatever you desire to do for your personal fitness, we want to pray for and support you, and please consider joining us for the kickoff gathering, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, immediately following 11:00 a.m. services in the Parlor (in the main building near the sanctuary). Contact Pastor Rosie at (512) 576-6937 (cell and text) for further information.



**Upcoming  
Local Emmaus Gathering:**

**June 5, 2018 –  
Buda/Kyle/Manchaca area**

Manchaca UMC  
(1011 FM 1626, Manchaca, TX)  
Potluck 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall  
Service 7:15 p.m. in Sanctuary  
Please bring your worship book,  
name tag and lanyard.

**OPEN HEARTS**

**JUNE 2018**

**Tuesday, JUNE 5 @ 7 PM**

**Room 8 – Main Building across from the Sanctuary**

You say you've thought about visiting Open Hearts [a support group for family/friends of the LGBTQ Community] but: you're just not sure it's right for you; you fear that someone might find out; you and your child haven't had that discussion; even though you're curious, you don't want to discuss it. None of that should keep you away. You don't have to participate. Maybe God is calling you to seek the comfort of others who are dealing with some of your same issues. Just maybe these same individuals could give you the support you need to ask God to help you find some answers. You don't have to deal with those questions alone. That is what the name "Support Group" means. Think about it. Or, better yet, come visit! If you need more information, call Loretta [mother of a gay son] 281-615-6149 [cell] or Kim 512-282-7274 [at the church]. Join us and feel free to bring a friend. All are welcome.



**Dear Church Family,**



My sister, Marsha O'Dell and I would like to thank the congregation for the love and support shown to our family since the death of our mother, Martha Chilton. The church staff and Bereavement Committee put together a lovely service and reception for our family.

My extended family was impressed by everyone they met at Manchaca UMC. I am both proud and grateful to be a member of this church.

Sincerely,  
Susan Jordan and Marsha O'Dell



Please join in giving thanks to God for Linda Crail's faithful and dedicated service to Manchaca UMC. After serving in our office for 24 years, Linda is retiring from her position. She is a faithful friend

and a welcoming voice to all who connect with our office. She has been like the rudder of a ship; guiding the church's administrative work and helping to keep the church staff on track. It's hard not to laugh at Linda's wall art depicting the life of church secretaries, and it's hard not to visit the candy jar that she often replenished. The church will be planning a special reception for Linda. That day and time will be announced.

Linda will stay through the hiring and orientation of a new Office Manager. The church is currently asking for applicants to email their resumes to Pastor Andy.

**Craft Group Service Projects**

The Craft Group performs service projects from time to time. In April we embroidered some aprons for Congregational Life, created some sound reducing table pads for Sunshine Cafe, donated craft items to Akins Homeless as



a result of a request, and will make new stoles for Stephen Ministers. We have some summer projects waiting in the wings as well! We are happiest when creating and helping others.

Drop by some Tuesday evening (from 6pm-9pm) or Wednesday mornings (from 9am-noon). We'd love to show you what we do.

**"Life Through a Lens" Exhibit**



Deanne Brown teaches Photojournalism at Westlake High School. As you can guess, she enjoys taking photographs of many things as well as teaches her students techniques in taking interesting photographs.

Deanne is sharing some of her photographs, as well as some photographs by her students, with us. The exhibit, "Life Through a Lens," will be on display in the main hallway through early July. You will want to check out these photographs.

**It's almost time** for the Sunshine Café to open again! Please join us Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup> for our third opening this year. Our theme will be "Summertime Picnic" and we will be serving traditional picnic fare, minus the ants!



Lunch will be served from 11:30 till 12 p.m.  
Games, coloring and conversation till 2 p.m.



## *Why I'm Still a United Methodist: Celebrating 50 Years of Diversity and Love*

As many of you know, I love The United Methodist Church. I have been United Methodist all of my life, from the cradle until now (my dad was a United Methodist pastor, but before I was born, he was a Presbyterian minister), but did you know that the United Methodist Church as we know it today was created a new body on April 23, 1968? From the Historical Statement in The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church, 2008, we find:

**On April 23, 1968, The United Methodist Church was created when Bishop Reuben H. Mueller, representing The Evangelical United Brethren Church, and Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke of The Methodist Church joined hands at the constituting General Conference in Dallas, Texas. With the words, "Lord of the Church, we are united in Thee, in Thy Church and now in The United Methodist Church," the new denomination was given birth by two churches that had distinguished histories and influential ministries in various parts of the world.**

This year we celebrate the 50-year Anniversary of being The United Methodist Church, and I invite you to learn more about the tradition as well as the history of The UMC. I invite you to start by viewing the brief video (link below) entitled: WE STILL BELIEVE: Celebrating 50 Years of The United Methodist Church.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jqAra\\_p6l2A](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jqAra_p6l2A)

<iframe width="560" height="315" src="https://www.youtube.com/embed/jqAra\_p6l2A" frameborder="0" allow="autoplay; encrypted-media" allowfullscreen></iframe>

This brief film (4 minutes and 43 seconds long) was produced by Discipleship Ministries and The General Commission on Archives and History in cooperation with United Methodist Communications (UMCom). Here are words from the transcript, an excerpt of what you'll hear: *"Our roots go deep...We joyfully receive for ourselves and others the blessings of community: sexuality, marriage, and the family. We commit ourselves to the rights of men, women, children, youth, young adults, the aging and people with disabilities to improvement of the quality of life, to the rights and dignity of all persons. We dedicate ourselves to peace throughout the world, to the rule of justice and law among nations and to individual freedom for all people of the world. In such times, business as usual simply will not get our business done."*

Perhaps the main reason I am still a United Methodist is because I find these statements to be true; I find The United Methodist Church living up to its vow to include people like me and individuals like you. I feel a part of what the UMC is doing in mission and ministry to the world, and will be for hopefully years to come. As a denomination we have certainly faced our challenges and struggles to live up to our slogan: *Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors. The People of The United Methodist Church.* However, I pray that we will continue to reach God's goals for His Church. Join me in praying. Join me in remembering. Join me in being a vital part of what God is doing through The United Methodist Church. Shalom.

*In Christ' service, Always in Love, Pastor Rosie*

**Manchaca United Methodist Church**

offers varied worship experiences each Sunday a.m.

**Worship Schedule:**  
8:30-9:30 a.m.- Traditional Worship w/Communion in the

Sanctuary  
11 a.m. - 12 noon - Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

11 a.m. - 12 noon - Praise Worship in the Family Life Center

**Sunday School: 9:45 - 10:45 a.m.**

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**NEXT NEWSLETTER  
WILL BE MAILED  
June 27, 2018  
DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES  
Tuesday, June 19 - noon**

**Sunday Worship Times  
8:30 & 11 a.m.  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m**

**VBS Is Coming! How can you serve?**

We have room for 200 children in our VBS program, and already we have over 50 kids signed up (with more than 70% coming from the community). Here are some ways that you can support this year's VBS:

- ▶ Donate money to cover scholarships for children (\$20/child).
- ▶ Donate recycled items from our wish list (see the children's page).
- ▶ Sign up to be on the prayer team.
- ▶ Sign up to be a greeter or work at the check-in desk.
- ▶ Sign up to supervise early drop off on the playground.
- ▶ Help with prep work, set up and clean up (look for dates in upcoming newsletters and bulletin inserts!)

Contact Ms. Kim for more information about any of these volunteer opportunities.



*The Coloring Café 2018  
New Summer Schedule!!*

For the months of June, July and August, the *Coloring Café* will meet every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays!



We meet in the Parlor at MUMC (east side of the main building). Our doors open at 10:00 a.m. and close around Noon or 1 p.m. depending on participation. Everyone can come and go as you please.

Coloring sheets, gel pens, colored pencils and markers are provided, or bring your own supplies if you prefer!

Everyone is welcome to join us - **Bring a friend!** You do not need to be a member of the MUMC family to participate. Feel free to bring a treat or refreshment for yourself or to share, but they're not required! Coffee and water will be provided.

Contact Kristine Ehrlich at [ehrllichkristine@gmail.com](mailto:ehrllichkristine@gmail.com) or call or text 512-789-9285 if you have any questions.

Childcare is available by request: [childcare@ManchacaUMC.org](mailto:childcare@ManchacaUMC.org)

*We hope you enjoy this new Summer schedule!*

*Won't you come join us!!*



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