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Greetings Church Family,

Manchaca UMC is a community of committed Christians spreading the gospel and love of Jesus through a wide range of ministries and service opportunities. We are thankful for God's abundant provision of building space to gather, to worship, to plan, to play, and to love and serve Manchaca and its surrounding communities.

The Build-Serve-Grow (BSG) team is chartered to effectively communicate needed updates to our physical plant. In this endeavor, we have the responsibility to share opportunities for all members to participate fully as one body in Christ. Together we will build a foundation where we can better serve our community, while growing in Christ's love.

Over the next several months, we will share information about the remaining MUMC renovation needs across our church campus. We welcome your input! A special link has been created on our website home page to a **BSG Feedback Form** that allows for your input, questions or comments. The link to this form is also provided here: MUMC's Build-Serve-Grow Feedback Form.

As the program team for this initiative, we are committed to giving sacrificially to support our church home, where we see God's miracles unfold daily. We pray that every member will share in this vision to the honor and glory of our Lord.

Grace and Peace,

The BSG Team:

Glenna Bowman	Jenny Rinehart	Tonia Norman
Rick Bowman	Leslie Piggott	Rhonda Morris
Gary Carpenter	Clint Wilson	

DON'T FORGET TO "SPRING" FORWARD!

SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD AN HOUR ON SATURDAY, MARCH 9TH, BEFORE GOING TO BED!



WORSHIP AND FINE ARTS



Daily Scripture

March 1-3

Friday Luke 9:28-36
 Saturday Luke 9:28-43a
 Sunday Exodus 34:29-35
 Psalm 99
 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:12
 Luke 9:28-43

Week of March 4

Monday Deuteronomy 26:1-11
 Tuesday Psalm 91:2, 9-16
 Wednesday Isaiah 58:1-12
 Thursday Romans 10:8b-13
 Friday Romans 10:8b-13
 Saturday Isaiah 58:1-12
 Sunday Deuteronomy 26:1-11
 Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
 Romans 10:8b-13
 Luke 4:1-13

Week of March 11

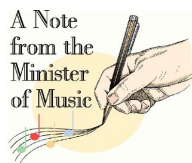
Monday Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
 Tuesday Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
 Wednesday Psalm 27
 Thursday Psalm 27
 Friday Philippians 3:17-4:1
 Saturday Luke 13:31-35
 Sunday Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
 Psalm 27
 Philippians 3:17-4:1
 Luke 13:31-35

Week of March 18

Monday Isaiah 55:1-5
 Tuesday Isaiah 55:6-9
 Wednesday Psalm 63:1-5
 Thursday Psalm 63:6-8
 Friday 1 Corinthians 10:1-13
 Saturday Luke 13:1-9
 Sunday Isaiah 55:1-5
 Psalm 63:1-8
 1 Corinthians 10:1-13
 Luke 13:1-9

Week of March 25

Monday Joshua 5:9-12
 Tuesday Joshua 5:9-12
 Wednesday Psalm 32
 Thursday 2 Corinthians 5:16-21
 Friday Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
 Saturday Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
 Sunday Joshua 5:9-12
 Psalm 32
 2 Corinthians 5:16-21



One of the games I often played as a child was Hide and Seek. While most of my friends preferred to be “it” and be the one searching for everyone, I preferred to be one of the ones who tried not to be found. It was challenging to try to find the perfect place to hide and only on the rare occasion did you remain hidden until the game was called off. No matter how good you thought your hiding place was, a skilled “it” would usually find you. While it would have been nice to have remained hidden, I have to admit there was often a sense of relief once you were found. In the Bible there are stories of “hidden” people. Adam and Eve tried to hide from God; Jonah ended up being hidden in the belly of the big fish; Joseph was hidden in the pit which his brothers dug. God still found Adam and Eve. Jonah escaped the big fish and fulfilled his mission to Nineveh. Instead of keeping him in the pit, Joseph’s brothers sold him to the Ishmaelites and off Joseph went to serve God in Egypt. Have you ever felt hidden from God, either by circumstances or by your own choosing? Perhaps you wondered if God would be able to find you. As Adam, Eve, Jonah and many other biblical characters discovered, there is truly no way to hide, or be hidden, from God. God will find us no matter where we are and no matter our circumstances. Whether we’re trying to avoid doing something for God or thinking we’re keeping something from God, God has a way of putting the right people in our lives or bringing about the right situations that call us from our secluded existence. One thing I learned as child while playing Hide and Seek was that it can sometimes be rather lonely when you’re hiding, especially when you’re hiding in a dark space. God doesn’t want us hiding. God wants us to step out of the darkness and into the light. If you’re hiding from God, or feel hidden from God, listen for God’s “olly, olly, oxen free” and step out of the dark and into God’s light. You know...God is the ultimate “it” and will never stop looking until we’re found.

– Mark Hixon, Director of Music and Fine Arts

Ash Wednesday, March 6

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 6th. Lent is a period of forty days before Easter, not counting Sundays. It can be a time for repentance, reflection and soul-searching. As a way to begin your Lenten journey, join us for an Ash Wednesday Service at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The service will include the imposition of ashes, a symbol of penitence and mortality.

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

We Pray for...

Anice	Bobbye Meador
Sam Arhelger	Dick Meyer
Rick Barker	Mark Monteith
Hannah Butler	Charlotte Morahan
Byrony & Family	Tish Moulton
Donna Carlson	Dorma Nickels
Tina Carter	Nico
Betty Chase	Pat Nixon-Gunn
Ned Coleman	Mike O'Dell
Kristine Ehrlich	Christina P.
David Fegan	Karola Paul
Odette Gibbs	Carrie Prestwood
Becky Gilmore	Cleo Rainey
Imogene Gray	Rev. Mimi Raper
Kyle Grimshaw	Katrina Roberts
Gary & Kristi Guilbeaux	Aliya Rosegreen
Rebecca Hallmark	Chris Rowland
Tena Hammond	Deborah Sanders
Robin Hansen	Cathy Sandoval
Lee Herring	Ed & Fredda Shuquist
Susan Hilburn	Christi Sontag
Alycia Howell	Jason Spindler & Family
Angel Jackson	Donovan Steen
Norma Jacobson	Adrienne Thel
Jolly James	Dean & Rita Thompson
Julie Jerome	Robert Todd
Forest & M'Liss Jordan	Carolyn Vail
James Kennedy	Ray Vaughn
Jackie Kerr	Jennifer Whitley
Laura Lee	B. A. Wilcoxson
Ethan McBride	Bobbye Word
Chris & Allen McKean	



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

Sympathy to...

Daryl Avenell, Lisa Young & Jacob Avenell, on the loss of Daryl's father, **Jim Avenell**.

Bruce, Kim & Kendall Carroll, on the loss of Bruce's mother, **Joan Carroll**.

Brad Piggott, on the loss of his aunt **Debbi Wright**.

Bil & Nancy Zaloga, on the loss of Bill's brother, **Chuck Zaloga**.

Randi Tindel, on the loss of her mother, **Betty Alspaugh**.



Attendance

Sunday 1-20-19	302
Sunday School	144
Visitors	33
First time visitors	0
Sunday 1-27-19	291
Sunday School	141
Visitors	49
First time visitors	1
Sunday 2-3-19	304
Sunday School	199
Visitors	31
First time visitors	1
Sunday 2-10-19	304
Sunday School	147
Visitors	29
First time visitors	1
Sunday 2-17-19	299
Sunday School	139
Visitors	45
First time visitors	0

Financial Report



The financial report section will return next month and will include both the January and February 2019 reports.

Church Council Meetings

- April 11th (Parlor)
- June 20th (Parlor)
- August 22nd (Parlor)
- October 17th (Parlor)
- December 5th (if needed - Parlor)

2019 Altar Rail Offerings

- *March* - UMCOR
- *April* - MUMC College Scholarships
- *May* - Emergency Assistance Fund
- *June* - House of the Carpenter
- *July* - South Austin Assistance Ministries
- *August* - Project Transformation
- *September* - Grace Children's Hospital & Pediatric Care
- *October* - Missionary Support
- *November* - MUMC Food Pantry
- *December* - Methodist Children's Home (Waco) & Providence Place (San Antonio)

Calendar of Events

Confirmants at Wesley UMC -10 am.....	Sun, Mar 3
Stephen Ministry Supervision -1:30 pm...	Sun, Mar 3
Coloring Café -10 am	Mon, Mar 4
Staff Meeting -1 pm	Mon, Mar 4
UMM Pancake Supper -5 pm	Tues, Mar 5
Open Hearts -7 pm	Tues, Mar 5
Ash Wednesday Service -7 pm	Wed, Mar 6
Stephen Ministry Leaders -9 am	Thurs, Mar 7
Sunshine Café -11:30 am	Thurs, Mar 7
Women of the Word -9:30 am	Fri, Mar 8
Set clocks AHEAD an hour! -2 am	Sun, Mar 10
Super Silver Saver begins -8 am	Sun, Mar 10
Pastor's Coffee -9:45 am	Sun, Mar 10
Prayer Shawl Ministry -6 pm	Mon, Mar 11
Tween Ministry (FISH) -6:30 pm	Wed, Mar 13
Daytime Bunko -1 pm	Thurs, Mar 14
Stephen Ministry Supervision -1:30 pm.	Sun, Mar 17
Coloring Café -10 am	Mon, Mar 18
Staff Meeting -1 pm	Mon, Mar 18
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE -noon	Tues, Mar 19
First Day of Spring	Tues, Mar 19
Women of the Word -9:30 am	Fri, Mar 22
Prayer Shawl Ministry -10 am	Mon, Mar 25
Missions Commission -7 pm	Mon, Mar 25
FLAMS -9 am	Wed, Mar 27
FISH Service Project -6:30 pm	Wed, Mar 27
Daytime Bunko -1 pm	Thurs, Mar 28
5th Sun Combined Svc -11 am FLC.....	Sun, Mar 31
Church Picnic -noon	Sun, Mar 31

Adult Classes

GriefShare -1:30 pm	Sun
Short Stories By Jesus -3 pm (except 3/31).....	Sun
Wordspirations -4 pm	Sun
Disciple Fast Track -7 pm	Tues
Never Alone -9:30 am (begins 3/27))	Wed

Recurring Events

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
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

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Lent and Easter for Children and Families

- The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 6. Children's Lenten calendars, Easter Sticker Count-Up Sheets, and Family Devotional Guides are available in the hospitality area and Family Life Center to help your family observe Lent in a meaningful way.
- Please make an effort to attend Sunday school during Lent! It is such an important time for faith formation as children explore the stories of Jesus's life and teachings leading up to his death and resurrection.
- We are growing butterflies to be released on Easter Sunday at the **EGG**stravaganza. Check out the progress in the Good News weekly newsletter and on facebook!
- Families are invited to attend our annual Easter **EGG**stravaganza during the Sunday school hour on Easter Sunday, featuring family games, crafts, egg hunt, and butterfly release!



FISH in March

F.I.S.H. is our Youth Group for Tweens in 4th and 5th grade, open to children of the church and community. Last month, FISH gathered to write letters to child refugees at our border. These precious message of hope and friendship will be delivered by Rev. Suzette Thorpe-Johnson. Thank you, FISH, for sharing the heart of God with those who are in pain. Here's what's happening this month:

- Wed. March 13, 6:30 – 7:30 pm
Tween Youth Group – Theme: Fitting In
Tweens seek acceptance from peers, adults, and family. But what if “fitting in” compromises who they are as children of God?
- Wed. March 27, 6:30-7:30 pm
FISH Service Project – Tweens will assemble Hospital Busy Bags for children in the hospital and/or children who are in hospital waiting rooms.



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

Stuffed Egg Donations Appreciated



In April, our Caring Kids group will be going to Marbridge to host an Egg Hunt for the residents. You can help by donating a couple dozen pre-stuffed, plastic Easter eggs, filled with non-food items such as stickers or small toys.

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**, Tuesday afternoons (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.

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.

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!



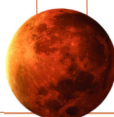
CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

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
- Black plastic sheeting or disposable tablecloths
- Balloons
- Straws
- 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
- Small paper cups (like leftover birthday party cups)
- Toilet paper rolls
- Cereal boxes
- Old CDs



YOUTH MINISTRIES

Awaken Sunday Morning Youth Fellowship

Sundays, 9:45 am



- ⇒ Middle School, 6th – 8th Grade, Room 3 (across from Kim's office)
- ⇒ High School, 9th-12th Grade, Youth Room (upstairs)

Save the Date!

Star Wars Movie Nights are coming this Summer on June 19 and July 10. Youth will also enjoy a special Star Wars themed summer during Sunday school as we watch the original trilogy and find gospel lessons within the movies! You don't want to miss this summer at Manchaca!



Confirmation in March

The Confirmands will travel to Wesley UMC for worship Sunday morning, March 3. Worship begins at 10:00 a.m. Please be on time! Families are invited to travel and attend together, however, if your confirmand needs a ride, please contact Kim or Andy, and we will work to arrange a carpool. March classes will be held AFTER youth group (5:15-6:45 p.m.) on March 10, 24, and 31. This month the confirmands will read chapters 7-13 of the gospel of Mark, and will memorize John 10:10, the Apostles Creed and the 10 Commandments.



Looking Ahead...

- **SAVE THE DATE:** Youth-led Easter Sunrise Service will be on April 21st!
- High School Mission Trip 2019 to Marvell, AR, June 30 - July 6. 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>



2019 MUMC SCHOLARSHIPS

The MUMC Scholarship Committee announces the 2019 Manchaca United Methodist Church Chris Brown and Don Banker College Scholarships. **Application forms will be available in the church office beginning Friday, March 15, 2019.** 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.

MUMC SCHOLARSHIP

35th Year of MUMC Scholarship

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.

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.

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*

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*

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

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Don't Miss the
DEADLINE!

From the Pastor's Desk...

The word 'tithing' elicits a mixture of feelings and responses. How do you respond to the biblical teaching of giving 10% of your income back to God? Do you see it as a burden or an opportunity?

We may not always enjoy God's intrusion into our personal finances, but God does have a purpose with this meddling. God asks that we be good stewards of the blessings entrusted to us. In simple terms, we are the caretakers of God's stuff. What we have is not entirely ours; it belongs to God. That means there is a spiritual purpose in our lives and with the wealth generated from our labor.

I like the way Mike Slaughter put it in his book *Shiny gods: Finding Freedom from Things that Distract Us*. ***"God doesn't direct us as the church to build cathedrals but to bring our tithe to God's storehouse as God's mean of provision. We are the only hands that God has to rebuild the places long devastated. We are the only feet to carry the good news to the poor. We are the only bank account that God has to save people on the planet. We are it! That's why the tithe matters."***

Please take a moment to return the pledge card below and return it by March 24. Your commitments ensure the ministries of Manchaca UMC continue to bless the lives of our church members and neighbors around the world. Remember, we are it! Your faithful response matters to the life of the church!

Electronic Giving

Visiting the **Give** page on our church's website allows to:

- * ***Submit a pledge card***
- * ***Set up automatic giving to the church***
- * ***Make one time contributions***
- * ***Review the church's financial report***



Pledge Card

Yes! I will support the ministries of Manchaca UMC with my estimated giving:

Name _____ Phone or Email: _____

Address _____ City / Zip _____

My yearly commitment for 2019 is _____.

Indicate the frequency of this pledge... \$ _____ Weekly \$ _____ Monthly

\$ _____ quarterly \$ _____ annually \$ _____ Other

You may change your pledge at any time by notifying the church office.

Please return your commitment card to the church by Sunday, March 24

Information about online giving on the reverse side of this card.

The Beauty of Stewardship

Stewardship has to do with how we manage our time, talent, resources--basically our entire lives. It's a beautiful concept when properly understood. Here are the basics of good stewardship:

God is the source of all creation, including our lives. God is the primary owner of all that exists.

We are blessed by being given the task of managing well all that we have influence over: our lives, our abilities, our minds and bodies, our time, our part of the earth, our finances, our children, our church buildings, our automobiles, etc.

Although we can make decisions regarding each of the above, ultimately we are responsible to God. Sooner or later, we must give an account of our management of God's creation and of God's gifts.

When we properly use the talents, resources and property that God allows us to manage, we find great joy. Think of planting a garden which soon overflows with colorful flowers, wonderful vegetables and flavorful herbs, etc. God gave us the plot of ground, God gave us the seed, God gave us the wisdom and strength to bring forth such beauty, such good things to see or eat, or smell. Yet we did the work, with God's help, to make it a reality. Like Adam we tilled it and kept it. But God gave the increase. God's provisions and our labor brought the garden to its fulfillment.

Good stewardship enables us to do something positive and wonderful with the money God has allowed us to have. What feels better than knowing one has managed money well? Our bank account, our checkbook and our portfolio tell the story. When money is handled well, we have enough for ourselves and are still able to give to God's work.

That is the beauty of stewardship.



– Newsletter Newsletter, October 2003

Did you know that you can give through our church's website?

visit manchacaumc.org



Through the website you can:

- ⇒ Fill out a pledge card.
- ⇒ Set up regular electronic giving from your bank, debit card, or credit card.

online giving to the church is safe and easy!

ADULT MINISTRIES

Open Hearts

Tuesday, March 5, 7 pm
Room 8 Main Bldg.



[A laity support group for parents, friends, family, and allies of LGBTQ persons]

The Special Session of General Conference will have met and voted by the time the church newsletter is printed. Because this is a topic that affects every Methodist – children, friends and loved ones – we will be discussing the outcome of the vote and how it will affect our church, our children and us personally. If you have a child, friend or loved one in the LGBTQ Community, we would love to have you join us. We meet each month to offer support and/or to share our stories. 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.

The “I AM” Sayings of Jesus

A Lenten Facebook Discussion Group

Throughout the season of Lent, you are invited to join a closed Facebook group where we will discuss the “I AM” Sayings of Jesus found in the book of John. Following the Lenten sermon series, together we will come to know God more fully as we explore the meaning behind Jesus’ proclamations:

- I am the Light of the World
- I am the Gate
- I am the Good Shepherd
- I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life
- I am the Bread of Life
- I am the True Vine
- I am the Resurrection and the Life

Explore the **I AM** Sayings of Jesus



Through the Lenten **Facebook** Discussion Group

Sign up in the Bible Study section online (on the Adult page of the website) or leave an email on the clipboards at church to be sent the Facebook link.

Never Alone: 6 Encounters with Jesus to Heal Your Deepest Hurts

6-Week Wednesday Morning Women’s Study

Begins March 27, 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Cost: \$12 for the Participant Book

Led by Kim Carroll

From the time we’re little girls, we long for love and acceptance. Even as grown women, we often feel compelled continue to prove we’re lovable... to avoid being left alone. But it’s inevitable—life is going to hit us, leaving us with the pain and loneliness of betrayal, shame guilt, loss, judgment, or rejection. Our wounds shape what we think about ourselves, others, and even God. We question our worth and wonder if anyone cares. Never Alone, a six-week women’s Bible by Tiffany Bluhm, reveals the power of Jesus’ unconditional love. Through encounters with six hurting women in the Gospels—the woman caught in adultery; the hemorrhaging woman; the woman at the well; the woman who anointed Him; Mary Magdalene; and Mary, the mother of Jesus—we discover the grace-giving love and unfailing companionship of Jesus.

Sunshine Café

Join Us

Thursday March 7th

Lunch 11:30-12:15

Games & Conversation 12:15-2:00



Seniors and adults are invited to attend a fun, spirit-filled afternoon of provided lunch, activities and conversation on Thursday, March 7th from 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM in the Parlor.

Bring your blarney and a friend for some Irish fun!!!

New Games!! Bunco and Scrabble have been added!!

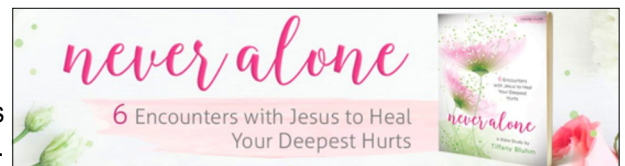


Lent Studies in Sunday School



- The Immanuel Class is studying “What Makes a Hero” by Matt Rawle, exploring how Jesus redefines “hero” through his life, death and resurrection. Immanuel is made up of mostly parents in their late 20s through 40s, though all are welcome! We meet upstairs in room 29.
- The Gateway Class will study the book of Philippians through “Because of this I Rejoice” by Max O. Vincent. The Gateway Class is comprised of individuals with a wide variety of backgrounds and experience, ages 30 and up. We seek to become faithful disciples, to nurture one another, and to serve those in need. We meet in room C in the Family Life Center building.
- Check out the Sunday school section on the Adult ministry page of our website (www.ManchacaUMC.org) as more new Sunday school studies are added.

**First day of Spring
is
March 20th**



ADULT MINISTRIES

Coloring Café

1st & 3rd Mondays: March 4 & 18, 10 am, Parlor



Come and join us this month on February 4th & 18th 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. Bring 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.

Contact Kristine Ehrlich at ehrichkristine@gmail.com or call or text 512-789-9285 if you have any questions.

GriefShare

Sundays, 1:30-3:30 pm, Choir Classroom

GriefShare is a weekly seminar and support group designed to give you the faith-based help and encouragement that you need after the death of a loved one.

Classes run through April 14th--join us at any time! For more information, call or text Deanna at 512-917-1909, or email Deanna@manchacaumc.org.

Find a GriefShare group near you at: <https://www.griefshare.org/groups/search>.



SERVICE AND OUTREACH

Habitat for Humanity Methodist Build 2019

Work Days: March 9th, March 23th, April 13th, and May 4th

MUMC will be joining with other Methodist congregations in the area to help build a home for Laura Rosales, and her family. Laura shares a two-bedroom duplex in South Austin with her five children; Josiah (2), Michael (6), Michaela (8), Ray (12), and Kaithlyn (16). The family endures a lot of stress because of the lack of privacy and the frequent moves because of the lack of affordable housing and rising rent costs. Laura just wants her children to enjoy the intangible benefits that most people take for granted like playing in the back yard. 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.

This is our chance to be the "hands and feet of Christ" reaching out to help others in the community. 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 four work days for this year: March 9th, March 23th, April 13th, and May 4th. Charlie and Sandy Wolff have graciously agreed to provide a hot lunch for all of the workers on May 4th (you do not want to miss that). We will be working with two or three other churches. If you want to help, please go to <https://austinhabitat.volunteerhub.com/lp/manchacaumc/> and sign up for one or more 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 site 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.



March Altar Rail Offering



The altar rail offering for the month of March is to benefit UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief). UMCOR is the global humanitarian aid organization of the United Methodist Church, working in more than 80 countries worldwide, including the United States. Their work includes emergency response, health, hunger and immigration and refugees.

SERVICE AND OUTREACH

Buda/Kyle/Manchaca Community Gathering

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

- ⇒ March 5, 2019
- ⇒ Buda UMC, 302 Elm St, Buda, TX
- ⇒ 6:30 p.m. Potluck in the Fellowship Hall
- ⇒ 7:15 p.m. Worship in the Chapel



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

If you need childcare please let me know by Friday, March 1.
De Colores! Wanda Summers(512) 295-2061

2019 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

March 5, 2019

Serving: 5:00 - 7:00 pm in the Family Life Center

Cost: Adults \$5.00
Children 6 and under \$3.00

Menu: Pancakes, Sausage, Orange Juice, Milk
(All You Can Eat!)



Tickets Available from
United Methodist Men:
Sunday, March 3rd
At the door Tuesday, March 5th

Please help us by buying your tickets in advance.

Super Silver Saver 2019

During the season of Lent, many of us decide to make a special sacrifice to improve our physical or spiritual selves. For example, we may choose to give up buying coffee, sodas, and candy and use the money we didn't spend to help others. This year, each of us has the opportunity to participate in the Super Silver Saver fund drive as part of our Lenten experience.

Super Silver Saver cups will be available either in the hospitality area or the Family Life Center beginning Sunday, March 10. Take the cup home and fill it each day with change or bills. When you put your money in your Super Silver Saver cup each day, say a prayer of thanksgiving for God's many blessings. Bring your money-filled Super Silver Saver cup back to worship on Palm Sunday and we'll celebrate together our common offering of sacrifice. 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, manna bags for the SoChac 5K, and manna bags for the fall festival.



SoChac 5K and Kids Dash Thanks YOU!

A big **THANK YOU** to everyone that came out to support the **2019 SoChac 5K and Kids Dash on February 23rd!** The event would not have been possible without the wonderful volunteers that showed up early, worked hard, and stayed late to set up & clean up the course and ensure that our participants had a great time. Thanks to all the runners, walkers, and Kids-Dashers that made the day so much fun! **A special thanks to our title sponsor, Bella Realty, and our Gold Level sponsors, Rangel Concrete and the Gateway Class, MUMC.**



LIKE, it was a **TOTALLY** awesome day!

2019 Akins College Visit Recap!

On February 13-15, fifteen Akins High School students experiencing homelessness visited Temple College, University of North Texas, University of Texas, Arlington and Texas State Technical College in Waco. We stayed in a hotel for two nights, dined at campus dining halls and restaurants and visited AT&T Stadium, the Dr. Pepper Museum and enjoyed a show at UNT's Planetarium to help make the trip cultural as well as educational!

The students seemed to really enjoy the trip and each other. Temple College was a standout favorite and one student called back to Akins to have the college counselor help him to apply there as soon as we were back on the bus! Most students said they were very grateful for the chance to expand their knowledge of the opportunities available to them. The only thing they recommended changing was bedtime (from 10 to 11 pm)!

Your Support with Angel Tree during Christmas time, participating Kids' Dash and 5K Run, a grant from the Capital District Board of Missions and other donations throughout the year make this trip possible!

thank you

THANKS SO MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THIS TRIP!

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

Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, March 6 at 7 pm

Join us for worship in the sanctuary on Ash Wednesday, which falls on March 6th. The service begins at 7 pm and includes imposition of ashes.



Spring Forward

Sunday, March 10 at 2 am

Daylight Savings Time begins at 2 am on March 10th. Don't be late for church! **Set your clock AHEAD an hour before you go to bed Saturday night, March 9th.**



Thank You!

The MUMC staff would like to thank the congregation for the generous gifts given to us at Christmastime and all throughout the year.

We are truly appreciative!



COMBINED SERVICE & CHURCH PICNIC - Sunday, March 31st



We're having a church picnic! Join us at the Pavilion on Sunday, March 31st, after the combined single service at 11 am in the Family Life Center.

- ◆ **Sunday School meets at regular time (9:45 am)**
- ◆ **ONE COMBINED SERVICE at 11 am in the Family Life Center**
- ◆ **NOISY OFFERING SUNDAY!!! Bring your change!**
- ◆ **Church Picnic immediately following worship (~noon)**
- ◆ **All food will be provided - \$3 per plate donation to help defer costs**
- ◆ **Fun & Games, Food & Fellowship for all!**
- ◆ **SEE YOU THERE!**

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

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