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A Note From Pastor Andy

In case you don't know, I was named wrong at my birth. I know it sounds ridiculous. It will sound even more ridiculous when you hear the name I was given: Bert. For roughly the first 10 years of my life I answered to Bert. (Do I look like a Bert?) It was my father's fault! He had good intentions; he wanted to name me after his grandfather, William Anderson Smith. However, the birth certificate recorded another name, William Albert Smith.

For the first ten years of my life I never questioned my name. My name was Bert. My friends called me Bert. My family called me Bert. I answered to the name Bert. I was fine with Bert until the discovery of my dad's mistake. How could I keep Albert knowing that the original intent was to name me after my great grandfather?

Thus started my quest to change my name. At first I selected Will. My name was Will. My family struggled to remember my new name. But then it dawned on me that I should use my middle name somehow. After all, William was always my first name. So I changed again and settled on Andy. It took a while for everyone to get my name straight. Sometimes my brothers still address me as "Andy, Bert, Will." And of course my mother never stopped calling me Bert.

It's not easy to change your name. Legally it requires the approval of a judge, which I did. Then there is the updating of all formal documents, which can be tedious. And finally there is reminding everyone to address you by your new name. Believe me, it's not easy changing your name.

Did you know that God is in the business of changing our names? It's true. Listen to the opening verses of 1 John 3: "See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. Beloved, we are God's children now..."

Through the gift of grace, we are provided a whole new name: Children of God. Our work as disciples is to grow into that name and to share the good news that all are invited to receive a whole new identity in Christ our Lord. I commend you to this work and pray for you and the ministries of Manchaca UMC. I have seen you touch many lives with grace and love, and I have no doubt that you will continue in the holy work that God has given you.

Before I leave as your pastor, I need to ask for forgiveness. I am only human, and I know I am not perfect. In this time of transition, it is imperative that we leave no grudges behind. So please, if I have done something (or failed to do something), I humbly ask for your forgiveness.

In Christ's Service,

Andy

From the Director of Fine Arts

art of my morning routine includes taking a low dose

Daily Scripture

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Wednesday	Psalm 30
Thursday	Revelation 5:11-14
Friday	Revelation 5:13-14
Saturday	John 21:1-14
Sunday	Acts 9:1-6
	Psalm 30
	Revelation 1:4-8
	John 20:19-31
Week of May 6	
Monday	Psalm 23:1-4
Tuesday	Psalm 23:4-6
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Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday	Psalm 23:1-4 Psalm 23:4-6 Acts 9:36-43 John 10:22-26 John 10:27-30 Revelation 7:9-12 Acts 9:36-43 Psalm 23 Revelation 7:9-17 John 10:22-30
Week of May 1	2
Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday	Acts 11:1-18 John 13:31-35 John 13:31-35 Psalm 148 Psalm 148 Revelation 21:1-6 Acts 11:1-18 Psalm 148 Revelation 21:1-6 John 13:31-35
Week of May 2	0
Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday	Acts 16:9-10 Acts 16:11-15 Psalm 67 Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5 Revelation 22:1-5 John 14:23-24 Acts 16:9-15 Psalm 67 Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5 John 14:13-29

Week of May 27

Monday Acts 16:16-24 Tuesday Acts 16:25-34 Wednesday Psalm 97 *Ascension Day* Thursday Ephesians 1:15-23 Friday John 17:20-26





aspirin and a multi-vitamin. These medications are not prescriptions nor am I required to take them. I take them as a proactive step for my health, not as a reactionary one. While I try to eat healthy and do some exercise, I know I'm not getting all the nutrients I need on a daily or weekly basis. Without the aspirin and multi-vitamin, I would be deficient in what my body physically needs. What about what I need spiritually? Are there vitamins for that, too? The answer, of course, is that there is no medicine or over-the-counter remedy that would boost my spiritual metabolism. However, there are proactive steps I can take to make sure my wellbeing is not deficient in what I need to be spiritually healthy, or at least healthier. Some of those steps include praying, reading/studying scripture and attending worship (I know, part of my vocation is being in worship, but worship truly is an extension of who I am, not just what I do). Through these steps, I am fed and nourished spiritually. Worship and study are not things I have to do; I choose to do them so I can grow spiritually. I would prefer not to have to take an aspirin and multi-vitamin daily, but I choose to in order to be healthier. How are you doing on your dosages of worship, scripture, and prayer? Have you been missing some doses? Is your spiritual diet deficient in a key nutrient? It's never too late to get back on a regime of a healthy spiritual diet. You never know what having the right spiritual nourishment might do for you. "Bread of heaven...feed me till I want no more..."

- Mark Hixon, Director of Music and Fine Arts

Sanctuary Choir Members Head to Carnegie Hall

Last summer, the Sanctuary Choir received an invitation to join with members from other choirs around the country in a concert at Carnegie Hall in New York City. The invitation was extended by Distinguish Concert International New York (DCINY) for their "...dedication to musical excellence." Five members of the Sanctuary Choir, plus one family member, will fly to New York Thursday, May 23, to spend time rehearsing with clinician Mary McDonald. Then on Sunday afternoon, a concert of Mrs. McDonald's music will be presented at the prestigious Carnegie Hall. Those persons who will be making the trip are: Rochelle Lacy, Jake Pinner, Laney Pinner, Lew Sitterly, Sue Thomason, and Mark Hixon. Please keep them in your prayers as they travel. They will return on Monday, May 27.

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 Praise Worship

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PRAYERS

We Pray for...

"Sam" Arhelger Dale Boggs Family Amy Butler Ronald Butler Malcolm Caldwell Donna Carlson Tina Carter Betty Chase Ned Coleman Robin Crowley & Family Reginald Durst Kristine Ehrlich David Fegan Odette Gibbs Imogene Gray Kyle Grimshaw Tena Hammond Robin Hansen Lee Herring Susan Hilburn Alycia Howell Angel Jackson Norma Jacobson Jolly James Tanva Jarrett Forest & M'Liss Jordan Bobby Kollman Kristen Sammie Martinez & Family

Ethan McBride Chris & Allen McKean Bobbye Meador **Dick Meyer** Mark Monteith Charlotte Morahan Tish Moulton Dorma Nickels Pat Nixon-Gunn Mike O'Dell Karola Paul Cleo Rainey Rev. Mimi Raper Katrina Roberts Aliya Rosegreen Deborah Sanders **Opal Shuffield** Christi Sontag Josie Stevens Wanda Summers Adrienne Thel **Emmett Thomason** Dean & Rita Thompson Robert Todd Carolyn Vail Ray Vaughn B. A. Wilcoxson Ron Wilson Bobbye Word Roger Young



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

Sympathy to...

Barbara Machemehl, on the loss of her husband, Leroy Machemehl.

The Family and Friends of Russell Nelson.

Terri Waters, on the passing of her sister-in-law, Sue Howell.



Attendance

PRESENCE

Sunday 3-24-19 Sunday School Visitors First time visitors	2	233 135 35
Sunday 3-31-19		
Sunday School Visitors		139 13
First time visitors	0	
Sunday 4-7-19		213
Sunday School		98
Visitors		28
First time visitors	0	
Sunday 4-14-19		
Sunday School		169
Visitors		113
First time visitors	1	
Easter Sunday 4-21-19		637
Sunday School		229
Visitors		120
First time visitors	4	

Financial Report

FEBRUARY

Operating Income\$	58,806.97
Operating Expenses	65,986.21
Net Op. <u>Loss</u> \$	(7,179.24)

YTD (February)

Operating Income\$	126,535.91
Operating Expenses	131,150.75
Net Op. <u>Loss</u> \$	(4,614.84)

February Special Offering Rec'd

Food Pantry	\$ 290.00
Build-Serve-Grow	\$ 3,585.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 1,350.00
Missions	\$ 6,555.00
Alter Rail Offerings	\$ 179.00
Memorials	\$ 950.00

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.

May Altar Rail Offering

The May altar rail offering benefits the Emergency Assistance Fund (MUMC Good Samaritan Account).

SERVICE

WITNESS

Calendar of Events

VBS Registration Opens	Wed, May 1
Never Alone -9:30 am	Wed, May 1
Stephen Ministry Leaders -9 am	Thurs, May 2
Last Habitat Methodist Build Day -8 a	mSat, May 4
Senior Sunday -All Services	Thurs, May 5
Mother's Day Carnation sale -8 &-10:	45 .Sun, May 5
Stephen Min. Supervision -1:30 pm	Sun, May 5
Wordspirations -4 pm	Sun, May 5
Coloring Café -10 am	Mon, May 6
Staff Meeting -1 pm	Mon, May 6
Tween Ministry (FISH) -6:30 pm	Wed, May 8
Daytime Bunko -1 pm	Thurs, May 9
Women of the Word -9:30 am	Fri, May 10
MOTHER'S DAY	Sun, May 12
Pastor's Coffee -9:45 am	Sun, May 12
Prayer Shawl Ministry -6 pm	Mon, May 13
Confirmation Sunday -1:30 pm	Sun, May 19
Stephen Min. Supervision -1:30 pm	Sun, May 19
Block Party -3 pm	Sun, May 19
Coloring Café -10 am	Mon, May 20
Staff Meeting -1 pm	Mon, May 20
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE -noon	. Tues, May 21
Daytime Bunko -1 pm	. Thurs, May 23
Women of the Word -9:30 am	
Mission Sunday -9:45 am	Sun, May 26
MEMORIAL DAY/OFFICE CLOSED	Mon, May 27
Prayer Shawl Ministry -10 am	Mon, May 27
Missions Commission -7 pm	Mon, May 27
FLAMS -9 am	Wed, May 29

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
Bulletin Deadline -noon	Mon
HS Youth Bible Study -6:30 pm	
AA -7:30 pm	Mon
Boomer Exercise -9/10 am	
Craft Group -7 pm	Tue
Craft Group -9 am	Wed
Men's Group -12 noon	Wed
Such as These Praise Band -6:30 pm	Wed
Sanctuary Choir -6:45 pm	Wed
Glory Bells -7 pm	Thurs

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Build•Serve•Grow

Greetings to our Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

Manchaca UMC held a church conference on Sunday, April 14th, to decide whether or not to move forward with fundraising for Phase 2 of Build-Serve-Grow. The members present answered with a resounding "Yes" vote to proceed with fundraising. The announced result was 78-16 (a recounting of the ballots in preparing the minutes, indicated 79 yes ballots and 16 no ballots).

Thanks to everyone who attended and offered their comments. For more information, please see our website: <u>http://www.manchacaumc.org/give/build-serve-grow</u>.

We are asking our congregation to prayerfully consider an additional or extended pledge. We have been blessed with over \$535,000 pledged to address Phase 1 work! Thank you to all who have contributed!

Approximately \$600,000 is required for BSG Phase 2 over a three-year commitment. The scope includes the renovation of the Family Life Center, and the main corridors, stair cases and restrooms in the main building. There is no pledge too small or too large!

⁴² But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents. ⁴³ Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. ⁴⁴ They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on." Mark 12:42 - 44

Please look for additional announcements about our fundraising goals in the very near future. BSG team members are available to talk to your Sunday School class or other small group, upon request, and members are encouraged to talk to anyone of the BSG team.

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

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

- **June 27th** Church Council meets to provide funding approval, based on pledges, and announce date for a final Church Conference
- **July 14th** Conduct Church Conference to obtain final member approval; this will be a ratification of the funding reviewed and approved by the Church Council



Through your continued generous giving, we can transform this house of worship, grow in Christ and serve the generations to come.

Yours in Christ,

Build-Serve-Grow Team

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Calling all 3rd-6th Grade Thespians! June 24 - 28 — Registration open NOW!

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 30, after the combined service. 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 is now open! Want to volunteer or have questions? Email Leslie Piggott at <u>blpiggott@verizon.net</u>.

FISH Pre-Teen Youth Group Wed. May 8, 6:30 – 7:30 PM



We'll be ending the year with a celebration of God's love as we invite current 3rd Graders to come and check out what FISH is all about. We'll also be sending our graduating 5th graders off to Youth Ministry! All current 3rd – 5th grade students are invited.

Mission Sunday: May 26

All children's and youth Sunday school classes will combine in the Fellowship Hall for various mission projects including making manna bags, preparing for our lemonade



stands, VBS prep, and more! Our Star Wars themed summer Sunday school begins June 2!

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:

- June 11: Wall-E
- June 18: Muppets in Space
- June 25: Incredibles 2



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)
 - Registration begins May 1!

Space is limited, so sign up early!

It's a Summer Block Party May 19, 3-5 PM Free Community Event at the Pavilion

Get a sneak peek at our summer ministries for children, youth and families! Invite your friend and neighbors!



Hungry, Hungry Hippo Inflatable Game Interactive Inflatable Playground for Younger Kids Rocket Races and Bumper Ball Relays Crafts and Coloring Tables Photo Booth Music, Giant Games, Snacks and More!

Movies Under the Stars Free Community Event!

Families and people of all ages are invited to come and watch the latest Star Wars movies in the



field by the Pavilion. We'll begin gathering at 8:30 and the movie will start as the sky darkens! Bring your own lawn chairs and blankets. Free popcorn and water will be provided! All children and youth must be supervised by an adult caregiver, except for youth pre-registered for the Star Wars Game Nights.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Confirmation Sunday

Thirteen youth have attended confirmation classes this spring. Please come to church on Confirmation Sunday, May



19, to witness their confession of faith and support them as they join the church as official members!

Summer Youth Service Hours Available!

Drama Camp (June 24 - 28): Must be rising 8th grade or older to volunteer. Contact Kim Carroll or Leslie Piggott for more information on how you can earn service hours at this fun camp for kids in 3rd - 6th grade!



VBS Service Squad (July 29 - August 1): Rising 6th and 7th graders are invited to join our VBS Service Squad! They will meet in the assembly at VBS, have their own group lesson and game time while serving VBS behind the scenes through many service projects. Check out our VBS page on the website to register. (Cost: \$10 for shirt and snacks).

VBS Youth Volunteer (July 29 - August 1): Rising 8th - 12th Grade students can apply to be group and station leaders working with the adult volunteers at VBS. Find the link to apply on the VBS page of the website or in the weekly newsletter.

Looking Ahead...

- High School Mission Trip 2019 to Marvell, AR, June 30 - July 6.
- Middle School Mission Trip 2019 to San Angelo, TX, July 14 - 18. Sign up: <u>https://www.signupgenius.com/</u> <u>go/10c044aadad2fa13-middle1</u>



Senior Sunday, May 5th

We want to celebrate the graduating class of 2019! It's getting close to Graduation time, and we are excited for the class of 2019 as they move



on into the next chapters of their lives. Please sign up to be recognized on Sunday, May 5th:

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

It's a Star Wars Summer at Awaken! Sunday Morning Youth Fellowship Sundays, 9:45 am

This summer in youth Sunday school, we'll be finding and discussing glimpses of gospel as we watch the original Star Wars movie trilogy!



Youth Star Wars Games & Outdoor Movie Nights



June 19 – Star Wars: The Force Awakens July 10 – Star Wars: The Last Jedi

Rising 6th – Graduating 12th graders are invited to join us for food, Star Wars games, and devotional before the community outdoor screening of the latest Star Wars movies. Pre-registered youth can be dropped off at 6:30 pm and picked up after the movie ends around 11:15 pm. (Families are invited to join us for the movie, too!)

High School Bible Study

H.S. Bible Study & Taco Pizza Tuesdays Mondays!

If you are in High School, come and hang out with us on Monday Nights, 6:30 - 8:00 PM, in the youth room at MUMC.





ADULT MINISTRIES

Coloring Café

1st & 3rd Mondays: May 6 & 20, 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 but feel free to bring your own supplies and a friend!

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

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

Hays Praise Community Gathering

Stay connected to your Emmaus community by attending this month's Hays Praise Community Gathering, which will include the Team Consecration for Women's Walk 2192.

⇒May 7, 2019

⇒Solid Rock Church, 2500 Hunter Road, San Marcos

- \Rightarrow 6:30 p.m. Potluck
- \Rightarrow 7:00 p.m. Worship

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

Wordspirations



Open Hearts

NO MEETING IN MAY

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

What a whirlwind life can be at times. In April we shared our conflicting emotions concerning the Special Session of General Conference 2019 and what lies ahead for our LGBTQ family and friends AND us. The wonderful Town

Hall gave our congregation a chance to learn more about the decisions at hand and where some members of our family in Christ stand. There are still a lot of unanswered questions, so we will not make any rash decisions.

With May being a busier month than normal for most people, there will be no meeting unless someone is in need. We are ALWAYS here if needed. For more information, call Loretta [mother of a gay son] 281-615-6149 [cell] or Kim 512-282-7274 [at the church]. In June we will resume our meetings on the first Tuesday of each month at 7 pm in room 8.

Worspirations

Women's Bible Study on Sunday Afternoons May 5, June 2, July 7, August 4, 4:00-6:00 pm No cost, no homework, and there are always snacks!

Our Spring weekly class is over but we can't stand to not see each other until September! So like the last three summers, we are offering four monthly meetings of our Wordspirations Women's Bible Study, and opening them up 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 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 and Team ~ Julie Chandler, Sharon Mize, and Debi Jones

Grace Not Perfection

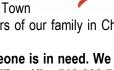
Wed. Morning Women's Bible Study Wednesdays for 4 weeks, June 12 & 19, July 10 & 17, 9:30 – 11:00 am Cost: \$8 for the book, Led by Kim Carroll

Have you been trying to do it all... only to burn out? Learn to find joy and acceptance in the midst of life's beautiful messes.

As a busy wife, new mother, business owner, and designer, Emily Ley came to a point when she suddenly realized she couldn't do it all. She needed to simplify her life, organize her days, and prioritize the priorities. She realized that she had been holding herself to a standard of perfection, when what God was really calling her to do was step into his grace.

In this four-session video-based study, Emily describes the journey that led to her pursuing a simpler life-one that allowed her to breathe, laugh, and grow-and provides ways for others to simplify their lives. She reminds each of us that God abundantly pours out grace on us, and because of this, we can surely extend grace to ourselves – and others! (from book description on Cokesbury)





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Adam Hamilton's Making Sense of the Bible

Sunday Afternoons, June 9, 23, 30, July 7, 14, 21, 3:00 – 4:30 pm Cost: \$12 for the book, Led by Kim Carroll

Do you want to take the Bible seriously, but wrestle with what some Scriptures say? Do you want to find meaning and purpose in the Bible for your life today? Did you watch Gen-

eral Conference and wonder how people can read the same Scriptures and come to completely different interpretations? Do you want to know what the Bible really says about science, violence, suffering, sexuality and relationships? Then this study is for you!

Faithful Christians continue to experience deep divisions over universal social issues, because of differences in how we understand the nature of scripture and how we should interpret it. The world's bestselling, most-read, and most-loved book can also be one of the most confusing. In Making Sense of the Bible, Adam Hamilton addresses the hot-button issues that plague the church and cultural debate, and answers many of the questions frequently asked by Christians and non-Christians alike: Did God really command Moses to put gay people to death? Did Jesus really teach that everyone who is not a Christian will be assigned to hell? Why would Paul command women to keep silent in the church? Were Adam and Eve real people? Is the book of Revelation really about the end times? Who decided which books made it into the scriptures and why? Is the Bible ever wrong? In this 6-week study, Hamilton addresses these often misunderstood biblical themes leading readers to a deeper appreciation of the Bible so that we might hear God speak through it and find its words to be life-changing and life-giving. (from the book description on Cokesbury)

Please sign up by May 26 if you'd like the church to purchase your book. Books will be available early so that you can pre-read chapters 1-7 before our first meeting.

SERVICE AND OUTREACH

Hey Church – We need your support at our VBS!

This summer we hope to welcome 200 children into our church at our To Mars and Beyond VBS, July 29 – Aug. 1! At least 75% of these students will come from our community with many not having a church home of their own. In order for VBS to be a successful outreach, we need 100% support from our congregation. So, how can you help?

- Be Group Leader!* As of this writing, we still need at least 3 Preschool/Kindergarten Group Leaders, 5 Elementary Group Leaders, and 2 Middle School Leaders!
- Be a Station Leader! Help lead snacks, missions, art or science!
- Be an Early Playground Volunteer* (7:45-8:45)!* Great opportunity for those who want to serve but also have to work.
- Be a Greeter! Greet families, check in the children; check them out at the end of the day.
- Help with VBS Prep Some prep can be done at home!
- Provide items on our wish list (see the list on the next page).
- Donate scholarship money. The cost to attend VBS is \$20 per child, but we offer scholarships to those who can't afford it.
- Serve on the Prayer Team!

*Volunteers who work directly with children must be actively involved in our church for at least 6 months (or have history at another UMC church that we can check), complete a background check, and attend safety training through the Rio Texas Conference. If you are interested in helping in any of these ways, please contact Kim Carroll at 512-282-7274 or Kim@ManchacaUMC.org.

Pastor Rosie would like to thank MUMC for the generous gifts given in support of her missionary work (through the January Altar Rail Offering). She says she is "overwhelmed with your generosity," but more importantly, she is "grateful for your love." She asks for continued prayers for missionaries everywhere as they witness and serve in many different locales and cultures, while learning how to fit into cultures very different from their own.

MAKING SENSE OF THE BIBLE REDISCOVERING *the* POWER of SCRIPTURE *today*



SERVICE AND OUTREACH

HABITAT -MAY THE FOURTH BE WITH YOU!!!!

LAST WORKDAY, May 4th

OK, maybe that is not exactly what Obi-wan Kenobi said to Anakin Skywalker, but that is what he would need to know to work on our May 4th work day for the Methodist Build. Charlie and Sandy Wolff are already planning a great lunch for all of the workers. Believe me, you do NOT want to miss that. This will be the last workday to help build a home for Laura Rosales, and her family. Currently Laura shares a two-bedroom duplex in South Austin with her five children: Josiah (2).

Michael (6) Michaela (8), Ray (12), and Kaithlyn (16). Laura now gualifies 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.

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

•Age 18 and above can participate fully.

 Ages 16-17 may engage in construction work, but are not permitted to use power tools or to work from a height of more than six feet. They must provide their own adult supervision (must be a parent or legal guardian over the age of 21).

•Ages 15 and younger are prohibited from working on an active construction site.

Everyone is invited to the dedication on May 11th at 3 PM. The house is located at 7220 Boyle Drive, Austin, Texas.









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

- Aluminum foil rolls
- Balloons
- Straws
- Nuts, bolts, washers •
- Black plastic sheeting or disposable tablecloths •
- 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)
- 8 oz paper cups (like leftover birthday party cups)
- Tissue paper in bright colors
- Clean, frosting containers or similar size •
- AA batteries
- Toilet paper rolls
- Cereal boxes







Memorials

Given by: Patricia Randow Peggy & James Newman Rhonda Rogers & Keith Glowka Wellnicity Neurogistics Beniamin Hanson Marguez Bela Nancy Benzel Mary Nancarrow Mary Coneway Charleen Carrington Janet Carrick Alvis & Mary Bentley, Brad & Cherly Harper Shirley Geagan Pat Meinzer

In Memory of: Joe Randow Sue Randow

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Mother's Day Carnations



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

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

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

Free Community Events

May 19, 3-5 PM, Community Block Party at the Pavilion



Get a sneak peek at our summer ministries for children, youth and families! Invite your friends and neighbors!

Hungry, Hungry Hippo Inflatable Game, Interactive Inflatable Playground for Younger Kids, Rocket Races and Bumper Ball Relays, Crafts and Coloring Tables, Photo Booth, Music, Giant Games, Snacks and More!

June 19 & July 10, 8:30 PM, Movies Under the Stars by the Pavilion



Families and people of all ages are invited to come and watch the latest Star Wars movies in the field by the Pavilion. We'll begin gathering at 8:30 and the movie will start as the sky darkens! Bring your own lawn chairs and blankets. Free popcorn and water will be provided!

All children and youth must be supervised by an adult caregiver, except for youth pre-registered for the Star Wars Game Nights.

DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at NOON Email submissions to: <u>deanna@manchacaumc.org</u> or office@manchacaumc.com

<u>NEXT NEWSLETTER WILL BE MAILED</u> Wednesday, May 29, 2019



Return Service Requested

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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Many will be going off on fun vacations and trips to see friends and relatives this summer. Manchaca UMC will be offering many opportunities for ministry through the summer as well. The cost of these meaningful events, as well as our recurring costs such as church staff salaries, will continue through the summer. Please don't forget your giving to the church



through the summer! Your giving helps us concentrate on ministries and service instead of finances!