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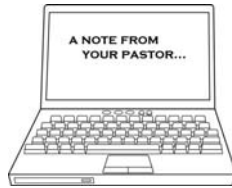
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I know you will join me in giving thanks to God for Pastor Rosie’s ministry and presence. She has touched many lives and will continue to be a powerful servant for Christ’s kingdom as she transitions to extension ministry with the Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church. In August, she accepted a position with The House of the Carpenter in Wheeling, WV.

As we look to the future, I know there are questions about the Associate Pastor position. Until a new appointment is made, a team of retired clergy: Jeanne Devine, David Linkletter, and James Shackelford will assist me in pastoral duties. They will share preaching, teaching, leadership and pastoral care responsibilities. I am very grateful for their love and support of Manchaca UMC and for their willingness to serve Christ in this role. I am also grateful for Scott Abel (our Lay Leader) who will also assist in preaching in the Life on the Road Service.

The five of us have finalized our preaching schedule. I will continue to preach at every 8:30am service but will occasionally move between the 11am traditional and LOR service.

I am also pleased to announce the hiring of Jennifer Romero as our Contemporary Worship Leader and an addition to our church staff. Her gifts and leadership will be especially welcomed in our time of transition between Associate Pastors. Please celebrate with her this new position!

We also welcome our new full-time custodian: Adrian Miles. He lives in Kyle and is excited to be a part of our team. Please welcome Adrian as well!

The Pastor Parish Relations Committee will work closely with the Bishop on our next appointment. Although it is possible to receive a new appointment at any time, it is likely we will not receive a new appointment until next summer. I am fully confident in God’s ability to work through us and to lead this church into a vibrant and faithful future. As the prophet Isaiah so boldly proclaimed: **“Do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, I will help you. I will uphold you with my victorious right hand!”** (Isaiah 41:10)

In Christ’s Service,
Andy



WORSHIP AND FINE ARTS

Daily Scripture

Week of October 1

Monday	Job 11
Tuesday	Job 2:1-10
Wednesday	Psalms 26
Thursday	Hebrews 1:1-4
Friday	Hebrews 2:5-12
Saturday	Mark 10:2-12
Sunday	Job 1:1, 2:1-10 Psalm 26 Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12 Mark 10:2-16

Week of October 8

Monday	Job 23:1-9, 16-17
Tuesday	Psalms 22:1-2
Wednesday	Psalms 22:1-15
Thursday	Hebrews 4:11-16
Friday	Mark 10:17-22
Saturday	Mark 10:23-27
Sunday	Job 23:1-9, 16-17 Psalm 22:1-15 Hebrews 4:12-16 Mark 10:17-31

Week of October 15

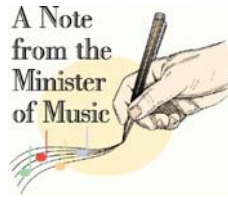
Monday	Job 38:1-7
Tuesday	Job 38:34-41
Wednesday	Psalms 104:1-24, 35c
Thursday	Hebrews 5:1-4
Friday	Hebrews 5:5-10
Saturday	Mark 10:35-40
Sunday	Job 38:1-7 (34-41) Hebrews 5:1-10 Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c Mark 10:35-45

Week of October 22

Monday	Job 42:1-6
Tuesday	Job 42:10-17
Wednesday	Psalms 34:1-8, 19-22
Thursday	Psalms 34:8
Friday	Hebrews 7:23-28
Saturday	Mark 10:46-52
Sunday	Job 42:1-6, 10-17 Hebrews 7:23-28 Psalm 34:1-8 (19-22) Mark 10:46-52

Week of October 29

Monday	Ruth 1:1-18
Tuesday	Ruth 1:15-18
Wednesday	Psalms 146
Thursday	Psalms 24
Friday	Hebrews 9:11-14
Saturday	Mark 12:28-34
Sunday	Ruth 1:1-18 Hebrews 9:11-14 Psalm 146 Mark 12:28-34



Have you ever been to a concert where the artist or band begins to play a well-known song, usually one with a slow tempo, and the audience pulls out their phones and lifts them up in the air? Before the widespread use of cellphones, when smoking was more of a social norm, audiences used to pull out lighters and lift them into the air. Some people think that this practice began in 1969 at Woodstock and that this inspired the artist Melanie to write her song "Lay Down (Candles in the Rain)." However this practice began, it serves as a way of connecting the audience with the performer and acknowledging the work of the performer. It also serves as a way of connecting the individuals in the audience to each other. As the performer sings and the members of the audience pull out their phones (with their candle apps open) for a moment in time there is a sense of unity, of oneness. These moments are often filled with emotion for both the audience and the performer. Moments like these can also happen during worship. There have been times where I've seen people touched by hymn or a song. I've also seen members of the choir or praise band moved by something they've sung. It's at those times I sense an energy within the space that connects us not just to each other, but also to God. Through music and the Holy Spirit, we find common ground with one another. I'm not saying we should pull out our lighters or cellphones the next time we feel moved by the Spirit during worship, but I do think we should allow ourselves to enjoy that moment of being connected to one another and to God. Unlike a concert where people pay to be entertained, worship is a time when we seek to find our connection to God and to one another. Music and song is just one avenue of finding that connection. *"Lift every voice and sing..."*

- *Mark Hixon, Director of Music and Fine Arts*

World Communion Sunday, October 7

On Sunday, October 7 we will celebrate our global faith community as we celebrate World Communion Sunday. Endorsed in 1940 by the Federal Council of Churches (now the *National Council of Churches*), World Communion Sunday recognizes that we may differ in language, skin color, and customs, but we are all children of God. In each of the morning worship services, as we gather to celebrate Holy Communion, we will take a moment to look beyond our walls, beyond our borders, and lift up our brothers and sisters around the world.

Time to Plan for a Musical Christmas

Have you started making the plans for the holidays, yet? They'll be here before we realize it. The Sanctuary Choir has begun working on special music for Advent and Christmas. On Sunday, December 16, the Sanctuary Choir will present "Treasure of Carols," a collection of carol arrangements. Why not join them for this special presentation? The Sanctuary Choir rehearses Wednesday evenings beginning at 6:45 p.m. More singers are always welcome. You don't have to commit to singing every Sunday, you can choose to sing just for the cantata. The cantata music will be rehearsed at the beginning of rehearsal until about 7:25 p.m. If you're just singing for the cantata, you are welcome to slip out while the rehearsal continues with the music for upcoming Sundays. For more information, contact Mark Hixon at 512-282-7274 or Mark@ManchacaUMC.org.

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

7:00 p.m. first & third Wednesday
Encounter Worship Service
Sanctuary
Praise music, message and prayer

STEWARDSHIP

We Pray for...

Kelly Archer	Dick Meyer
Rick Barker	Charlotte Morahan
Rick Beale	Maxine Monteith
Jeff Burling	Mark Monteith
Tina Carter	David Nancarow
David Joseph Dahill	Dorma Nickels
Vanessa Domingo	Pat Nixon-Gunn
Duffy Family	Richard Norman
Edna Esparza	Vey Norris
David Fegan	Jean Patterson
Brad Gilmore	Christina Pino
Yvette Golden	Rev. Mimi Raper
Imogene Gray	Tracey Reardon
Marilyn Hallmark	Aliya Rosegreen
Heather Hannah	Mary Rush
Robin Hansen	Aaron Smyth
Lee Herring	Adrienne Thel
Susan Hilburn	Dean Thompson
Adrienne Howell	Rita Thompson
Angel Jackson	Robert Todd
Norma Jacobson	Ellie Tucker
Forest & M'Liss Jordan	Seth & Erika Tucker
Robin Julien	Jerry Weaver
Evan Lawson	B. A. Wilcoxson
Laura McFall	Bobbye Word
Mead Family	Chuck Zaloga
Bobbye Meador	

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



Sympathy to...

Terri Waters due to the death of her sister, Joyce.



Memorials

Given by:

Marsha O'Dell
 Susan & Bob Jordan
 Patty Drumtra
 Craft Group
 George & P. G. Lehman
 1953 Class of AC Jones
 High School-Beeville

In Memory of:

Martha Chilton
 Martha Chilton
 Dorothy M. Wilson
 Dorothy M. Wilson
 Val Henry
 Val Henry

Attendance

Sunday 8-19-18	279
Sunday School	96
Visitors	27
First time visitors	4
Sunday 8-26-18	297
Sunday School	116
Visitors	48
First time visitors	1
Sunday 9-2-18	316
Sunday School	121
Visitors	55
First time visitors	5
Sunday 9-9-18	263
Sunday School	100
Visitors	25
First time visitors	0
Sunday 9-16-18	293
Sunday School	189
Visitors	37
First time visitors	2

Financial Report



AUGUST

Operating Income	\$ 61,590.69
Operating Expenses	\$ 68,142.96
Net Op. Loss	\$ 6,552.27

YTD (August)

Operating Income	\$ 529,239.89
Operating Expenses	\$ 545,514.81
Net Op. Loss	\$ (16,274.92)

July Special Offering Rec'd

Food Pantry	\$ 290.00
Memorials	\$ 550.00
Build-Serve-Grow	\$ 3,875.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 1,870.00
Flint Water Fund	\$ 811.88
Alter Rail Offerings	\$ 75.00
UMCOR	\$ 35.00
5K Run Sponsorship	\$ 100.00

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

Coloring Café -10 am	Mon, Oct 1
Open Hearts -7 pm	Tues, Oct 2
Encounter Worship Service -7 pm	Wed, Oct 3
World Communion Sunday	Wed, Oct 3
Care Corp -6 pm	Mon, Oct 8
Stitches from the Heart -6 pm	Mon, Oct 8
FISH -6:30 pm	Wed, Oct 10
Sunshine Cafe -11:30 am	Thurs, Oct 11
Women of the Word -9:30 am	Fri, Oct 12
Pastor's Coffee -9:45 am	Sun, Oct 14
More Pumpkins arrive	Sun, Oct 14
Coloring Café -10 am	Mon, Oct 15
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE -noon.	Tues, Oct 16
Encounter Worship Service -7 pm	Wed, Oct 17
Church Council Meeting -7 pm	Thurs, Oct 18
Movies in the Patch -6:30 pm	Fri, Oct 19
Rio TX Conference Community	
Conversation-10 am	Sat, Oct 20
Daniel Plan Luncheon -noon	Sun, Oct 21
Civility...for all! -3 pm	Sun, Oct 21
Stitches from the Heart -10 am	Mon, Oct 22
FLAMS -9 am	Wed, Oct 24
"Women of the Word -9:30 am	Fri, Oct 26
Fall Festival -4 pm	Sat, Oct 27
Civility...for all! -3 pm	Sun, Oct 28

Current Adult Classes

GriefShare -1:30 pm	Sun
"The Broken Way" -4 pm	Sun
Stephen Ministry Training -6 pm	Sun
"Fast Track Disciple 2" -7 pm	Tues
"This I Know For Sure" -9:30 am	Wed
"Your Move" -7 pm	Thurs

Weekly Opportunities

Worship - Sanctuary -8:30 am	Sun
Sunday School -9:45 am	Sun
Worship - Sanctuary -11 am	Sun
Worship - Family Life Center -11 am	Sun
Youth Choir -2 pm	Sun
UMYF -3 pm	Sun
Children's Choirs -4:30 pm	Sun
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 & YOUTH MINISTRIES

FISH in October



October's FISH Group for Tweens will meet on *Wednesday, October 10, 6:30 – 7:30 pm* in the Fellowship Hall. We'll follow up September's "Friendship" theme by talking about what to do when there is conflict. All 4th and 5th grade students are welcome!

Save the Date: *Saturday, November 3, 9:00 am – 11:30 am*, for the FISH Food Pantry Scavenger Hunt and Holiday Bag Assembly! This is always the favorite service project of the year!



Why Sunday School ?

"I like coming to Sunday school because of all the activities I can do. That helps me stay awake in church later," says Simon Piggott (3rd grade).



Be sure to come and get your fun activities in, too (along with a little Bible learning and faith growing)!

Sunday school for all ages (babies–adults) is 9:45-10:45 am.

Caring Kids – Food Pantry Holiday Bags

Our next Caring Kids service project will be on *Saturday morning, November 3 at 10:30 am*. We'll gather at the church to assemble the holiday bags for the food pantry!



Movies in the Pumpkin Patch

On *Friday evening, October 19*, bring your blankets and lawn chairs to watch free family movies on the big screen in the pumpkin patch! Free popcorn provided. There are two shows so families with all age children can pick what works best for them. Come for one or both movies! This is a community event, so be sure to invite your friends and neighbors!

Here's our timeline:

⇒ **6:30 pm** – Come early and pick out your spot. (Low profile chairs and blankets in the front, please.) You might bring a picnic dinner to share and explore our pumpkin patch and take pictures with our Snoopy backdrop!

⇒ **7:30 pm** – "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown"

⇒ **8:00 pm** – "E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial"



SAVE the DATE: January 10-12 Wonderfully Made, Loved By God

A Human Sexuality Workshop for 5th and 6th grade students will be offered early next year. Mark your calendars now and reserve this important time for your child to learn about how God made them wonderful! Look for more information next month – registration begins in December.



Awaken Youth Sunday Morning Fellowship

AWAKEN is THE PLACE for youth to be during the Sunday school hour.

Don't miss this time of fun, catching up with friends, and growing your faith! *Sundays, 9:45-10:45 am*



Youth Tree Lot Coming Soon!

Sign ups are in place for Tree Lot Training, Lot Shifts and Tree waterers! The trees come around 11/17-11/21 and the tree lot officially opens on 11/23!

Training: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044aadad2fa13-tree4>

Lot Shifts: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044aadad2fa13-20171>

Waterers: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044aadad2fa13-20172>



ADULT MINISTRIES

Open Hearts - Tuesday, October 2, 2018 Rm. 8 Main Bldg. [A laity support group for parents, friends, family, and allies of LGBTQ persons]



Open Hearts was started to assist parents who had a difficult time dealing with the news that their child identifies as LGBTQ. But it might also be a sibling, aunt, grandparent or friend. Those first weeks [or even months/years] can feel very lonely and isolating. No one in whom you can confide. No one who understands your pain/confusion. No one to answer your very personal questions who has had a similar experience. It didn't take long for the various Open Hearts groups to realize education was also needed. It is a constant learning process. After all, we're human. We are constantly changing and growing - as are those around us. If you need more information, call Loretta [mother of a gay son] 281-615-6149 [cell] or Kim 512-282-7274 [at the church]. All are welcome. *First Tuesday of each month @ 7 PM rm. 8 main bldg.*

Your Move with Andy Stanley

4-week Men's Bible Study led by Scott Abel—Thursdays, October 4 – Nov. 1, 7-8:30 PM

Don't miss the opportunity to gather with other Manchaca Men to delve into the Bible and apply it to daily decision-making in your life! Throughout our lives, we are confronted with decisions we never anticipated having to make—relationship decisions, career decisions, financial decisions, parenting decisions—the list goes on and on. To complicate matters further, the timeframe for making a decision is often short and our options limited. Regardless, a decision must be made. So, what do you do when it's your move and you aren't sure what to do? In this 4-part series, Andy Stanley offers four powerful questions that will help you determine your best move. This free class will be led by our Lay Leader, Scott Abel. The class will meet for four weeks, skipping October 18. Sign up at church or online.



The Sunshine Café

Thursday October 11th, 11:30 am to 2:00 pm in the Parlor



Let's Celebrate Fall! Join us for the next Sunshine Café! Seniors and other adults are invited to attend a fun afternoon of lunch, activities and conversation on Thursday, October 11th. We will have lunch from 11:30-12:00, and Games & Conversation 12:00-2:00 Bring a Friend!!! New Game--Bunco has been added!! **Mark your calendars!!!**



The October Kairos Prison Ministry Needs Your Support Lockhart Women's Unit Weekend #23 (Oct. 11-14) & Luther Men's Unit Weekend #5 (Oct. 18-21)



Kairos Prison Ministry is an ecumenical ministry that serves incarcerated men and women as well as the staff at correctional institutions in Texas, the United States, and many countries.

The four day weekend offers the love, mercy, and forgiveness of Jesus Christ to those who have made bad decisions in their life and are repaying their debt to society. Many of these men and women have had challenging lives and may never have had a relationship with God through Jesus or the relationship became broken or distant.

The Kairos weekend seeks to offer God's mercy and love through a series of spiritual talks, prayer, music, activities, food, and fellowship. To witness the transformation of these individuals by the Holy Spirit is to know the power of God's Love. There are 42 "pilgrim" men or women prisoners and about 15 prison steward volunteers who have been on a Kairos weekend and are now serving their fellow inmates for the weekend. The Kairos team is 42 volunteers on the "inside team" and 30 volunteers on the "outside team" who cook and prepare meals, and pray for the entire team.

You can be a part of the Kairos weekend through your prayers, letters, cookies, posters, and cash donations. The weekend costs \$150.00 per inmate and \$150.00 for the volunteers. This pays for food, supplies, and materials needed for the weekend – about \$20,000.00. Cash donations are tax deductible.

If you feel led to participate and support this Kairos weekend contact Ron Mize at 512-699-8031, mizeron@earthlink.net, or Sharon Mize at petunia54@earthlink.net or 512-699-8029.

Together, we can offer God's amazing grace to incarcerated men, women, and the prison staff. God Bless You!

ADULT MINISTRIES

Civility...For All!

We tend to think about civility as a quality that is mostly present or not present in political discourse. Civility's root word is from Latin and it means a 'citizen' performing his/her civic duty, or civic engagement. But civility is important in all human interactions when it means being considerate, having respect, or regard for the other. It can also mean caring for and claiming one's identity, needs, and beliefs without degrading someone else's identity, needs, and beliefs in the process.

Civility is a learned skill, with a particular vocabulary, which communicates respect and willingness to listen. Civility is also communicated in body language. We all know what 'eye-rolling' or 'harrumphing' communicates to us. There are ways that positive regard for the other can be communicated in body language as well!

People with opposing political positions could have a meaningful conversation if they practiced civility. A married couple could have a better marriage if they practiced civility. Children, teen-agers, young adults might have more frank and open conversations with parents if they were taught the concept of civility along with the appropriate vocabulary and body language. A church community might learn to be more loving, open and accepting practicing civility. Even a church committee might be more productive if the members of the committee knew how to practice civility!

Rev. Mimi Raper will lead a two-week session on civility on *Sundays, October 21 and 28 from 3 to 4:30 p.m.* There will be discussion of the vocabulary and body language necessary to communicate with civility and there will be opportunities to practice being civil in a conversation.

Mimi is a retired United Methodist pastor who spent 38 years in churches in the southwest Texas area, including Coker in San Antonio, San Benito, San Juan, and Edcouch in the Valley, Mathis near Corpus Christi, Buda, and First Church, Austin. She has a daughter, Rebecca, who lives in North Austin, and two retired racing greyhounds who enjoy the contemplative, mostly silent life-style in the home they share with Mimi! A member of MUMC, Mimi participates in the "It's New to Me" Sunday school class.



The Coloring Café



1st and 3rd Mondays, 10 am in the Parlor

A wonderful time was had at The Coloring Café on Monday Sep. 3rd, which just happened to be Labor Day. Those of us who participated didn't Labor very hard at all... we always have so much relaxing fun.

Don't forget - the Coloring Café will continue to meet on the *1st and 3rd Mondays thru the end of 2018, from 10am to 1pm.* We'd love to meet more of you at the CC!

Questions? Contact Kristine Ehrlich at ehrllichkristine@gmail.com or call or text 512-789-9285. Childcare is available by request: childcare@ManchacaUMC.org.

GriefShare - Surviving the Holidays



Grieving?

Know someone who is?

When you are grieving a loved one's death, the holiday season can be especially painful. Our **Surviving the Holidays** seminar helps participants prepare for the holidays and even discover hope for the future.

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

GRIEF SHARE

www.griefshare.org/holidays

Sunday, November 11, 2018
1:30 - 3:30 pm
Call Deanna for more information
512-917-1909
Manchaca United Methodist Church

Daniel Plan Gathering: Potluck Lunch and Afternoon Walk



For all of our Daniel Plan "graduates" and for those who may be interested in learning about the Daniel Plan for healthy lifestyle, we'll be gathering together after church on Sunday, October 21 for a potluck meal of healthy dishes and an afternoon walk. At the Daniel Plan, we know that friends are the "secret sauce" for our success, so let's come and support one another in our efforts to make healthy life choices in the areas of faith, food, fitness, focus and friends! All are welcome!

SERVICE AND OUTREACH

Pumpkin Storytellers and Helpers Needed!

Pumpkins are coming! Every year we host about 1000 children from local schools at our Pumpkin Patch for story-time field trips. Books and ideas provided! We need storytellers and helpers for each weekday morning *between October 4 and October 19*. Look for our sign-ups online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044aadad2fa13-pumpkin> and on the clipboards at church!



Help wanted!!

We need volunteers to sell pumpkins! We are asking everyone to sign up in 2 hour increments (or more). You can sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d4aa9a728a5fc1-manchaca2>. There will also be sign up lists posted at the welcome tables of each worship area.

Contact jteague@austin.rr.com with any questions.

Caps for Veterans

The Craft Group has a new outreach project this year: caps for veterans. During the Christmas season the Central Texas Veterans Health Care System/Austin Outpatient Clinic gives each veteran who comes in a warm winter cap. New caps for men or women can be left in the church office or drop them by the Craft Room in the Fellowship Hall. If you knit or crochet, you can make some! We have plenty of yarn and will gladly give you what you need to make caps. If you have any questions please contact Judy at 512-971-5293 or Susan at 512-203-2624. *We plan to have donations ready for the VA in early November.*



Coats for Kids

The Craft Group is collecting coats to donate to the 2018 Coats for Kids drive. If you have any new or gently used coats to donate, we would love to have them! Coats of all sizes—for men, women, or kids are needed. They can be left in the church office or drop them by the Craft Room in the Fellowship Hall. Last year our donations filled KVUE's lobby and they are always given in the name of MUMC. *We would like to have these donations by early November.* Thank you for helping us!



Annual Fall Festival - October 27th

Save the date! Our annual Fall Festival and Trunk or Treat is scheduled for Saturday, *October 27 from 4-7pm*. This year's festivities will include music, a hay ride, games, bounce houses, trunk or treat, food trailers, crafts and much, much more! This is a free family event we offer for our families and the surrounding communities. This is an amazing outreach opportunity and is typically attended by about 700 people. We are needing volunteers of all ages to help run games, the cake walk, face painting and cookie decorating. We are also needing donations in form of baked goods for the cake walk and bake sale, as well as bags of candy! Baked goods can be dropped on in the parlor Friday evening or Saturday morning before the fall festival. Bags of candy can be dropped off in the church office at any time. To sign up, go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d4aa9a728a5fc1-manchaca2>. Sign ups will also be placed at the welcome tables outside each worship! Contact jennifer.bautista1@gmail.com if you have any questions.



Fall Festival Bake Sale

The Missions Team is sponsoring a bake sale during the Fall Festival on *Saturday, October 27, 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.* Please volunteer to provide baked goods that will be sold in the bake sale or used as door prizes. Proceeds from the bake sale will be used to fund mission activities sponsored by our congregation such as local disaster victims, students at Akins High School who are experiencing homelessness, our missionaries, Food Pantry, South Austin Assistance Ministry, Angel Tree Program, Zoe Helps, housing improvement projects, backpack ministry, manna bags, beats headphones for Paredes Middle School, etc.



We are accepting any kind of baked goods! Suggestions are brownies, cookies, cakes, cupcakes, bread (banana, pumpkin, zucchini, etc.). Please bring items packaged for sale, labeled, and in see-through packaging. For cakes or cupcakes, make sure they are covered so we can display them but flies can't get to them. *Bring your donations to the kitchen in the Parlor on Saturday, October 27, between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m.*

For more information, contact Linda Hawkins at 512-695-6609 or ronandlinniehawkins@gmail.com. Please volunteer for this wonderful community outreach opportunity.

SERVICE AND OUTREACH

Keep the Tradition Going

The Craft Group needs a kitchen crew for this year's craft show lunch on Saturday, Nov. 10. The job is simple: serve up bowls of soup, make sandwiches, and sell servings of dessert.



The hours would be 8 a.m. ~ 2 p.m. We would appreciate all the help we can get! For more details call: Judy 512-971-5293 or Susan 512-203-2624.



How to Christmas shop without the Mall Mobs

Each Craft Show is unique—from traditional favorites to the unique and unusual—the 43rd annual Craft Show (Nov. 10 and 11th) has that and more. Start your Christmas shopping with this small preview:

Thinking of someone in a nursing home or extended care? Look for lap robes for men and women and small floral arrangements that fit anywhere and brighten anything.



Collections? Look for snowmen, Santas, angels, and reindeer in dozens of forms and sizes.

For the Chef or Weekend Cook we have a huge assortment of kitchen items, many that are coordinating. No kitchen is complete without an embroidered towel with a funny saying to laugh over.



Wreaths-large selection of holiday and year round wreaths.



Wall hangings for Christmas and beyond (They can double as quilts, too). Christmas designs are so pretty they deserve to stay up all year.



NEW! Lighted birdhouses to grace your house or porch. Also table top sized birdhouse decor.

Baby items include hand knit blankets, bibs cute enough to be clothing, and soft, safe, stuffed animals. For young children there are crocheted hats, fun themed quilts, soft books, and more.



Love Your Pet-advent trees for your pup and animal themed gifts.



Ornament collectors will find reindeer, dogs and forest animals, snowmen, music themes, English carolers, and drummer boys to adorn their trees.



Cold weather ahead-warm up with a soft and snuggly collection of hats, scarves, and cowls. All are hand made with love.

Dream of the mountains? Our north woods collection includes table runners, placemats and napkins, ornaments, and other table decor.



Fall-Thanksgiving wreaths, pumpkins, scarecrows, and glitzy gourds for fall and Thanksgiving decor.

There's more! Come check it all out at the 43rd Annual Craft Show. Nov. 10 and 11 in the Family Life Center.

Shredding and E-Cycling

The Shredding and E-Cycling Saturday has been canceled. Our contact who paid for the shredder can no longer support this effort. If anyone knows of a person or company to sponsor this event, or even of another church that may be hosting a shredding day, please contact Margaret at mabowen314@gmail.com. Earth Day is April 22nd!

Eco Faith Ministry

Do you like being outside? Do you have a green thumb? Calling all gardeners! The Eco Faith ministry is looking for volunteers and a new keeper of the community garden. If you are interested, please contact jennifer.bautista1@gmail.com.



SERVICE AND OUTREACH

Harvest Food and FUND DRIVE NOVEMBER 4th-25th

Harvest is the time for gathering crops at the end of the growing season and celebrating the bountiful harvest by giving thanks and enjoying a big feast. Also, most of us take stock of our abundant lives. Yet many of our neighbors struggle to feed their families on a day-to-day basis. During this harvest season, the Missions Commission invites you to give thanks by sharing your blessings with others in our area who are less fortunate. This may be done through donations of food and money for the Food Pantry.



Throughout the year, MUMC Food Pantry provides sacks of food to persons who request aid in the church office. Each sack provides at least three basic meals and costs about \$15 to purchase. During a typical month, 30 sacks of food are given out. We also support the Backpack Ministry at Menchaca and weekend food sacks for Akin's Homeless. This year we added the Blessing Box which enables neighbors in need to get food when the church is not open. During November and December the Food Pantry provides sacks filled with food for a traditional holiday meal.

We encourage you to bring food from this shopping list and place them in the Hospitality Area or near the stage in the Family Life Center through November 25th. Monetary donations may be made to MUMC and designated for the Food Pantry.

Questions? Contact Margaret Bowen at mabowen314@gmail.com

Encounter



Please join us for our new evening worship service, "Encounter", every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. These services are a time to come together mid-week to praise God and help encourage one another as we journey through the rest of the week.

It's a casual come-as-you are service, and all are welcome. We hope you'll join us for these times of worship, fellowship, and encountering God together.

Shopping List for Food Pantry:

- ___ cheerios—12oz. box
- ___ oatmeal – 18oz. box
- ___ saltine crackers – 1 lb. box
- ___ canned meat – tuna or chicken breast
- ___ dried pinto beans – 1 lb. bag
- ___ canned chili – 15oz.
- ___ Hunt's pasta sauce w/ meat—24oz. can
- ___ canned broth based soup – 10oz.
- ___ canned cream soup (chicken, mushroom, celery)-15oz. can
- ___ macaroni & cheese – 7.25 oz. box
- ___ peanut butter—18oz. jar
- ___ canned fruit – in own syrup – 15oz.
- ___ canned green beans – 15oz.
- ___ canned other vegetables – 15oz.
- ___ canned corn – 15 oz. can
- ___ rice – 1 lb. pkg.
- ___ tomato sauce – 8 oz. can
- ___ toilet paper
- ___ paper towels
- ___ liquid dish soap
- ___ bar bath soap

Any time you see cans with tabs please consider buying them.

SOCHAC 5K Run & Kids Dash

Our annual 5K Run and Kids Dash is fast approaching! The race looks a little different this year - it has been re-named, re-imaged, and sports an 80s theme. We also have a new fast and flat race route that starts and finishes at our church and will include Lowden Lane. Our goal is to register 200 runners and pack at least 200 Manna Bags during the Kids Dash.



This event is our church's biggest fundraiser in support of three area South Austin Schools – Menchaca Elementary, Paredes Middle School, and Akins High School. Our role in serving these students is only possible with adequate funding. You can help by signing up as a participant, being a financial sponsor (as an individual or through your own business), or volunteering along the way. We need everyone's help for the race to be a success!

The race is scheduled for **Saturday, February 23, 2019, at 8:00 a.m.** **The Kids Dash will begin at 9:00 a.m.**

Please visit our race website for more information and to sign up: tinyurl.com/2019sochac. Questions? Contact Jena Abel, SoChac5K@gmail.com.

FOOD PANTRY

During this hot summer the Food Pantry has been busy. We have started a new out reach ministry thanks to Max Pelayo. His Eagle Scout project was a Blessing Box. This box is filled with food and supplies for people in need of food after church hours or on the weekend. It is being used quite a bit! If you would like to see the box, it's on the west side of the church near the small portico.

We had a large donation of food from the Austin Piping Competitors. So appreciated.

With October here we will be starting Menchaca's Backpack Ministry and Akin's Homeless Brown Bag Ministry. Please remember the Food Pantry when grocery shopping or when you have a few extra dollars.

May the school year be Fun, Educational and Safe. Blessings to All!



From Rosie with Love...

Well, it's after 5pm on a Tuesday, my last day in the office before we plan to gather a final time in worship on Sunday. A bittersweet moment indeed. On one hand, I feel like I was able to accomplish so much in only 14 months and yet there remains so much I wanted to get done. In a very short amount of time, I have become very comfortable being in ministry at MUMC. I think it's one of those places you want to come and stay.

This being my 3rd and possibly final time working as a full-time pastor in the traditional ministry setting, known as the local church or local parish, MUMC has become very, very special to me. Words alone cannot explain how special. You all have loved and accepted me and even inspired me to greater heights. And you tend not to forget the few times in life you are truly inspired. I "fell in love" with the ministries of this church – I dare not begin to name them all.

Some may be asking "Why is Rosie leaving the church so soon?" Know with assurance that I'm not ready to "leave the church." We never really "leave" a church; we take pieces of it with us, shaped by precious memories of what we did together – like how we sweat together and had fun unloading pumpkins and how we got together again over lots and lots of pizza! MUMC is unique in so many ways.

Don't ever stop being tenacious and persevering in the work of the Lord. By taking care of one another, you will be doing God's will. There is still so much work to be done. Have fun and lots of joy in the future, making new disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world! I will miss you all. You have been very special to me.

Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. (1 Corinthians 15:58, ESV)

In Christ's Love, Always, Pastor Rosie

DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at NOON
Email submissions to:
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office@manchacaumc.com

NEXT NEWSLETTER WILL BE MAILED

Wednesday, October 24, 2018

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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