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A word from our pastor...



Pastor David & Pam

Although I have been here several weeks, let me say this again: I am very glad to be here at MUMC. I am glad because of the many great people whom I have met. I am glad because of the many wonderful ministries about which I have learned. I am glad because I believe that our future together is bright. However, I am also glad to be here because that is the best way to live life- to be present wherever you find yourself. I am reminded of that helpful phrase, "Wherever you are, be there." I once saw a bumper sticker on a car that read, "I'd rather be here." I love that attitude.

The chief advantage of being present and happy in the moment is that it is the place where we are most likely to encounter our God; not in the past or some far off future; but we experience God best right now and right here. Let us not idealize a distant past or try to race ahead to a more glorious future. Let us live well and joyously now. An old tradition says that God chose Moses because he was the only one who took the time to notice that the bush was burning and yet not consumed. My hope for you and me is that we will be fully present today to our neighbors, to creation and to each other. For these are places in which we will meet God. I am glad to be meeting God through Christ in you, with you and among you.

~David

Friends,



The Trustees are moving forward with the approved renovations to the Family Life Center (FLC), Main Corridor ceiling, lighting and paint, west side Main Corridor Restrooms, Parlor Restrooms, two Christian Education Stairwells, Sanctuary Doors, and FLC restrooms.

There have been many planning meetings held with Church Interiors, our contractor for the Phase 2 work. This is still very much a work-in-process with the final dates to be determined the week of August 26th. The tentative plan is to begin renovations in the FLC on 9/16/19, targeting completion by Christmas. Impacted Sunday School Classes and FLC Event coordinators will be contacted to identify alternative locations.

Please make every effort to schedule all required rooms through the church office (Mark Hixon) for the remainder of 2019. Your patience and understanding are very much appreciated!

We desire continued communication throughout the renovation process. We will share progress, and invite your comments and questions at our BSG Information Center: <http://www.manchacaumc.org/give/build-serve-grow>.

Thank you,

Your Build•Serve•Grow Team



WORSHIP AND FINE ARTS



Daily Scripture

September 1

Sunday Jeremiah 2:4-13
Psalm 81:1, 10-16
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
Luke 14:1, 7-14

Week of September 2

Monday Luke 14:25-26, 33
Tuesday Psalm 139:1-6
Wednesday Psalm 139:13-18
Thursday Jeremiah 18:1-6
Friday Jeremiah 18:6-11
Saturday Philemon 1-21
Sunday Jeremiah 18:1-11
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
Philemon 1-21
Luke 14:25-33

Week of September 9

Monday Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28
Tuesday Psalm 14
Wednesday 1 Timothy 1:12-17
Thursday Luke 15:1-10
Friday 1 Timothy 1:12-17
Saturday Luke 15:1-10
Sunday Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-29
Psalm 14
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-10

Week of September 16

Monday Jeremiah 8:18-9:1
Tuesday Psalm 79:1-4
Wednesday Psalm 79:5-9
Thursday 1 Timothy 2:1-7
Friday 1 Timothy 2:4-7
Saturday Luke 16:1-8
Sunday Jeremiah 8:18-9:1
Psalm 79:1-9
1 Timothy 2:1-7
Luke 16:1-13

Week of September 23

Monday Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15
Tuesday Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15
Wednesday 1 Timothy 6:6-19
Thursday Luke 16:19-31
Friday Luke 16:19-31
Saturday Psalm 91:1-6
Sunday Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15
Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16
1 Timothy 6:6-19
Luke 16:19-31

September 30

Monday Lamentations 1:1-6

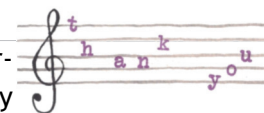


Fewer and fewer people carry coin currency anymore. Many people just place any coins they receive into some type of container and let them accumulate. Then, when enough coins have been collected, the coins are taken somewhere to exchange for paper currency or some other type of credit. The coin that seems to get collected the most is the one cent piece. Very few people carry them and many people think one cent pieces should be taken out of circulation. However, the United States Treasury still sees the coin as viable and worth minting. While the value of the coin may be minimal, it still has worth. In our society, it seems people are quick to judge the worth of things. How many times have you heard the phrase "One man's junk is another man's treasure"? Unfortunately, the worth of a person is often judged by others. Sadly, a person's worth is often determined by how they look, how they talk, who they love or from where they come. Aren't we fortunate that God doesn't use the same standards to determine our worth? To God, every person has value and worth. No matter what, we are all children of God and priceless. God loved us so much that Jesus died for us. That proves that we are all valuable. Did you know that in 2010, a one cent piece sold for \$1.7 million? It was an extremely rare coin. While to most of the world it may have been only worth one cent, it had a much greater value. Through God's eyes, we all have great value! We are all "...precious in his sight."

— Mark Hixon, Director of Music and Fine Arts

Thank You from the Fine Arts Ministry

Thank you to everyone who contributed toward the purchase of the new robes for the Glory Bells and Sanctuary Choir. We have received enough funds to pay for all sixty robes along with sixty new stoles. The robes and stoles have been ordered and will arrive in late September or early October. *Your generosity is greatly appreciated!*



Call for Youth Singers

GodSpring Youth Choir is having a kickoff meeting for the 2019-20 school year on Sunday, September 8th, at 2:30 p.m. in the Bell Room. Come be part of the group and share your talents with our congregation! Open to all students in middle school and high school, we sing in worship services in both the fall and spring, and lead music for the Children's Christmas pageant and the Easter Sunrise Service. We sing both contemporary and traditional music, and often sing music recommended by our choir members - because we sing our best when we are singing music we enjoy! No experience required. All you need is a desire to sing and a heart for God. If you have questions about the choir, please contact Glenna Bowman at (512) 751-0660 or email glennarhea@yahoo.com.



Sunday Worship and Sunday School Opportunities

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

Traditional Service
Sanctuary

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

Sunday School (all ages)
Various Classrooms

11:00 a.m. Sunday

Praise Worship (Life on the Road)
Family Life Center

STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS

PRESENCE

GIFTS

SERVICE

WITNESS

We Pray for...

Carol A.	Zee (Chouinard)
Leila A.	Meredith
Jimmy Ballew	Dick Meyer
Cedric Benson	Charlotte Morahan
Family & Friends	Dorma Nickels
Mike Benton	Sally Nunn
Donna Carlson	Karina Pachinko
Tina Carter	Karola Paul
Betty Chase	Candy Radcliff
Ned Coleman	Rev. Mimi Raper
Renee Crowder	Katrina Roberts
Kristine Ehrlich	Todd Roberts
Paige Everman	The Rocha Family
David Fegan	Donna Rone
Denise Gentry	Aliya Rosegreen
Joedy Gray	Beto Saldana
James Guthrie	Deborah Sanders
Bill H.	Christi Sontag
Tena Hammond	Josie Stevens
Robin Hansen	Beverly Stokes
Sophie Harrigan	John Stone
Lee Herring	Wanda Summers
Susan Hilburn	Dean & Rita
Angel Jackson	Thompson
Norma Jacobson	Gloria Turner
Jolly James	Carolyn Vail
Forest & M'Liss	Ray Vaughn
Jordan	B. A. Wilcoxson
Daniel Lefave	Ron Wilson
Ethan McBride	Bobbye Word
Chris & Allen McKean	Roger Young
Bobbye Meador	

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



Sympathy to...

Friends and Family of former MUMC member, **Ken Mathers**.

Renate Stinson & Family, on the loss of Renate's husband, **Thomas Stinson**.

Rodd Gunn, on the loss of his sister, **Naomi McCarty**.

Nancy Russ, on the loss of her father, **Bob Menges**.



Attendance

Sunday 7-21-19	252
Sunday School	114
Visitors	52
First time visitors	0
Sunday 7-28-19	297
Sunday School	103
Visitors	50
First time visitors	0
Sunday 8-4-19	329
Sunday School	100
Visitors	60
First time visitors	8
Sunday 8-11-19	275
Sunday School	92
Visitors	51
First time visitors	0
Sunday 8-18-19	277
Sunday School	102
Visitors	38
First time visitors	6

Financial Report

JUNE

Operating Income.....	\$ 58,868.68
Operating Expenses...	\$ 58,576.17
Net Op. <u>Gain</u>	\$ 476.24



YTD (June)

Operating Income.....	\$ 360,837.50
Operating Expenses...	\$ 375,847.77
Net Op. <u>Loss</u>	\$ (15,010.27)

June Special Offering Rec'd

Altar Rail Offerings ...	\$ 205.00
BSG/Building Gifts	\$ 5,234.00
Food Pantry	\$ 499.00
Missions	\$ 100.00
Memorials	\$ 325.00
Children's Ministries..	\$ 254.13

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.

The September altar rail offering benefits **Grace Children's Hospital & Pediatric Care in Haiti**. Their mission is to provide care and create hope for children and families suffering from TB, HIV/AIDS, chronic illness in Haiti.

Calendar of Events

Mission Sunday -9:30 am	Su, Sep 1
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	M, Sep 2
Coloring Café -10 am	M, Sep 2
MUMC Staff Meeting -1 pm	Tu, Sep 3
Sunshine Café -11:15 am	Th, Sep 5
Pastor's Coffee -9:45 am	Su, Sep 8
GodSpring Kickoff -2:30 pm	Su, Sep 8
Prayer Shawl Ministry -6 pm	M, Sep 9
Pre-Teen Youth (FISH) -6:30 pm.	W, Sep 11
Stephen Ministry Leaders -9 am .	Th, Sep 12
Women of the Word -9:30 am	F, Sep 13
Stephen Min. Sprvsn. -1:30 pm ..	Su, Sep 15
Coloring Café -10 am	M, Sep 16
Staff Meeting -1 pm	M, Sep 16
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE -noon.	Tu, Sep 17
Caring Kids -11 am	Sa, Sep 21
Prayer Shawl Ministry -10 am	M, Sep 23
Missions Commission -7 pm	M, Sep 23
FLAMS -9 am	W, Sep 25
Women of the Word -9:30 am	F, Sep 27
Fifth Sunday Worship -10 am	Su, Sep 29
Pumpkin Unloading -11 am	Su, Sep 29
Coloring Café -10 am	M, Sep 30
Staff Meeting -1 pm	M, Sep 30

Weekly Classes

GriefShare -1:30 pm, begins 9/8	S
Defiant Joy -4 pm, begins 9/8	S
This We Believe -3:30 pm, begins 9/15....	S
Sermon on the Mount -9:30 am, beg. 9/24.	Tu
Sermon on the Mount -7 pm, begins 9/24	Tu
Determined -9:30 am, begins 9/18	W

Recurring Events

Worship - Sanctuary -8:30 am	S
Sunday School -9:45 am	S
Worship - Sanctuary -11 am	S
Worship - Family Life Center -11 am	S
GodSpring Youth Choir -2:30 pm	S
Middle School Youth -3:30 pm	S
Children's Choir -4:30 pm	S
Youth Snack/Supper -5 pm	S
High School Youth -5:30 pm	S

Bulletin Deadline -noon	M
AA -7:30 pm	M
Boomer Exercise -9/10 am	T/Th
Craft Group -7 pm (T)/9 am (W)	T/W
Men's Group -12 noon	W
Such as These Praise Band -6:30 pm	W
Sanctuary Choir -6:45 pm	W
Glory Bells -7 pm	Th

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

New Sunday School Classes for Children and Youth!

On September 1, all children's and youth Sunday school classes will gather in the Fellowship Hall for Mission Sunday. School-year Sunday school classes begin on Sunday, September 8! Our children's and youth Sunday school classes offer age-level Christian education and faith formation. Being a part of a Sunday school class encourages kids to build positive relationships with their peers and with the adult spiritual mentors who lead the class. While Sunday school is not Disneyworld, our teachers work hard to teach the Bible in ways that are relevant and fun, while giving children a foundation of faith stories that will carry them into youth and adulthood! Make Christian Education a priority for your family this year and check out one of these classes:

2019 Children's Sunday School Classes

- Nursery, Infants - 2 years, "God Loves Me" Storybooks
- The Splash Pad, Preschool, ages 3-5, Rm. 23 (Education Wing) - Bible Story Basics
- Godly Play, Kindergarten-2nd Grade, Room 28 (Upstairs)
- Bible Divers, 3rd Grade, Room 18 (Education Wing) - Learning to Use My Bible
- Wave Walkers, 4th-5th Grade, Room 30 (Upstairs) - Echo the Story



For 2019 Youth Sunday School Classes: see Youth Ministries

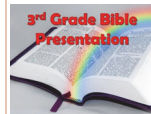
FISH Pre-Teen Youth Group



This group of fourth and fifth grade students meets on the 2nd Wednesday each month for community building and Bible study. Using the "Love in a Big World" curriculum, this year's focus in FISH will be on character building. Our first meeting of the year is Wednesday, September 11, 6:30 - 7:30 pm. FISH is always open to the community, so bring a friend!

3rd Grade Bible Presentations

We will be presenting our 3rd grade students with Bibles at both of our 11:00 AM services on September 15. Worship will be followed by a Bible Luncheon where 3rd graders can come to celebrate with their families and learn about their Bibles. RSVP by contacting Kim Carroll or signing up online.



Caring Kids

MUMCaring Kids

The MUMCaring Kids are hosting a postcard painting event on Saturday, Sept. 21, at 11 a.m. Participants will follow a simple step by step tutorial to paint some fall leaves. We will provide all the materials you need to complete one postcard. Completed postcards will be mailed to church members on the prayer chain as well as our college students (depending on how many postcards we're able to finish.) If you have a student at college who would like to receive some of our artwork, please call the church office with their address. All ages AND skill levels are welcome to attend! Sign up here (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C49AFAB29A31-mumcaring>) or on a clipboard in the hospitality area. The event will take place in the Fellowship Hall.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Awaken Sunday Morning Youth Fellowship

At Awaken, youth have the opportunity to dive deeper into the scriptures that inform our faith while also building a Christian community of support with their peers. Middle School and High School years tend to be when youth start to pull away from the church. This is NORMAL, as kids are forming their own identity and seek to establish a faith separate from "what they've always been taught." Now is the most important time for Christian education and community building!

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

Youth Sunday Night Schedule

- 3:30-5 pm: Middle School Youth
- 5-5:30 pm: Fellowship & Meal for Middle School & High School students
- 5:30-7pm: High School Youth

ADULT MINISTRIES

Coloring Café

1st, 3rd & 5th Mondays: 9/2, 9/16 & 9/30, 10 am, Parlor

Come and join us this month at the Coloring Café! We have added 5th Mondays to our schedule! Coloring sheets, colored pencils, gel pens and markers will be available to share or bring your own supplies. Feel free to bring a friend!

All are welcome — 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 to share! We will provide coffee & water.

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

Sunshine Café

Thursday, 9/5, 11:15 am - 2 pm, Parlor

Seniors and other adults are invited to attend a fun-filled afternoon of provided lunch, activities and conversation on Thursday, September 5th, in the Parlor. We will even have an art exhibit by MUMC's Coloring Café!

☀️ 11:15 am Check-In

☀️ 11:30 am - 12:00 pm Lunch

☀️ 12:00-2:00 pm Games & Conversation

Bring a friend along and get ready for an enjoyable afternoon!



GriefShare

Support Group, Sundays, 9/8-12/8
1:30-3:30 pm, \$15 for workbook

If you are grieving the loss of someone you love, you may feel that no one understands what you are going through. We invite you to join us at GriefShare—a faith-based support group led by those who have lost a loved one. Please register online at Manachaucmc.org or at GriefShare.org.

You may join at any time during the 13 week class. Contact Deanna at 512-282-7274, ext. 321 for more info.



Defiant Joy

Women's Study, Sundays, 9/8- 11/17
4-6 pm, \$22 for book & study guide



We all spend a lot of energy reaching for happiness, but real life happens, and our circumstances take us on an emotional rollercoaster ride. So the Bible's call to "be joyful always" sounds almost crazy—and out of reach. But it doesn't have to be. Joy is meant to be ours, a joy that is defiant in the face of this broken world. In *Defiant Joy*, New York Times bestselling author, Stasi Eldredge invites us with courage, candor, and tender vulnerability to a place beyond sadness or happiness. Defiant joy is the unyielding belief that sorrow and loss do not have the final say. She shows us how to maintain a posture of holy defiance that neither denies nor diminishes our pain but dares to live with expectant, unwavering hope. You are invited. Please join us. Led by licensed counselor Ellen Carpenter, with help from her leadership team, Debi Jones, Sharon Mize, and Julie Chandler.

This We Believe – The Core of Wesleyan Faith and Practice

Begins 9/15, Sundays, 3:30–5 pm, 8 weeks, Led by Kim Carroll, \$12

Why is there such disagreement in the United Methodist Church? What is the Wesleyan way of living out our faith? Is the faith proclaimed and practiced the people of the UMC still relevant today?

For John Wesley, the Bible is the joyfully consistent testimony of God's never-ending grace and ever-seeking love. Likewise, studying the Bible is more than merely knowing what Scripture says; it is also about living every day as a child of God. In his book, "This We Believe," Bishop Will Willimon systematically lays out key Wesleyan tenets of faith so that readers will have a fresh way to hear God's voice, share in God's grace, and become more like Jesus Christ. Participants in this 8-week study will meet weekly to discuss the book reading and learn from other Methodism resources. Come join us for rich conversation about what it means to be a United Methodist and how to live out our faith in the world.



ADULT MINISTRIES

New Sunday School Class this Fall!

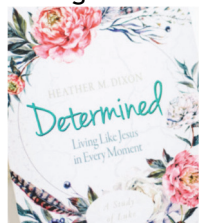
Sunday School Hour, Begins 9/15, 9:45-10:45 am, Led by Pastor David, room 29

Are we really living in the End Times? Come join our new Sunday School class this fall as Pastor David McNitzky leads an introduction to the mysterious, often misunderstood, and sometimes misused, book of Revelation. Learn what the Book of Revelation really reveals as Pastor David shares his Biblical knowledge and experience of visiting the sites of each of the seven churches mentioned in Revelation. After spending time with the last book of the Bible, the Sunday school class will continue to study various books of the Bible. This new class will begin on Sunday, September 15, during the Sunday school hour, 9:45-10:45 am. Find us upstairs in the Education Wing in room 29. All are welcome.



Determined: Living Like Jesus in Every Moment

Wednesday Morning Women's Study, Begins 9/18, 9:30-11 am, 6 weeks, Led by Kim Carroll, \$12



Imagine waking up every single day convinced that the twenty-four hours ahead of you are a precious gift to be used wisely. How would you let go of the things that keep you from experiencing abundant life and fulfilling the plans God has for you? In *Determined*, a six-week women's group study of Luke, you'll learn that the answer is found in following the footsteps of Jesus...who was laser-focused on loving the world and who gave us a model for intentional living. By replicating this model, you can ensure you are living each day to the fullest, making a difference for God's kingdom. It's time to stop wandering and start living! (from description on Cokesbury)

Jesus' Greatest Hits: The Sermon on the Mount

Begins 9/24, Tuesdays, 9:30-10:45 am, or 7-8:15 pm, Led by Pastor David, no cost

Did Jesus really say that? The Sermon on the Mount, found in the book of Matthew, contains some of the most central doctrines of our faith and instructions for discipleship, including some well-known teachings such as the Golden Rule, the Beatitudes and the Lord's Prayer. Dive deep into this scripture with Pastor David with two options for study times: Tuesday mornings (9:30 - 10:45 am) or Tuesday Evenings (7-8:15 pm). *No homework and no cost!*



Open Hearts - Last Post for Now (no meetings scheduled at this time)

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

Let's be honest; all we want to do is grab a glass of iced tea, find a cool spot, and SIT! With luck we will get a taste of fall soon. I am feeling that way today but not just because of the weather.

Open Hearts has been offering love and support to the family/friends of the LGBTQ community for a year and a half. We have had a few phone calls and one mother/daughter visit us. I can see this two ways: the congregation of MUMC is open minded, open hearted and well adjusted when a child, relative or friend tells them that they are a member of the LGBTQ community and needs no support OR everyone is afraid to admit it even to themselves much less talk about it to others in the church. I hope it is the former rather than the latter. As the United Methodist Church continues to live in tension with this topic, I hope those who are personally affected will find someone with whom they can openly discuss their feelings. God will always listen but it is nice to have a human who will give you a warm hug.

Open Hearts will no longer be meeting. Kim and I will still be available if you want to talk. Loretta [mother of a gay son] 281-615-6149 [cell] or Kim 512-282-7274 [at the church]. Thank you to all who supported our endeavors. It is a long list but especially Kim and the Christians Without Borders Sunday school class.



SIGN UP FOR FALL CLASSES ONLINE AT WWW.MANCHACAUMC.ORG OR ON THE CLIPBOARDS AT CHURCH. RESERVE FREE CHILDCARE AT SIGN UP OR BY EMAILING CHILDCARE@MANCHACAUMC.ORG.

SERVICE AND OUTREACH

Pumpkin Storyteller and Helpers Needed!

Pumpkins are coming! Every year we host about 1000 children from local schools at our Pumpkin Patch for storytime field trips. Books and ideas provided! We need



Pumpkin Patch Field Trips

storytellers and helpers for each weekday morning between October 8 and October 18. This is a fabulous outreach to our community and we need your help! Look for our sign-ups online and on the clipboards at church or contact Kim@ManchacaUMC.org.

Coats for Kids

The Craft Group is once again collecting coats for Coats for Kids 2019. 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. Leave them in the church office or drop them by the Craft Room in the Fellowship Hall. In the past, our church has generously supported this ministry, and the coats are donated in the name of MUMC. Thank you for helping us!



FOOD PANTRY NEWS

School is starting soon. That means to Food Pantry will be in full swing. We will be taking Backpacks full of food to Menchaca Elementary weekly to feed designated families over each weekend. Several brown bags of food go to Akins helping a homeless teen make it thru a hungry weekend. The Pantry will continue to fill the Blessing Box every Friday. This allows people to find food over the weekend. Lastly, our monthly bags of food to people in need will continue.

I would like to thank our dedicated sackers who sack once a month for the Pantry: Ken & Linda Kattner, Silas Barns, our own WOW GROUP and our own HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS. You make the Pantry run smoothly.

I would also like to thank BRICE CUSTER for helping me every month unload my car that's full of food. My back is forever grateful.

I would be remiss if I didn't thank you, the congregation. Because of your generous donations of money and food we are able to help feed so many. You are blessing South Austin.

With a little nudge from Deanna Custer, the Food Pantry is entering the digital age. We are going to start checking people, who request food, in on the computer! We hope it will make it easier, more accurate and have less clutter.

Prayers for all the teachers and students for a safe and successful school year.

-Margaret Bowen

Hats and Gloves for Veterans

This year the Craft Group will once again be supporting the VA Austin Outpatient Clinic. The clinic gives a warm winter cap to each veteran who comes in. The Craft Group has added gloves to the list. New caps/gloves 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! Another way to support this effort is through Craft Show purchases. At the Craft Show, you can purchase hats or lap robes and let the cashier know it is for a VA donation. We will set it aside and then take it to the VA in early December.

Questions? Please contact Judy, 512-971-5293 or Susan, 512-203-2624.



THE 44TH ANNUAL CRAFT SHOW IS COMING NOVEMBER 16TH AND 17TH!

SERVICE AND OUTREACH

The Kairos Prison Ministry

Lockhart Women's Unit, Oct. 3-6

Luther Men's Unit, Oct. 17-20



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 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 women and men have had challenging lives and may never have had a relationship with God through Christ or the relationship became broken or distant from God.

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. The volunteers serving the women/men are brought closer and deeper to Jesus as well, and the body of Christ grows and rejoicing and blessings are shared by all! There are 42 "pilgrim" women/men "candidates" 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 volunteer women/men on the "inside team" and about 50 men and women 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, 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 Sharon Mize at 512-699-8029 or email petunia54@earthlink.net or Ron Mize at 512-699-8031 or email mizeron@earthlink.net. Together we can share God's amazing grace to incarcerated women, men, and the prison staff. God Bless You!

Celebrating VBS!

To Mars and Beyond VBS was an overwhelming success! We hosted over 210 children and youth with 74% of the families coming from the community. The children had a great time exploring how God's power could help the go beyond in Faith, Boldness, Kindness, Thankfulness and Hope. Above all, they learned that God is always with them. Inspired to help others, the children raised \$825 for school supplies and backpacks and brought in more than 150 books for teacher's classrooms. Thank you to the 85 adult and



youth volunteers who were on site, the 16 members of the prayer team, the teamwork of the entire MUMC staff and the support of the congregation with their prayers, gifts and donations of money and materials. Thank you to those who helped prep and set up our beautiful decorations that set the stage for this fabulous event. And a very special thank you to Jenny Rinehart, our VBS Director, who put in countless hours making sure things ran smoothly during the week. Thank you, Manchaca UMC, for coming together to support this important ministry. Save the date! VBS 2020 begins on July 13!

SERVICE AND OUTREACH

Methodist Build Recognition in the Austin American-Statesman

You may recall that MUMC and other area Methodist churches teamed with Habitat for Humanity and helped build a home for Laura Rosales and her 5 children this past Spring. Just in case you missed it, the Methodist Build was featured on the front page of the Austin American-Statesman on July 29, 2019.

https://epaper.statesman.com/popovers/dynamic_article_popover.aspx?guid=5432b8e6-0358-403c-844e-bbdcab116844&pbid=0bd3b62f-2574-4676-88da-58d1361460ab&utm_source=app.pagesuite&utm_medium=app-interaction&utm_campaign=pagesuite-epaper-html5_share-article

In its 34 years, Austin Habitat has built more than 450 single-family homes, enlisting more than 8,000 volunteers a year. Families seeking help have to meet three requirements:

- ➔ They have to demonstrate need, meaning they spend more than 30% of their monthly income on housing or live in overcrowded or substandard conditions.
- ➔ They have to be able to pay the mortgage.
- ➔ They have to contribute "sweat equity," meaning they have to help build their home and others constructed by Habitat.

Next Spring, please consider helping out another family in need through this wonderful ministry.



Laura Rosales

Thank you from the Nixon & Gunn Families

The Nixon/Gunn families would like to thank the congregation of MUMC for their love, powerful prayers and many kindnesses to Patricia Gunn and her family.

Thank You



Thank you for the Welcome Lunch on August 4th. We enjoyed the many kind notes and we are already in the process of enjoying the gift cards.

We are so grateful to be among you and we will remember your kindness as we try to walk off the added calories!

~David & Pam McNitzky

Memorials

Given by:

Boyce & Anita Ross
Walt & Gwen Mattison
Pat Stine
Ann Gibbs
Care Corp - Kay Cox
Stephanie Moore
Staci George
Edna Olle
Joseph & Mabel Blaylock
Margaret Bowen
Quincy & Nell Ellis
Pamela Perkins
Pamela Mathews &
Randall Moore

In Memory of:

Pat Gunn
Pat Gunn
Pat Gunn
Pat Gunn
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Pat Gunn
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Pat Gunn



Tena Hammond

Pat Gunn

Tena Hammond

Eleanor Smith

Marsha Patterson

Ken Mathers

Alan & Donna Owens

W. H. Birkner

Cora Tucker

Pat Gunn

Cora Tucker

Margaret Plough

Cora Tucker

Marian Turk

Given by:

Barbara Thomas

In Honor of:

JC & Charlene Nichols

Manchaca UMC

HELLO
I am a
New Member

Welcome
to our newest member!

"Bogi" (Nancy) Bogart-Thorp

Welcome!



5TH SUNDAY COMBINED SERVICE ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH



ONE SERVICE AT 10 A.M. IN THE SANCTUARY
NOISY OFFERING—BRING YOUR CHANGE!
PIZZA AND SALAD FOLLOWING WORSHIP
PUMPKIN UNLOADING AFTER LUNCH



ALL VOLUNTEERS WILL BE ENTERED INTO A RAFFLE FOR PRIZES!

The Pumpkins are Coming!

It's hard to believe it right now but cooler weather is coming, and so are the pumpkins! The pumpkins are growing in New Mexico and the delivery times have been set. Please mark your calendars for the two dates: Sunday, Sept. 29th & Sunday, Oct. 13 after the worship services. ***We need everyone's help no matter the age or ability.*** Wear clothes to church that you don't mind getting a little dirty and bring gloves if you need them. We will serve pizza and plenty of water to the volunteers. Pumpkin Unloading is always a lot of fun & a great time for fellowship! If you are a youth in need of service hours this is a great opportunity and you can bring your friends! Be thinking about helping out in the pumpkin patch--it will be here before you know it!



Fall Festival—Save the date!!!

The MUMC annual Fall Festival and Trunk or Treat is Saturday, Oct. 26, from 4-7 p.m.! This is such an exciting time of year! Each year we attract over 700 people in our community! This year's festival will be filled with live music, food trailers, face painting, games, cookie decorating & so much more! We will be joined by the awesome Manchaca fire department, and Travis County Sheriff will be there with child ID kits! Please invite you friends & family!! We are in need of people to host their decorated trunks, volunteers to run booths, face painters, people to clean up and set up, and lots & lots of candy!!!! We will be offering service hours! If you have questions, or would like to help, contact Jennifer Bautista, 512-585-0244 or Jennifer.bautista1@gmail.com.

Newsletter Article Submittal:

NEXT MONTH'S DEADLINE:
Tuesday, September 17, 2019 NOON

EMAIL SUBMISSIONS TO:
deanna@manchacaumc.org or
office@manchacaumc.org

NEXT NEWSLETTER WILL BE MAILED:
Wednesday, September 25, 2019

Sunday Worship and Sunday School Schedule:

8:30 - 9:30 a.m. — Traditional Worship w/Communion
in the Sanctuary
9:45 -10:45 a.m. — Sunday School for all ages
11 a.m. - noon — Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
11 a.m. - noon — Praise Worship in the
Family Life Center

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