



May, 2021

First United Methodist Church Palacios

Message from the Pastor

As the May newsletter deadline rolled around, I realized I was not only still recovering from my recent surgery, but I was also trying to catch up on contacts and work that had been postponed during this time of convalescence. So, I've decided to share a meditation with you that I wrote in 2009. At that time, I was asked to be a contributing writer for The Upper Room's 2010 Disciplines daily devotional book. This is the conclusion of a week-long series of meditations I wrote based on the Common Lectionary scripture selections for one week of that year. The meditation begins with the scripture reference to set up the reflection that is then followed by a short prayer. I suggest you read the scripture reference before reading the meditation that follows. I hope it will be a blessing to you. I am grateful for God's steadfast love that continually calls us to grow in love, faith, and service.

Please read Psalm 66: 1-12

Being a neighbor means we have a responsibility to one another. It means showing respect to each other and helping one another. Generally, when we talk of being a neighbor, we are referring to those people who live near us. However, the biblical notion of neighbor is much broader. It requires that we recognize our global obligation to be neighbors. Yet too often we ignore our responsibilities to others. Our concern should include those who live near us as well as those who live across the ocean. If we consider all those who live near us as neighbors and those who live in other countries as our neighbors, then we are responsible for taking care of all the world's people. According to the Psalm, suffering is universal. We suffer when we lose jobs, when loved ones die, and when we are debilitated by disease and poor health. Life is full of suffering, and we often feel alone and in exile. But God dwells amongst us. By recognizing God's presence and God's promises, our perspective changes from despair to hope and then to gratitude---because in God, we gain insight, wisdom and peace.

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When we celebrate God in our lives and we are grateful, we bring love, pardon, faith, hope and joy. And then we will surely have peace in the neighborhood. “Make a joyful noise to God all the earth.”

Prayer

God, Make me aware of your presence and grateful for your love. Help me live my life so that I may bring peace to my neighborhood and to the wider world. Amen.

Síockán/Paz/Peace

Dave

Announcements

Joys and Concerns

As mentioned in his Pastor’s Message above **Pastor Dave** is recovering well from his recent surgery and appreciates all our fervent prayers.

Candice Neese also needs our prayers as she deals with very serious health issues.

Healthy Church Committee



By carefully adhering to our Committee guidelines, attendance at Sunday Services has been increasing. It is a welcome outcome after the months of closure.

Church Infrastructure Concerns

Opening the church also brings to the forefront glaring problems with the church infrastructure. Irwin Janszen addressed the congregation recently, talking about problems with our electrical system, which dates back to the mid-60’s and is showing many signs of age. As detailed in the Administrative Minutes below, Craig Glasscock and the other Trustees have gotten bids for the work, and Irwin urges the Congregation to bring forward its advice and concerns so they can move forward with the work. In describing the system, Jimmy Neeley uses the word ‘corroded’ and says he has had to use crowbar and hammer on it.

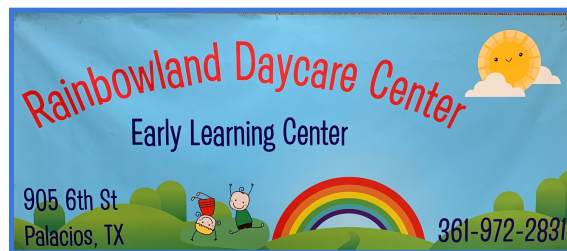
The Young People in our Church are thriving. Ty and Ansley Kubecka are shown with their 4H awards:



Ty's award is in Oyster Education. He is a Senior 4-H member, and will next compete at the State Educational Presentation competition in June at Texas A&M.



Ansley is pictured on the right with her District 4-H 1st place fashion show outfit.



Non-Profit Fund Raiser

Melinda Cruz is handling sales of delicious Gourmet Popcorn and Fudge for needed equipment and supplies for the Rainbow Land Day Care Center on 6th Street in Palacios. Contact her at melindalaw@gmail.com

Robert Bari has been helping and fulfilling many duties in our Church especially on Sunday Mornings. He's there to step in whenever there is a need, with a cheerfulness and capability that is much appreciated. Thank you very much, Robert, for all you are doing.

Congratulations:

Rylee Nicole Vandenberg, daughter of Chris and Landra Vandenberg, will be graduating from Palacios High School in May. Rylee has enjoyed her membership in the First United Methodist Church and the Church Youth group. She has had many fun memories of being in crazy Ms. DeeDee's Sunday School classroom. She appreciates all of the support throughout the years from all of the church members and our wonderful pastor as well. She will take all of the values and teachings she has learned at FUMC with her throughout her future. During her time at Palacios High School she has been actively involved in Palacios FFA, Round-Up 4-H Club, Santa Gertrudis Jr. Breeders Association, Matagorda County Fair and Rodeo Junior Fair Board. She has participated in the Ft. Worth Livestock Calf Scramble Program winning \$12,000 in scholarships thru catching and showing Santa Gertrudis Breeding heifers. She is a member of WIT at PHS currently and has been enrolled in Dual Credit College Courses at UT Permian Basin. Rylee will not be leaving our church, but just attending a little less often, while in College Station she will attend Texas A & M Methodist to continue her church fellowship. She plans to attend Blinn College in Bryan to begin her studies in Nursing. She will live with her sister in College Station and possible plan on attending Texas A & M in the future. Rylee asks for prayers for a great college experience and a wonderful and bright future ahead for her.



May is Mental Health Month

Palacios City Council has
approved a Proclamation for
May as Mental Health
Awareness Month

Vote

Saturday, May 1 is Election
Day for the upcoming PISC
Bond Issue and for three
openings on the Palacios City
Council.

Polling is at the PISC
Administration Building on
12th Street.



In the works

The First United Methodist Church announces the beginning of a new experience for the entire family to build spiritual growth. This program will be designed to serve the Junior High and High School age group and young adults 18 and up. This event will include the entire family. Childcare and meals will be provided for all. Event includes a meal each evening followed by a short Bible study/Devotional. At the close of each evening fun and games will take place for those interested in participating.

If you are interested in becoming a part of this group or volunteering, please contact Dee Dee Stork 361-920-1339 or ddstork@gmail.com More details will be included in the June Newsletter.



Also in the works

Pastor Dave is planning a Bible Study group focused on the Book of Acts. Information will be forthcoming.



The Palacios Police Department has applications for its new program designed to help Seniors or anyone living alone. It's a daily telephone check to assess the well-being of each person who signs up.

RU OK?
Palacios Seniors
Subscriber Information



Date: _____

Subscriber Information

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Home # _____

In Case of Emergency, Notify

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Home # _____ Work # _____ Cell/Alt # _____

Next of Kin Information

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Home # _____ Work # _____ Cell/Alt # _____

Key Location/Occupant Information

Extra Key?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Location: _____
Pets?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Description: _____
Live Alone?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Occupants: _____
Life Alert?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Company? _____
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Administrative Council Minutes - April 13, 2021

Jimmy Neeley, Council Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. Jimmy Neeley opened with a prayer. In attendance: Pastor Dave Moreno, Bill Law, Melissa Law, Tony Barber, Wanda Johnson, Craig Glasscock, Erwin Janszen, Leland Singer and Ken Johnson.

Included in the Council packet: Agenda, Balance Sheet, Monthly Profit and Loss and Profit and Loss Budget Performance.

This meeting was held through Zoom in order to continue social separation due to the Coronavirus.

Minutes from the previous meeting on March 9, 2021 were approved. Motion made by Wanda Johnson. Second by Tony Barber. All in favor.

Financial Reports were provided and explained by Wanda Johnson.

Profit and Loss Budget Performance –March 31, 2021

1. Income from giving	\$10,825.83
Church Expenses February	(\$10,972.42)
Net	(\$ (\$146.59)

Balance sheet as of February 28, 2010

FFB-Checking Account	\$20,564.77
MF-Johnson Foundation	\$70,422.96
TMF-Josh Hebel Scholarship Fund	\$23,363.16
TOTAL checking/Savings	\$114,350.89

1. I decided not to send any apportionments to the Rio Texas Conference for March. We did end up with another loss for the month of March - \$146.59.

2. We received an email from GoGriddy stating that they had filed for Chapter 11 Bankruptcy. That is the only information we have at this time.

3. We deposited our SBA PPP Loan amount of \$6,014.57 on April 1. Because we are a 501c Non-Profit we were not eligible for all of our salary expenses. The First National Bank of Victoria that handled our loan encouraged us to spend these funds on salary expenses only.

Trustees Report - Craig Glasscock reported he got bids on the electrical work that needed to be done. Terry Mosier bid \$16,000.00. Hasderff Lee bid \$17,000.00. Mr. Lee said the wires from Weimer Hall needed to be buried. Mr. Glasscock said he did high quality work. American Electric bid \$15,000.00 but his bid was not specific on what he would be doing. Erwin Janszen thanked him for all his work on getting these bids.

Pastor Dave provided an oral **Pastor's report** – Monday is his only day off and he requested unless it's an emergency to contact him the next day. Light switch on the pulpit is broken and the light in the women's restroom is out. Tony Barber said he would get them fixed. He needs someone to come and remove weeds at the parsonage. He bought weed and feed and will put it out. We will revisit next month on wearing masks and social distancing. DeeDee Stork plans on reopening the children's class room in June. The next meeting will be at Weimer Hall. For anyone not comfortable attending, it will also be on Zoom. It's okay not to attend.

New Business - None

Old Business - None



Motion to Adjourn: Pastor Dave closed the meeting in prayer at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Melissa Law

Action Item List

Description	Who will manage this?	Date to complete	Actual Date Completed
Electrical problems affecting the sanctuary and meter loop	Trustees		
Clean up of church storage areas	Trustees and Church families		
Roof on sanctuary repaired	Trustees		
Get a bid on replacing the sanctuary floor tile.	Erwin		
Get bids on replacing the Plexiglas on stain glass in the sanctuary	Trustees		
Find out if the church has Directors and Officers insurance coverage through our liability with Church Mutual	Pastor Dave		
Hearing devices for members	Pastor Dave		
Background check information	Pastor Dave and Wesley Nurse		January 2020
Security Cameras	Jimmy Neeley and Trustees		

BIRTHDAYS FOR MAY

2 Devon Dillard	3 Ted Bates Wanda Johnson	4 Caleb Harvey 
6 Blake Huitt	10 Karen Laws	19 Rylee Vandenburg 
24 James Hebel	27 Eric Frankson	28 Bruce Allen
31 Liem Han		

(We would like to include pictures on birth dates. If you or family members have upcoming birthdays, please send a photo: murphy_miss@yahoo.com and jimmymary@neeleyfamily.com . The photos can be updated over time)

Reminder: Date for submitting contributions to the Newsletter to Miss Murphy, murphy_miss@yahoo.com and Mary Jo Neeley, jimmymary@neeleyfamily.com , is usually by the 21st of each month

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