



JUNE 2021

First United Methodist Church Palacios

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

On Sunday, May 23rd, we celebrated Pentecost, the descent of the Holy Spirit on Jesus' disciples in Jerusalem and the birth of the Christian church. The arrival of the Spirit enables us to grow into a deep profoundly personal relationship with God and one another. It teaches us to love and serve and learn. In my sermon, I shared that we as a church need to be in prayer for our denomination as it moves towards separation into at least two different Methodist organizations. I mentioned that the leaders of the United Methodist Church are probably going to vote to accept a plan called the *Protocol of Reconciliation and Grace through Separation*. (There is a link below if you want to read more about it.) The vote will take place during General Conference, Aug. 29 - Sept. 6, 2022, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. In preparation, the group representing traditionalists, have organized and put forth the structure for a new Methodist denomination named the Global Methodist Church (GMC). Although the *Protocol* was released in January of 2020, the plans for the creation of the GMC were only developed in the last few months. Timelines for implementing this separation have been put on hold because of the pandemic. Still, at some point in the future, as I mentioned in my sermon, FUMC Palacios will have to make a choice about the affiliation of this congregation. Will it remain with the United Methodist Church, or will it choose to join the Global Methodist Church?

The link below has details and information if you are interested in learning more about the *Protocol*. If and when it is approved, this congregation will eventually gather and vote. The decision will determine this church's denominational affiliation. The property will continue belong to the congregation. The process of choosing affiliation may be a lengthy one, potentially drawn out over two or more years. So, what does all this have to do with Pentecost? I believe that we need to be in very intentional prayer for our church, our denomination, and for one another. I also believe that during this time the presence, wisdom, and love of the Holy Spirit in our lives is essential for a holy transition. Our United Methodist Church exists because of separations and unifications that occurred over the 200 plus years since it began. The Christian community our founder, John Wesley, brought to the Americas is not the church

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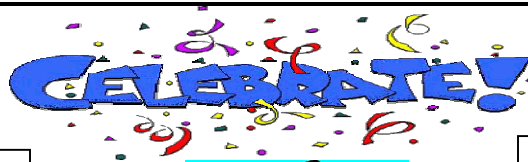
that exists today. Worldwide there are at least 80 different Methodist denominations in existence; at least three different ones in the US already. For many of us this may be an emotional and difficult process. As we deliberate, let us do so with a heart of love. Let us seek to do this with the guidance and love of God, respecting one another, and seeking God's will for our lives and our church. Our work as a witness for Christ will never end. Let us work together as the body of Christ in service to our world and one another throughout this transition and in the days beyond.

Please join me in this prayer. *Lord, we are not good at waiting for anything. We want to know what to do right now, right here. We want the plan all laid out for us so that we can project the end results. Help us place our total trust in your abiding love and presence. Give us patience and persistence in our ministries and mission. Give us courage to accept your love and strength to witness to your love in all that we do. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.*

<https://www.umnews.org/en/news/protocol-of-reconciliation-and-grace-through-separation-faq>

Síockán/Paz/Peace, Dave

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Happy Anniversary!

**Jimmy and Mary Jo Neeley
celebrate 45 years of
wedded bliss on June 5th!**

**Larry & Donna Dillard's
wedding anniversary is on
June 14! Congratulations!**



Pastor Dave and Ginny had a wonderful Mother's Day with daughter Nickie and granddaughter Sofia being with them! What a special day! (Ginny was taking the picture and Sofia's daddy, Christian was holding down the fort at home.) Our congregation was overjoyed to meet the newest member of the family!

Matthew Graff, who interned here 4 years ago, has graduated from Yale with his Masters of Divinity degree and is now going on for his PhD.

Methodist Children & Youth News

Congratulations to...

Ansley Kubecka for “Agvocating” at the Matagorda County Fair & Rodeo Public Speaking, her topic was “Choosing American Farm-raised Beef” over meat alternatives.

- Received Intermediate Grand Champion Belt Buckle
- Received the High Point Award for Craft Show
- 2 Grand Champion Ribbons
- 2 Reserve Grand Champion Ribbons
- Caught a calf in the calf scramble



Ty Kubecka for participating in the Public Speaking at the Matagorda County Fair & Rodeo, his topic was Texas Water Resources.

- Received the High Point Award for Craft Show
- 4 Grand Champion Ribbons
- 4 Reserve Grand Champion Ribbons
- Caught a calf in the calf scramble
- Performed last duties as Chapter Sentinel at the Palacios FFA Banquet
- Awarded his Chapter Degree
- Installed as the new Chapter Secretary
- Received the PHS Swim Team MVP



Colin and Keelie Holub for receiving blue ribbons on their ceramic craft projects that were entered in the Matagorda County Fair and Rodeo.



Keelie Holub for graduating from Kindergarten at Blessing Elementary.



Brendan Morales, son of Kyndell Colura Tucker and grandson of Bob and Michele Colura, graduated this Spring from the University of Houston majoring in Computer Science with a minor in mathematics. He graduated from Vista Ridge High School in Cedar Park where he was active in the Ranger Band playing the marimba in the front ensemble. His skill in reading music led him to substituting for our church bell choir during practices and performances. Brendan plans to relocate in Austin where he will seek a job in the technology field.



Branson John Hebel, graduated from Texas Tech University on May 15, 2021 with a Bachelor of Business Administration, Information Technology. He will be working for Applied Materials in Austin and making his home in Leander. Branson is the son of Gary and Laura Hebel and the grandson of James Hebel and the late Martha Hebel.

Rylee Nicole VandenBergh was honored on Sunday, May 23rd and presented with a Bible and a \$500.00 scholarship to help with her college education as she goes off to college.



Methodist Programming News

Announcing New Programs:

Young Adult / Youth Group

Our new program for Young Adults (18 years and up) and Youth (Junior High & High School students) will start on July 11th at 5 PM. The program will consist of a meal, a short devotional and fellowship time. Childcare will be provided. This group will meet on Sunday evenings twice a month (2nd and 4th Sundays). We will need an adult to oversee and guide the youth with their devotional. We will also need people to help with childcare and meals.

Bunco Game Night



We are starting a Bunco Game Night on the last Wednesday of the month at 6 pm in Weimer Hall. Come join us for fun and fellowship.

Ice Cream Social / Game Night



Please join us for our first Ice Cream Social / Game Night on Friday, July 23rd at 6 pm in Weimer Hall. This social is for the entire family.



If you are interested in participating in any of the above mentioned programs, please sign-up on the sheet in the Narthex.

We have other programs in the works, information to follow in future newsletters. If you have any ideas for new programs, please let us know.

Sunday School Start-up

We will be starting Sunday school classes on Sunday, July 11th @ 9 am. We will have classes for children (Pre-K thru 5th Grade) and Junior High & High School. The Jr. High and High School class will be taught by Pastor Dave Moreno.

Ladies Bible Study



We will start the Ladies Bible Study group on Thursday, July 8th @ 1:30 pm in the Children's Classroom. Please come join us.

Walking With God – Walking Group



This is actually a program to train you to run a 5k, but we have modified it for walking.

Run for God's 5K Challenge is a 12-week Bible study program that allows runners to combine faith and endurance training in a way that helps take people, even those who have never run, through their first 5K.

There is a Run for God kit and books that can be purchased at runforgod.com. I have some in my office that I can share. It is broken up into a 12 week program, but again, we modified it and extended it to become an ongoing walking program. Each day we meet, we talk about a devotional or bible verse as we walk with a goal to either further our distance or add a health challenge to our walk. Program can be done individually or in a group. The Wesley Nurse can monitor progress by helping with goal setting, monitoring weight and BMI, and give bible verses and/or devotionals to guide your walk.

Ceramics:

We will start ceramics again in July with the first night starting on July 6th @ 6 pm. We meet in the Children's Classroom, so come join us for fun and fellowship.



Thank you:

A big thank you to Rhonda Huitt for helping out our children & youth. You are always willing to help when we need it. You are very much appreciated.

Children's Fundraisers:

We have cookbooks available for sale if anyone needs a gift for a graduate or a wedding present. The cookbooks are \$15.00/each.



We will be placing an order for Rada Stainless Steel cutlery this summer. You may order on-line at Rada Cutlery online store link <https://radafundraising.com?rfsn=5756789.4e432a>, or place an order with someone in the children's department. They have kitchen must haves, scrumptious food mixes, cookbooks and so much more.

Please contact DeeDee Stork at (home) 361-972-3552 or (cell) 361-920-1339 or e-mail: ddstork@gmail.com if you are interested in the above mentioned fundraisers to support our Methodist children and youth. Our children and youth are the future of our Church.

A CANDLE LOSES NOTHING BY LIGHTING ANOTHER CANDLE.





Our deep appreciation goes out to all those who help during this time – our health care workers, grocery employees, and first responders! Our own Lisa Harper and Mary Bari have our deepest gratitude!



We want to thank those in the congregation who do so much for our Church. Keeping up with the church's finances and records is a monumental undertaking, and FUMC's Treasurer does a fantastic job. Our heartfelt thanks goes to Maxine Kubecka who handled it in the turbulent 2020, and to Wanda Johnson who has taken on the responsibilities in 2021. We are so grateful for your dedication and service!



DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday, June 6 – Communion Sunday

Sunday, June 20 – Fathers Day

First Day of Summer

SCRIPTURES FOR HOLY WEEK

June 6 - 2 Cor. 4: 13-5: 1

June 13 - Mk. 4: 26-34

June 20 - 2 Cor. 6: 1-13

June 27 - Ps. 130

New Healthy Church Protocol

As we continue to follow CDC guidelines for safe gatherings, it is now recommended wearing a face mask and physical distancing for Sunday worship is now optional.

The CDC recommends that you continue to wear a mask if:

- * You are not vaccinated.
- * If you have compromising health issues.

It is particularly important to note: Our children are not yet vaccinated.

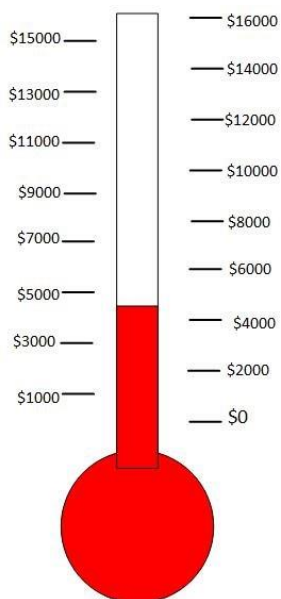
If you have not been fully vaccinated please continue physical distancing practices.

The Spirit Song

*Oh let the Son of God enfold you
With His Spirit and His love
Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul
Oh let Him have those things that hold you
And His Spirit like a dove
Will descend upon your life and make you whole
Jesus oh Jesus
Come and fill Your lambs
Jesus oh Jesus
Come and fill Your lambs*

John Wimber

ELECTRICAL REPAIR FUND



FUMC
Electrical
Repair
Fund
Progress
\$4450.00

FUMC'S electrical system for the church is in dire need of repair work. Much of it has to be replaced. Decades ago it was installed and it requires a great deal of work. New wiring needs to be run to Weimer Hall. The electrical feeds from the power lines to the church need to be replaced. New outside cutoffs and breakers are needed. A new power pole must be installed. We have begun a fundraising project to raise the \$15,000 to \$16,000 necessary to take care of this important issue. We are on the way. Let's keep going and reach our goal, hopefully, before summer's end.

Mission and Outreach Corner

- **Noisy Change Offering:** On the last Sunday in May, beach buckets will be placed by the doors for you to donate your noisy change. All monies collected will given to the Methodist Children's Home in Waco, which is always a worthy cause.
- **Rail Offerings:** June's offerings are dedicated to "Kingdom Kamp at Cathedral Oaks". This camp is for special needs youth. At this time rail offerings still have not been collected at the rail. If you wish to make a donation to the mission of the month, just write a check and note what it is for in the memo-line or for a cash donation, place money in an envelope labeled with its purpose. July's offerings are dedicated to our "Helping Hands Assistance Fund". August's donations are dedicated to maintaining the website "*Palacios Charitable Funds*" and our church missions fund.
- **Blessing Porch:** This project has been discontinued as people would not come up to the church and get what they needed. The foods that had not expired were donated to the Senior Center.

OPEN HEARTS.

OPEN MINDS.

OPEN DOORS.



**JUNE 20
FIRST DAY
OF
SUMMER!**

First United Methodist Church -- Palacios, Texas
Administrative Council Agenda –Meeting Minutes May 11, 2021

Jimmy Neeley, Council Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:07 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, Vanessa Kunefke, and DeeDee Stork.

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 April 13, 2021 were approved. Motion made by Tony Barber. Second by Wanda Johnson. All in favor.

Pastor Dave provided an **Oral Pastor's report** -The dishwasher at the parsonage falls forward when you open it and it needs to be secured. After this last rain, everything in the sanctuary was dry, so there is no leak in the roof. Still looking for an internet service. Pastor Dave will be teaching Sunday school to the Junior High and High School children beginning July 11, 2021.

Financial Reports were provided and explained by Wanda Johnson.

Profit and Loss Budget Performance – April 30, 2021

Income from giving	\$11,307.25
Church Expenses February	(\$12,252.38)
Net Loss	(\$ 898.88)

Balance sheet as of April 30, 2021

FFB-Checking Account	\$26,116.98
MF-Johnson Foundation	\$70,457.69
TMF-Josh Hebel Scholarship Fund	\$23,374.68
TOTAL checking/Savings	\$119,949.35

1. I paid \$1000.00 toward apportionments to the Rio Texas Conference for April, plus \$78.00 from rail offerings toward our 5-star apportionments (total \$1078.00)
2. We did have a loss of \$898.88 for the month of April; however, our bank balance is stable.
3. I have re-applied for a credit card for Pastor Dave, since he cancelled his last credit card in order to stop the excessive charges by Griddy.com.

DeeDee Stork reported - Young Adult/Youth Group - Will be introducing a new program to start on Sunday, July 11th at 5:00 p.m. for Young Adults (18 years and up) and Youth (Junior High and High School students). The program will consist of a meal, a short devotional and fellowship. Childcare will be provided, so bring your children and a friend or two. This group will meet on Sunday evenings twice a month from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00p.m.. We are looking for someone to oversee the youth and guide them during their devotional time. We are also looking for people to help with meals and childcare.

Senior Recognition – We will recognize our graduating senior, Rylee Nicole VandenBergh, on Sunday, May 23, 2021.

DeeDee Stork, Wanda Johnson and Erwin Janszen met with the Wesley nurse, Leslie Machicek, to discuss ways to increase our attendance. They discussed Bunko night, walking with God group and a quarterly ladies trip. These are some things the Wesley nurse suggested.

Trustees Report - Craig Glasscock reported replacing the overhead wiring is a concern along with wiring in the sanctuary. Bill Law recommended that contractors need to bid specifications and have a final date to turn in a bid. We need to get together and get the specifications for contractors to bid on and a date to turn a bid in. Craig Glasscock, Bill Law, Tony Barber, Erwin Janszen and Melissa Law will meet at the sanctuary at 2:00 p.m. Friday, May 14, 2021.

New Business- None

Old Business- None

Motion to Adjourn: Jimmy Neeley closed the meeting in prayer at 6:52 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		



Reminder: Date for submitting contributions to the Newsletter to Miss Murphy, murphy_miss@yahoo.com and Candice Neese, cneese1012@hotmail.com, and Mary Jo Neeley, JimmyMary@NeeleyFamily.com is usually by or before the 21st of each month.



JUNE BIRTHDAYS



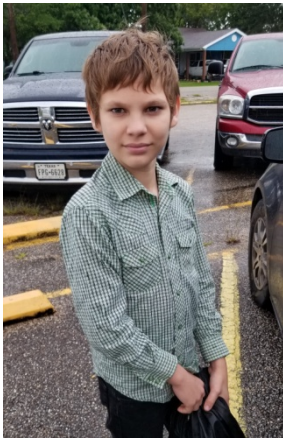
Jacob Cruz – June 6



Dennis Schuetz – June 19



Martha Law – June 21



Jedediah Harper – June 22



Chris Harvey – June 22



Jazmyn Cruz – June 24

Not Pictured: Ken Johnson – June 5

Robert Johs – June 12

Geneva Taylor – June 14

Gene Allen – June 15

Cecil Farley – June 25

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

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