



June, 2020

First United Methodist Church Palacios

Message from the Pastor

We Will Return

The Peace of the Lord Be with You, Sisters and Brothers,

I need your prayers. We need your prayers. Our church needs your prayers.

This time of social distancing and isolation is difficult. We are separated, and our lives and their routines have been thrown into disarray. This is a difficult time. But we are not alone. We are loving, caring for, and supporting one another in many different ways: Gifts of shared garden bounty and meals prepared with love, letters, calls and texts to talk and check on one another. And prayers for specific people with specific needs, and prayers in general for blessings of awareness of God’s constant presence in all circumstances.

Through all the good and difficult moments, we are united in a desire to be together. I want you to know that I as your pastor and the members of the administrative council are working towards that time as a church and as individual church leaders. I hope you are aware that a committee has been formed to give voice and guidance to the Return process. One vital purpose of the Return to the Sanctuary Committee is to raise and present needs and desires from different points of view within the church as we recommend and construct a plan to hold physical gatherings in the sanctuary. After reading and reviewing a variety of resources (Bishop Schnase’s messages, United Methodist Church webinars and numerous articles made available by UMC.org, and Church Mutual) the Return Committee’s Zoom meeting recommendations will be forwarded to our church’s Administrative

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Council. We need to hear their voices, wisdom, and support to guide our decisions. The inclusion and consent of the council are vital to, again, gather input and form a final plan of action.

Proverbs 11:14 (CEB) Without guidance, a people will fall, but there is victory with many counselors.

Proverbs 16:3 (CEB) Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will succeed.

So, our return to the sanctuary is in process. As I have mentioned in the announcements during Sunday worship recordings and at the start of the Wednesday Bible Study sessions, we, the Administrative council, the Return committee and I, need your prayers and support. Please join us in a daily prayer at 12:00 PM each day during the coming weeks as these plans and decisions develop. I ask for your prayers, your support, and your patience as we share the task of Returning to the Sanctuary in a way that is a blessing to all who attend---both physically and spiritually.

Síockán/Paz/Peace
Dave

Joys and Concerns

Please continue to pray for Betty Stork, Carol Singer and Margie Holst who are recovering in the hospital or at home. And for all those affected by COVID-19.



Jimmy & Mary Jo Neeley will celebrate 44 years of marital bliss on June 5. (And don't they look it !?)

We can all [Subscribe](#) to the [David J. Moreno](#) Worship and Bible Studies videos on YouTube:

<p>Simon Peter: Faithful but Flawed Disciple (Luke 5: 1-5)</p> <p>David J Moreno No views • 14 hours ago</p>	<p>Sunday Morning Worship First United Methodist...</p> <p>David J Moreno 60 views • 4 days ago</p>	<p>Bible Study May 20, 2020</p> <p>David J Moreno 19 views • 1 week ago</p>	<p>Sunday Morning Worship First United Methodist...</p> <p>David J Moreno 72 views • 1 week ago</p>	<p>Wednesday Bible Study May 13, 2020</p> <p>David J Moreno 15 views • 2 weeks ago</p>
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The video Scripture Readings have been delightfully provided by the younger members of the church



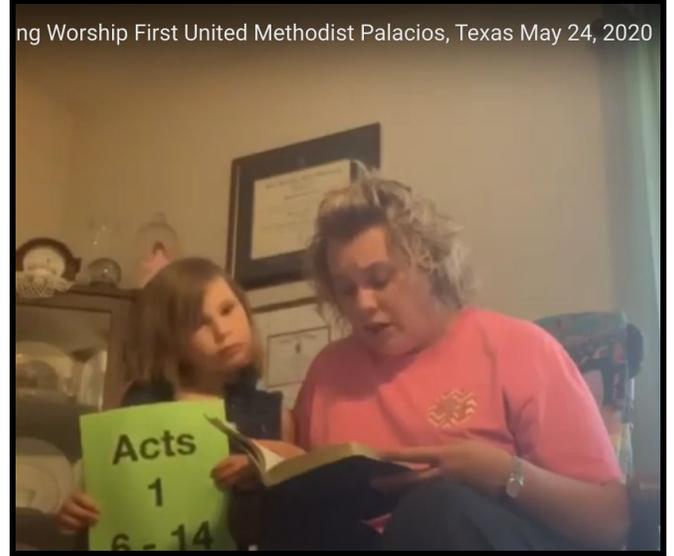
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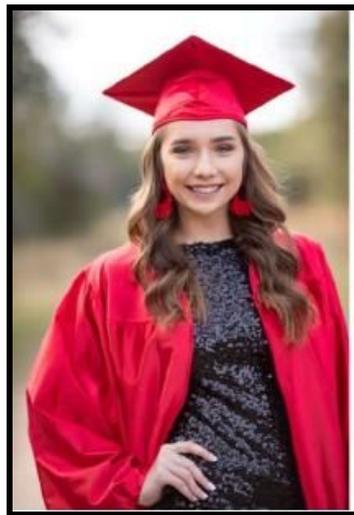
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PISD GRADUATION

Our two Church Senior will graduate on June 5, 2020 at Shark Stadium, with social distancing observed.



Caleb Harvey



Avery Kubecka

CALENDAR AND BIRTHDAYS FOR JUNE, 2020

4 Teresa Blackwell	5 Ken Johnson		12 Robert Johs
14 Geneva Taylor FLAG DAY 	19 Dennis Schuetz  Dennis will turn 70 YOA	20 SUMMER SOLSTICE LONGEST DAY OF THE YEAR	21 Martha Law  FATHERS DAY
22 Chris Harvey Jedediah Harper	24 Jazmyne Cruz 		

Administrative Council Minutes - April 14, 2020

Jimmy Neeley, Council Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Jimmy Neeley opened with a prayer. In attendance: Pastor Dave Moreno, Bill Law, Melissa Law, Tony Barber, Marty Rieck, Vanessa Kunefke, Erwin Janszen, Ken Johnson, Meredith Holub, Leslie Machicak and Leland Singer.

Included in the Council packet: Agenda, Balance Sheet and Monthly P&L 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 27, 2020 were approved. Motion made by Bill Law. Second by Erwin Janszen. Minutes from April 14, 2020 were approved. Motion made by Ken Johnson. Second by Erwin Janszen.

Financial Reports were provided by Maxine Kubecka and explained by Bill Law.

Income for April was \$11,263.27 and the expenses were \$12,149.93. We were under budget \$886.66. The income for giving from January to April was under budget \$8,794.15. The house payment balance is \$66,432.31. No apportionments were made in April. The board will make a decision next meeting as what to pay towards our apportionments. Stream Energy continues to send bills for \$262.85 but the lights haven't worked for over two years and Barney Gulley is the only person they will talk to since he is the only one on the account. Since he is no longer a member, Erwin Janszen will contact Barney Gulley and try to get this resolved.

Erwin Janszen made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, second by Ken Johnson. All in favor.

Trustees Report

The Payment Protection Program is over at this time. Tony Barber reported that there was a contract on the house for \$125,000.00. Leland Singer said it did not go through. Some things were not disclosed and the prospective buyer had a list of things that were wrong. The contract strictly says "As is". The realtor needs to make sure any buyer knows the house is as is. They will try to renegotiate and see what kind of offer they come back with.

Pastor Dave provided an oral **Pastor's Report**. Video Ministry and Bible study will continue to stream online. There will be no services in the sanctuary in May. Services may start in June. Pastor Dave will attend a webinar on how to safely open the church. Pastor Dave will contact the District Superintendent to discuss some forgiveness on some of the apportionments.

Wesley Nurse, Leslie Machicek reports: MHM has not announced any definite time for the nurses to return. They are working on slow phases to get to a new normal. It may be sometime in June, but that is still up in the air.

I have been calling my patients and checking on them. Some have needed supplies and I have found ways to get supplies and drop them at their front doors with no contact being made. We have been doing Social Determinates of Health Surveys on many of our patients. Some of those patients received \$25 VISA gift cards from MHM directly to help them. I will be continuing to do phone calls and assessments on old clients and still accept new clients. If you know someone in need, please give them my number 361-571-1044 and I will help or find them a resource to help them.

Old Business – None

Motion to Adjourn: Pastor Dave closed the meeting in prayer at 7:08 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	Trustees		
Clean up of church storage areas	Trustees		
Recommendation in June 2018 from the trustees for the church to hire a part time handyman for property maintenance.	Trustees		
Get a bid on replacing the sanctuary floor tile.	Erwin		
Emergency Preparedness Plan	Joni writes the draft plan and sends on to Erwin, Bill, Pastor of input/consideration	Joni sent draft plan in August 2018	
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		

(I would like to include pictures on birth dates. If you or family members have upcoming birthdays, please send me a photo: murphy_miss@yahoo.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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