



January 2020

# First United Methodist Church Palacios

## MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Psalm 40: 3

*He put a new song in my mouth,  
a song of praise for our God.  
Many people will learn of this and be amazed;  
they will trust the Lord.*

**Our journey through Advent to Christmas has been a renewal and reminder that Jesus came to bring us into a closer, deeper relationship with God. Jesus came to bring us God's peace, hope, joy, trust and love. Now we are beginning our new year. Let us continue our journey with Jesus and one another strengthened in faith and knowledge of who God is and who we are in God. Let us seek to know more and more of God's goodness, and God's commitment to us. Let us seek to live into the blessings God gives us. Let us seek to so live that our lives will be a living testament to the joy of a life lived in knowledge and love of God. It is a joy to look forward to the year ahead with each of you. Happy New Year to you and yours and may the peace of God be always with you.**

Síockán/Paz/Peace, Dave

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS



Jacob Cruz, infant son of Ruben & Melinda Cruz, was baptized on Sunday, December 22.  
Robert Brinkley was baptized on Sunday, December 29.  
Robert & Gail Brinkley became official members of the First United Methodist Church of Palacios on Sunday, December 29.  
Our congregation is blessed to be witness to these special services *“and we welcome you in Christian love.”*

A gold-colored logo for a 50th anniversary, featuring the number '50' in a large, stylized font with 'th' to its right, and a banner below that says 'ANNIVERSARY'.	<p><b>All are invited to a celebration</b> <i>Bill and Sandy Miller's 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary</i> <b>January 11, 2020</b> <b>2:00 - 4:00 p.m.</b> <b>Weimer Hall</b> No gifts, please</p>	A black and white illustration of two wedding bells hanging from a ribbon.
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The Southern Plainsmen will return for the third year in a row to the First United Methodist Church. Their Gospel Concert will be at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday January 11 in the Sanctuary. This quartet travels throughout the South appearing in Christian churches regardless of denomination. Their primary goal is to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ through gospel music. The group, known as “Louisiana’s Goodwill Ambassadors” is made up of Marcelle Slaughter, Aaron Allen, Tim Thomas and Gabriel Austin. A Love Offering will be taken to help with their travel expenses.

A logo for Bible Study featuring an open book and a cup of coffee, with the text 'BIBLE Study'.	<p>Wednesday Night Bible Study will resume Wednesday January 8th at 6:00PM. Everyone is welcome.</p>
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The UMW will meet Wednesday, January 15 at 10:00 a.m. in Weimer Hall. After the meeting they will enjoy lunch together at the Senior Center and learn about Friends of Elder Citizens. All women are invited to come and help with their Mission work.





“Hello New Me” Yoga Class is at 5 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.



Ladies Bible Study will resume on Thursday, January 9th @ 1:30 pm in the Children’s Classroom. Come join us on Thursdays. This Study is *Adventurous Prayer*, a new topical guide from the Women of Faith series which deals with issues that women wrestle with today.

**MYF**  
Youth will meet on the Sunday, January 5th and Sunday, January 19th at 5 PM in Weimer Hall.



**Planning Calendar:** 

There is a calendar in the office for planning upcoming events. If you have anything that needs to be added, for either the church or community events, please do so.

Badges for Ushers and Greeters will be on the podium in the Narthex. All Greeters and Ushers should wear them before and during the worship service.

Volunteers are needed to help with the Children’s Sunday School. If you (or you and a friend) would like to take one Sunday, please see DeeDee Stork.

\* Our thoughts and prayers are with the families and friends of Teresa Blackwell, who passed away on December 20 and with those of Alice Wright, who passed away on December 25.

# THANK YOU

\* A big Thank You to Becky Johnson for having a Christmas Brunch at her home on Dec. 6, and also to the 14 ladies who came and enjoyed the fellowship.

\* The Congregation enjoyed a wonderful Christmas Program Sunday Dec. 15, thanks to the young people of our church, Carl Rieck, DeeDee Stork, Wanda Johnson and many more.



\*Thank you again for donating shoes and socks. "The children were so excited for their new shoes! One little girl even said that she had never had brand new shoes before ... that her mother always gets her shoes from some lady. It broke my heart, but I was so happy that now she has shoes that are all hers. She will never forget this Christmas that's for sure!" Marty Rieck

\* We want to thank everyone who help provide the meal for the Blackwell family. Your love and support were greatly appreciated.

\* Our deep gratitude to Jo Dennis, Janice Justice, and Johnny Toellner, the children of John Toellner, who made a large donation in his memory, to the Pat Allen Memorial Christmas Dinner. Such a wonderful way to honor a wonderful man. Thank you.

## Missions and Outreach Corner

- **The Blessing Porch** is in dire need of non-perishable foods. These foods include, but are not limited to, granola bars, canned fruit, vegetables and meat, peanut butter, beans, rice. Anything that can be opened and eaten is preferred; however many of the people using the Blessing Porch have can-openers. Try not

to donate out-of-date foods.



- **The Rail Offering** in December was for the Heifer Project, that distributes animals, along with agricultural and values-based training, to families in need around the world as a means of providing self-sufficiency. The January Offering will go to our FUMC Helping Hands Assistance Fund that provides emergency help to those who are in great need.

\* **Noisy Offering** in December was sent to the Methodist Children's Home in Waco.

# Happy

# New

# Year



### WESLEY NURSE CORNER

- \* Leslie Machicek, our Wesley nurse, will be at FUMC Mondays, Tuesdays, & Thursdays from 9 to 4 to provide assistance to folks who need help with covering their prescriptions. People need to call her at 361-571-1044 to make an appointment and to learn what they must bring with them. Leslie also has diabetic supplies.
- \* Leslie requests small heaters, blankets, and socks be donated for community health services offered through her office here at church.
- \* Kits will be collected instead of individual items for *Samaritan's Closet*: Family Bags: 2 rolls of toilet paper; lg. toothpaste; lg. shampoo; conditioner; lg. body soap; Band-Aids (10); Women's Bags: Pads; Deodorant; Toothbrush; Lotion; Razor; Shaving Cream; Men's Bags: Deodorant; Toothbrush; Razor; Shaving Cream
- \* On Jan. 27 Prevent Blindness will be here to do eye exams. Anyone interested in learning how to do the exams can be trained.
- \* There will be a monthly Education Program on the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at noon. The first one will be Jan. 13 on Gratitude. Participants may bring a sack lunch.

## EARLY METHODIST TIES TO HELPING THOSE IN NEED

When Christmas shopping, many of us encountered those red kettles and ringing bells of The Salvation Army. Not all of us know that the Salvation Army has Methodist roots.

William Booth, a Methodist minister, started The Salvation Army in London in 1865. His passion for reaching the poor, homeless, and hungry with gospel of Jesus Christ led him to open a mission to meet people's physical needs. That mission continues to grow today.

[Goodwill Industries](#) is a similar organization with United Methodist ties. Methodist minister the Rev. Edgar J. Helms founded the organization in Boston in 1902. He hired and trained people in need of a job, to repair and resell donations he collected. (from Resource UMC)

## RULE OF LIFE

***“Do all the good you can, by all the means you can,  
In all the ways you can, in all the places you can,  
At all the times you can, to all the people you can,  
As long as ever you can.”***

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER



**Jan. 5 - Communion Sunday**

**Jan. 11 - Miller's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party - 2:00 p.m.**

**Southern Plainsmen Gospel Concert – 6:00 p.m.**

**Jan. 12 - Men's Breakfast 7:30 a.m. at Trinity Baptist Church**

**Jan. 14 - Administrative Council – 6:00 p.m.**

## EPIPHANY

Epiphany is season from Jan. 7 through the day before Ash Wednesday. It may include anywhere from four to nine Sundays, depending on the date of Easter. The liturgical colors for the Season after Epiphany are white for the first Sunday (Baptism of the Lord) and last Sunday (Transfiguration) and green for the rest of the season.

## ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES – December 10, 2019

**Members Present:** Pastor Dave Moreno, Annette Stonedale, Erwin Janszen, Tony Barber, Ken Johnson, Leland Singer, Vanessa Kunefke, Leslie Machicek, Marty Rieck, Jimmy Neeley

At 6:09 Pastor Dave Moreno had members present review the November 2019 Minutes. Jimmy Neeley gave the **Opening Prayer**. Ken moved and Tony seconded to accept the **Minutes** as read. It was approved by all.

Respectfully submitted,

Marty Rieck

**Treasurer's Report-** The Laws are out of town. Martha submitted a report which was read by all present.

Jimmy and Leland will check out Griddy as a new electric provider. Ken sent out the letter to the congregation regarding the needed money to pay apportionments. It was suggested that the weekly contributions report be put back into the bulletins starting in January. The year- to-date figures (expenses and donations) will be placed in the bulletins this month.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Law



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



 <p>Larry Dillard - Jan 2</p>	 <p>Thelma Holloway- Jan.13 90<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY!</p>	 <p>Myra Brhlik – Jan. 13</p>	 <p>Melissa Law – Jan. 25</p>
 <p>Craig Glasscock – Jan. 29</p>	<p>Jeremy Corporon – Jan. 2 Viv Witte – Jan. 2 Russell Laws – Jan. 4 Hudson Bates – Jan. 8 Ney Oldham IV – Jan. 13</p>	<p>Keelie Holub – Jan. 14 Jeff Hebel – Jan. 15 Joyce Harvey – Jan. 15 Steve Wilson – Jan. 17 Vanessa Kunefke – Jan. 17 Dane Kubecka – Jan. 18</p>	<p>Wade Kubecka – Jan. 20 Nolan Oldham – Jan. 23 Jessica Laws – Jan. 25 Gary Taylor – Jan. 28 Susan Greenawalt – Jan.30</p>

(I would 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](mailto: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](mailto:murphy_miss@yahoo.com) and Candice Neese, [cneese1012@hotmail.com](mailto:cneese1012@hotmail.com), is usually by or before the 21st of each month.

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