



FUMC Newsletter

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Pastor's Corner

The Lord be with you!

This is not an easy article to write. My heart is saddened as I announce my appointment to Manchaca United Methodist Church. As I write this, I am not sure as to my last Sunday in Gonzales as the Bishop has yet to announce this year's moving date; although I am certain this transition will take place in late June or early July. As you know Rev. Matt Pennington from St. John's UMC in Corpus Christi will assume the role of your new pastor.

The question you're probably asking is "WHY?" I did not ask to be moved nor did the church (through the SPRC) ask for a move. So again, why is this move taking place? As a Methodist minister I am committed to the itinerant process of appointment. Each year, the Bishop assigns clergy to a congregation. Most of the time the directive is for the pastor to remain at his or her current church, but sometimes the circumstances arise where the pastor is needed elsewhere.

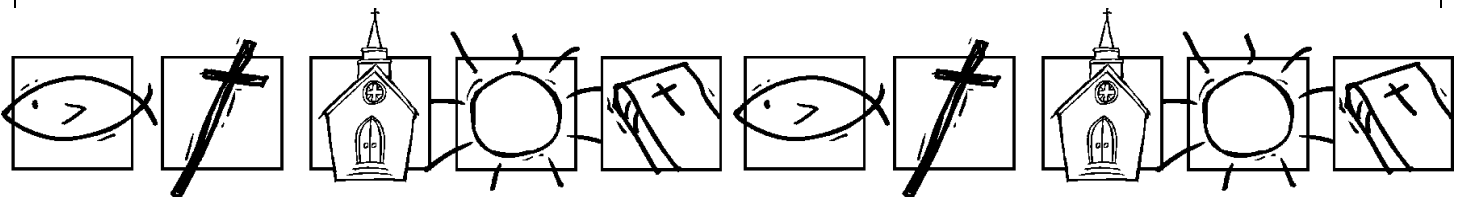
After much prayer and discernment, the Bishop and Cabinet determined that I am needed in Manchaca. This is not meant to be disrespectful to Gonzales; it is always a delicate process to match the gifts and graces of a pastor with the particular needs of a congregation. After more than a year of consideration, the Bishop and Cabinet feel that I am the best fit for Manchaca based on the available pool of pastors. I am honored by their confidence in me, and I am grateful for the opportunity to serve wherever the Lord wants me. I have always trusted the work of the Bishop and Cabinet; that trust is what brought me to Gonzales in the first place. I would encourage you to trust this process and their decision to bring Rev. Pennington to Gonzales. God has called this man to ministry and I know he is excited about serving here. Welcome Matt and his family with open arms. I know you will extend to the Pennington family the same grace you offered to my family. It's just the kind of people you are!

But this change still hurts. The idea of moving makes me cry because I love you all so much. It has been my honor to serve as your pastor these past 7 years and to be with you in moments of joy and heartache. In our remaining time we will certainly grieve together, but we also have work to do. We need to move forward with our plans for the Stockton Youth Building. We will work to hire a new Youth Pastor. And we need to begin plans for the 175th church anniversary.

As I ask for your prayers I am reminded of what the Apostle Paul said to the church in Corinth. Long ago, that church went through a similar time of transition with its leadership. In his final message to the church Paul said, "Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love." (1 Cor. 16: 13)

In Christ's Service,

Andy



*Altar Flowers for April
are given by:*

April 3

Kenneth, Doreen, and Travis Fink
In Memory of Marvin A. Fink

Jeff and Dinah Braune
In Memory of
Doug Barabas and Elmo Braune

Joe Britt and Rosemary Hindman
In Memory of Joe W. Hindman,
and Max and Evelyn Tieken

A. C. and Virginia Lacy

April 10

Beth Newman
In Honor of the Chancel Choir
and the Praise Band

Ronnie and Christina Menking

April 17

David and Leslie Bird
In Memory of Jim Bird and Les Hudson

April 24

The Bobby Morgan Family
In Memory of Trista

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Lucas
In Honor of
Our Children and Grandchildren

Staff

Rev. Andy Smith, Senior Pastor
Willa Keck, Children's Ministry Director
Felicia Cantu, Office Manager
Rosemary Hindman, Business Manager
Janelle Lester, Wesley Nurse
Craig Aamot, Music Minister
Christina Menking, Organist
Bill Meadows, Pianist
Sandra Jandt, Happy House Director
Rosannah Green, Attendance
Lupe Longoria, Custodian

Senior Pictures Needed!

If your child is graduating this year, please bring a picture to the church office ASAP. We will return the picture. These are needed to honor our FUMC graduating seniors in the display in the Narthex.

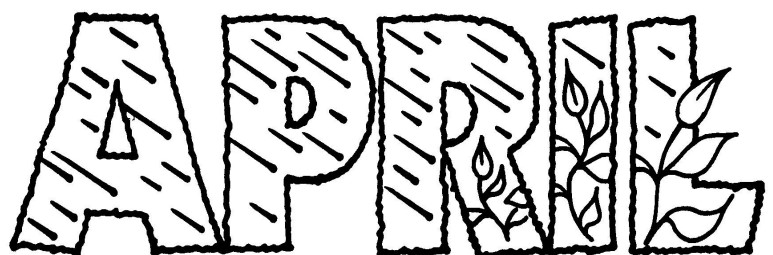
Thank you, The History and Archives Committee



Earth Angels

Earth Angels is an amazing group. Whenever there is a need for a quilt, it miraculously seems to appear. Whenever 15+ women make various quilt blocks for a project, the blocks fit together as if they were a part of a special pattern. Our latest project involves various block designs made using primary colors. These blocks will later be combined into more works of art. These amazing quilts will then be available for those persons who may be in need of being wrapped in God's love.

Women who are interested in quilting make up our group called Earth Angels. Meetings are held at 6:00 PM on the second Tuesday of each month, in the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Center. A typical meeting involves an inspirational reading followed by the mentioning of persons who may be in need of prayers or a quilt. Members also share ideas, show quilts they have made, and engage in quilting projects. Fellowship and sharing play a major role in Earth Angels. Feel free to visit our next meeting on April 12, 2016; we'd love to have you.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

4/01	Coby Pruett Daniel Sullivan	4/10	Dorothy Green Kegan Kay Kevin Bird Kaylee Pearson Thomas Hardcastle	4/19	Joe Qualls Billy Ploetz Kiley Braune Chase Arledge
4/02	Bert Ehrig, Jr. Dusty Pish Heather Ramsey	4/12	Julie Lester Crystal Ehrig Joshua Massey	4/22	Katie Garrett
4/03	Jean Burns Paisley Gibson	4/13	Loni Lester Jared Poteet Zane DuBose	4/23	Derrick Lester
4/04	Ruth Minyard Bruddy Brown Cheryl Atkinson Valerie Cantu	4/14	Travis Fink Coby Witzkoske	4/24	Commie Hisey Gene Reed Megan Massey
4/05	Christina Menking Kellie Staton Hunter Williams	4/15	Robert Cowan Lucas Hurt George Gescheidle	4/25	Travis Thibodeaux Kenley Wyant Zackary Brown
4/07	Hunter Borrer	4/17	Karen Vaughan	4/26	Crystal M. Boyd Paisley Ploeger Braelyi Williams
4/08	Ralph Raabe Megan Keck Kaylin Petras	4/18	Steve Willman Gene Kridler	4/27	Anita Hornung Krista Lester
4/09	Keeton Ehrig Jacob Bird			4/28	Tonya Eppright
				4/29	Akiko Rockers Wesley Brown Sammie Gibson

ANNIVERSARIES IN APRIL


4/02	Kenna and Stephen Lucas	4/25	Rebekah and Bobby Morgan
4/06	Sue and Forrest Penney	4/26	Mary and Erwin Ckudre
4/09	Geralyn and Joseph Matejcek	4/27	Shylo and Randon Uicak Susanne & Kirk Bennett
4/20	Keri & Billy Hornung		
4/22	Linda and Jim Arledge Shelley and Randall Thomas	4/29	Jennifer & Garrick Davis

STATISTICAL REPORT FEBRUARY, 2016

DATE	8:30	10:45	TOTAL	SS	OFFERINGS
7	127	110	227	79	\$ 16,206.30
14	94	149	243	76	\$ 9,761.05
21	126	139	265	89	\$ 10,320.99
28	114	163	277	87	\$ 8,882.86
TOTALS:	461	561	1012	331	\$ 45,171.20
AVERAGES:	115	140	253	83	

TOTAL EXPENSES FOR THE MONTH: \$ 72,572.92
NET GAIN OR LOSS FOR THE MONTH: \$ 27,401.72
APPORTIONMENTS PAID TO DATE: 25%

APRIL WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

<p>April 3, 2016</p>  <p>Communion Service</p>	<p>8:30 A.M. SERVICE</p> <p>Addyson Kardosz Brendon Mercer Ancel Atkinson</p> <p>Emmitt Currie (Lead) Bill DeBerry Commie Hisey John Lucas Ronnie Menking</p> <p>Bill Keck Willa Keck</p>	<p>10:45 SERVICE</p> <p>Kylee Watson Baron DuBose Weldon Holub</p> <p>Pal Lester (Lead) Bobby Morgan Ray Neitsch Leslie Ploeger Kelly Allen</p> <p>Shirley Goss Willa Keck</p>	<p><u>ACOLYTES</u></p> <p>(cross)</p> <p><u>USHERS</u></p> <p><u>LITURGIST</u> <u>CHILDREN'S SERMON</u></p>
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April 2016

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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Mar 27 - Apr 2	Mar 27	28	29	30	31	Apr 1	2 Private Event-N
Apr 3 - 9	3 COMMUNION SUNDAY 8:30am Worship-S 9:45am Sunday School 10:45am Worship-S 2:30pm Communion @ Romberg House 4:00pm Confirmation Class-YR	4 8:30am Happy House 2:00pm Staff Mtg-L 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 5:30pm Prayer Shawl-BP 6:00pm Dominoes-N 7:00pm Bible Study-CO	5 10:00am Shut-In-Visitation 11:00am Flex & Tone-FC 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC	6 8:30am Happy House 9:00am HH Creative Movement-FC 10:00am Bible Study-CO 1:00pm Dementia-Alzhe 2:00pm WN Exercise-F 3:30pm Pioneer Club 4:00pm Jr. High Youth 5:15pm Praise Band Pr 6:15pm Choir Practice- 6:30pm Sr. High Youth	7 6:00am Men's Group-N 9:30am Communion @ Care Centers 11:00am Flex & Tone-FC 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 4:00pm Cub Scouts-PSS 4:00pm Reunion Group-CO	8	9
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Wesley Nurse News-Seasons of Wholeness Monthly Message

Dear Church family:

"I went down to the grove of walnut trees and out to the valley to see the new spring growth, to see whether the grapevines had budded or the pomegranates were in bloom." Song of Solomon 6:11

Spring gives us such pleasure as we see everything coming back to life, and it's a reminder of the new life that we have through Christ's resurrection. Gardening is a pleasure for most of us, but it is also an exercise and can lead to injuries. Raking, mulching, planting, trimming, and digging are good physical activity yet can result in pain and stiffness in our neck, shoulder, elbow, wrist, knees, and back if we over-extend ourselves. To enjoy the flowers, vegetables and fruits without pain try these tips.

Treat gardening as a sport: Warm up and stretch the muscles before beginning. Plan your work carefully to avoid injuries. Set a moderate pace and time schedule to allow enjoyment of the task and minimize potential injuries. Wear safety goggles, sturdy shoes, and long pants to prevent injury when using power tools and equipment. Protect your hearing when using machinery. If you have to raise your voice to talk to someone who is an arm's length away, the noise can be potentially harmful to your hearing. Wear gloves to lower the risk for skin irritations, cuts, and certain contaminants. Protect yourself from diseases caused by mosquitoes and ticks. Wear long-sleeved shirts, and pants tucked in your socks. Lower your risk for sunburn and skin cancer. Wear long sleeves, wide-brimmed hats, sun shades, and sunscreen with SPF factor.

Remember good body mechanics: When lifting heavy bags of dirt or mulch keep your back straight, bend your knees, lift with the legs, and hold objects close to your body. If shoveling, lift the dirt and turn the entire body to empty it, do not twist.

Change it up: Use different muscle groups and minimize the repetitive stress placed on joints and extremities by frequently changing activities. Use a cushion, stool, or small bench when weeding. The support helps reduce stress placed on knees and spine from gardening movements.

Take frequent breaks: By stopping to stretch, getting a drink or just enjoying the progress every half hour, you minimize your chance of injury or dehydration. Stop gardening if fatigued or in pain. That "one last thing" when tired leads to injury. If pain occurs, stop! If pain persists, apply ice to the affected area for 15-20 minutes at a time to reduce inflammation. DO NOT USE HEAT - it increases the inflammatory process. If pain persists, contact your physician.

"A good tree produces good fruit, and a bad tree produces bad fruit. A good tree can't produce bad fruit, and a bad tree can't produce good fruit." Matthew 7:17

When making dietary change to healthier foods, consider a garden. Fruits and vegetables always taste better from a garden than a hothouse since they can ripen naturally and are less processed than those purchased in stores. It is also easier to introduce healthy foods into a diet when they are the result of the hard work of our own personal garden. If you grow herbs, you can enhance the taste of your other food and decrease the use of salt as a flavoring. Having plenty of vegetables and herbs right outside your door will help battle the risks of heart disease and cancer, so start planning yours today.

"I am the one who answers your prayers and cares for you. I am like a tree that is always green; all your fruit comes from me." Hosea 14:8

We can learn lessons about God from our garden since the cycle of plant life is just like the cycle of people. The process of preparing, planting, cultivating, and harvesting takes great care and can't be rushed. Plants need the right soil, mixture of water, and amount of sunlight to grow to their full potential. God does the same for us, He offers us His love, adds His presence, and encourages us through our faith, church, and family. Like the plant, our spiritual life is a journey through life's ups and downs. With God's guidance we come to full bloom and bear God's love to all of those around us.

Your Wesley Nurse, Janelle Lester, RN

Reference:
Merila, N. & Slutz (2009) Seasons of Wholeness Monthly themes and programming for faith community ministry. Volume VI. International Parish Nurse Resource Center; St. Louis, MO. <http://www.cdc.gov/family/gardening>.

Upcoming Events –

- I will be having a health screening in the Narthex before and after both church services on April 10th. If you would like your blood sugar checked, please avoid eating and drinking at least 2 hours prior to arriving at church.
- I will be leading the Walking class Monday – Thursday at 2 pm, in the Fellowship Hall. Please come and join us for fun, fellowship, and a good workout!
- I will also be leading the Flex and Tone exercise class on Tuesday and Thursdays at 11 am, in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcomed to join us in light weight lifting and fellowship!
- The Dementia-Alzheimers Caregiver Support group will meet on April 6th at 1 pm in the Parlor.
- A HUGE THANK YOU to those who came out to the Community Blood Drive and tried to donate blood and those who were able to donate. I appreciate your support in my ministry as your Wesley Nurse and your willingness to help save a life! Thank you again.

Children's Corner

Thank you to the 5th and 6th graders for organizing the Community Food Drive! Thank you to everyone that donated! Everything is greatly appreciated! And Thank you to volunteers helping deliver meals to residents around Gonzales!

Wed, April 6 - Pioneer Club, afterschool till 5:30pm.

Wed, April 13 - Last day of Pioneer Club. Short Closing starts at 5:15pm in fellowship hall.

Wed, April 20 - Help prepare for Spaghetti Supper – put up curtains, move tables, decorate, wash roasters and pots, wrap silverware, etc. No afterschool pick up.

Thur, April 21 – Prep Work for Spaghetti Supper.

Fri, April 22 - Spaghetti Supper!! Start cooking sauce at 8:00am!! Butter bread, make salad, make tea, and be ready to serve at 4:30pm. This is the 48th year of Spaghetti Supper!! And takes many hands to make it happen!! We need parents, youth and children to cook, serve, and clean-up. Additional outside station set up to help cut wait time down. But more hands needed to fill to go plates! Profits go to the children and youth! Tickets on sale now from youth and children. The community is looking forward to our "Methodist Spaghetti". Thank you in advance for helping!

May 8– Vocalibre Choral Workshop 2-5pm, for 3rd – 12th grade. Craig Aamott Directing. Concert @ 7pm in Sanctuary! Registration Forms available in Narthex and church office. Watch for more information! Open to Community Children and Youth!

SAVE The DATES!!

June 20 - Annual Splashway Trip! More details to come!

July 11-15 - Vacation Bible School!! Theme this year is **Surf Shack!** 5:30pm-8:30pm. **Start thinking about how you can help with this awesome community outreach program!** Let me know now if you are volunteering with VBS! Remember how many kids we reach each summer and how many helping hands the program requires!!

July 24-27 - Cathedral Oaks Basic Training Camp for exiting 3rd-5th. If your child is interested, call me. 857-6630

Aug 1-5 - Play-Well Lego Day Camp at First UMC. 3 different camps offered this year- Learn Engineering and Physics! 2 age groups, ages 5-7 (9:00am-noon) and ages 8-12 (1:00pm – 4:00pm). **Registration starts in April for Congregation.** Limited spaces so register early. Registration open to everyone June 6. wkeck@gvec.net 857-6630



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
MEMORIALS 1st Quarter 2016

GEORGIE SUE PARKER

Tom & Pam Lester-Stockton Building

WALTER "TUBBY" WILKERSON

Tom & Pam Lester-Stockton Building

JANE JOHNSON

Willene Tate

Lynn & Pat Wilburn-Music

Jeff & Dinah Braune-Stockton Building

John & Edith Lucas

Larry & Patrice Gray-Bereavement

Twan Brady-Stockton Building

Tray & Paige Rankin

BOBBIE JEAN JOHNSON

Lynn & Pat Wilburn-Music

Jeff & Dinah Braune-Stockton Building

Larry & Patrice Gray-Bereavement

Tray & Paige Rankin

GLENNA WILLEFORD

Kenny & Laverne Brzozowski

Joe Britt & Rosemary Hindman-Stockton Building

Leroy & Bobbie Polasek

Bob & Gladys Campion

Patricia Loomis

Allen & Sandy Wilke

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Beeson-Wesley Nurse

Kenneth & Sue Gottwald

Inez Gray

Ronny & Janice Pinkard

Jack & Dyna DuBose

MARY ELIZABETH MOORE

Billie J. Bruns-HH

Kenny & Laverne Brzozowski-HH

Mrs. Clifton Poe, Jr.

MARIE LOTT

John & Edith Lucas

Mrs. Clifton Poe, Jr.

MARY GOSSAGE

Jeff & Sammie Massie-Worsip

CLAY BOSCAMPT

Bill & Jeanette Mayer-Stockton Building

Larry & Patrice Gray-Bereavement

Ralph & Lori Raabe

John & Charlena Parr-HH

E.M. "BO" BRZOZOWSKI

Kenny & Laverne Brzozowski-Bereavement

Stephen & Kenna Lucas-Bereavement

Matt & Lea Ann Wyant-Bereavement

John & Edith Lucas

Kenneth & Sue Gottwald

Jay & Donna Gray-Scholarship

Jeff & Dinah Bruane-Stockton Building

Greg & Joan Griffin-Good Samaritan

Larry & Patrice Gray-Bereavement

Ralph & Lori Raabe

Mrs. Clifton Poe, Jr.

Bunkie Selman & Mary Jones

Ray & Judy Neitsch, Tracey Neitsch-HH

Jimmy & Kathleen Borrer

DONALD CROOK

Mrs. Clifton Poe, Jr.

MARGARET EBERLE

Mrs. Clifton Poe, Jr.

Twan Brady-Stockton Building

YVONNE DUBOSE

Mrs. Clifton Poe, Jr.

GLADYS LINDEMANN

Ralph & Lori Raabe

Twan Brady-Stockton Building

GARY CHANEY

Kenneth & Sue Gottwald

GRACIE PLOETZ

Nancy Burns

Greg & Joan Griffin-Good Samaritan

John & Edith Lucas

Kenny & Laverne Brzozowski

Kenneth & Sue Gottwald

Erwin & Mary Ckudre-Stockton Building

Katie Garrett

Jeff & Dinah Braune-Stockton Building

Phyllis Blundell Snoga-Scholarship

Bruce & Lisa Gindler-Stockton Building

Pal & Bethel Lester-Stockton Building

Phil & Donna Koehler-Landscape

Butch & Dottie Knudson

Billie J. Bruns-HH

Mr. & Mrs. W. R. Blundell-Bereavement

Ronnie & Florence Baker

Betty J. Wernette

David, Jeanette, Tyler & Hannah Salmon

Emmitt & Marie Currie

Kenneth, Doreen & Travis Fink-Youth

Travis & Meagan Hogg

Larry & Beth Mercer

Carol Wallace-Children's Ministry

Carolyn Harrell-Bereavement

Marian Gindler

Bunkie Selman & Mary Jones

Jane Boothe

Johnnie & Debbie Fogle-Stockton Building

Shirley Spoon-Youth

Mrs. Clifton Poe, Jr.

Joyce Harris-Bereavement

Tom & Pam Lester-Stockton Building

J.W. & Marilee Hiester

John L. Tinsley

Lorraine Schomburg

Jeff & Sammie Massie-Worship

Jack & Dyna DuBose

Eldon Farek-Stockton Building

Emmitt & Marie Currie

Mrs. Norma B. Fink

Tim, Julie, Natalie & Rosanna Luke

Leo & Kay Tiller

Bernice Heldarson

David & Debbie Culak

John & Tanya Meador

Mr. & Mrs. Ray DuMenil

Pete & Leann Wilkerson

JANICE LESTER

Kenny & Laverne Brzozowski

Mrs. Clifton Poe, Jr.

MAX BURLESON

Kenneth & Sue Gottwald

Kenny & Laverne Brzozowski-Wesley Nurse

JOE INCE

John & Charlena Parr-HH

BETTY LOU DOWNS

Bernice Heldarson

LES CRANE

Kenneth & Sue Gottwald

AL GARRETT

James & Jane Booher

O.J. BEHRENDT

Mrs. Clifton Poe, Jr.

TRUMAN PARR

Joyce Harris

MEMORIALS:

FRED K. ROBINSON

Kenny & Laverne Brzozowski-Bereavment
Stephen & Kenna Lucas-Bereavement
Matt & Lea Ann Wyant-HH
John & Edith Lucas-Bereavment
Joe Britt & Rosemary Hindman
Kenneth, Doreen & Travis Fink-Youth
Belle Witt
Erwin & Mary Ckudre-Children's Ministry
Bill & Ann Reaves-Bereavement
The Bobby Morgan Family-Stockton Building
Kenneth & Sue Gottwald
Pal & Bethel Lester
J.Lynn, Lisa, Jake & Samantha Barnick
Seydler-Hill Funeral Home-Bereavement
Johnnie & Debbie Fogle-Stockton Building
Bunkie Selman & Mary Jones
Marian Gindler-Stockton Building
Nancy Burns
Billie J. Bruns-HH
Eva Boscamp-Stockton Building
Carol Wallace-Stockton Building
Greg & Joan Griffin-Bereavement
Tom & Pam Lester-Stockton Building
Joyce Harris-Children's Ministry
J. B. & Lucille Lester-Children's Min (VBS)
Butch & Dottie Knudson
Bobby & Barbara Atkinson-Stockton Building
Ann Keck-Stockton Building
Kim Caraway & Employees of Caraway Ford
Jeff & Sammie Massie-Worship
Forrest & Sue Penney
Katie Garrett-Stockton Building
Sammie & Ginger Gibson
Jerry & Julia Oakes
Jeff & Dinah Braune-Stockton Building
Kyle & Debbie Crozier-Stockton Building
Darren, Melissa, Travis & Allyson Schauer-Ch. Ministry
Barry & Lauren Boothe
Mrs. Norma B. Fink
Rosannah Green-Children's Min (VBS)
Jack & Dyna DuBose
Jack & Erin Shelton & Family
John & Erlene Zavadil-Bereavement
Steve & Kathleen Ehrig-Stockton Building
Leroy & Bobbie Polasek-Stockton Building
Marie Scoggins-Stockton Building
Jeanie Hindman-Bereavement
Martha Caraway, Ginger Tidwell, Mr & Mrs. David
Pettus, Harry Pettus, Mr. & Mrs. Allen Neighbors
Emmitt & Marie Currie
Bernice Heldarson
David & Debbie Culak-Stockton Building
Pat Robinson-Stockton Building
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- Carol Wallace- Scholarship
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2016-2017 Flower Calendar

It's time to start the 2016-2017 flower calendar. What a blessing it is to have beautiful fresh flowers gracing the altar each and every Sunday. Thank you to all of you who give so generously. Your bright orange flower request forms will be in the mail soon.

Those who give a full arrangement are welcome to take their flowers home to enjoy after the second service. They come in a convenient cardboard container that is easily removed from the permanent brass vases. The Worship Committee is looking for volunteers who would like to deliver unclaimed arrangements to nursing homes or homebound individuals. Please let the church office know if you or your group are interested in participating.

Thank you for making my job easy.
Sue Penney

His Glory

God sends rainbows after showers
arching 'cross the freshened skies.
Every rainbow shows God's glory.
Every wonder tells his story.

God sends Jesus down from heaven
offering mercy, hope and life.
On the cross he showed God's glory.
Every blessing tells his story.

God sends me forth into this world
sharing love that offers life.
And I hope to show God's glory
In the way I tell his story.

—MaryAnn Sundby

Introducing Pastor Matt Pennington

Rev. Matt J. Pennington grew up in Lake Jackson, Texas where he answered God's call to ministry during Jr. High. He earned a Bachelors in Applied Sociology and Leadership Studies from Texas State University-San Marcos. Pastor Matt feels that his greatest accomplishment of his collegiate career was meeting and marrying his best friend, Brooke. Matt earned a Master of Divinity from Asbury Theological Seminary, where he served as Vice President of the student body. He is currently one third of the way through a three year journey to earn a Doctor of Ministry focused on Preaching and Leadership at the Beeson International Center for Biblical Preaching and Church Leadership at Asbury Theological Seminary.

Pastor Matt comes to Gonzales from St. John's UMC in Corpus Christi where he has served for the past four years as Executive Pastor. He has served as Senior Pastor of First UMC Bronte as well as in youth and college ministries in San Marcos, New Braunfels, and San Antonio. He loves Jesus, God's Word, and leading the church with passion. He also loves to fish, hunt, and pretty much anything else outdoors.

Matt and Brooke have three amazing children: Drew (10 on 3/16) Nate (6), and Grace (3). Brooke is a Pediatric Speech-Language Pathologist, and Pastor Matt says she is the light of his life.



Book Club News

Everyone recognizes the Statue of Liberty and many of us have been to New York Harbor to see it in all its glory; however, I wonder how many know the story behind the great colossus? The members of our book club do now. Our March selection was Liberty's Torch: The Great Adventure to Build the Statue of Liberty by Elizabeth Mitchell. Most of us were taught that the statue was a gift from France to the United States, and it was, but it came with some expensive strings attached. The book described not only Bartholdi's dream of building the statue but also explained in detail the difficulties in making that dream a reality. Part of the difficulties lay in the actual construction but, more challenging, was raising funds to build the statue in France and its pedestal on Bedloe's Island. The book was detailed and interesting but somewhat tiresome in the descriptions of the fund-raising. The time period (late 1800's) were an exciting time in world history (building of the Suez Canal, Brooklyn Bridge, Panama Canal, etc.), and Mitchell made it come alive. I think I appreciate the statue more now that I understand the difficulties encountered in its creation.

April brings another history selection; this one is set closer to home. We are reading Empire of the Summer Moon by S. C. Gwynne. This extensive book, written by a Texan, tells the fascinating story of Quannah Parker whose mother, Cynthia Ann Parker, was captured by the Comanches as a child. Quannah is the son of Cynthia and a Comanche chief and grows up to be an outstanding individual. The book's setting is central Texas (including the Gonzales/Lockhart area) and Oklahoma, mostly and gives a vivid picture of the Comanches, the settlers, and the US Army and early Texas Rangers who dealt with both. If you are interested in this period of history or the Comanches, be sure to read the book and come join us for our discussion on April 28 at 9:30 in the church library.

We welcome guests and new members, so call 672-9307 for information if you are interested. You do not have to be a Methodist nor a woman.

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\$ 7 per plate