

# MEADOWBROOK MESSENGER

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Monthly Newsletter

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## MAY SERMON SERIES: *We Believe*



In worship each week, we recite the words of the Apostle's Creed together. We begin, "I believe in God the Father Almighty..." We say similar words about Jesus and the Holy Spirit. Sometimes, we say the words so often, that they often come out of habit. But, these beliefs make us distinct. Each word is important. Join us this month for this sermon series from Pastor Marilyn.

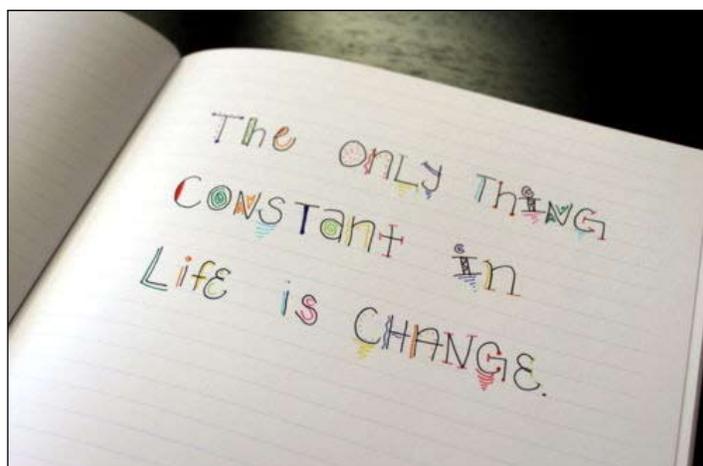
### PASTOR MARILYN ON THE MOVE

These last seven and a half years have been an incredible journey. I have been blessed to be a part of an amazing congregation that has loved me and nurtured me. I came to Meadowbrook United Methodist Church as a part time employee in 2010. Since 2014, I've had the pleasure of serving as the senior pastor of this church. They have journeyed with me through 4 years of seminary, two years of ordination residency, and the birth of our first child. I have learned so much from them.

On Sunday, April 8 it was announced that the Bishop and cabinet are appointing me to serve at Couets Memorial United Methodist Church in Weatherford, TX. My husband will join me in this appointment. We are excited to be involved in the community in which we will be living and serving -- a dream we've had since we were married.

We are incredibly grateful to be afforded this opportunity to serve together. Moving will be difficult, but we are ready for the next step God has prepared for us.

We are also pleased that Pastor Denise Blakely will be with us for another year. Our new senior pastor will be Rev. Ginger Watson, who is currently serving Polytechnic UMC. She will continue to serve as the pastor of both congregations beginning July 1. We look forward to our ministry together with Ginger. Please pray for our pastors and churches during this transition.



#### A note from Cynthia Carter:

With bitter sweetness, I say "See you around," to each of you... God has opened a door for me to move on, and I have chosen to do so. I am grateful to each of you for the labor you share at Meadowbrook; that made my role here such a delight—Keep being ROCKSTARS; and keep serving mankind through your gifts, and God will continue to shine His light on you!

# Prayer ❖ Presence ❖ Gifts ❖ Service ❖ Witness

## Church Members

Trish Christensen	Jean Dyer
Charles Ferguson	Ernestine Ferguson
Joyce Fry	Kay Hofer
Grace Johnston	Billie Beth Moore
Maria Romero	Penny Tanner

## Home and Care Centers

Dortha DeManche	Ruth Grimm
Jim Horton	Pat Kuhler
Hester Landers	Doris Thomas

## Church Friends and Family

Cindy Anderson (Former member)  
Arthur Antwine (4-H Dad/Photographer)  
Nancy Carr (Daughter of Marjorie Williams)  
Raymond Carr (Son-in-law of Marjorie Williams)  
Todd Dalton (Friend of Janet Moore)  
Katie Daniel (Daughter of Laura Daniel)  
Kinsey DuVall (Sister of Linsey DuVall)  
Debra Duesterdick (Daughter of Kay Hofer)  
Deke Gray (Relative of Joy Guthrie)  
Tommy Haddix (Father of Pastor Marilyn)  
Stella Hales (Great-niece of Laura Williamson)  
Justin Hofer (Grandson of Kay Hofer)  
Thomas Hurlbut (Nephew of Kay Hofer)  
Margaret Joyce (Friend of Sharon Conger)  
Diana M. (Friend of Trish McDaniel)  
Susan M. (Friend of Janet Moore)  
Allen Peloquin (Son-in-law of Llano Carlisle)  
Edward Ramirez (Brother of Frank Ramirez)  
Gloria Ramirez (Mother of Frank Ramirez)  
Cara Reed (Cousin of Craig Maxwell)  
Eugene Semana (Nephew of Mary-margaret Belota)  
Destiny Tillis Shelton (Niece of Emma Clegg)  
Linda Thomson (Cousin of Jane Cumbie)  
Joan Thompson (Friend of Mary-margaret Belota)  
Charlie Tremayne (Nephew of Ron & Elaine Shumate)  
Robert Walters (Cousin of Billie Beth Moore)

**We also offer prayers and sympathy** to Charles James, whose mother, Ella Mae James died on March 30.

**Our prayers and sympathy** are extended to Shawn and Donna Bell and their family on the death of Donna's father, Ron Baker, on April 4.

## 2018 Flowers for the Altar

Choose your special dates, then call the church office, stop by or e-mail [office@mbrookumc.org](mailto:office@mbrookumc.org) with your information. Arrangements are \$45.



# May 2018

## Average Presence

Sunday School.....	67
Morning Worship.....	80

## Giving

## UMW News

We'll be back to our regular schedule for May. The general meeting will be on **Tuesday, May 8**, beginning with refreshments at 10:00 am in the Parlor. After moving into the Wesleyan classroom, we will have our business meeting and our program to be presented by

Peyton Woodson Cooper, an award-winning communicator and author of Christian fiction, inspirational non-fiction and children's books. She will be coming from Houston, and we are privileged to have her as our speaker, so let's have a good group there to welcome her.

The executive committee will meet at 9:15 in the Wesleyan classroom.



## UMW Outreach Project for May

Cans of tuna for Eastside Ministries,  
Monetary donations for UCC Camperships  
and small lotions for  
Parkview Christmas gift bags.

## More May UMW Opportunities

There will be a **Church Women United** meeting at our church on Friday, May 4, at 10:30 am. This will be a celebration of May Friendship Day and the Least Coin offering. We will be serving lunch following the meeting. All members of our church are invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall - You'll be glad that you came.

**East District Benefit to Mission** on Saturday, May 5, at Sardis UMC (near Midlothian) beginning at 9:30 am. Mary Strom and Sharon Conger are planning to attend. If you plan to go, please let Sharon know if you would like to ride with them and so our attendee number can be turned in.

## Happy Birthday to Everyone Born in May!

If you were born in May, it's time for you to send in your check for membership in the 2018 MUMC Birthday Club. Remember, your check should equal the amount of years you are celebrating in 2018...or you can round it up (or down) to \$100 if you want to keep your actual age a secret.

If you never got around to joining during your birthday month, we'd love for you to go ahead and send in the check now, which will benefit Methodist ministries in our own conference and beyond. If most of our active members join the club, we should be successful in reaching our \$4,000 goal for 2018.

And don't forget to send a birthday card to one or more friend(s) on the May Birthdays list below. Hopefully, it will remind him/her to join the Club!

May Birthdays	
8	Ron Golightly
13	Jeanne Shoop
15	Sue Patten
16	Janet Adair
17	Roielynn Sims
17	Aidan Ferrell
19	Matt Roper

If you need an address to send a birthday card to one of these special people and cannot locate the current address in your church directory, feel free to call the church office and ask for the information you need. Also, if you know of someone else whose name should be on the May list and it's missing, please contact that person and urge him/her to provide us with the missing date. Working together, we can get our computer records in great shape!

Again, here are the ways in which you can become a member of the Birthday Club:

1. You can make a "second-mile" gift to the church in a dollar amount that matches your 2018 birthday age. (Your check should be marked "Birthday Club.")
2. You will become a member of the Club if someone else contributes \$50 or more to this campaign in your honor. If the donor wants to remain anonymous, we'll let you know the gift was received but keep the donor's identity a secret.

Have a Happy Birthday!

## New Birthday Club Members Celebrated

Thanks to this generous church family member for joining the Birthday Club in April:

### Llano Carlisle

Llano, your donation is very much appreciated and was credited immediately to our Connectional Giving fund. Thanks so much for joining the Club!

We also are taking this opportunity to announce the winner of the \$25 Home Depot gift card:

### Claudia Roper

Congratulations, Claudia, for being the first winner of our 2018 Birthday Club member drawings!

We estimate that at least five or six new members will be needed every month if we are going to reach this year's goal of \$4,000, so at this point in time we are substantially below our targeted participation. Won't you please consider joining the Club when your birthday month rolls around? We really need you!

Remember, the next 2018 Birthday Club drawing will be for "dinner for two at Dixie House." Get your membership donation in right away and be eligible to participate in the drawing.

## DEADLINE NEAR FOR GRADUATE BIOS

Thank you to those who have turned in names of high school and college seniors to be honored at United Methodist Women's annual Graduate Recognition Service.

There's still time to turn in others but we need short biographical information of each graduate by May 15 in order to include them in the May 27 worship bulletin.

Even if your graduate can't attend the service, you'll want a program for your memory book. Bios should be emailed to Sharon Conger at [s.conger@att.net](mailto:s.conger@att.net).



## Covenant Class News - Room 221

### Lesson and Snack schedule

DATE	SNACKS	LESSON/TEACHER
May 6	Williamson	Shawn Bell
May 13	COMMUNITY BREAKFAST	Mother's Day
May 20	Wood	Max Lucado Series
May 27	Belota	M-m Belota: Anxious for Nothing M-m Belota: Anxious for Nothing

Keep each other in your prayers and we hope to see you in class!  
-- M-mB

## Wesleyan Class News - Room 112

The Wesleyan class was invited to attend the dual piano concert performed by Bruce McDonald and Dr. Don Fisher on April 3 at Texas Wesleyan Market Hall and a Roundtable on Aging on April 5 at Richland Hills Church of Christ. On April 10th, class members attended UMW's general meeting to hear Tim Madigan's talk about his book on Mr. Rogers' life; a movie based on the book is being made next year and will star Tom Hanks. The class also was well represented at the annual Heritage Dinner on April 15th. The UMW provided an excellent meal.

Please keep our members who are experiencing health issues in your prayers: Jean Dyer, Billie Beth Moore, Ruth Grimm, Jean Dyer, G. Alfred Brown, Betty Zinberg, Billie Fleming-Smith, Mary Hightower, and Mary Reynolds. We hope Jean Dyer's broken ribs are rapidly healing and Billie Beth's heart monitor helps the doctors diagnose her health status. Ruth Grimm has moved to Lakewood and would welcome visitors. If you haven't been able to attend class, please know we miss you all and hope you are soon back.

Don't forget to participate in the Birthday Club as we strive to make the 2018 goal of \$4,000.

A number of class members are participating in the Meadowbrook Reading Buddies program. At the parent's reception on April 17th, Martha Deller provided information on Project Transformation, and Vern brought flyers about the summer program for the children and parents to take home. Meadowbrook will again be a host church for Project Transformation summer 2018.

Please keep each other, our class, and our mission work in your prayers.

We are blessed!

-- Kay Hofer

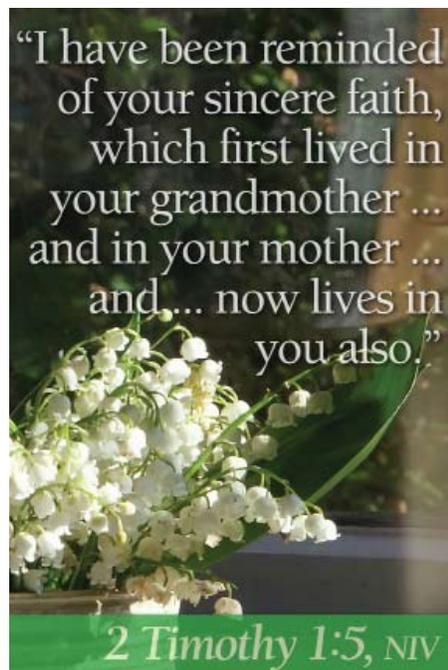
## Koinonia Class News - Room 202

Since I was at Harris Heart Center with Ron on Sunday, I'm crediting Gary Cumbie's excellent reporting skills for this report. Your prayers apparently helped because Ron was discharged just after worship ended. The good news: 21 hours of electronic monitoring didn't reveal any heart problems. Now we have to figure out what caused the palpitations.

Gary reports that Rev. Alice Sims again led our combined classes -- including returning member Patricia Castillo - in an insightful discussion of the "Mosaic" study's focus on rebellion. Members shared memories of childhood rebellions, observing that our rebellious natures carry over to our relationship with God - with unwanted results. The Good News: even with our rebellion, God loves us and welcomes our return to Him. We'll continue meeting in the parlor Sunday, switching our focus to "Restlessness" and possibly "Regret."

We'll take a break May 13 for our bimonthly community breakfast in Fellowship Hall. The study will resume May 20, likely extending into June. God willing, Ron and I hope to be in Houston this weekend celebrating Cedric's third birthday, the day before Ron's 70th. So I'll rely on classmates to update us again. Thanks again, Gary, for the notes; and classmates for the prayers.

-- Martha Deller



# Ministry Opportunities

## May 6 Communion Offering will benefit Project Transformation

We are preparing for another summer of service at MUMC! This will be our second year to be a site church for Project Transformation, the summer reading program for students who are entering first through sixth grades this fall that is led by college-age interns interested in serving others. This United Methodist-affiliated program is designed to offer young adults a hands-on opportunity to build lasting relationships with children in low-socioeconomic areas, live in intentional Christian community (Our interns live at Texas Wesleyan University.), experience cultural diversity, and explore various careers in ministry and service. Although we usually stress the benefit Project Transformation brings to the children, it also introduces numerous ways for young adults to grow in their faith journey and discern their calling during their summer of service.

Because our involvement in this program adds some additional summer expenses to our operating costs, we ask that you consider second-mile giving toward this wonderful ministry. Not only are we helping young children to improve their reading and social skills, we are helping to build and inspire new leaders among the interns who will be on site. Your generosity will support not only a special summer of service, but a summer of untold blessings for all who are involved. Thank you for helping to make this ministry a success!

Outreach Committee

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## Meadowbrook Children Need You!

Don't think of this as the draft. Think of it as a lure to encourage you to use your talents to help children, college students and our church form lasting relationships during our second summer Project Transformation reading camp June 6 through July 25.

As you hum the tune to "The 12 Days of Christmas", mentally plug in these lyrics to remind you to volunteer for one or more of these opportunity on sign up sheets in Sunday School folders, on church bulletin boards or in the church office:

On the first week of May, Meadowbrook parents said to me, we need . . .

- \* A few early-risers - some Spanish speakers - to explain MUMC's reading camp before school at Meadowbrook Elementary on May 2, 3 and 4 and additional volunteers to return after school to help parents register their children for the 8-week program.

On the second week of May, Meadowbrook's principal said to me, I need . . .

- \* Faithful MUMC Book Buddies to encourage their student partners to continue 1-on-1 reading at our summer camp.
- \* A persuasive project leader to promote the program's value to parents MAY 12 - (NOT previously announced MAY 5 date) - during Saturday School for struggling students and patient volunteers to help parents register their children.

On the third week of May, MUMC pastors said to me, we need ALL MEMBERS to consider signing up for one or more PT volunteer area based on their interests and talents:

- \* Gather and help sort books by grade-level to restock our library for 60-80 students.
- \* Share your love of books by reading 1-on-1 with students 90 minutes a week to help improve their reading skills.
- \* Greet children and parents as they arrive and depart each day.
- \* Give interns a breather by interacting with children at lunch.
- \* Encourage our interns to explore their own futures while guiding younger children.

As May turns into June, our Project Transformation staff and interns need:

- \* Prayers as they move into Texas Wesleyan dorms and train for the summer camp
- \* Help setting up the church rooms where the camp will be held
- \* Welcome at our June 3 worship service and lunch afterward.
- \* Welcome PT families on June 6 and begin reading with children on June 12
- \* Provide meals for interns and share food and fellowship with PT parents at June 21 and July 21 Family Nights.

### For more information contact:

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### Worship Opportunities

Sunday School 9:40 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10:50 a.m.  
Rejuvenate Community Bible Study 4:00 p.m.

### Office Hours

Monday - Thursday  
9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.



### Sunday

9:40 a.m. Sunday School Classes  
10:50 a.m. Worship Service  
2:00 p.m. Karate (CLC)  
4:00 p.m. Rejuvenate Bible Study (P)  
4:30 p.m. 4-H Science (CLC)

### Monday

12:00 p.m. Rotary (FH)  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop 12 (SH)

### Tuesday

4:00 p.m. 4-H Crafts (119)

### Wednesday

10:00 a.m. E.C.M. (L)  
1:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry (P)  
2:30 p.m. Games Day (113)  
3:00 p.m. Sewing (224)  
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (CR)

### Thursday

### Friday

6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts (SH)  
6:30 p.m. Daisy Scouts (SH)

### Saturday

### Additional Dates

Friday, May 4  
Sunday, May 13  
Sunday, May 27  
  
Monday, May 28

Church Women United Celebration  
Community Breakfast  
Graduation Recognition  
& Noisy Offering Sunday  
Memorial Day



Newsletter  
**DEADLINE**

Articles are appreciated by Wednesday, May 16.  
The next newsletter will be published May 22, 2018.  
Thank you Diane & Martha!