

MEADOWBROOK MESSENGER

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Monthly Newsletter

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FINAL SERMON SERIES: *Transitions*



Change is hard. Change is constant. Change conjures up lots of questions in our souls. We find ourselves asking what, why, who, and how without considering the answers to those questions.

Our church is preparing for a transition, and these questions remain the same for the church. Join us in June as Pastor Marilyn shares her last sermon series with us, "Transitions." Hear how God's Word addresses our questions. See you in worship!

Will you not
revive
us again, that
your people may
rejoice
in you?
PSALM 85:6, ESV

Communion Offering Benefits Youth Service Fund

Every June we collect a special offering for MUMC's delegation to the annual meeting of the Central Texas Conference to carry with them to supplement the Conference Offering. Every local church in our Conference is encouraged to participate in this way.

This year the Annual Conference Planning Team has selected the Youth Service Fund (YSF) coordinated by the Conference Council on Youth Ministries (CCYM) as the recipient of the 2018 Annual Conference Offering. The YSF is money raised by youth, spent by youth to benefit youth. Last year, our YSF Chairpersons (two high school seniors), helped develop the CTC YSF grant. Of the many applications received from across the Conference, three were awarded for 2018. China Spring UMC (Central District), Glen Lake Camp (North District) and Kennedale UMC (East District) each received funds to further their youth ministry efforts. Every dollar donated to the YSF Annual Conference Offering will be used for CTC Youth Ministry grants. After applications have been received in the fall of 2018, the YSF Task Force will make grant award determinations for 2019.

We are eager to be a part of this year's appeal to further youth ministries throughout the Central Texas Conference. Thank you for contributing to our June Communion Offering to help with this important Conference-wide challenge.



Church Members

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

Home and Care Centers

Dortha DeManche	Ruth Grimm
Jim Horton	Pat Kuhler
Hester Landers	Mary Reynolds
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)
 Denise Lamb (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)

Our prayers and sympathy are extended to family and friends of Billie Fleming Smith who died on Saturday, May 19. Her service will be on Thursday, May 24 at 3:30 p.m. in Mount Olivet Chapel. Visitation is from 6 to 8 on Wednesday at Mount Ollivet.

May/June 2018

Average Presence

Sunday School.....	50
Morning Worship.....	55

April Giving

Budget.....	\$20331
Birthday Club.....	\$92
Communion.....	\$217
\$\$'s for Missions.....	\$913
Easter.....	\$1900
Noisy Offering (Project Transformation)	\$143
Second Century.....	\$7580

May Giving

Budget.....	\$14594
Communion.....	\$147
\$\$'s for Missions.....	\$393
Second Century.....	\$300



The family of Jim and Donna Chandler invite you to a reception to honor their 50th wedding anniversary.

Saturday, June 9 2 to 4 p.m.

Keller United Methodist Church

1025 Johnson Road, Keller

RSVP to Kristalyn (Krissy) by texting 505-319-9157.

Your presence is your gift.



Happy Birthday to Everyone Born in June!

If you were born in June, we hope you'll join the Birthday Club of MUMC members (and friends) by sending the church a check equal to 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. Remember, every dollar we collect through the Birthday Club goes directly into connection giving; so when you join the Birthday Club, you are helping so much in our meeting this commitment. (It's not too late to join even if you were born in January, February, March, April or May!)

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

June Birthdays

2	Rebekah Lynn Rambo
9	Paula Vastine
19	Julie Casburn
21	G. Alfred Brown
25	Rusty Patten
26	Randy Gideon
26	Ray Wood
27	Pamela Lynn Sexton
28	Wylma Blackburn
30	Dick Bogusch

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 above 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.

Happy Birthday to this upcoming month's celebrants!

Birthday Club Members Added in May

None.
Nobody.
Zilch.
Zero.
We are so sad. Sob



Can you believe it? No new members were added during May! Remember that the next ten donors to the 2018 Birthday Club campaign will participate in a drawing for a dinner for two at Dixie House Cafe!

Even you "belated birthday celebrants" who forgot to sign up during your birthday month will be eligible to win this drawing if you are one of the next ten contributors!

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 31

Meadowbrook Boy Scouts and East Fort Worth 4-H assist East Fort Worth Optimists in delivering and picking up U.S. flags at contracted residences.

May 31

East Fort Worth 4-H Awards Dinner, 7 p.m., Fellowship Hall

June 9

Girl Scout Troop 3912 and Cub Scout Pack 12 evening crossover ceremony and dinner, Fellowship Hall. (Time to be announced.)



Meadowbrook UMC welcomed Frank Ramirez on Sunday May 13. Frank reaffirmed his faith as he became a member of Meadowbrook.

Covenant Class News - Room 221

School is winding down and summer is upon us, but we are still going strong in the Covenant Class, and we hope to see everyone in class as much as possible.

We have started a new video series by Max Lucado, titled "Anxious for Nothing." Most of us at some point in our lives have had times of being overly anxious (except, of course, Ray!) and Lucado makes some good points about St. Paul's admonition to "Be anxious for nothing." I hope you will make every effort to be in class, but if you cannot be there every week, please don't let that stop you from coming when you can. I am going to send short weekly e-mails to the class with a few notes from the lessons, so you will be able to stay on track with the series.

The Lesson and Snack schedule for the next few weeks is as follows:

DATE	SNACKS	LESSON/TEACHER
May 27	Belota	M-m Belota: Anxious for Nothing
June 3	Casburn	Anxious for Nothing
June 10	Cotellesse	Anxious for Nothing
June 17	Estes	Anxious for Nothing
June 24	EVERYONE	SUMMER BRUNCH

In the next couple of weeks I will be working diligently to schedule lessons for the remainder of the year. Jeff has assured me that we have sufficient class funds for me to order some curriculum items, plus I will be calling upon some of our favorite people to bring lessons as their schedules permit. If you would like to bring a lesson to the class, we would love to hear from you, or if you would like to facilitate one of the video series we have on hand, please let me know.

I hope to see all of you in class. Please keep each other, as well as our entire church and community, in your prayers.

~ Mary-margaret Belota

Koinonia Class News - Room 202

If you can't find us in our second-floor classroom, check the first-floor Parlor across the hall from the church office. That's where we've been meeting since April 22 for a combined study of the "Mosaic" book led by the Rev. Alice Pauline Sims, who teaches the New Community class.

With a week off for the Mother's Day breakfast, we've made it through half the lessons that Pastor Denise taught previously as a Lenten Study. Even with members in and out for health, travel and other conflicts, Rev. Sims has done a great job leading us through discussions about our rebellion, restlessness, regret and rejection –among the jagged pieces that God reshapes into a beautiful mosaic to serve Him.

We expect the study to continue through mid-June as we explore how God uses our responsibilities, resources and relationships to refashion the broken pieces of our lives. Even if you've missed a few lessons, please join us in the parlor at 9:45 a.m. Visitors are welcome.

The Cumbies will bring snacks Sunday. Have a blessed week!

-- Martha Deller



Wesleyan Class News - Room 112

I am saddened to report the sudden passing of Billie Fleming Smith. Recently, we have had a number of class members absent due to health issues. Mary Reynolds fell, broke her back, and is in rehabilitation at Trinity. Billie Beth Moore is still having heart problems and home bound as is Kay Hofer. Ruth Grimm is making friends and getting adjusted at Lakewood; she would really like visitors. Joe Ballem is missed and we hope on the mend. If you haven't been able to attend class, please know you are missed!

This month we had two different lessons related to church and music history. Pator Marilyn gave an overview of the worldwide state of Methodism and noted that we need healing for the problems brought on by LGBT diversity. Mary-margaret Belota provided the background of some well-loved hymns.

The Wesleyan class was well represented at the all-church breakfast on Mother's Day. The breakfast was especially good. Our thanks to those who prepared the feast!

A number of class members are participating in Meadowbrook Book Buddies program, but more volunteers are needed, as the UMC is again hosting the summer reading program. Contact Martha Deller (817-535-3407) for information.

Don't forget the 2018 Birthday Club goal for 2018 was increased to \$4,000! Help make the new goal and join the club! Please keep each other, our class members, and our mission work in your prayers.

Remember "Grace = Undeserved Love" - We are loved and blessed!

-- Kay Hofer

Ministry Opportunities



Volunteers Vital for Expanded Summer Reading Camp

In just 11 days, we'll kick off our second Project Transformation reading camp by welcoming eight college students to worship. But Jennifer Gonzales, the Texas Wesleyan student who joined our church after leading last summer's camp, needs your help to make the second year of the new Central Texas Conference program a success for the 80 children expected at the 8-week camp beginning June 6.

Jennifer and her team of seven other college interns plan to be in worship at Meadowbrook on Sunday, June 3 to introduce themselves and begin forming relationships with you - the volunteers they need to greet children and parents daily, read one-on-one with children weekly, mentor the interns throughout the 8-week program and any other way you choose to help.

We've already enrolled more than 50 children - due in large part to the word-of-mouth information spread by families whose children attended last year's summer camp, the year-round follow up Book Buddies program at Meadowbrook Elementary, enthusiastic support of

our Adopt-a-School principal and staff and several weeks of promoting the program and registering children by MUMC volunteers.

So check your Sunday School folders or the church office to find out how you can use your talents to help neighborhood children improve their reading skills, connect with neighborhood families who are trusting us with their children; and mentor college students trying to decide their own futures.

We'll need a few greeters to welcome campers beginning June 6. The one-on-one reading doesn't begin until Tuesday, June 12, but we'll need lots of volunteers to read each week or substitute occasionally. We expect to have help from McMillan and Polytechnic volunteers but we need YOU as well. We hope everyone will sign up to help in some way.

For more information, contact Martha Deller at martha.deller@yahoo.com or 817-729-9567; Jane Cumbie at jecumbie@aol.com or 817-992-5159 or Pastor Denise Blakely in the church office, 817-534-1741.



New Image and Name for Eastside Ministries

No, Eastside Community Assistance isn't a new agency. Despite the catchy new logo showing up on Facebook, it's still the old familiar Eastside Ministries that MUMC and a dozen other east Fort Worth churches helped start more than 32 years ago to feed and clothe our needy neighbors.

For now, Eastside Community Assistance, DBA (doing business as) Eastside Ministries, is still serving thousands of residents in a cramped rundown building at

5929 E. Lancaster Ave. In meetings throughout the community this past year, new ESM director Allison Butz discovered that many eastside residents have no idea what our agency is or does. Many think it's a church like two storefront churches on either side of it.

So Allison and the ESM executive committee, which includes our own Pastor Denise Blakely, created the new logo and name, to familiarize more people in hopes of getting more volunteers, more financial support and more clients who need but don't know about our services.

Future plans include a search for a new larger building to be funded with grants and a capital campaign. In the meantime, we still need more volunteers so join us at 8:30 a.m. May 29 for coffee, pastry, a tour and training by staff and experienced volunteers. Similar volunteer orientations are held the last Tuesday each month. Contact Pastor Denise or ESM board member Joy Guthrie for more information.

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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)

Monday

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

Tuesday

Wednesday

10:00 a.m. E.C.M. (L)
1:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry (P)
2:30 p.m. Games Day (113)
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

Sunday, May 27

UMW Graduation Recognition
& Noisy Offering Sunday
Memorial Day-Church Office Closed
Meadowbrook Boy Scouts, East
Fort Worth 4-H, East Fort Worth
Optimists deliver/pick U.S. flags at
contracted residences.
East Fort Worth 4-H Awards Dinner,
Girl Scout Troop 3912
and Cub Scout Pack 12 crossover
ceremony and dinner

Monday, May 28
Thursday, May 31

Saturday, June 9

**Newsletter
DEADLINE**

**Articles are appreciated by Wednesday, June 20.
The next newsletter will be published June 26, 2018.
Thank you Diane & Martha!**