



Our Lenten Observance

Pastor Cathie Evins

Yet even now, says the LORD, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the LORD, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing. (Joel 2:12-13, NRSV)

Lent is a time for repentance, prayer, fasting and meditation. It's a time for re-evaluation, re-dedication, and discipline. May God grant all of us a deeper understanding of His love and sacrifice on our behalf during this Lenten season. I pray that your Lenten season will be a holy season and one of spiritual renewal.

During Lent, I urge you to reflect on Christ's life and death and what that means for you personally. To facilitate that, there will be special worship services in our church and at our neighboring United Methodist Churches each Wednesday evening during Lent (see the schedule elsewhere in this newsletter) with a rotation of the pastors sharing the preaching role in these services. Please plan to attend one or more of these services – you'll be glad you did!

Also, consider some of the following ways of observing Lent, as an added means of self-discipline:

- **Try an electronic fast.** Give up TV, texting, tweeting, video games, e-mail and all things electronic for one day every week. Use the time to read & pray.

- **Start a prayer rhythm.** Say a prayer every time you brush your teeth, hear an ambulance, or check your e-mail. Before you text someone, pray for them.

- **Read one chapter in the Bible each day.** (Psalms is a good book to start with)

- **Forgive someone who doesn't deserve it (maybe even yourself.)**

- **Give up soft drinks, fast food, tea or coffee.** Give the money you save to our Missions Fund, to help others.

- **Be intentional about study.** Join a Sunday School class or Bible Study, if you are not in one already.

- **Cultivate a life of gratitude.** Write someone a thank you letter each week and be aware of how many people have helped you along the way.

- **Be other-focused.** Each day, make a point to ask someone "How can I help you?"

- **Pray for others.** Choose one person that you know and pray for him/her by name each day during Lent.

May the Lord bless you and keep you as you journey through Lent!

Blessings, Pastor Cathie



Tri-Methodist Lenten Schedule

The Tri-Methodist Lenten Services are a time for the three local Methodist churches to join together in worship and fellowship. Services begin each week at 7 p.m. rotating between First, La Trinidad, and Wesley-Harper United Methodist churches. Refreshments and fellowship will follow the services each week.

Wednesday, March 4 – La Trinidad United Methodist Church, Pastor Cathie Evins preaching

Wednesday, March 11 – Wesley Harper United Methodist Church, Pastor Melissa Lind preaching

Wednesday, March 18 – First United Methodist Church, Pastor Abraham Ramirez preaching

Wednesday, March 25 – La Trinidad United Methodist Church, Pastor John Meande preaching

Wednesday, April 1 – Wesley Harper United Methodist Church, Pastor Ray Perales preaching

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**Pastor Ray
Perales**

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Typically, I write for our newsletter based on the month's holidays or typical goings-on of church and family. There is a lot going on this month. We have Lent, the World Day of Prayer, the first day of Spring, and, perhaps my least favorite day of the year, that day when Daylight Saving Time begins. This is not to mention birthdays or anniversaries. My February and March are chock-full of them.

With Spring comes Spring Cleaning. I've always wondered about that. Why do we have Spring Cleaning, but not Summer, Autumn, or Winter Cleaning. I suppose that it's too hot during Summer, especially here in Texas, and our focus during the Winter is the upcoming holidays and the cooking, decorating, and shopping that accompanies them. With Autumn comes the "back to school" season, so Spring is the only time left.

Spring does provide a sense of newness though, with flowers and trees in bloom, God coloring His creation. Within our homes, it is

out with the old and in with the new, or at least out with the old to make room for the new. Lent is like that as well. We repent, and take out the old, spiritually speaking. We move forward, living by the Spirit, taking in new life. 2 Corinthians 5:17 teaches us, "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come."

Therein lies the purpose of Lent, or rather the purpose of the Lenten fast I should say. It is sanctification, a means by which God's grace makes us holy, more like Jesus Christ. We need to take those avenues, however, through which grace works. Lent calls us to do just that, giving us an opportunity to grow in our relationship with God. If you have not yet, prayerfully consider the areas of your life in which you need sanctification. Then, let your fast be focused on this, and may it be an act of worship.

Abiding in His Grace,
Pastor Ray



Personal Hygiene Products Collection

The semi-annual Personal Hygiene Products Collection is taking place! Hygiene Kits will be made and distributed to individuals in Seguin needing help. Please support those in need.

We are collecting shampoo, bar soap or body wash, and deodorant (toothbrushes and toothpaste are not needed at this time).

(Full regular size products only. No extra large sizes, they do not fit in the bags. And no travel size items, please.)

Collection bins will be located near exit doors in Sanctuary and Christian Life Center.

**Cozy
MOUNTAIN
LODGE**
Where women find shelter in God.

- April 3-4, 2020
- \$30 includes all materials, Friday dinner and prizes!
- Register Now in the Church Office!
- Space Limited to 50 participants

Year-to-Date Financial Report January, 2020

Donations	\$59,345.00
Expenses	\$65,284.00
Expenses Exceed Donations by:	\$5,939.00

Checking Account Balance	
Beg. Balance as of 1/1	\$52,710.00
End. Balance as of 1/31	\$46,711.00



YOUTH MINISTRY

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH SEGUIN

Wednesday Youth to Thrive
5:30 - 5:45 pm Games, Hanging Out
5:45 - 6:15 pm Dinner
6:15 - 7:00 pm Devotional

Pastor Melissa Lind
Associate Pastor for Youth & Young Adult Ministries

This year the youth at FUMC will be having a 30 Hour Famine on March 21st and 22nd. This is a fundraiser called "Enough for All" imagining a world of abundance, where there's enough for all. This program is designed by World Vision.

The youth will gather at the Church Saturday March 21 at 10:00 am where we will begin this journey. They will walk with a boy named Grace from the Democratic Republic of Congo. The students will learn about conditions Grace lives in and explore the quality of

life Grace experiences every day and ways we as a community of faith can help. This week-end will be filled with worship, small group studies and games. Sunday will be our day of service; we will be an active part of worship. At the end of this journey we invite the members of the congregation to join us for a luncheon called The Empty Bowl Project where the students will make the meal and serve the congregation. The funds that are raised will go to support World Vision. Please come to support the youth of FUMC on Sunday March 22 right after church for this amazing service project.



**FUMC Seguin
Youth Scholarship
2019 - 2020**

**Graduating High School Senior
(Three Scholarships Available)**

**Application Form Available
now in the Church Office**

**Application Deadline:
3-31-2020**

Confirmation

Confirmation is off to a great start! We have ten very inquisitive students. Classes began January 29th. This 13-week class will run through April 29th. Confirmation Sunday will be on May 3rd. Look for more details on what service the students will be confirmed at.

Please hold these amazing students up in your prayers, Jade Dahlke, Taylor Brannan, Rylie Wilke, Rebeka Wilke, Mary Elizabeth Hanson, Mason Berry, Haily Durben, Luke Vogel, Malaya Raby, and Will Gray Mahaffey.

Blessings,
Pastor Mel



Ministry Happenings!

It's March and Spring is already showing up in God's creation.....flowers are blooming and trees are budding and all around us, wonderful things are happening daily. This is true in our church as well.....here are some glimpses for you:

- Thanks to **Zach Doss**, who started off the month of February with his **Think Fast: Train Your Brain** session in Hierholzer Hall. Over 20 people attended and the presentation was well received..... thank you for your leadership Zach!
- Sooo many people pitched in to insure that our annual **Missions Talent Showcase** event, held on February 8th, was a success! Kudos to Missions Committee chair **Troy DePalermo** and the Missions committee for their excellent coordination of this event. The talent was great, the food was plentiful, and the table decorations were outstanding! A total of **\$4,321** was raised from the auction items and proceeds will go for our Missions and Outreach activities – thanks be to God!
- On Sunday, February 9th, we held a **Newcomer Orientation** in Room 10. Attendees included **Nancy Parker, Travis and Kathy Gage, Judi Van Horn, Tom and Trina Martin, Chris Smith, Ron and Julie Rutherford, and Beverly Wood**. We are thankful for these newcomers in our midst – be sure to welcome them when you see them!
- Thanks to our Wesley Nurse, **Danna Myers**, for coordinating our **Blood Drive** which was held on February 16th. When we give blood, we give the gift of life. Thanks be to God for all who gave that

precious gift!

- On February 10th, members for a **Master Planning Committee** were selected. The task of this committee will be to formulate a long –range plan for our church's future. **Tom Dodgen** is the chairperson of this new committee. Members of the committee are **Jim Lievens, Jason Helms, Carol Lovette, Beverly Wood, Bailey Robbins, Angela Hisey, Mark Scholl, Eric Aufderhaar, Stephan Smith, and Teri Nash**. Please keep their work in your prayers!
- Lent is underway and we were blessed to have **Rev. Dr. Marcus Freeman, our District Superintendent** with us as guest preacher for our **Ash Wednesday** service on February 26th. You won't want to miss the **Tri-Methodist Lenten services** each Wednesday evening during Lent – the schedule for those services is elsewhere in this newsletter.
- Thanks to all those who spent a Saturday trimming our big oak trees on the front lawn of the church – **John Nash, Brian Erxleben, Brad Mothersbaugh, Steve Willis, Jerry Evins, Chris Morris, David Reilly, Ray Perales, Clint Erxleben, Bill Hughson, Eric Aufderhaar, Stephan Smith, John Nash, Bob Cox, Tom Martin, and Kelton Morris!** Great job!!!

We have so much to thank God for in our church life together. Whether it be fellowship or study or worship or serving, God is always in our midst, drawing us closer to Him and to one another in our life together here at FUMC Seguin – praise be to God!



Thank you to all those that donated blood!



Texas Ramps Project

Welcome to 2020 and our first ramp build for the year. We skipped January since we had the Home-In-A-Week project that month. So we built our 1st ramp of the new year on a wonderfully beautiful February day out near Geronimo.

When we arrived for the build that morning, we had the opportunity to meet both Mr. and Mrs. Guenther. They were greatly pleased that we were there and Mrs. Guenther expressed how this was going to increase Mr. Guenther's independence and ability to get out of the house on his own. Regretfully, before we finished Mrs. Guenther had to leave. She said Mr. Guenther had gone back to bed and would not be able to get up to come outside when we were finished. She again expressed how grateful they were for the work being done.

This ramp was 48 feet long – plus a few minor modifications to the existing 4'x4' deck and stairs coming out the front door. We had one landing about 16 feet from the door, then the rest of the ramp sloped out to the driveway. We started out with the weather a bit chilly, but it quickly warmed up into a beautifully warm and sunny day.

Our next ramp build will be in early March, 2020. If you are interested in assisting on the ramp projects, please contact Robin Roark at 512-695-3125 or txroarks@yahoo.com to let him know that you are interested in assisting. No tools required – no experience needed. Just a strong desire to get a little sweaty, maybe a little dirty, and end up with a great feeling of accomplishment as we join together to help others in our community.



Habitat for Humanity Update

It's time to start a new house. The new house is located at 1632 Bowie St, Seguin. The house on Newton street was finished in early January. So we have started the ground work for the new house on Bowie St. We also spent some time in January and prebuilt all the walls for the new house. So we are ready for the foundation and we are ready for you to come out and help build a new house.

The next 1st United Methodist Church volunteer workday is March 7th. Start time will be 8:00am and we typically work until about noon. Remember – you don't have to have the tools or skills to build a house. The tools are supplied and there are plenty folks there to help you learn a new skill.

And of course, there are always opportunities to shop, donate, or volunteer at the GVHFH store at 256 W. Court St. The store is open Tue, Thur, Fri, & Sat from 8:30am to 2:00pm. As well, if you have household items in good condition that you have been thinking about getting rid of – think about donating to the GVHFH.



FUMC Weekday School Fundraiser El Ranchito Restaurant

2 Cheese Enchiladas w/Rice and Beans
Or
2 Crispy Beef Tacos w/Rice and Beans
\$9.00 per ticket

***Price does not include gratuity, drink, or chips.**

Purchase your El Ranchito tickets from the Preschool office.

Ticket may be redeemed March 2nd - March 15th 2020

FUMC Weekday School will start taking Registration for the 2020/2021 School Year on March 16th. We will open to the public on March 23rd. We will be offering Summer Fun Days for infants through children entering the 5th grade. We will have weekly splash days and fun weekly themes for all of our classrooms. If you are looking for a safe and fun place for your children give us a call or stop by the Weekday School Office or call 830-379-4116 and ask for Michelle or Veronica



Memorials Gifts

In memory of:

Nancy Burris

From:

Stan & Susan Casto, Margo Trost, Mary Martha Sunday School class, Keith & Nelwyn Robinson

In memory of:

Millie Deiker

From:

Dolores Schwerdtfeger, Linda Dietz, Cynthia Granados, Donna Rinn, Donna Collins, Sydney Bauer, Doris Rinn, Shirley Hand

In memory of:

Jesse Roy Hart

From:

Linda Dietz, Steve & Sherry Baker, Sue Williams-Harper

In memory of:

Dorothy Nolan

From:

Linda Dietz, Louise Lutz

In memory of:

Lenora Rix

From:

Kendrick Family, Keith & Nelwyn Robinson

In memory of:

Mary Wheat

From:

Bea Turner, Linda Dietz, Emmett & Geri Donagan, Mary Anna Wheat, Mr. & Mrs. Sydney Bauer, Karen Perry, Shirley Hand



**Sunday - March 1**

7:00a UMM Breakfast, CLC
 8:00a Worship, Sanctuary
 9:15a Sunday School
 10:30a Worship, Sanctuary
 10:30a Seasons Worship, CLC
 6:00p Handbells, Music Rm

Monday - March 2

1:00p Monday Bible Study, Rm 10
 6:30p Long Range Planning Mtg, Rm 10

Tuesday - March 3

9:00a Butterfly Quilters, Rm 200
 9:30a UMW Meeting
 6:30p Mission Team Meeting, Rm 10
 7:30p Choir Rehearsal, MR

Wednesday - March 4

5:30p Youth to Thrive, CLC
 6:00p Confirmation, CLC
 7:00p Lenten Worship, La Trinidad UMC

Thursday - March 5

6:30p Safety Team Mtg, HH

Sunday - March 8

8:00a Worship, Sanctuary
 9:15a Sunday School
 10:30a Worship, Sanctuary
 10:30a Seasons Worship, CLC
 11:45a Youth Council Mtg, Rm 10
 6:00p Handbell Rehearsal, Music Rm

Monday - March 9

10:00a My Healthy Child Diaper Program
 1:00p Monday Bible Study, Rm 10

Tuesday - March 10

9:00a Butterfly Quilters, Rm 200
 10:00a Alzheimer's Support Group, Parlor
 4:30p Tri-Methodist Health Cabinet, Rm 10
 6:30p SPRC Mtg, Rm 10
 7:30p Choir Rehearsal, MR

Wednesday - March 11

5:30p Youth to Thrive, CLC
 6:30p Mom's Bible Study, Doss' Home
 7:00p Lenten Worship, Wesley Harper UMC

Saturday - March 14

11:00a Whole Food Speaker, HH

Sunday - March 15

8:00a Worship, Sanctuary
 9:15a Sunday School
 10:30a Worship, Sanctuary
 10:30a Seasons Worship, CLC

6:00p Handbells, MR

Monday - March 16

1:00p Monday Bible Study, Rm 10
 6:30p NAMI Support Group, Parlor

Tuesday - March 17

9:00a Butterfly Quilters, Rm 200
 6:30p Finance Mtg, Rm 10
 7:30p Choir Rehearsal, MR

Wednesday - March 18

5:30p Youth to Thrive, CLC
 6:00p Confirmation, CLC
 7:00p Lenten Worship, Sanctuary

Thursday - March 19

6:30p Board of Trustees, Rm 10
 7:00p PFLAG, Mosaic Church

Saturday - March 21

10:00a Youth 30-Hour Famine, CLC

Sunday - March 22

8:00a Worship, Sanctuary
 9:15a Sunday School
 10:30a Worship, Sanctuary
 10:30a Seasons Worship, CLC
 6:00p Handbell Rehearsal, MR

Monday - March 23

1:00p Monday Bible Study, Rm 10
 6:30p NAMI Mtg, HH

Tuesday - March 24

9:00a Butterfly Quilters, Rm 200
 6:30p Church Council, HH
 7:30p Choir Rehearsal, MR

Wednesday - March 25

5:30p Youth to Thrive, CLC
 6:00p Confirmation, CLC
 6:30p Mom's Bible Study, Doss' Home
 7:00p Lenten Worship, La Trinidad UMC

Thursday - March 26

6:00p Whole Food Plant Based Potluck, HH

Sunday - March 29

8:00a Worship, Sanctuary
 9:15a Sunday School
 10:30a Worship, Sanctuary
 10:30a Seasons Worship, CLC
 6:00p Handbell Rehearsal, Music Rm

Monday - March 30

1:00p Monday Bible Study, Rm 10

Tuesday - March 31

9:00a Butterfly Quilters, Rm 200
 7:30p Choir Rehearsal, MR

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