



Happy Mother's Day! Pastor Cathe Evins

May is already here and such an awesome month! It includes Mother's Day and it's also a month that typically celebrates graduations and weddings. Mothers and those who are "like mothers" to us play such an important role in our lives. Their influence lives on throughout our lives, even if they are no longer with us physically. My mother passed away last year, but I give thanks for the ways she shaped and formed me into the person I am today. Several years ago, I came across this Mother's Day reflection and I hope you enjoy it as much as I did (and do...!):

Adaptation of 1 Corinthians 13 for Mothers

If I live in a house of spotless beauty with everything in its place, but have not love, I am a housekeeper--not a homemaker. If I have time for waxing, polishing, and decorative achievements, but have not love, my children learn cleanliness - not godliness.

Love leaves the dust in search of a child's laugh. Love smiles at the tiny fingerprints on a newly cleaned window. Love wipes away the tears before it wipes up the spilled milk. Love picks up the child before it picks up the toys. Love is present through the trials.

Love reprimands, reproves, and is responsive. Love crawls with the baby, walks with the toddler, runs with the child, then stands aside to let the youth walk into adulthood. Love is the key that opens salvation's message to a child's heart.

Before I became a mother I took glory in my house of perfection. Now I glory in God's perfection of my child. As a mother, there is much I must teach my child, but the greatest of all is love.

Author Unknown



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VACATION
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JUNE 12TH-16TH
8:45a-11:45a



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Pastor Ray Perales

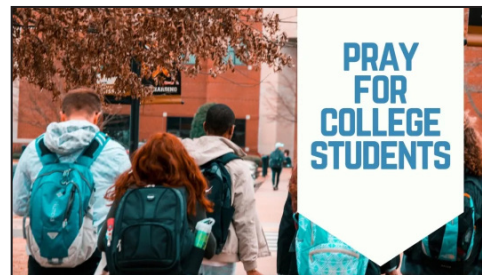
Trying to write an article this month found me facing a bit of writer’s block. What should I write about? Is there some issue to address? Looking around at our world, there is no shortage of topics, and, sadly, the Church often forgoes discussing some of these issues, taking an approach that ignores them as non-spiritual. In truth, there is very little in our lives that is non-spiritual. We are spiritual creatures, not merely flesh, and guided and indwelt by the Spirit of God.

What about issues in the Church, even just within the Methodist family? A seminary professor shared his view, via social media, that insists Christ did not need to die on the cross, and that His death on the cross was not the means of atonement for our sins. This flies in the face of the view taken by the Church for the last nearly 2,000 years. What saddened me the most about this was not that it was a professor at a Methodist seminary that taught this view, but that his position was celebrated and defended by so many clergy in our denomination.

This leads me to the conclusion that so many who are Christian, or claim to be, truly do not know what it is they believe, nor why they believe it. The United Methodist Church, as well as many of the branches of John Wesley, hold to the Articles of Religion, the twentieth (Of the One Oblation of Christ, Finished upon the cross) of which reads, “The offering of Christ, once made, is that perfect redemption, propitiation, and satisfaction for all the sins of the whole world, both original and actual; and there is none other satisfaction for sin but that alone. Wherefore the sacrifice of the masses, in which it is commonly said that the priest doth offer Christ for the quick and the dead, to have remission of pain or guilt, is a blasphemous fable and dangerous deceit.”

One of the spiritual disciplines, practiced by so many saints of the past, and hopefully practiced in the present and future, is examen. This entails reviewing one’s day, what has been said and done, as well as what was left unsaid or undone, to discern where the believer has honored God or brought dishonor to Him. This is vital for spiritual growth, but a wider examen is helpful as well. We need to take a look at our beliefs, the details of our faith, and know why we believe what we believe. This is not a

matter of questioning God, but rather studying His word and examining our own souls against it. Romans 10:14 poses the question, “How are they to believe in Him whom they have not heard?” An equally important question is, “How can we tell them of our faith, when we do not know ourselves?”

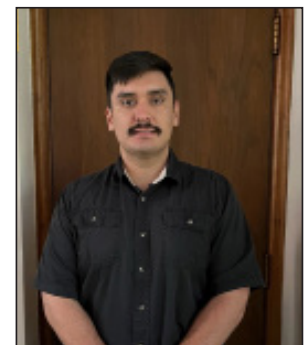


"Please keep in your prayerful thoughts the following college students who are undergoing the stress of finals and the end of the spring semester."

- Alexa
- Matthew Anderson
- Jack Arnold
- Baylie Baccinelli
- Chandler Cason
- Mason Crow
- Kaitlyn DePalermo
- Cameron Dilworth
- Rachel Essler
- Jace Flinn
- Nick Flinn
- Ashlea Frederick
- Jacob Frederick
- Ashley Gosch
- Benjamin Gustafson
- Kiersten Gustafson
- Noah Haseloff
- Hayden Hass
- Kelly Helms
- Bailee Hendricks
- Evans Hendricks
- Brian Holmes
- Kamdyn Holt
- Keaghan Holt
- Brooke Kalinec
- Richard Kortz
- Kristina
- Madie Lake
- Shelby Law
- Alex Lievens
- Megan Mahaffey
- Jaxen Monkerud
- Kaden Monkerud
- Joshua Moore
- Parker Nixon
- Sydney Ouellette
- Reid Parrish
- Miguel Perez
- Morgan Reinhard
- Caden Seidel
- Geovany Sorto
- Jessica Teeple
- Jaden Tovar
- Mattisyn Townsend
- Jade Trevino
- Hannah Weinmann
- Randall Wilke



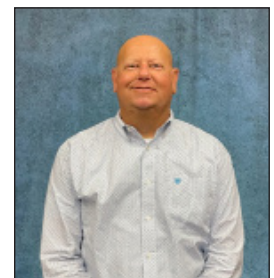
The Louis Family joined our church family on March 26th. Kevin and Shanna Louis. Children Austin and Kolby



Andrew Sullivan joined our church family on April 16th.



Curtis and Tracy Rojas joined our church family on April 23rd.



Andrew Winslow joined our church family on April 23rd.

Mission/Evangelism Committee

Spring Fling: The Spring Fling was a great success. We had tons of great food and fellowship and brought in \$3000 for our Outreach committee. A special thanks to everyone who lent a hand, by making food, decorating tables, showing off your talent, or donating auction items. We would not have been successful without each of you.



Texas Ramps Project (TRP):

The "Texas Ramps Project" team was fairly inactive for the month of April. Guadalupe County went for well over a month with no referrals coming in. The one referral we got in mid-March went to one of the other teams. But even that one didn't get built - the home owner opted out of the ramp at the last minute. Which does happen periodically.

We started out the year quite busy with the three local teams building 10 ramps during the 1st three months of 2023. We've done 4 and the other two teams have each completed 3. However, it looks like the pace may pick back up again in late April/early May. About mid-April, we received 3 new referrals. We did the pre-build for one of these on April 24th. We also went to survey a site and get the plans started for building one of the other two ramps.



People Helping People

Danna Meyers, RN

Did you know that two out of three car seats are used incorrectly? Are your children buckled up correctly? Research says traffic crashes are one of the leading causes of death for children under the age of 14. On average, three children under the age of 14 are killed in traffic related accidents each day in the United States.

Parents and caregivers can make a lifesaving difference by ensuring that their children are properly buckled. Recently, concerned local parents reached out to first responders for help with proper buckling instructions. First responders likewise also witnessed no buckling of or improper buckling of children while rendering aid during accidents. In response to the questions and concerns, community leaders held a free car seat inspection on Friday, March 31, 2023, from 2:00pm-4:00pm at the Central Fire Station located at 110 Elm Street in Seguin, Texas, and encouraged parents to register for the event and to bring their children. Sponsors of the event were: Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Passenger Safety KidSafe Initiative, Seguin Fire Department, Help #EndTheStreakTX, Save a Life Texas Department of Transportation, and Texas Health and Human Services/Texas Department of State Health Services.

Nationally Certified Child Passenger Safety (CPS) technicians assessed proper seat use based on the child's height, weight, and development. Technicians provided education to parents and caregivers on proper fit and correct use. This one-on-one education typically took 30- 60 minutes, depending on the car seat and the vehicle. Car Seats that did not pass inspection were replaced with a new properly fitting car seat at no charge.

The inspection and information empowered the twenty parents in attendance with knowledge and increased their confidence in installing and using their child's car seat correctly.

Danna Meyers, RN
Wesley Nurse



Habitat for Humanity:

Habitat for Humanity San Antonio/Guadalupe Valley is currently in the middle of construction of our second house for 2023. It is located on Spruce Street in Seguin, and Rosaura Herrera and her family are the proud homeowners-to-be. Provided there are no unforeseen delays, we should complete the house in Mid June.

Our next Ecumenical Build Day is scheduled for June 24, 2023. Come out and join us!! Contact Michelle Finch for further information.



Communities In Schools

We completed a Hygiene Drive for Communities in Schools during the weeks of Lent and collected 131 items. Thank you to everyone who donated.

SAVE THE

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3rd Annual Rummage Sale

October 21, 2023
Details to come

Year-to-Date Financial Report March, 2023

Donations	\$189,003.00
Expenses	\$191,897.00
Expenses Exceed Donations by:	
	\$2,894.00
Checking Account Balance	
Beg. Balance as of 1/1	\$83,257.00
End. Balance as of 3/31	\$80,363.00



YOUTH MINISTRY

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

How God makes our brokenness beautiful was the theme of this year's youth lead Easter Sunrise service. It was a truly a beautiful service and I am so proud of our youth here at the church. The students wanted to do an interactive service with the congregation, having them hand over their brokenness by placing a piece of broken glass on the cross. As each person came up and releasing their brokenness to Christ by placing a piece of broken glass on the cross our beautiful mosaic began to form. It really is a beautiful cross and the fact that it represents the beauty in our brokenness and the redemption found through Christ, as a congregation mean so much. I do want to thank Cal Smith for making the cross we as our foundation.



Graduation is just around the corner. We will once again be holding our Annual Graduation Luncheon on May 21st. As we celebrate our graduates on their accomplishments and future. If you have a graduating senior let me know if you Will be attending the luncheon. I will also be making a slide show and would like to have a few pictures as well as a short bio. You may email me with pictures and a bio at pastormelissa@fumcseguin.com.

As most all of you know I will be moving on to FUMC Rockport at the end of June to begin my new position as Senior Pastor in July. With that said I am so excited to introduce Michelle Finch as my replacement for the Youth Director position. Michelle has been helping with the youth for a couple of months now and our students really like her! My prayers are with her and all the students here at the church. I know God has amazing plans for all of you! Blessings,
Pastor Mel



FIRST METHODIST WEEKDAY SCHOOL
"GROWING IN GOD'S LOVE"

Weekday School Director: Courtney Wieding

It's hard to believe it's already May and we're about to wrap up another school year! We can't get the month started without Teacher Appreciation Week, and there is not even enough space in this scroll for me to write about our amazing team of teachers and how appreciative (and proud) I am of all 19 of them so instead I will share them with you!

This month we are also celebrating our MOMS! So, to all the moms, whether your biological, adoptive, or spiritual we salute you!!

We will wrap up this month with our PreK4 Graduation, we have 22 graduates ready to go on to kindergarten in the Fall!

We also are still registering for next school year which begins on Tuesday, September 5th. We have openings in our 1s classrooms. Our school office is open M-F 8:30am-5:30 pm, 830-37-4116.

Blessings, Ms. Courtney





Children's Director: Veronica Miller

Sunday school: room 208 9:15-10:15am
(prek4 to 5th Grade)

Music-Knolle Chapel 10:00-10:15

Children's Church: Hierholzer Hall 10:30
David Cook Curriculum

Nursery- room 206B 8am & 10:30am
(4 years and under)

We had a great turn out for our Spring Choir performance. I want to thank as always our church families for giving the children an opportunity to participate. Thank you to the Weekday school for collaborating with us. We extended an invitation for Weekday school parents to sign their children up to sing with our Sunday school children and it was a success. We look forward to working together in the future.

Vacation Bible School is our next big adventure! VBS is another way we are working to join our Church and Weekday school families. It is scheduled for June 12th -16th Monday- Friday from 8:45 to 11:45am. We are currently accepting registration for volunteers and students. Scan the QR Code or visit our website to sign up!

If it has been a while since you volunteered with VBS because it was in the evening and miss it, we miss you too! If you aren't sure what you can do, just contact us and we can help.

For more information, please contact Veronica Miller, Children's Ministry Director at children@seguinmethodist.org or call the church office at (830) 379-4112. Thank you!

God's Top 10

Commandments # 1-4: Teach us how to show love towards God.

- Lesson 1: Have no other gods (Exodus 20:3)
- Lesson 2: Don't worship idols (Exodus 20:5)
- Lesson 3: Don't misuse God's name (Exodus 20:7)
- Lesson 4: Keep the Sabbath day holy (Exodus 20:8)



The nursery is available for children 4 years and under during the hours of 7:45 to 11:45am. If you are visiting please sign your children in to the nursery and provide staff with your contact information.

Children's Church: David Cook Curriculum

Children are invited during the 10:30 services to join Ms. Berny for worship, and to learn God's ways with games, crafts, and of course Bible lessons. Children's Church is held in Hierholzer Hall.

Peace and Love, Veronica Miller

Register here
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Upcoming events

VBS Planning Meeting, May 14th
Meeting in Rm10 at 11:45am

Vacation Bible School
Save The Date
June 12th-16th - 8:45a-11:45a



Amazon Wish List

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PHONE: 830-379-4112
WWW.FUMCSEGUIN.COM/VBS

We are in full Vacation Bible School Planning Mode! Our goal is 36 volunteers and we still have plenty of spots available. If you would like to volunteer, you can fill out the form on our website, www.seguinmethodist.org, or the salmon-colored insert included in your Sunday bulletin. Not able to volunteer but still want to help? Love offerings are always appreciated to help fund supplies for VBS. We also want to borrow black lights as this VBS has fun glow activities. If you have any you can loan to the children's ministry please call Veronica Miller (830) 379-4112. Lastly, this year we have also generated a Wish List for your convenience. Scan the QR Code to take a look and if you have any questions we will be happy to help. Thank you for supporting your Children's Ministry.



**Tuesday - May 2**

9:00a Butterfly Quilters, Rm 200
 9:30a Women of Action
 6:00p Wkday School Board Mtg: Rm10

Wednesday - May 3

5:30p Youth to Thrive, CLC
 7:00p Choir Rehearsal, Music Room

Thursday - May 4

10:00a Ladies Bible Study, Parlor
 6:00p Mom's Bible Study, Doss Home

Sunday - May 7

7:00a Methodist Mens Breakfast, CLC
 8:00a Worship, Sanctuary
 9:15a Sunday School
 10:30a Worship, Sanctuary
 10:30a Seasons Worship, CLC
 12:00p Youth Skating Trip

Monday - May 8

6:30p SPRC, HH

Tuesday - May 9

9:00a Butterfly Quilters, Rm 200
 6:00p Emmaus Reunion Group: HH
 6:30p Missions/Evangelism Mtg: HH

Wednesday - May 10

5:30p Youth to Thrive, CLC
 7:00p Choir Rehearsal, Music Room

Thursday - May 11

10:00a Ladies Bible Study, Parlor

Sunday - May 14

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

Tuesday - May 16

9:00a Butterfly Quilters, Rm 200
 6:30p Finance Mtg, HH

Wednesday - May 17

5:30p Youth to Thrive, CLC
 7:00p Choir Rehearsal, Music Room

Thursday - May 18

6:00p Mom's Bible Study, Doss Home
 6:30p Board of Trustees Mtg, HH

Sunday - May 21

8:00a Worship, Sanctuary
 9:15a Sunday School
 10:30a Worship, Sanctuary
 10:30a Seasons Worship, CLC
 11:45 Children's Ministry Mtg, Rm10

Tuesday - May 23

9:00a Butterfly Quilters, Rm 200
 6:30p Church Council, HH

Wednesday - May 24

5:30p Youth to Thrive, CLC
 7:00p Choir Rehearsal, Music Room

Saturday - May 27

8:00a Habitat Workday

Sunday - May 28

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

Tuesday - May 30

9:00a Butterfly Quilters, Rm 200

Wednesday - May 31

5:30p Youth to Thrive, CLC
 7:00p Choir Rehearsal, Music Room

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