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The United Methodist Messenger

"Making New Disciples Of Christ For The Transformation Of The World"

Rev. Matt Thomas, Pastor

- Matthew 28:16-20

Pastor Matt's Musings...

September, 2019

You have more than likely either heard or shared the expression, Carpe Deum (seize the day). It is a life motto that invites us to take full advantage of the opportunities we have each day. It's close cousin, and a motto many live by is, "life is short, I'm going to enjoy it while I can." You may have even said it before. Seizing the moments each day and taking advantage of opportunities as they present themselves will serve to bring fulfillment to our lives and the lives of those around us.

When I think of seizing the day what comes to mind the most is investing my life and time in the relationships God has provided. Someone once asked me how to reach people for Jesus? My answer, "get to know them." More specifically, we are called to seize the stories of those God brings before us. The stories of each of our lives is sacred. Being interested in and learning the stories of others is how you seize them for Christ. The fast and hard rule that I try to live by is, 'you can never do anything without a relationship.' Your story is important. It is sacred information. The motto, "seize the day" has value. Greater still is the truth that if you seize the story of another you capture their heart.

I was at Rainbow House recently and witnessed one of the daughters of the church making her way around the room listening to the stories of the clients and workers. She asked a man about a wound on his leg that had been there for five years. She heard his story. She responded to him with compassion, "that must be hard to live with emotionally." The man began to weep. She then took an opportunity to pray with him. She reached the man because she listened to his story. This is the definition of ministry and seizing the stories of others. Remarkably, the daughter of the church helped to connect the man's story with the gospel story through a powerful prayer.

Do you have ears to hear church?

Matt



Methodist Scarlet Ladies

For the Methodist Scarlet Ladies' luncheon on September 26, we will try a new restaurant recommended by Lita Cook; The Patio in Jacksonville. While primarily a seafood place, the menu also includes Chinese food, a few Cajun dishes, and lots of appetizers, poboy's, and burgers.

The Patio is located on Highway 69, just north of the downtown overpass. It seems to draw a crowd at lunchtime, so let's meet there at 11:15 a.m.

I'll need your reservations by Monday, Sept. 23.

Dot Clark
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LOVE SINGS!

Improve Your Marriage! *Marriage Enrichment Bible Study* Begins Sept. 4

Join us for a six-week study of God's instructions for a healthy marriage. Classes will be held during Family Nights on Wednesdays from 6:00 to 6:45 at the Family Life Center. Bring the kids – the nursery will be available for the little ones. Pre-K through 5th graders will learn God's word through singing and crafts. Don't worry about dinner, we'll have a meal together after each lesson.

The information presented is for married or engaged people of any age who want to know what God has to say about marriage, as well as receive practical actions to implement immediately. Filled with bible verses, this study will be based on and include information given by professional musicians who relate the marriage relationship to the components of music. Who doesn't love music?

If you miss any sessions, you will still benefit from the others. Our environment is to be safe and non-judgmental – one in which everyone is encouraged. Enter knowing we assume you have a good marriage and are seeking a great one.

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

- Sep. 1** 9:45 a.m. *Sunday School* for all ages
10:30 a.m. *Fellowship Time*, fellowship hall
11 a.m. *Communion Worship*, sanctuary
- Sep. 2** **Church offices and Family Life Center closed**
- Sep. 3** 6 p.m. Finance Committee meets, FLC
- Sep. 4** 6 p.m. *Family Night*, church and FLC.
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir practice, sanctuary
- Sep. 5** 6 p.m. Lord's Acre team meeting, FLC
- Sep. 6** 7 a.m. *First Friday Fresh Produce*, parking lot
2 p.m. Lord's Acre Crafters meet, FLC
- Sep. 8** 9:45 a.m. *Sunday School* for all ages
10:30 a.m. *Fellowship Time*, fellowship hall
11 a.m. *Worship service*, sanctuary
6 p.m. *United Methodist Youth Fellowship* swim party, Spinhome home
- Sep. 9** 9 a.m. Stocking Rainbow House, FLC
Noon United Methodist Women meet, brown bag lunch, FLC
- Sep. 11** 9 a.m. Mission Team meeting, FLC
6 p.m. *Family Night*, church and FLC
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir practice, sanctuary
- Sep. 12** 3 p.m. Nurture Team meets, FLC
5 p.m. Worship Team meets, FLC
- Sep. 13** 2 p.m. Lord's Acre Crafters meet, FLC
- Sep. 15** 9:45 a.m. *Sunday School* for all ages
10:30 a.m. *Fellowship Time*, fellowship hall
11 a.m. *Worship service*, sanctuary
6 p.m. *United Methodist Youth Fellowship* meets, FLC
- Sep. 18** 6 p.m. *Family Night*, church and FLC
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir practice, sanctuary
- Sep. 21** 8 a.m. United Methodist Men hold breakfast meeting, FLC
- Sep. 22** 9:45 a.m. *Sunday School* for all ages
10:30 a.m. *Fellowship Time*, fellowship hall
11 a.m. *Worship service*, sanctuary
Noon Council of Ministries, fellowship hall
6 p.m. *United Methodist Youth Fellowship* meets, FLC
- Sep. 23** 9 a.m. Stocking Rainbow House, FLC
Reservation deadline for Red Hat lunch
- Sep. 24** 9 a.m. – Noon Rainbow House food and clothes distribution, FLC
- Sep. 25** 6 p.m. *Family Night*, church and FLC
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir practice, sanctuary
- Sep. 26** 11:15 a.m. Methodist Scarlet Ladies lunch at The Patio in Jacksonville
- Sep. 28** 9:30 a.m. Float & booth at Square Fair
- Sep. 29** 9:45 a.m. *Sunday School* for all ages
10:30 a.m. *Fellowship Time*, fellowship hall
11 a.m. *5th Sunday Singing/Stewardship Worship*, service, sanctuary
Noon *5th Sunday Covered Dish Lunch*, FLC
6 p.m. *United Methodist Youth Fellowship* meets, FLC



KICK-OFF WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 4 6:00 P.M.

Methodist Men providing Beast Feast of Burgers and Dogs for kick-off)

The purpose of family night is to foster personal and corporate spiritual growth and build meaningful community in the classroom and around the table. In the gospels, Jesus often gathered disciples for instruction and meaningful reflection around a table. Our mission as a church is to help others come to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and help them grow in their discipleship. What better way to do that than gathering in meaningful groups around the dinner table? The intention of family night is to foster and solidify relationships and, at the same time, help us to add a level of accountability to our spiritual journey.

Wednesday Schedule

Crusaders (Pre K-5th grade) 6:00 -6:45-Meet in the Sanctuary for a time of music. We will be preparing for a kids Christmas/Choir cantata on the 15th of December. Christina Thomas will help teach the small children music while others assist in teaching a lesson/craft. Kids from Pre K-2nd grade will be in one group and 3rd-5th grade will be in another group. Both groups will rotate through music and lessons/craft sessions.

B-Keepers (Adult Bible Covenant) -Join us for an intense study of the Gospel of Matthew as we learn the historical, geographical and theological treasures of the gospel. Meet from 6:00-6:45. Covenant Bible study will be led by Pastor Matt Thomas.

Marriage Enrichment Class - "Love Sings" Brand new to our ministry, this 6-week course offers participants needed biblical perspective on marriage and is for any who are in healthy marriages, want to get married and/or just want to learn what a healthy marriage looks like from God's perspective. This short-term class will be led by Cris House and will be from 6:00-6:45.

Chancel Choir- (7:30) Every week The Frankston U.M.C. choir meets for weekly rehearsal to prepare for upcoming worship services. In addition to weekly worship preparation, the choir will be preparing for their annual cantata on December 15th. If you hear God calling you to sing and help lead our congregation in special music, we have room for you!

General Wednesday Itinerary

5:45-Gathering and Dropping off Food or Ingredients to Kitchen Staff

6:00 -6:45 – Programming

6:45-7:20 – Family Night Meal

7:20-7:30 (Clean -UP)

7:30-8:30- Chancel Choir Practice

WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHT MEAL-with the exception of our kick-off night for family ministry (provided and prepared by Methodist Men), there will be a sign-up sheet for what to bring each Wednesday. For example, if it is taco night, we will all sign up to bring the ingredients for the meal. I may sign-up to bring the cheese, someone else signs up to bring the lettuce and so on. Everyone drops off their ingredients at 5:45 and the kitchen crew puts it all together. After the programming we all gather, have a prayer and get in line to eat.

Nursery for children younger than Pre-K will be provided at the church nursery facility. All the children will be brought to the Family Life Center for the Family Night Meal.

SPOTLIGHT ON STEWARDSHIP

Each of us has been blessed with special talents. This month's good stewards were caught using their gifts to serve God and others. Some of them have put their talents to use for our worship service. Others used them in the community, but all seem to have taken to heart 1Peter 4:10: "Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with



whatever gift each of you has received."

Thank you for giving your time and using your talents!



PASTOR MATT & OUR SUPER CHILDREN AND YOUTH



Thank You

We extend our sincerest appreciation for all the prayers, concerns, cards, visits and other expressions of sympathy upon the passing of our beloved wife and mother, Ruth.

Thanks also for your support for her and our family during her lengthy illness. We will miss her more than we can express in words.

*Joe W. Tindel
and Family*



"YOUTH NEWS"



MEET OUR NEW YOUTH DIRECTOR, GREG MARTIN

Greg and Suzette Martin recently celebrated their 23rd wedding anniversary. They have raised three children. Nicholas and Ember are both 21 years old and Jared is 20 years old.

Suzette has been a special education teacher for 20+ years. She is currently teaching at Frankston ISD. Greg has worked in machine shops for 30+ years. He is currently a supervisor at Komatsu Mining Corp.

Greg and Suzette are coming to our church from Whitehouse United Methodist Church. During the seven wonderful years at WUMC, they served in varying capacities and on several committees. Most notably, Greg served as the Youth Director and Suzette served as the Children's Ministries Director.

They are extremely excited to join the family of believers in Frankston and to serve our community. They are believing God for many great blessings and new friendships.

'GEARING UP'

SWIM PARTY KICK-OFF

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH

6:00 – 7:30 P.M.

UMYF (middle and high school aged kids) are invited to a kick-off swim party at the home of Mike and Sharon Spinhirne. We will grill burgers and links and have a great time. Parents are invited too!

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UMYF WILL MEET EACH SUNDAY, 6:00 - 7:30 P.M. AT THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER. IF YOU ARE IN MIDDLE SCHOOL OR HIGH SCHOOL, DON'T MISS THE FUN!



Will our next "Youth Group" pic include YOU?



It's an absolute JOY spending time in worship with so many wonderful people. The excitement is definitely in the air as we gather to offer praise and thanksgiving to our Lord.

The Worship team is busy planning ahead for weekly and upcoming seasonal services. Following is just a taste of what's going on:

The Acolyte program has expanded to include our second graders. Additional responsibilities include reading Old Testament scripture and serving as ushers. Acolyte dedication was held during the service August 18, and training (including parents) was the 25th.

Our next 5th Sunday Singing Service is September 29. It will be a day filled with music from the choir and other small groups or individuals interested in participating. Children will offer scripture readings as well. This service has become very popular with the congregation and is sure to bring lots of fun and inspiring worship. New member, Kathi Alvizo, has agreed to assist Christina Thomas in forming and leading a children's choir. Another great way for our children to become involved. Contact Cyndi Sabulsky for more information.

Thanks to A/V chair, Eddie Milham, for educating himself (and training me) on the program we use for screen projection. We've made great strides in both sound and projection, but we still have some quirks to work out. We have purchased equipment and required licenses for projecting the material, and are in the process of purchasing another license that permits us to play video clips for service aid, and also play movies for social activities. We will be able to offer movie nights for our members and guests, leading us to an opportunity for our youth to sell concession items to fund youth trips. All at a very affordable cost. Growth opportunity is knocking friends!

We are also working through proper channels, seeking approval to move forward with installing a 75" TV on the back wall of the sanctuary so the pastor and choir can also

utilize the projection. We've spoken with an expert in this field, and have a cost projection in place. This project is part of Phase II of the plan submitted to Council earlier this year.

There are so many great things going on at UMCF, I'd like to fill this page with exclamation marks! If you haven't joined us for worship in the past couple of months, you're truly missing out on a joy-filled celebration and education of our faith.

Next month we'll celebrate World Communion Sunday on the 6th, and Laity Sunday the 20th.

Worship team meets at 5:00 P.M., monthly on the second Thursday.

In His Service,

Sharon Spinhirne, Worship Team Chair



RAINBOW HOUSE FOOD PANTRY

Spirits were high on Tuesday, August 27, when Rainbow House served 91 families. The families represented some 207 persons, 66 aged 55 and older, 72 between the ages of 18 and 54, and 69 children 17 years and younger.

In addition to the food, clothes, books, and magazines given, there were lots of smiles, visits and time for Pastor Matt to get to know some of the clients.

Emily Weesner, James and Dianne Beard's daughter was a surprise visitor who helped out with some blood sugar check-ups as well as spreading cheer with her sweet personality.

As always, we thank all those who support this very worthy mission of our church!



Lord's Acre



CALLING ALL CHILDREN!

Our church will have a float in the Homecoming parade and we want YOU to ride on it!

Call 903.876.2235 for more information.

OCTOBER 26

Are you getting ready?

Are you getting excited?

The big day will be here soon!

Plan NOW to be there for all the fun.



UMC will have a booth at Square Fair on September 28. We will be giving away popcorn, as well as information about our church, its programs, and inviting folks to Lord's Acre.

In addition, we will have a drawing for three sets of "brisket dinner for 2" that we will be selling at Lord's Acre. We will be asking our members to sign up to man the booth for an hour or so. If you' like to volunteer for a time, please call the church office!





We worship God with: Our Prayers

We Pray For...**Family of Susan Beard**; **Family of Ruth Tindel**; **Virginia Sutton**, Vicki Amundson's aunt, diagnosed with cancer; **Kathy Clarkston**, diagnosed with breast cancer; **Kirk Rainwater**, severe leg infection; **Jerry Beard**, recovering from broken leg; **Jo Ann Wheelis**, Lina Mae Eschberger's sister, out of ICU, slight improvement after suffering strokes; **Louise Lade**, undergoing treatments for vision problems; **Christopher Hedrick**, young man in coma after head-on collision; **Tammy Bostick**, recovering well from double hip replacement; **Micah Savage**, Marsha Langdon's great-niece, upcoming surgery for malignancy on back and removal of 2 lymph nodes; **Jill Weiss**, co-worker of Cris House, diagnosed with leukemia; **Mike Dalton**, friend of Cris House, diagnosed with esophageal cancer; **Tiffany Dewberry**, health concerns; **Brandon Hatton**, recovering from liver transplant; **Laurie Davlin**, continued health issues; cancer patients and their families; Alzheimer's patients, their caregivers and families; all military personnel and their families; missionaries; nursing home residents and those who are shut in due to ill health; our world leaders; those who are struggling with addictive behavior; those persons in need, but unnamed and for peace in our schools and peace among nations.

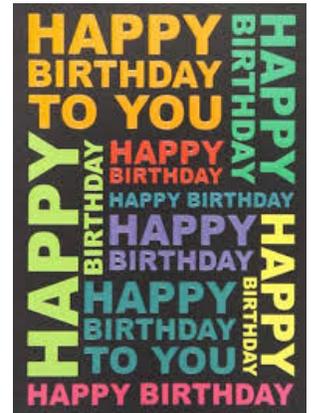
To request prayers or update our list, please contact the church office at 903.876.2235 or umcfrankston@umcfrankston.org

Pray for our military

Maj. Alfredo Balderas
3013 Brook Highland Dr.
Birmingham, AL 35242

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 — Daniel Lookabaugh
 - 3 — Dianne Beard
Cash McElroy
 - 6 — Robert Denson
 - 8 — Louise Lade
 - 9 — Dustin House
 - 11 — Emma Thomas
 - 15 — Chet Kisamore
 - 16 — Lella Tipton
 - 18 — Dan Wagoner
 - 19 — Alec Tatum
 - 20 — Chris Denson
 - 21 — Roberto Garcia
 - 22 — Trent Cook
 - 23 — Cris House
 - 24 — Jared Cook, Kathleen Mabe, Bobbie Mills
- Call (903) 876-2235 if we missed your birthday.



Our Presence

Date	Sunday School	Worship
Aug. 4	56	94
Aug. 11	53	108
Aug. 18	43	92
Aug. 25	56	103

Our Service



- Sep. 1 — Emma Thomas, Noah Thomas
- Sep. 8 — Ben Frink, Katie Hadash
- Sep. 15 — Briley Jimenez, John Riley Jimenez
- Sep. 22 — Max McGuffey, Katie Hadash
- Sep. 29 — Gavin Lade, Ethan Lade



- Sep. 1 — Randy Randle, Dan Wicker
- Sep. 8 — James & Dianne Beard
- Sep. 15 — Hunt & Chelsey Vinzant
- Sep. 22 — Doreen Sweeney
- Sep. 29 — Pat Lookabaugh

Please begin sending in your articles/pictures for the October newsletter to Jennie at the office umcfrankston@umcfrankston.org on September 20. Thank you for your help and support!

UMW TO HOST COMMUNITY-WIDE HEALTH FAIR

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

8:30 a.m. - Noon

Flu shots available
Blood Pressure/Oxygen Saturation
Cholesterol Screening
Mammograms
Blood Drive
Veterinarian for Pet Health Info
Children's Services & Activities
Door Prizes
and More!