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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

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***The Pastor's Part ....***

**July, 2019**

Dear Church,

We are very much looking forward to being a part of the Frankston UMC Family. Currently, we are up to our necks in boxes and are gladly 95 percent done packing. Moving truck will soon be here. By the time you read this we will probably be moved in to the parsonage and unpacking the plethora of boxes. Excited, does not even appropriately describe how we feel about coming to you. Unpacking boxes, however, doesn't stimulate an enjoyable thought. Although necessary to the moving process, I would rather skip it and just enjoy a freshly painted parsonage. If I could wave a wand and the books would be shelved, boxes unloaded and furniture moved life would be so much easier. If there was a committee at the church who joined the parsonage family in unloading boxes I would nominate them for sainthood. No such committee exists, in my recollection.

Fortunately, when a person moves they have to wade through the minutia, purge, pack, move and unpack. There is no easy or wand waving, or short cuts in moving. You just have to knuckle down and get it done. Like moving, I have never known an easy ministry. I have seen the gamut of churches. Some are easier and some are extreme. Some are in the middle of those polarities. Every ministry requires the hard work to make it fruitful. No side stepping the difficult portions. If our ministry is going to be exceptional each of us must get behind the truck, put our foot under the dolly and start unloading. I'll do my share and so will you to know Christ and make Him known. To know Christ and make Christ known is the Mandorla of our ministry together. I can't do ministry alone and neither can you. We need each other.

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## Pastor's Part cont.

What is the most difficult thing you need moved? Let me be clearer! What secret do you have that holds you tightly? What health issue keeps you afraid? What unforgiveness, resentment, or indifference are you harboring? What sin desire are you enjoying? Do you feel disconnected from the Lord? What relationships in your life do you wish were repaired?

Can you imagine having an 18-wheeler parked in your driveway indefinitely? It would be somewhat inconvenient and the truck would become heavier and more cumbersome the longer it occupied your driveway. It would have been easier to roll up your sleeves, grab the dolly and unloaded. Sitting with unresolved burdens and sin and brokenness makes it impossible to reach the potential Christ has for us and stifles our witness to the world. Every person I have ever met in the ministry struggles with something above and parks it in their heart like a stationary truck. They just don't know how to unload and are embarrassed or ashamed or too prideful to ask for help. Perhaps you and I needlessly live with a truck load of guilt, shame and fear.

Let's unpack! The sooner we can trust the Lord, each other and commit to grab a box, the truck can get on down the road and so can we. I'm not opposed to forming an unpacking the parsonage committee, by the way. Come hang out with us! The truck will unload us on the morning of the 27<sup>th</sup>. You won't be in the way!

Grace and Peace,  
Matt

## METHODIST SCARLET LADIES



The Methodist Scarlet Ladies will return to an old favorite for our July luncheon. Let's meet at 11:30 a.m. on July 25<sup>th</sup> at Clear Springs Restaurant, located at 6519 S. Broadway in Tyler.

While known for their excellent seafood, they do have a variety of other dishes, so it's a "something for everyone" place, and it is all good!

I'll need your reservations by Monday, July 22.  
Let's have a crowd!

Dot Clark 903.876.2925

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Please begin sending August newsletter articles to Jennie at [umcfrankston@umcfrankston.org](mailto:umcfrankston@umcfrankston.org) on July 23. Thanks!



## **PATRIOTIC CELEBRATION**

The Fourth of July is a special day for any American. The Frankston community will celebrate our independence from England on Sunday, June 30, at 2:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center of the United Methodist Church.

There will be speakers from the community. Music will be provided by several individuals and churches including choirs from the Catholic, Baptist and Methodist churches. Refreshments will be served.

Plan to join the celebration!

## JULY CHURCH ACTIVITIES

- Jul 3 2 p.m. Lord's Acre Crafters meet, Family Life Center
- Jul 3 7 p.m. Choir practice, sanctuary
- Jul 4 Church offices and Family Life Center closed
- Jul 7 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all
- Jul 7 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time, fellowship hall
- Jul 7 11 a.m. *Communion Worship*, sanctuary
- Jul 7 Noon "Welcome" covered dish lunch to honor the Thomas family
- Jul 8 9 a.m. Stocking Rainbow House, Family Life Center
- Jul 10 2 p.m. Lord's Acre Crafters meet, Family Life Center
- Jul 10 7 p.m. Choir practice, sanctuary
- Jul 11 5 p.m. Worship Team meets, Family Life Center
- Jul 14 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all
- Jul 14 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time, fellowship hall
- Jul 14 11 a.m. *Communion Worship*, sanctuary
- Jul 17 2 p.m. Lord's Acre Crafters meet, Family Life Center
- Jul 17 7 p.m. Choir practice, sanctuary
- Jul 20 8 a.m. United Methodist Men hold breakfast meeting, Family Life Center
- Jul 21 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all
- Jul 21 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time, fellowship hall
- Jul 21 11 a.m. *Worship*, sanctuary
- Jul 21 Noon Council of Ministries meeting, brown bag lunch, fellowship hall
- Jul 22 9 a.m. Stocking Rainbow House, Family Life Center
- Jul 23 9 a.m. – Noon Rainbow House food and clothes distribution, Family Life Center
- Jul 24 2 p.m. Lord's Acre Crafters meet, Family Life Center
- Jul 24 7 p.m. Choir practice, sanctuary
- Jul 28 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all
- Jul 28 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time, fellowship hall
- Jul 28 11 a.m. *Worship*, sanctuary
- Jul 31 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Mission Team volunteers give out school supplies, Family Life Center
- Jul 31 2 p.m. Lord's Acre Crafters meet, Family Life Center
- Jul 31 7 p.m. Choir practice, sanctuary

## *More about Matt...*

Matt graduated from Rockdale, Texas and received a call to ministry soon after graduation. He attended St. John's UMC in Rockdale and began his formal education at Lon Morris College where he received an associate degree in church careers. He began his pastoral ministry at the Dialville Circuit while attending Lon Morris. After graduation with his associates from Lon Morris, he continued his education at U.T. Tyler and moved to the Church Hill Circuit just outside of Henderson, Texas. He graduated from U.T. In 1998 with a degree in Speech Communication and immediately began attending Perkins School of Theology. The next season he moved to the Carroll Springs Circuit where he served for four years. Once completing his masters of divinity from Perkins in 2002 Matt was ordained a deacon in 2003 and an Elder in 2005. After graduating from Perkins Matt moved to Faith UMC in Fannett, Texas where he served for 7 years. Matt moved pastoral appointments in June of 2010 to Whitehouse UMC. He soon began his doctoral work at George Fox Evangelical Seminary in Portland, Oregon. He graduated in 2015 with a doctorate in Semiotics and Future Studies. Matt's doctoral work was focused on discipleship and he has published a book on discipleship and beekeeping entitled, "The Buzz About The Church: Re-Imagining Discipleship Through the Metaphor of Beekeeping." Matt served the Whitehouse church for 9 years and now begins a new ministry and will soon call Frankston home. He has been happily married to Christina for 6 years and they have two kids, Noah (15) and Emma (12). Christina is a band director at Whitehouse ISD. And Noah and Emma both attend school in Whitehouse.

In addition to serving the local church and writing, Matt is a fourth generation beekeeper. On his days off you will find him in the bee yard stewarding beehives. He teaches courses on bee husbandry. Matt has also done consulting work on discipleship with congregations in the east Texas area.



**WELCOME TO FRANKSTON,  
PASTOR MATT, CHRISTINA,  
NOAH AND EMMA THOMAS**

United Methodist Men met for our regular June meeting on the third Saturday morning breakfast meeting. We had approximately 20 in attendance.

There was no scheduled speaker for this meeting, so we took the opportunity to discuss our purpose and ministry. The question was raised as to what our main mission is. Do we want to be mainly a service organization or social organization? We agreed that our main mission is that of a service organization. We decided to focus on one of the main ministries supported by the National United Methodist Men's group; "Feeding the Hungry".

We will use the July meeting to further flesh out our specific ministry, look at small group functional teams, as well as continue to schedule speakers for each monthly meeting that underscore our mission. We will also help support the Patriotic Celebration by handling the set up and take down of chairs and stage for the event. We will also help bolster the singing of the Armed Services Medley.

We will have our regular 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday breakfast meeting on July 20<sup>th</sup>. There will not be a meeting in August as we traditionally take this month off from our regular schedule.



Volunteers of the Rainbow House Food and Clothing Pantry greeted representatives of 96 families



on Tuesday morning, June 25. A total of 323 people received food. Of that total, 97 were senior adults, aged 55 years and older, 125 were adults, aged 18 to 54 years, and 101 were children, 17 years and under.

Two representatives from Momentum Community Care were on hand to provide no-cost screening to show how well a person is metabolizing prescription drugs as well as screening to highlight genetic markers that would indicate a person's risk for cancer. These screenings are very beneficial and are covered by Medicare Part B and most insurance. The ladies will be back in July, so even if you don't come to Rainbow House on a regular basis, you might want to come and be screened. For more information, please call the church office, 903.876.2235.

School supplies will be distributed on July 31 to clients with children in Frankston, LaPoynor, Neches, and Bullard schools, Pre-K-12<sup>th</sup> grade. These supplies are purchased with undesignated funds and money received from the sale of aluminum cans. Please remember to bring your aluminum cans to the FLC parking lot and place them in the bin provided. They will be recycled, and proceeds will go to help fund school supplies. Our next distribution will be on Tuesday, July 23. We thank all of you for your continued support!



### Covered Dish Lunch

Following the Morning Service

We will have a covered dish lunch at the Family Life Center on Sunday, July 7, following church.

This is a time to welcome the Thomas family and begin to get to really know them.

Plan to be there with your favorite dish to share. Invite your family and friends and let's make this a great celebration. Please note that Christina has a severe mushroom allergy. If you bring anything with mushrooms, please label it clearly!



Local Postal workers with food collected for Rainbow House.

# LORD'S ACRE 2019

## OCTOBER 26

It will be here soon! Now is the time begin to prepare. When you are out shopping, think about something unusual to put in the auction or country store. Making jams, jelly or other goodies? Make a few extra jars to donate!

Sign up to help on a committee – share your ideas at upcoming planning meetings. This event is a great opportunity to come together to support our church and each other.



### WHAT WILL 2019 LORD'S ACRE LOOK LIKE?

## We worship God with: Our Prayers



We Pray For... **Family of Jinks Morton; Family of Gene Fields; Family of Tallon Eschberger; Family of Joan Borden; Family of Margaret Stager; Laurie Davlin**, hospitalized with health issues; **Wesley Sarratt**, son-in-law of Jayne and Don Beddingfield, undergoing tests for health concerns; **Bill Bishop**, Bro. Mike's cousin, lung cancer; **Sam Robertson**, pulmonary issues; **Lorna Hense**, friend of Barbara McCune, ongoing health issues; **Bob and Barbara Maupin**, health concerns for both; **Larry Pederzani**, close friend of Lyle & Cathy Duncan, neuro rehab; **Bob Anderson**, Joni Jones' father, recovering from surgery for colon cancer; **Carol Veazey**, close friend of Beverly & Sam Robertson, continued complicated back issues; **Ruth Tindel**, continued health issues; **Christians being persecuted; Families and friends affected by worldwide violence;; Persons affected by recent storms;** 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 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

*Names will remain on the prayer list for three weeks unless the office is notified. To update, please contact the church office at 903.876.2235 [umcfrankston@umcfrankston.org](mailto:umcfrankston@umcfrankston.org).*

## Our Presence

Date	Sunday School	Worship
June 2	36	60
June 9	35	70
June 16	29	61
June 23	38	86
June 30	NA	NA

## Our Service



**July 7** — Kaylynn Frink, Katie Hadash  
**July 14** — Gavin Lade, Ethan Lade  
**July 21** — Gunner Vinzant, Katie Hadash  
**July 28** — Jared Cook



**July 7** — Dan Wicker, Randy Randle  
**July 14** — Carl & Cris House  
**July 21** — Bob & Diane Whitehurst  
**July 28** — Ken Locke, Cheryl Nesmith

## Please Pray For Our Military

Please take a moment to let our church family in uniform know how much we appreciate them.

### **Maj. Alfredo Balderas**

In the process of moving — address will be forthcoming.

## July Birthdays



11 Christina Thomas  
 12 Sara Combs  
 15 Sandy Atteberry  
 16 Joe Allen Bragg,  
 Nathan Sabulsky  
 17 Dennis Higginbotham  
 Matt Thomas  
 18 Kay Randle, Randy Randle, Caleb Whitehurst,  
 Destine Scarborough 22 Pat Lookabaugh  
 23 Randi Westbrook 24 John Lookabaugh.  
 27 Luan Montrose, Pam Murphy  
 28 Don Fitzgerald, Pam Denson  
 29 Misty Dickerson . 29 Shawn Kisamore  
 30 Joy Clarkston Pearson 31 Jamey Lade

*Call (903) 876-2235 if we missed your birthday.*

### INSTANT CHURCH DIRECTORY

One way to help our new parsonage family get to know us is by getting our church directory updated! Many of you do not have your picture in the directory and that is an EASY fix. Please send any photo you have on your phone, computer, whatever, to the office and I'll include it. If you need a new or better picture made, please let me know and we will make arrangements to "shoot you!"

I need any updates on email addresses, birth dates for you and your family, mailing addresses, and of course phone numbers. PLEASE send this info if you are not up to date in the directory.

Jennie Minter  
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### GREAT NEWS!

Linda Moore completed her chemotherapy on June 21! Please continue to pray for her recovery to good health.