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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

The Great Mandorla

Do you know what a mandorla is? It is a unique shape that looks much like an almond. The medieval church used to use the mandorla to encase the Virgin Mary and Jesus Christ. An almond is a seed. When planted the encasing dies, and from the meat of the almond, a shoot emerges. Christ is the Almond of the Christian life. He is the Mandorla. He is the tree of Life that has emerged to bring life to the world.

As you know, we have begun the season of Lent. We have been invited on a journey with Christ to discover the life of God. We also know the story of the Christ who gives his life for his creation. In many ways he was the seed planted in the heart of humanity. In his death and resurrection life was restored for the world. Jesus is referred to as the tree of life. The very tree that was denied to Adam and Eve in the garden the world now has access.

In the Hebrew world one of the most important places in the scriptures was Bethel. Bethel means house of God. Before Bethel was Bethel its name was Luz. In Hebrew Luz means.....Almond Tree.

The season of Lent calls all God's followers to be His House and to eat from the Almond Tree. We are invited to the Tree of Life which is the Christ. The calling of all us is to discover The Great Mandorla. In this season of Lent journey with me to know the love of God and dwell in his HOUSE.

Matt

MARCH CALENDAR

Mar 1 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
 Mar 1 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time, Fellowship Hall
 Mar 1 11 a.m. *Worship Service*, Sanctuary
 Mar 1 4 p.m. Youth Fellowship meets, Family Life Ctr.
 Mar 4 5:45 p.m. Family Meal, Fellowship Hall
 Mar 4 6:30 p.m. Bible Study, Fellowship Hall
 Mar 4 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir practice, Sanctuary
 Mar 5 9 a.m. Work Day for Rummage Sale, FLC
 Mar 5 9 a.m. Cookers Work Day, FLC
 Mar 6 7 a.m. – 6 p.m. UMW Rummage Sale, FLC
 Mar 6 7:30 a.m. *First Friday Produce*, parking lot
 Mar 7 7 a.m. – Noon UMW Rummage Sale, FLC
 Mar 8 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
 Mar 8 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time, Fellowship Hall
 Mar 8 11 a.m. *Worship Service*, Sanctuary
 Mar 8 4 p.m. Youth Fellowship meets, Family Life Ctr.
 Mar 9 9 a.m. Stock Rainbow House, FLC
 Mar 10 6 p.m. Women's XRCise meets, FLC
 Mar 11 5:45 p.m. Family Meal, Fellowship Hall
 Mar 11 6:30 p.m. Bible Study, Fellowship Hall
 Mar 11 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir practice, Sanctuary
 Mar 12 6 p.m. Women's XRCise meets, FLC
 Mar 15 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
 Mar 15 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time, Fellowship Hall
 Mar 15 11 a.m. *Worship Service* – "Teddy Bear Round-Up", Sanctuary
 Mar 15 4 p.m. Youth Fellowship meets, Family Life Ctr.
 Mar 17 6 p.m. Women's XRCise meets, FLC
 Mar 18 5:45 p.m. Family Meal, Fellowship Hall
 Mar 18 6:30 p.m. Bible Study, Fellowship Hall
 Mar 18 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir practice, Sanctuary
 Mar 19 6 p.m. Women's XRCise meets, FLC
 Mar 21 8 a.m. United Methodist Men hold breakfast meeting, Family Life Center
 Mar 22 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
 Mar 22 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time, Fellowship Hall
 Mar 22 11 a.m. *Worship Service*, Sanctuary
 Mar 22 4 p.m. Youth Fellowship meets, Family Life Ctr.
 Mar 23 9 a.m. Stock Rainbow House, FLC
 Mar 23 6 p.m. Red Hat reservation deadline
 Mar 24 9 a.m. – Noon Rainbow House food & clothes distribution, Family Life Center
 Mar 25 5:45 p.m. Family Meal, Fellowship Hall
 Mar 25 6:30 p.m. Bible Study, Fellowship Hall
 Mar 25 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir practice, Sanctuary
 Mar 26 11:30 a.m. Methodist Scarlet Ladies meet at Happy's Fish House, Tyler, for lunch
 Mar 26 6 p.m. Women's XRCise meets, FLC
 Mar 29 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
 Mar 29 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time, Fellowship Hall
 Mar 29 11 a.m. *5th Sunday Worship Service*, Sanctuary
 Mar 29 Noon Covered Dish Lunch, FLC
 Mar 29 4 p.m. United Methodist Youth Fellowship, FLC
 Mar 31 6 p.m. Women's XRCise meets, FLC



METHODIST SCARLET LADIES

The next luncheon for the Methodist Scarlet Ladies will be on Thursday, March 26.

That is one week after the beginning of SPRING – which will make me so happy that I've decided to choose Happy's Fish House for our luncheon spot!

They have a long list of reasonably priced lunch specials (not all of them seafood). In case, you have any room left, their bread pudding is a wonderful dessert!

Happy's is on East Fifth Street, about midway between the TJC campus and Loop 323. We'll meet there at our usual 11:30 a.m. time on March 26. I'll need your reservations by Monday, March 23. Let's have a good crowd

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The annual United Methodist Women's Rummage Sale will be on Friday, March 6 from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, March 7 from 7 a.m. to Noon at the Family Life Center.

Items for the Rummage Sale may be brought to the FLC during business hours.

Please donate clean and ready-for-sale items. Please do not bring clothes. However, shoes, purses, and linens will be accepted.

We would also like to see you at the Rummage Sale, where there will be bargains for everyone. This will be our main fundraiser for the year and without your help, we will not be able to meet our mission goals.

GREAT DEALS!

GREAT ITEMS!

DON'T MISS IT!!!



Kathy Clarkston will lead the team of acolytes, parents and/or sponsors. There are some changes in the duties of the acolytes: Junior Acolytes

will read New Testament scripture and lead the Affirmation of Faith, Deacon Acolytes will read Old Testament scripture and assist junior acolytes as needed. They already do an amazing job assisting the younger group each week. The entire acolyte team will be involved in all special services as well. This ministry is a wonderful opportunity for our youth, and we are blessed by their service. Thank you to all involved!

March 8 is designated as Scout Sunday. Our church charts the local troops who have been invited to participate in our Sunday service.

March 29 will bring a "5th Sunday Singing" service with many congregational gospel songs. We will have a covered dish lunch afterwards at the Family Life Center. The Young Adult Sunday School Class is responsible for set up and clean up.



Following the Morning Service

Signage for the entrance of the sanctuary has been proposed. We will move forward as the Council permits.

Another possible aid to worship is the possibility of some remodeling the chancel area of the sanctuary to provide more for musicians, singers, speakers, etc. The result would enhance our worship area. Proposals will be forthcoming at the next church Council of Ministries meeting. Please support this update to our sanctuary!

The Media Audio/Visual Team will conduct training later in March for those who volunteered to help with this ministry. We will have the latest version of the program used for slide presentation installed and ready to learn. ProPresenter7 has wonderful additional features which will aid in our presentation abilities. We presently have 4 new volunteers on our list, and welcome anyone who is willing to learn this program and operating sound. Our hope is to have teams rotate out, serving once monthly. It truly is a fun ministry, so please considering joining the team! Stop by the booth to sign up.

LOTS OF ACTIVITIES COMING UP IN APRIL – EASTER IS ON THE WAY!



Teddy Bears for CASA

The Missions Team will be once again be sponsoring the "Teddy Bears for CASA" drive. On March 15, please bring your new

teddy bears to church to be blessed. Our children will collect the bears during the service and bring them to the altar for blessing. The bears will go to CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of Henderson County where they will be given to children who come under their care.

Thank you in advance for your support!

COVENANT CHRISTIAN COOKERS

This new ministry team will be doing some major cooking in the next few weeks. Call the church office, 903.876.2235, if you would like to join up!

While shopping at the UMW Rummage Sale, treat yourself to a delicious brisket sandwich, chips & drink – just \$8.00! We'll be selling both Friday and Saturday and "to go" is no problem!!!

RAINBOW HOUSE FOOD PANTRY



Volunteers and clients of Rainbow House gathered at the Family Life Center early Tuesday morning, Feb. 25, for their monthly distribution of food.

Ninety-seven families received food at the distribution. Included in the total of 346 people served were 92 seniors (59 and older), 151 adults (18 - 58) and 103 children (17 and younger).

A special thank-you to all who donated soup and "meal-in-a-can" foods earlier this month at "Souper Bowl". You made a big difference in the amount of food given.



**SUNDAYS 4 PM
FAMILY LIFE CTR.
6TH GRADE -12TH**

JOIN US!!!



We worship God with: Our Prayers

We Pray For.....**Family of Donna Kay Gandy**, Lela Miller's daughter; **Family of James Scott**; **Family of Tony Campbell**; **Family of Mary Holloway**; **Family of Darrell Allen**; **Family of Allen Bragg**; **Tank Pearson**, Clarkstons' son-in-law, thyroid cancer; **Joel Simms**, friend of Jennie Minter, pancreatic cancer metastasized to lungs; **Sue Ellis**, numerous health issues; **Cheryl Gee**, health concerns and taking care of her mother, Sue Ellis; **Cherie Booth**, recovering at home from injuries in recent auto accident; **Gus Wolfe**, friend of Pastor Matt, stage 4 liver cancer; **Lina Mae Eschberger**, severe neck and back pain, undergoing physical therapy; **Barbara Maupin**, in rehab; **Lilia Pizano**, health issues; **George Martin**, Greg Martin's dad, recovering from surgery to clear carotid arteries; **James Boyd**, in hospice, and his brother, **Dennis Boyd** who has been his caregiver; **Alvin May**, acute leukemia, no visitors, please; **those persons who are ill with life-threatening diseases and their families and caregivers**; **military personnel and their families**; **missionaries, nursing home residents**; **those shut in due to ill health**; **our world leaders**; **those persons in need, but unnamed**; **peace in our schools and among nations.**

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

Our Presence

| Date | Sunday School | Worship |
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| Feb 2 | 42 | 67 |
| Feb 9 | 44 | 68 |
| Feb 16 | 38 | 71 |
| Feb 23 | 45 | 100 |

Our Service



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| Mar. 1 | Max McGuffey & Katie Hadash |
| Mar. 8 | Lucas Hubert & Briley Jimenez |
| Mar. 15 | Gavin Lade & Ethan Lade |
| Mar. 22 | Noah Green & Gunner Vinzant |
| Mar. 29 | Jonathan Green & Noah Thomas |



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| Mar. 1 | Jerry Jones & Randy Randle |
| Mar. 8 | Jim Tom Johnson & Ken Locke |
| Mar. 15 | Mandy Tally |
| Mar. 22 | Bob & Diane Whitehurst |
| Mar. 22 | Doreen Sweeney & Hannah Lively |

Pray for our military

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



March Birthdays

4 Haydon Nally 8 Ethan Lade
10 Gabriele Bagley, Elizabeth Lade
11 Luke Stanly 14 Mike Spinhirne
15 Brenda Faulkner Watkins
18 Hayley Moore Frink
21 Richard Saunders
22 Barbara Maupin. 26 Laurie Clark Davlin
27 Jackie Jones 28 Jenny Beard & Nancy Oliver
29 Seth Wagoner
Call (903) 876-2235 if we missed your birthday.
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SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Would you like to honor a special person in your life? Order a bouquet of fresh flowers or live plant to display in our sanctuary during our worship service! This gift would be a great way to brighten someone's day.

Here's how it works:

- 1) Select a date and sign your name on the calendar displayed on the bulletin board in the hallway outside the fellowship room. Remember to include the name and occasion of celebration.
- 2) Order the arrangement or live plant from your favorite florist for Friday delivery, or bring when you come to church on Sunday.
- 3) Information about your gift will be in the weekly bulletin.
- 4) After the service, deliver your arrangement to the designated person or take them home and enjoy. Any arrangement left in the sanctuary beyond Monday will be removed and disposed.