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# **The United Methodist Messenger**

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

**Rev. Dr. Matt Thomas, Pastor**

**Matthew 28:16-20**

## **What A Glorious Day It Will Be**

Many years ago when I was a student pastor, I served numerous small congregations in the east Texas Area. Most of those small but vibrant churches had southern Gospel music running through their veins. To this day, many of them still enjoy quarterly gathering to do nothing but sing.

One of the Hallmarks of these congregations is their love to sing about the life after. Songs like, "When We All Get to Heaven", "I'll Fly Away" and "What A Glorious Day It Will Be" are just a sampling or smattering of songs they still gather to sing.

Nestled deeply and overtly is the hope all believers of Christ can depend. Such a message brings abiding hope that the struggles of this life will pass and are just a minor moment compared to eternity. A time of glad reunion, heavenly choirs singing, full banquets and no more pain and sorrow await those who trust in Jesus Christ.

While the modern church tends to focus on the here and now of following Jesus, there is something very appealing about raising our voices to sing about streets of gold and mansions on a hilltop. I can't think of anything better than being with Jesus and the reunion of all the people I have loved and lost over the years. My refrain, "What A Glorious Day It Will Be."

Matt

# MAY CALENDAR

**May 2 9:45 am** Sunday School, FLC  
**May 2 11 am** *Communion Worship*  
**May 2 5:45 pm** United Methodist Youth meet at FLC to go to Brushy Creek dinner and revival  
**May 5 11:30 am** United Methodist Women host FISH Senior Lunch  
**May 5 6 pm** Bible Study, FLC  
**May 9 9:45 am** Sunday School, FLC  
**May 9 11 am** *Worship*  
**May 10 9 am** Stocking Rainbow House  
**May 12 6 pm** Bible Study, FLC  
**May 15 8 am** United Methodist Men hold breakfast meeting, FLC  
**May 15** United Methodist Youth hold *Car Wash* (watch for details)  
**May 16 9:45 am** Sunday School, FLC  
**May 16 11 am** *Worship*, FLC  
**May 17 8 am** Items for rummage sale may be brought to FLC – NO FURNITURE  
**May 18 5 pm** Human Relations Team meets, FLC  
**May 18 6 pm** Marketing Team meets, FLC  
**May 19 6 pm** Bible Study, FLC  
**May 23 9:45 am** Sunday School, FLC  
**May 23 11 am** *Pentecost Sunday Worship*, FLC  
**May 23 5 pm** United Methodist Youth meet, FLC  
**May 24 9 am** Stocking Rainbow House, FLC  
**May 25 9 am – Noon** Rainbow House food distribution, FLC  
**May 26 6 pm** Bible Study, FLC  
**May 28** Covenant Cookers prepare meat for smoking, FLC  
**May 29** Covenant Cookers smoke meat, FLC  
**May 29** United Methodist Youth hold Baked Potato Sale (details forthcoming)  
**May 30 9:45 am** Sunday School, FLC  
**May 30 11 am** *Trinity Sunday Worship*, FLC  
**May 31** Church offices and FLC closed for Memorial Day



Greetings from your Youth Director,

May the peace of our Lord be with you. I want to express my deepest appreciation for Jennie, the trustees, and all those working in the shadows for all the hard work that has gone into repairing damage from the infamous snowstorm. I am excited for the opportunity to have a youth room remodel. The end result will be amazing!

UMARMY is approaching fast. We will be serving in Orange, TX during the week of July 18-24. Currently there are three students and two adults committed to participating. If there are any 8-12 graders interested in going, please let me know. In order to help fund this mission trip, we will be having two fundraisers in the month of May.

- May 15 Car Wash
- May 29 Bake Potato Sale

I will be actively recruiting help for these events starting now. More information to follow soon.

On May 2, the youth will not be meeting at normal time. Instead, I would encourage all the youth that are able to come with me to the Revival Meeting at Brushy Creek. We will meet at the church at 5:45 to carpool to Brushy Creek. They will be serving dinner at 6 and the meeting will kick off at 7. I estimate that we will return to our church at 8:15. If you are interested in joining us, please let me know.

God bless,

Greg Martin

# **BACK TO THE SANCTUARY!**

## **SUNDAY, JUNE 6**



**After meeting for a year in the Family Life Center, it's time to go back to our beautiful sanctuary. There will be plenty of hand sanitizer, masks will be still be available, and the pews will be sanitized regularly. We will do all we can to make everyone feel safe and comfortable.**

**Sunday School classes will also be moved back to the main church.**



**To complete the celebration, we will have a Covered Dish Lunch at the Family Life Center after worship. The Covenant Cookers will be providing smoked meat, so please bring sides to fill out the meal.**

**Coming back marks another milestone in the history of this church – overcoming a fire, a log truck, and a pandemic. It will a great day of celebration. Don't miss it!**

**Following the Morning Service**

# RUMMAGE SALE

The annual United Methodist Women's Rummage Sale will be on Friday, June 4 from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, June 5 from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Family Life Center.

Beginning May 17, 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. Furniture will be accepted June 1.

We hope to see you at the 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!**

## RAINBOW HOUSE



Rainbow House Food Pantry is continuing food distribution by drive-thru on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month. On April 27, 76

families were served made up of 262 individuals.

While it is a much safer way to serve our clients, many people miss the opportunity to visit the clothes pantry, have access to blood pressure/blood sugar checks, and especially to visit with each other as well as the volunteers. Evidence of people's need to "meet and greet" was the way many of those waiting in line left their car to speak to someone else in line until time to move up. While waiting, one lady ran out of gas and was immediately helped, not only by volunteers, but by another client. Smiles, laughter, and sincere thanks are always present at the distribution along with the very real relief of receiving food. If you have any doubt that Rainbow House helps folks, not only with food, but with a sense of belonging, please consider volunteering and observe this "family" in action.



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
IS  
COMING!**

**JUNE 21 - 25**

Please contact Suzette Martin 903.707.6890 if you can and will help.

**PATRIOTIC CELEBRATION  
JUNE 27  
2:30 PM  
FAMILY LIFE CENTER**

## PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY



Alfredo Balderas  
PSC 94 Box 1701  
APO AE 0982





Family of Taylor Conrad; Family of Dottie Aalfs; Family of Sharon Milham, Eddie Milham's sister; Family of Larry Elam, brother of Rainbow House friend; Families and friends of victims of violence; Rick Heffelfinger, long-term health care required; Toni Glass Warren, recovering from surgery for broken leg; Gary Warren, Toni Warren's husband, recovering from injuries received in a recent fall; Jim Barr,

continued rehab after surgery for head trauma; Linda Moore, at home improving; Mahalie Woodruff, Whitehouse ISD student, Children's Hospital, Dallas, with crushed arm; Our nation, for guidance, peace, and spiritual healing. Those persons directly affected by Covid 19 and their families; Healthcare Workers and First Responders; those persons who are ill with life-changing diseases and their families and caregivers; military personnel and their families; missionaries, nursing home residents; those shut in due to ill health; those persons in need, but unnamed. World Leaders to strive for understanding and peace between nations. Our school staff and students and our fellow church members, neighbors, and families for safety, health, and good spirits.

Changes to the prayer list? Please call the church office at 903.876.2235 or email [umcfrankston@umcfrankston.org](mailto:umcfrankston@umcfrankston.org).

## MAY BIRTHDAYS



2 Jerry D. Jones  
3 Lita Cook, Jennie Minter  
7 Hope Ramsey, Susie Paga  
8 Mark Faulkner  
9 Wade Dickerson  
11 Julie Jones Nally  
13 Lydia Tatum Balderas

16 Ann Tatum, Pam Porter,  
Allison Oliver Haertling

18 Kim Dennis McGuffey      23 Joni K. Jones  
27 Patricia Bragg, Linda Moore, Justin Williams  
30 Erin Sabulsky, Jerry W.R. Jones

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

**United Methodist Men will resume breakfast meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month.**

**Family Life Center      8 am**

**Beginning Saturday, May 15**



**Dorothy Sue Anna Aalfs, known to friends as "Dottie," passed away on April 16, 2021, at the age of 84 years. A native of Texas, Dottie attended Southern Methodist University, graduated with a nursing degree and served as a registered nurse until she retired. In 1958, she began her career in Dallas and moved to California where she started a family. Dottie returned to Texas and finished her career working for the state prison system. Always quick with a smile and welcoming words, Dottie is remembered as caring for those in need. She was a loving mom and proud grandma. In retirement she served as a passionate volunteer at the Rainbow House Food Pantry, part of the United Methodist Church of Frankston and cherished her friendships, and luncheons with the Red Hat Society. She is survived by sons Jacob (Kimberly) and David (Marisa), and five grandchildren, Michael, Lauren, Jonathan, Alexander, and Jacob. Memorial donations in memory of Dottie can be made to the Animal Defense League of Texas at <https://adltxas.org/>.**

**(Provided by Dottie's son, Jake.)**

## MAY ACOLYTES



May 2 Jonathan Green  
Katie Hadash  
May 9 Max McGuffey  
Briley Jimenez  
May 16 Erika Hubert  
Gunner Vinzant

May 23 Gavin Lade, Ethan Lade  
May 30 Noah Green, Katie Hadash