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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

As many of you are aware, the United Methodist Church has been in media outlets with some consistency lately over the probable split on the issue of same-sex unions and ordination of openly practicing gay or lesbian persons. As you are also probably aware there was a called general conference last year to prayerfully discern the issue. The general conference voted to maintain its stance and add some degree of accountability to persons acting in defiance of the general church. Following the called general conference, one of our central conference bishops initiated a group made up of all the differing caucuses, alliances, leadership and associations of the entire church. That 16 member group agreed that we will never agree on the issue and subsequently fashioned a proposal to present to the general conference in May of 2020.

The proposal, in a nut shell, basically drops all prohibitive language that our current book of discipline holds. In the proposal, the traditionalists would leave the denomination and form a new denomination. Churches who wished to leave the UMC could do so with their property and assets. Those congregations wishing to stay within the UMC could do so with the understanding that the restrictive language would no longer be present within the book of discipline. Basically, the United Methodist Church would split and the traditionalist would leave the UMC and form a new denomination and the progressive wing of the church would stay and maintain the UMC.

Let me be clear that this is just one proposal of many. It is, however, the proposal that has garnered the most support thus far and is signed by leaders of many and varying theological positions. Moderates, conservatives and progressives were represented and endorse this piece of legislation. The proposal is not a finished work and could be amended, redacted or abandoned by the general conference. Another proposal could take its place and be adopted. The general conference could meet and decide absolutely nothing and keep the current language of the discipline.

It is a little too soon to be anxious, though it looks like the denomination is gearing up for a split. I have had many people in both churches ask me what's going on and are a bit uneasy about our future. Nothing has been decided by the general church other than it is meeting in May of this year. The United Methodist Church of Frankston will be ok. I wanted to write and, hopefully, calm your fears. The modern media makes a frenzy out of most subjects and you will no doubt continue to read and hear things that are not true or exaggerations of the truth.

When I was ordained many years ago, I vowed to preach the gospel and uphold the doctrine and discipline of the church. I studied the scriptures and the discipline before making that commitment. I stood in front of our entire annual conference and said yes when asked, "do you believe our doctrine is in harmony with holy scripture of old and new testaments? Will you preach and maintain them?" Some clergy said yes when they really meant no. I vowed to love all people and value them as creatures of sacred worth. That's what I intend to continue to do. I will uphold the scriptures, doctrine and discipline of the church. In the meantime, try not to get twisted off at the root. We are still the body of Christ who love each other.

Matt

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Feb. 1 6 p.m. *Youth Movie & Pizza*, FLC
 Feb. 2 9:45 a.m. *Sunday School* for all ages
 Feb. 2 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time, Fellowship Hall
 Feb. 2 11 a.m. *Communion Worship* service, sanctuary
 Feb. 2 “Souper Bowl” Sunday – Donate meal-in-a-can foods to benefit Rainbow House
 Feb. 5 5:45 p.m. Family Meal, Fellowship Hall
 Feb. 5 6:30 p.m. Bible Study, Fellowship Hall
 Feb. 5 6:30 p.m. Kid’s music/crafts
 Feb. 5 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir practice, sanctuary
 Feb. 6 9 a.m. “Clutter Clean-Up” church
 Feb. 6 6:30 p.m. Worship Team meets, FLC
 Feb. 7 7:30 a.m. *First Friday Fresh Produce* for all, FLC parking lot
 Feb. 7 9 a.m. “Clutter Clean-Up” Day 2, FLC
 Feb. 8 8 a.m. Set up for the Gospel Sing
 Feb. 9 9:45 a.m. *Sunday School* for all ages
 Feb. 9 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time, Fellowship Hall
 Feb. 9 11 a.m. *Worship* service, sanctuary
 Feb. 9 2:30 p.m. *Community Gospel Sing*, FLC
 Feb. 10 9 a.m. Stock Rainbow House, FLC
 Feb. 10 Noon United Methodist Women meet, brown bag lunch, Family Life Center
 Feb. 10 6 p.m. SPRC meets, Family Life Center
 Feb. 12 5:45 p.m. Family Meal, Fellowship Hall
 Feb. 12 6:30 p.m. Bible Study, Fellowship Hall
 Feb. 12 6:30 p.m. Kid’s music/crafts
 Feb. 12 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir practice, sanctuary
 Feb. 14 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Blood Drive, FLC
 Feb. 16 9:45 a.m. *Sunday School* for all ages
 Feb. 16 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time, Fellowship Hall
 Feb. 16 11 a.m. *Worship* service, sanctuary
 Feb. 16 4 p.m. United Methodist Youth meet, FLC
 Feb. 19 5:45 p.m. Family Meal, Fellowship Hall
 Feb. 19 6:30 p.m. Bible Study, Fellowship Hall
 Feb. 19 6:30 p.m. Kid’s music/crafts
 Feb. 19 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir practice, sanctuary
 Feb. 23 9:45 a.m. *Sunday School* for all ages
 Feb. 23 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time, Fellowship Hall
 Feb. 23 11 a.m. *Worship* service, sanctuary
 Feb. 23 4 p.m. United Methodist Youth meet, FLC
 Feb. 24 9 a.m. Stock Rainbow House, FLC
 Feb. 25 9 a.m. – Noon Rainbow House food and clothes distribution, Family Life Center
 Feb. 25 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. *Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper*, Family Life Center
 Feb. 26 6 p.m. *Ash Wednesday Service*, sanctuary
 Feb. 26 7 p.m. Chancel Choir practice, sanctuary
 Feb. 27 2 p.m. Items for Rummage Sale may be brought to Family Life Center beginning today.

Community Gospel Sing Sunday, Feb. 9

The annual Gail McElroy Community Gospel Sing will be held this year on Sunday, Feb. 9 at 2:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

All musicians are welcome. Each group can perform two songs and each single singer can perform one song. The event is free.

The event was started by Gail McElroy, longtime music director, organist and pianist at The United Methodist Church of Frankston, over 20 years ago. Her vision for the event was to bring as much diversity from our community together to sing the songs of “The Church”.

The Singing has been very faithful to that vision over the years with an amazing amount of talent from the community inspiring the audience and each other with their musical abilities.

— Human Relations Team

“Souper Bowl” Sunday Coming Up



Sunday, Feb. 2, is the day for the Super Bowl, but it is also the day our Missions Team calls “Souper Bowl”.

That's because we are asking for donations of soup or other “meal in a can” foods like stew, dumplings or chili.

Boxes for your donated food will be found in the foyers off the sanctuary, outside fellowship hall and at the Family Life Center.

You are encouraged to bring your donations to church on the Feb. 2 or to the FLC or sometime the first week in February during office hours.

BLOOD DRIVE 10 A.M. – 1 P.M. FEBRUARY 14



Methodist Scarlet Ladies



In February, the month for hearts and valentines), lets return to a fun place we all LOVE: Wade's in Chandler! This converted feed store on the railroad tracks is a place to wear your casual purple and red and bring a big appetite. Their menu has a wide variety of choices, but I've never seen any reason to vary my fried shrimp and catfish basket!

Our usual 11:30 a.m. arrival time will allow us to get our orders in before the lunch crowd winds out the door. Be sure to allow time for browsing in the adjoining gift shop after lunch; they've added another room!

We will meet there on Thursday, February 27. Let me know you will join us by Monday, February 24th.

Dot Clark
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ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKES & SAUSAGE

February 25 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Family Life Center

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United Methodist Men

MUSIC! FUN! GREAT FOOD!

Rainbow
House
Food
Pantry
served
108
families, a
total of
288



persons, on Tuesday, Jan. 29. Of those served, 77 were 60 years and older; 124 were adults (18-59); 87 were children (17 and younger). Six new families were served.

In addition to the food regularly given, we were fortunate to have orange juice (the food bank was giving away) and milk, compliments of Kellie at Lil' Indians Daycare!

We are so blessed to have such great volunteers, but we had a special guest this time – Fran Tatum, Mark Tatum's sister-in-law, filled in helping with blood pressure and blood sugar checks. What a loving and lovely gesture from someone who is here visiting family!



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.

Small items for the Rummage Sale may be brought to the FLC during business hours. Furniture or large items should be brought after 2 p.m. on Feb. 26 because of Rainbow House Food Pantry and Fat Tuesday

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.

At the UMW meeting on Feb. 10, we will finalize plans for the sale. Since some items have already come in, please feel free to go by the FLC and begin marking. Tags, pins and a marking list are available.



Greetings church family,

As fast as 2019 seemed to fly by, January 2020 seemed to go even faster. Did you realize that our students are over halfway through with the school year? Yup, January 10 was the halfway point! The second half of the school year will be just as busy as the first. The UMYF have had some great times during the first half of the school year, but we are just getting started.

As we dive into the second half of the school year, I want you to know how much I covet my time with our students. I know that they lead busy lives. Family time, school, sports & other extracurricular programs, hobbies, and countless other things compete for their time and energy. I am truly thankful for the time they choose to invest in their spiritual growth.

The UMYF will be having a movie (The Shack) and pizza night on Saturday, February 1st. The student's friend and parents are welcome to join us. In addition to our normal Sunday afternoon meetings, I am working on a few fun activities and field trips. We will be doing a couple fund raisers to assist with the cost of UMARMY. More information to come!

Thank you again for allowing me the awesome privilege of investing time with the youth of our wonderful church.

Greg Martin



Once again, the Missions Team is promoting the program of providing a BibleStick from Faith Comes By Hearing for our military and veterans. These MP3 players contain an audio drama New Testament. They are provided to military and are allowed to be carried even when other electronic devices are not.

Some facts are listed below:

- To date we have "deployed" over 1.2 Military BibleSticks to active duty troops and veterans.
- Popularity continues to grow – we are currently averaging 14K requests a month from Chaplains.
- Active duty and Veterans continue to send in written testimonies as to the powerful impact hearing God's Word is having on their lives. ("Give us your Feedback" response card included in each Military BibleStick package)

The cost of each BibleStick is \$25.00 and during the month of February, matching funds are available, doubling the number of devices we would be providing. More information is available at the church office and will be forthcoming in the church bulletin. If you would like to purchase one or more of the BibleSticks, please make your check payable to "United Methodist Church of Frankston" and note BibleStick. You may drop off your check during business hours at the church office or put it in the collection on any Sunday morning in February. Thank you for supporting our military and veterans!

Church Office Hours

(located in Family Life Center)

Mon, Wed, Fri — 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Tues & Thurs — 2 p.m. – 6 p.m.

closed for lunch 1 p.m. – 2 p.m

Please visit our website: www.umcfrankston.org
Look for us on Facebook.



MINISTRY TEAMS:

- Building, Grounds, and Equipment: helps maintain facilities, grounds and equipment
- United Methodist Men: Includes the Medical Transportation team and Wheelchair Ramp building team
- Covenant Christian Cookers: A NEW OUTREACH MINISTRY providing BBQ meals for disaster relief and other designated needs
- United Methodist Women: Noon meeting and/or Evening (forming now)
- Youth & Children: responsible for Family Night children's activities, UMYF, Vacation Bible School
- Worship: Includes
 - Audio/Visual
 - Usher
 - Acolyte
 - Music (choir and/or small group)
 - Communion (preparing elements, setting altar and cleaning up)
 - Sanctuary décor for special services
- Kitchen: shopping/restocking supplies; Wednesday Family Night; special events
- Women's Exercise: NEW evening group forming now
- Lord's Acre: annual event that funds our church ministries
- Nurture: connecting with church members through cards for special occasions, bulletins with devotional & puzzles sent weekly to shut-ins; responsible for setting 5th Sunday covered dish lunches; new member gift bags
- Marketing: Includes photography of events, advertising upcoming events, responsible for Facebook page, visitor bags, etc.
- Missions: responsible for Rainbow House Food Pantry, Clothes Closet, Military BibleSticks, First Friday Produce, CASA Teddy Bears, Emergency Rest Stops for evacuation situations, and more
- Education: responsible for Sunday School and other church related classes
- Human Relations: responsible for annual Gospel Singing, Patriotic Celebration and other activities that bring the community together with the church to further the work and praise of the Lord
- Stewardship: promotes uses of gifts, talents, time, and resources to help reach others for Christ
- Prayer Chain: both e-mail and by phone; prayers for our church and other special needs as they are requested

If you missed the Ministry Fair, please contact Jennie at the church office, 903.876.2235, to sign up for one or more of the above ministry teams! You are volunteering your time for 1 year – we need everyone working together to reach others for Jesus Christ.

We worship God with: Our Prayers



We Pray For.....Willow Green, re-covering from surgery to correct severe laryngomalacia; **Robert Duzan**, Carl House and Cyndi Sabulsky's uncle, cancer; **Dawn Webb**, Langdon's daughter, surgery on Feb. 5 to remove cyst; **Barbara Maupin**, hospitalized with pneumonia; **Tony Campbell**, Stage 4 lung cancer; **Becky Campbell**, health concerns;

Lilia Pizano, health issues, upcoming MRI and surgery; **Greg & Suzette Martin and their families**, medical issues with parents; **George Martin**, Greg Martin's dad, recovering from mini-stroke and awaiting treatment for blockage in carotid arteries; **Terry & Berna Younger**, Suzette Martin's parents; **Those affected by wildfires and other disasters**; **Alvin May**, hospitalized with acute leukemia, undergoing chemo, no visitors, please; **Bill Peck**, Doreen Sweeney's brother, cancer of the tongue; **Jayne Beddingfield**, recovering from fractured pelvis; **Frances Gulihur**, friend of Langdon's, under hospice care; **Laurie Davlin**, at home, but with ongoing health issues; **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 or update our list, please contact the church office at 903.876.2235 or at umcf Frankston@umcf Frankston.org.*

Our Presence

Date	Sunday School	Worship
Jan. 5	40	79
Jan 12	44	82
Jan 19	53	91
Jan 26	38	84

Our Service



Feb. 2	Gunner Vinzant Emma Thomas
Feb. 9	Gavin Lade, Ethan Lade
Feb. 16	Lucas Hubert, Jared Cook
Feb. 23	Erika Hubert, Katie Hadish



Feb. 2	Greg & Suzette Martin
Feb. 9	Jerry & Joni Jones
Feb. 16	Luke & Kim McGuffey
Feb. 23	Jamey & Elizabeth Lade

Pray for our military

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

February Birthdays



2 Ray Alsobrook
3 John Riley Jimenez
4 Sharon Spinhirne
8 Wanda Daily
9 James Beard

Ronnie Clarkston

11 Jerry Beard 13 Bob Chapman Alex Baldaras
14 Jessica Denson Carl Kisamore
19 Emily Cook 21 Joyce Marin-Emerson
22 Cathy Duncan Barbara Martin
28 Cherie Griffice

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



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.