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The United Methodist Messenger

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

Rev. Michael Fraley, Pastor

- Matthew 28:16-20

The Pastor's Part

May, 2019

This past Sunday I talked with you about faith sharing. The starting point with faith sharing is, of course, having faith. That is why the story of Thomas in John 20:19-29 is so important; as is the story of Peter in John 21:15-19. We hear and read the stories of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John but our faith is not in the story-tellers or the stories they tell – our faith is in the one who is revealed to us through these stories.

Our faith is real because we have a real (living) relationship with Jesus. This is what we have to share with others. (Let me break down the previous sentence.) The most valuable asset we can ever claim to be “ours” is a living (loving) relationship with Jesus of Nazareth. The only way that we ever claim this relationship as our own is to fully intend to give it away completely. Therefore, “This is what we have . . .” and “. . . we have to share with others.”

Peter wrote: “Always be ready to give an answer when someone asks you about your hope. Give a kind and respectful answer and keep your conscience clear.” 1 Peter 3:15-16

We cannot start with a thirty minute answer and expect folks to pay attention. We have to start with a short, sharp hook: Thomas – “My faith was weak and I did not believe in anything I could not see or feel. But now I believe in Jesus and my faith is strong because he touched me.”

Peter – “My best friend is the most wonderful person who ever lived and I betrayed him. Jesus forgave me and asked me to spread his story to everyone I meet.”

Mike – “I was without purpose and though I had many friends I was all alone. Now I am often alone but never lonely because Jesus gave me a purpose that brings me joy.”

Write one for yourself. Jesus will help you.

Brother Mike

MAY CHURCH ACTIVITIES

May 1 — 11:30 a.m. UMW hosts High School Senior Luncheon, Family Life Center
 May 1 — 7 p.m. Choir Practice, sanctuary
 May 3 — 7 a.m. *Fresh Produce for all*, parking lot
 May 5 — 9:45 a.m. *Sunday School* for all ages
 May 5 — 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time, fellowship hall
 May 5 — 11 a.m. *Communion Worship* service, sanctuary
 May 5 — 5:30 p.m. United Methodist Youth meet at the FLC to go to the Meal & Revival at the Brushy Creek Arbor
 May 6 — 9 a.m. Stocking Rainbow House, FLC
 May 6 — 6 p.m. Meal & Revival at the Brushy Creek Arbor
 May 7 — 10 a.m. Bible Study, Brushy Creek UMC
 May 7 — 7 p.m. Bible Study, Family Life Center
 May 8 — 7 p.m. Choir Practice, sanctuary
 May 12 — 9:45 a.m. *Sunday School* for all ages
 May 12 — 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time, fellowship hall
 May 12 — 11 a.m. *Worship* service, sanctuary
 May 13 — Noon United Methodist Women meet, brown bag lunch, Family Life Center
 May 14 — 10 a.m. Bible Study, Brushy Creek UMC
 May 14 — 7 p.m. Bible Study, Family Life Center
 May 15 — 7 p.m. Choir Practice, sanctuary
 May 18 — 8 a.m. United Methodist Men hold breakfast meeting, Family Life Center
 May 19 — 9:45 a.m. *Sunday School* for all ages
 May 19 — 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time, fellowship hall
 May 19 — 11 a.m. *Worship* service, sanctuary
 May 19 — Noon *Council of Ministries* meets, fellowship hall, brown bag lunch
 May 20 — 9 a.m. Stocking Rainbow House, FLC
 May 21 — 9 a.m. – Noon *Rainbow House* food and clothes distribution, Family Life Center
 May 21 — 7 p.m. Bible Study, Family Life Center
 May 22 — 7 p.m. Choir Practice, sanctuary
 May 26 — 9:45 a.m. *Sunday School* for all ages
 May 26 — 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time, fellowship hall
 May 26 — 11 a.m. *Worship* service, sanctuary
 May 26 — *Annual Conference* begins, Houston
 May 27 — CHURCH OFFICES AND FAMILY LIFE CENTER CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY
 May 28 — No Bible Study
 May 29 — 7 p.m. Choir Practice, sanctuary



Methodist Scarlet Ladies

It seems to have become tradition for the Methodist Scarlet Ladies to celebrate the merry month of May by returning to the Hidden Gardens Tea Room and Nursery in Bullard. The address is 957 FM 2493. We will meet there on Thursday, May 30, at 11:15 a.m.

Their menu features delightful soups, salads and sandwiches with pretty flowery names, and you'll want to save room for one of the featured sweets on their dessert board.

Few of us leave without a flat of their lovely blooms, or a hanging basket or two from their gorgeous nursery.

Since there are always other groups there, I would like to make our reservations as soon as possible, so please try to let me know you're going on or before Sunday, May 26th.

RAINBOW HOUSE

Tuesday morning, April 16, was a great morning with members and volunteers showing up to help distribute food and clothing to 75 families, all clients of Rainbow House Food Pantry.



Of the 248 people served, 80 were senior citizens (aged 55 and over), 98 were adults (aged 18 to 54) and 70 were children (aged 17 and under).

Everyone was pretty excited about the upcoming "I Can Walk for Hunger" Walk-A-Thon. By the time you read this article, the 6th annual walk for hunger will have occurred. We are sure that it will be as much fun and as successful as the past walks.

We are fortunate to have so many involved in the mission of the Rainbow House. It warms the heart, honestly, to witness the goodness and benevolence that abounds. Thanks be to God!

The United Methodist Women want to thank everyone who donated gift cards, time and talents to the Annual High School Senior Lunch. Your generosity helps make this occasion very special for these graduating seniors.



Spotlight on Stewardship

Although through apportionments and individual contributions UMC Frankston members support national and international missions, this month the Stewardship Team recognizes people who participate in the local Rainbow House mission. There are those who are to be commended for supporting other church missions--teddy bears for CASA, gift card donations, dual credit scholarships, UMYF, scriptures on thumb-drives to name a few--but Rainbow House is the most easily photographed. So, here are a few pictures of missionaries in action.

The Stewardship Team



We worship God with: Prayer

Family of Dee Gill, longtime friend of Jim Tom Johnson; **Family of Tom Disk**, Lina Mae Eschberger's nephew; **Family of Alvin Bragg**; **Family of Bruno Corley**; **Family of Mike Row**, father-in-law of Lyle & Cathy Duncan's son, Shane; **Susan Beard**, ongoing health concerns; **Brenda Higginbotham**, upcoming surgery; **Pat Knight**, health concerns; **River Ann Kellis**, newborn great-great niece of Dianne Beard, complications from birth; **Lela Tipton**, continued health concerns; **Brett Harden**, recovering from surgery; **Teresa Ellis**, Graham Ellis' wife, lung disorder; **Jackie Dollarhide**, recovering from broken hip; **Virginia Mageehee**, friend of Jerry & Jenny Beard, complications from broken leg; **Ella Herschler**, 16 year old friend of Ann Tatum; improving, but still suffering seizures from epilepsy; **Dottie Aalfs**, recuperating at home; **Ruth Tindel**, ongoing health concerns; **Jody Henson**, rehab at home after 2nd back surgery; **Joan Odel**, Twin Oaks, under hospice care; **Jim Tom Johnson**, recovering from heart valve replacement; **Phillip Willingham**, friend of Carl House, recovering from brain surgery; **Linda Moore**, recovering from surgery; **Persons affected by recent storms and those affected with worldwide violence**; 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



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
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May Birthdays

2 Jerry D. Jones
 3 Lita Cook, Jennie Minter
 5 Anne Hamilton
 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

Our Presence

April	Sunday School	Worship
7	41	60
14	44	81
21	28	136
28	35	62

Our Service



May 5 — Gavin Lade, Katie Hadash
May 12 — Gunner Vinzant, Ethan Lade
May 19 — Kaylynn Frink, Brianna Howard
May 26 — Gavin Lade, Jared Cook



May 5 — Dan Wicker, Randy Randle
May 12 — James Beard & Jim Tom Johnson
May 19 — Les & Marsha Langdon
May 26 — Sam & Beverly Robertson

Annual Conference

MAY 26 - 29, HOUSTON



**A FUTURE
 WITH HOPE**
 TEXAS ANNUAL
 CONFERENCE 2019

CHURCH CAMP AT LAKEVIEW!

July 7 – July 12

**Registration is open now at
lakeviewmcc.org**