

# THE MESSENGER

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## WHAT'S NEXT?

Dear Friends:



Many of you have asked what Janell and I plan to do in retirement. Our primary goal remains as always, to serve the Lord. Specifically, I know that I'm being called to devote my time to writing faith based fiction that will subtly get the Gospel message across to readers, especially the twenty and thirty somethings, so many of whom are not connected to any community of faith. C.S. Lewis did the same with his allegorical speculative fiction in the Narnia Chronicles and The Space Trilogy. Janell will devote more time to her paper art. One of our two bedrooms has been furnished into an office where both of us can conduct our work. She even has an electronic digital keyboard so she can continue to play music as well. We will head off into a busy retirement with many wonderful memories of all the great times we have shared with all of you, and look with anticipation when we shall all be reunited in the Kingdom.

As I write all of this, being an incorrigible planner, the years to come will be full of surprises as well, some of them good and others not good at all. Through it all, we will trust in the Lord to see us through. Remember that though we can't see what's beyond the next hill, the One who goes with us does. He knows the way and will never desert us. Even when the road becomes steep and difficult, the One who's been with us all along will see us through to that final destination. And it is a wonderful destination. Thanks to all of you for sharing eleven years of our faith journey together, and may God continue to bless and keep you and yours.

Yours in Christ,

*Pastor Tim*

Paul reminds us about the larger picture of life:

*It is written: "I believed; therefore I have spoken." With that same spirit of faith we also believe and therefore speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you in his presence. All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.*

*Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.* (2 Corinthians 4:13-18 NIV)

## United Methodist Women - May 2018



The Agape Circle will meet on Wednesday, May 16, 2018, at the Fellowship Hall at 10:30 a.m. Kathy Spurger will be presenting the study entitled, Chapter 3, Rejoice in the Lord's Mercy from Max Lucado's Anxious for Nothing.

The next Mary/Martha meeting will be on Monday, May 21, 2018, at the Rainbow House and Faye Terry will present the program. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m. followed by the program. This is the last regularly scheduled meeting for the Mary/Martha group until September 17, 2018.

The Paige Circle's next meeting will be Monday, May 28, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. at the Paige Church.

Membership in these three circles is open to anyone in the community that would like to join and be a part of the United Methodist Women's organization at FUMC Giddings.

The annual UMW Salad Luncheon and General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 10, 2018, at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Plans for this meeting will be announced next month.

A special thanks to all the ladies who contributed COOKIES and also who helped with the Church 's BBQ on the Bun and participated in the Time and Talent Auction and Stew Luncheon and the Clean-up in March.

MEMBERSHIP IS NOT REQUIRED TO ATTEND ANY OF THESE CIRCLE MEETINGS

### MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST



The Men's Breakfast is 6:30 am on Thursday, May 10 in our fellowship hall. Join us for some great food and a thoughtful lesson led by Robert French.

### NEWSLETTER CHANGES

The newsletter is now emailed and distributed by hand in church. You may find this information as well at our Facebook Page and Website.

### CHOIR NEWS



Several special events are planned for our Chancel choir in May and June. First is a visit to Oakland Nursing Home on Wednesday, May 9 at 5:45 pm. Kathy Spurger will be playing her accordion for the hymn sing. Also there will be a chicken dance for interested parties. This is open to everyone and it doesn't mean that you have joined the choir.

All children are invited to join in an anthem for both Mother's Day and Father's Day, May 13 and June 17, respectively. Please bring your children at 10:30 am on those Sundays to rehearse prior to the service. Also there will be no regular choir rehearsals on the Wednesday be for Mother's and Father's Day. For more information, see our director, Kathryn Hallmark.

## THANKS TO THE PEOPLE OF PAIGE UMC



Janell and I would like to thank all of you wonderful people at Paige for the terrific sendoff you gave us on the final Sunday of April. We will always cherish the memories of the Polka Mass, the fellowship of the wonderful food and visiting, and the extravagantly generous gift. May God continue to bless you and your church in the future.

Pastor Tim and Janell

## NEEDED:

### SECRETARY AT GIDDINGS UMC

We are now taking applications for a new secretary at First UMC Giddings. Jenny Althaus, our most capable secretary for the past 27+ years, is retiring at the same time as Pastor Tim. The job includes knowledge of spreadsheets, word processing, and bookkeeping on computer, as well as tracking church finances, attendance, filing records, and many other detailed tasks in the day to day business of church life. Included is the production of the weekly bulletins and monthly newsletter. The time is thirty hours a week, for four days, preferably Monday through Thursday. Interviews will be conducted toward the end of May with work beginning in June with one month concurrent with Jenny to learn the ropes involved. Please send a resume or get an application from Pastor Tim.



## BAPTISM AT PAIGE

Congratulations to Charlie and Bridget Burttschell and Paige on the baptism of Cassidy Jean on Sunday, April 1.

May God bless you in your commitment to the faith and future of this precious baby girl.

## UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR



(Paige events in bold face)

- Men's Breakfast, 6:30 am, Thursday, May 10
- Food Pantry, 9 am, Friday and Saturday, May 11 & 12, May 25 & 26
- Choir at Oakland Manor Nursing Home, 5:45 pm, Wednesday, May 9
- Mothers' Day, Sunday, May 13
- Finance Committee, 6:30 pm, Tuesday, May 15
- Texas Annual Conference, May 27-30, The Woodlands UMC
- Father's Day, Sunday, June 17
- Sunday, July 1, Pastor Patty's First Sunday



Please remember to keep the entire congregation in your prayers, but especially those persons who have special needs.

### **Giddings Members**

Myrtle Becker  
Anne Chadwick  
Jessica & Nathan Dunk  
Debby Grayson  
Janis Hannes  
Dianna Hannes  
John Hannes  
Lottie Lively Hollan  
Dolly Kostoun  
Diane Mitschke  
Gene Newcomb  
Danielle Ramirez  
Bill Remsing  
Phyllis Smith  
Ruth Ann Snodgrass  
Bill Spencer

### **Giddings Family & Friends**

Beth Auten  
Sandra Baker  
Mary Bates  
Rev. Calvin & Marie Beckendorf  
Verlie Bennett  
Judy Briscoe  
Maysie Cowell  
Nancy Emmert  
Patricia Evans  
Cayden Hannes  
Rev. Gail Harrelson  
Frieda Harris  
Jim Harris  
Mary Beth Hillard  
Steven Kelley  
Arnold Klein  
David Klein  
Lana Knight  
Nancy Lengyel  
Juan Lucio  
Susan Merritt  
Mia Miller  
Morgan Twins  
Jason & Gina Murillo  
Bryce Myrick  
Lyndon Newcomb  
Carole Nunally  
Jerry Poston, Jr.  
Jack Carter Rice

Betty Robertson  
Beverly Russo  
Marion Schulze  
James Smallwood  
Teresa Todd  
Lisa Winters  
Dan Wright  
Charlotte York  
Dwain Young

### **Paige Family & Friends**

Nellie Cook  
Neil Emery  
Harry & Gertrude Eschberger  
Kevin Geyer  
Rev. Gail Harrelson  
Judy Hunter  
Cornell & Ethel Kunkel  
Bruce Light  
Karen Light  
Margaret & Mark Lyle  
James & Rose Millner  
Cathy Newton  
Rachel Riffe  
Mike & Eva Schwartz  
Sunny Spangler  
Paul Watts  
Leroy Wobus  
Dorothy Wright

### **OUR LOVE AND SYMPATHY TO:**

-- Cyndi Lehmann and her family on the death of her mother, Ronita Maynard.

### **THANK YOU TO:**

-- Those of you who helped with another successful BBQ on Bun, especially Robin and Jim Bunch for leading us.  
-- Those of you who helped to make the Time and Talent Event very successful.

### **PERHAPS**

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair,  
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say,  
Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day,  
Whatever you did to console our hearts  
WE THANK YOU SO MUCH whatever the part.  
The family of Frances Proske acknowledges with grateful appreciation the kind expression of your sympathy.

Thank you,  
Carol & Wayne Bennett