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Glimpses of Faith Newsletter
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Pastor's Page

We just celebrated Pentecost Sunday, the traditional birthday of the church. The Christian Church has been around for more than two millennia now. In that time it has outlasted the Roman Empire in which it was birthed and countless other empires have risen and fallen. It has seen crusades, reformations, theological fads come and go. In our own day there is much handwringing over falling membership numbers, particularly in the western world. All this while Christianity is expanding in Africa,

Asia and South America. Pedophile priests and wayward ministers and evangelists have rocked the ecclesiastical boat. The Church has both cozied up to dictators and right wing politicians and provided a strong foundation for civil rights, union movements and opposing wars. The old find solace in the traditions, rituals and beliefs while often the young find it to be nothing but mumbo jumbo. People find both fulfillment and disappointment in the Church. Shouts of "hypocrites!" and "Amen!" can be heard by those who attend. The Church is both a human creation, with all the foibles that entails, and a crucible for the Holy Spirit that offers divine inspiration.

I recently ran across this prayer by George MacCleod, who fought in WWI and later became an avid promoter of peace. He came from a family that had many ancestors who were ministers and high ranking leaders in the Church of Scotland, representing over 500 years of service! He left a prestigious church in Edinburgh to take a working class church in a factory town. He would later cofound Iona Abbey and become head of the Church in Scotland.

"A Chaos of Uncalculating Love"

It was your custom
to go to the temple,
to the noisome temple
sometime to the scandalized temple
listening to the mumbo jumbo,
but it was your custom to go.
Give us the grace in our changing day
to stand by the temple that is the present church,
the noisome temple
the sometime scandalized temple that is the present church,
listening sometime to what again seems mumbo jumbo.
Make it our custom to go
till the new outline of your Body for our day
becomes visible in our midst.

Thank You Letters to Faith UCC



Dear Friends, I can't tell you how thrilled we were to have your space for our meeting today, You really came to the rescue.

Thank you !! Renate Claybourne for
Mom's Demand Action - N.B.

Wear Orange - Saturday, June 2nd

On the first Saturday in June, we will recognize individuals and communities impacted by gun violence, we will share our dedication and commitment to each other to take on the work ahead and we will celebrate and share our collective stories of success in working to reduce gun violence in our country. Together we will organize a day of recognition that shows indisputably that there is a movement of Americans committed to stop gun violence. Thank you for helping us turn America orange - louder and brighter than ever.

What: Hometown Hotdog Roast and Bicycle Rodeo! Join us as we honor National Gun Violence Awareness day and talk about bike safety, sun safety, and gun safety.

When: June 2, beginning at 10 a.m.

Where: Fischer Park Grand Pavilion, 1935 Hilltop Summit Road New Braunfels, TX 78130

More Info: rsvp at <https://every.tw/2rLuoly> text ORANGE to 644-33
email Texas@momschapterleaders.org

Decorate your bike for the rodeo! Prizes for the "Orangest" bicycle.

CUE Seminary Support

Dear Members and Friends of Faith UCC, Thank you for your gifts to Chicago, United and Eden Seminaries! CUE Seminaries provide an important ministry in the United Church of Christ by preparing leaders for ministry in congregations and community settings, locally and across the globe. Each seminary is a vibrant, caring, and inspiring place to pursue theological education. Students are both nurtured and challenged as they pursue their call to ministry. These students are serving and will serve the wider church with pastoral skill.

Thank you for investing in the leadership of the UCC. Thank you for supporting theological education as a vital part of your ministry.

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With gratitude, Kiely Todd Roska
Director, CUE Seminaries

Our Prayers Go Out to the Family of Merle Kosler

Merle Kosler died on May 29, 2018. The funeral memorial service will be held in Conroe, Texas on Saturday, June 2 from 1-3 p.m. at the McNutt Funeral Home. Donations to Mission Ministries that Merle supported in the church may be given in her memory.

The address for the McNutt Funeral Home is 1703 Porter Road, Conroe, Texas 77301
For further information call the funeral home at 1-936-756-2744

Thank You From Bob & Shirley Manning

To All of our Church Family Bob and I would like to Thank You for all of your thoughts and prayers, well wishes of all kinds, phone calls, text messages, cards, visits and all the support and love we have felt coming our way. It has truly helped us very much during this health experience that we have had come to us. Thank You very much.

Bob has made good progress and we are hopeful that he will continue to do that this coming week and we can look toward his return to our home.

Blessings to each of you.....Shirley and Bob



June Birthdays

6-2 Don Green	6-3 David Reed
6-6 John Stark	6-10 Jim Gossett
6-12 Kyle Kramm	6-12 Hays Marlow
6-13 Cade Perry-Clark	6-16 Jo Ann Brown

If your birthday is not on here please let Pastor Scott know so we can get in on the list for next year!

Bunco Night on Friday June 15 at 6:30 p.m.

Join us for a night of food, fellowship, and bunco! Bunco is a fun, exciting game and easy to learn. No experience is required. Please bring your favorite dish to share - main dish, salad, bread, or dessert. Drinks will be provided. Each player should bring \$5 for cash prizes for the winners. Please sign up in the narthex. Questions? Call Dan or Vicky Geisler at 817-925-3222.





Faith Choir to Sing at San Antonio Pride Event Saturday, June 30th

For the second year in a row, the Faith Choir has been invited to sing at the Pride San Antonio Pride Festival in San Antonio at Crockett Park. The choir will take the stage about noon on June 30, 2018. Faith UCC's Music Director, Reed Hoke, will sing a solo set around 4:15. Everyone is welcome to come and sing with the choir or just be a spectator. Here is a link to the event <http://www.pridesanantonio.org/lgbtq-festival.html>

Congratulation to Jerry and Barbara Jaroszewski on their 65th Anniversary!

You are invited to help Jerry and Barbara celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary on Sunday, June 10th at the Rio Terra Clubhouse from 2-5 p.m.. The clubhouse is in back of the main building. To rsvp call 830- 221- 4948. The address to send them a card is
2294 Apt 110 Common St
New Braunfels, Tx 78130



Congratulations to Quinn and Devyn Perry!



Quinn and Devyn both graduate this year from high school. Congratulations to them both and blessings as they move forward in life! You can help celebrate by joining us and Quinn and Devyn after church during the hospitality time on Sunday, June 3rd. There will also be a party for them at their grandmother's house on Saturday, June 2nd. If you want to send them card the address is 28330 Oak Creek Dr. New Braunfels, Tx 78132

Heart of Texas Association News

We have some excellent members and ministers from our Association churches doing dedicated work to help plan and do the last minute work to host the **South Central Conference Annual Meeting on June 1st-2nd at Camp Allen**. The list is long, but at this point, I want to lift up Linda Coates, our vice-moderator and chair of the meeting, who is handling so many tasks -- from arranging the banquet menu to finalizing workshop assignments to publicity to so much more. Thanks to these and to all who are and will be pitching in to put a great meeting together. I hope to see many of you there.

Last month in my article, I noted the generosity of the Heart of Texas Association in putting together many **hygiene kits for Back Bay Mission**. However, the count I gave was too low. When I finished adding the materials bought with Association funds and took the kits out to Biloxi, the final count was 83 kits! I also have extra supplies that have been donated and will go out when Linda Coates and Anne Wehrly drive the kits given at the SCC Annual Meeting to Back Bay Mission. We also look forward to your generosity and to that of the churches of the South Central Conference as we receive your Church World Service school kits. I know many people will be grateful to receive these wonderful gifts.



On the last Sunday in April, Jerry Carpenter and Weimar UCC celebrated his retirement together with a lovely worship service. Jerry sings sometimes during his preaching - his parting song to the congregation was "Friends are Friends Forever" by Michael W. Smith. It was a fitting and wonderful end to his 14 year ministry among his fine friends at Weimar. Afterward, the church served a delicious lunch in their new kitchen and fellowship hall. It was a privilege for me to be there to join with them for their loving send off to as Jerry and Doris move to their new home in Tyler.

I will be working from my extended family home in the Berkshire mountains in the western part of Massachusetts for a short time in mid June (approximately June 15th-20th) and from July 4th -- August 4th. The location is rural, without cell service except when we go to the nearby town to shop, meaning that I can't return cell phone calls quickly. For those who want to reach me, we do have high speed internet service, so I would ask that you email me at lizknash@gmail.com, and I will call you back, if needed, on our landline. For two weeks at the end of June and early July, I will be on vacation (on a boat in Alaska waters) and will only have occasional cell/email access. I thank the Heart of Texas Board for supporting me in this period long distance work to be able to spend time with family.

Today, I will be attending a webinar about best practices for churches when a registered sex offender wants to join. Many of our churches have had the dilemma of how to offer Christ's welcome to all while also being wise, caring, and careful when a registered sex offender wants to join. I hope to gain resources and understanding to share with you about this kind of situation should it come up in your church.

Blessings in Christ, Liz Nash, Association Minister



New Exercise & Nutrition Class Begins May 29th

5 week exercise plan Starts 5/29/18 @6pm with a nutrition class with personal trainer Melissa Busby. Ladies of Faith Church will receive a discounted price of \$35.00 for the five week plan . If interested email bbizer50@gmail.com. COME find your BEST FIT.

Family Promise July 8- 22nd

Summer is here and it is time to host the Family Promise families once more. They will be staying in the church fellowship hall and Hoffmann Building for two weeks. As usual we will need volunteers to help set up and take down; provide food and visit with the families, folks to stay overnight. Our thanks to Michelle Perry for helping to organize this year. You can sign up on Signup Genius. Here is the link to sign up

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b45a8a62ba02-2018/14128280>

If you have any questions or need help signing up contact Michelle Perry or Karen Dietz.

June/July Worship Assistants (No Sunday School until fall)

6-10 Liturgist: Julia Allison Acolyte: Dan Geisler Council Rep: Dan Geisler
Greeter: Nicolle Clark Hospitality: Vicky Geisler AV: Michelle Perry
Ushers: Dan & Vicky Geisler; Julia Allison; Nicolle Clark Nursery: TBA

6-17 Liturgist: Jason Chapel Acolyte & Council Rep: Carol Sisco-Marinez
Greeter: Eddie Martinez Hospitality: Mikki Ward AV: Joe Ward
Ushers: Eddie & Carol Sisco-Marintez; Jason Chapel; Mikki Ward Nursery: TBA

6-24 Liturgist: Nicolle Clark Acolyte: Jason Chapel Council Rep: Jason Chapel
Greeter: Jennifer Marlow Hospitality: Sheila Angerer AV: Tim Marlow
Ushers: Jason Chapel; Sheila Angerer; Nicolle Clark Nursery: TBA

7-1 Liturgist: Karen Dietz Acolyte: Kyle Kramm Council Rep: Kyle Kramm
Greeter: Karen Kramm Hospitality: Mary Jean Owen AV: Mikki Ward
Ushers: Kyle Kramm; Karen Kramm; Frank & Karen Dietz Nursery: TBA

7-8 Liturgist: Jennifer Marlow Acolyte: Valerie Oates Council Rep: Valerie Oates
Greeter: Mikki Ward Hospitality: Tex Pantermuehl AV: Joe Ward
Ushers: Valerie Oates; Jennifer Marlow; Julia Allison; Mikki Ward Nursery: TBA

If you cannot serve on the date(s) shown, please try to find a sub. If that is not possible, please leave a message at the church (830-625-6761) as soon as possible. If you would like to be added or removed from all or part of the Worship Assistant List, please contact the church office.