

May 2018  
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Glimpses of Faith Newsletter  
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## Pastor's Page

As I sat in the church office this morning a storm rolled in, thunder rumbled, the skies turned dark, the rain came down in sheets. I opened up the blinds to let all this wash over me and went outside to feel the wind. Then I returned to reading "Listening for the Heartbeat of God: A Celtic Spirituality by J. Philip Newell. He was lifting up the words of George MacLeod and one of his prayers entitled "Glory in the Grey".

**Almighty God...  
Sun behind all suns,  
Soul behind all souls,...  
show to us in everything we touch  
and in everyone we meet  
the continued assurance of thy presence round us,  
lest we should think thee absent.  
In all created things thou art there.  
In every friend we have  
the sunshine of thy presence is shown forth.  
In every enemy that seems to cross our path,  
thou art there within the cloud to challenge us to love.  
Show to us the glory in the grey.  
Awake for us thy presence in the very storm  
till all our joys are seen as thee  
and all our trivial tasks emerge as priestly sacraments  
in the universal temple of thy love.**

It is indeed a challenge to see the "glory in the grey". It is a challenge to see "the sunshine of God's presence in every enemy that crosses our path." In these polarized dark times can we sense God's call to "love". When we watch the news or go on facebook do dark thoughts fill our hearts, souls and minds? Do clouds form as we listen to someone with opposing views on religion, politics or the world? We do not have to accept everything or even always let certain views go unchallenged but will sense God in our midst "challenging us to love"? Beyond this can we even begin to see the "trivial tasks emerge as priestly sacraments"?

## May Birthdays

5-2 Richard Hitz

5-4 Sheri Haynes

5-4 Charles Stark

5-11 Kelvin Kramm

5-12 Nicolle Perry-Clark

5-13 Kathleen Hoffmann

5-17 Tim Marlow

5-23 Kathy Leber

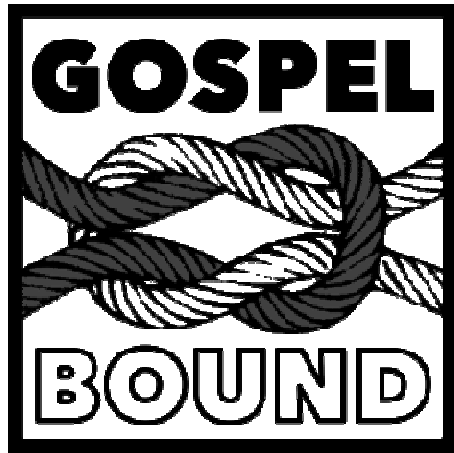
5-24 Sheila Angerer

5-24 Jena Wendel

5-27 Lee Zillmann



**If your birthday or the birthday of someone you know is not listed please let the pastor know so we can get it in next year.**



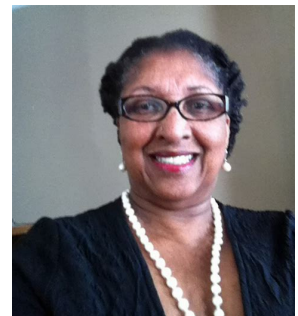
## South Central Conference Annual Meeting June 1 & 2

The meeting will be hosted by our Heart of Texas Association and will be held at Camp Allen which is located outside Navasota, Texas. The theme is Gospel Bound. Our conference minister Rev. Dr. Don Longbottom will be installed by Rev. John Dorhauer, General Minister and President of the United Church of Christ. The following people will be attending from Faith Church: Joe & Mikki Ward; Janet Sherman; Jeremy Albers; and Pastor Scott. In addition to the installation the conference budget and

officers will be voted on. There will be workshops on the conference's major emphasis' and opportunities for worship.

## Unitarian Universalists Reception for Rev. Addae Ama Kraba on Sunday, May 6th

The UU is hosting a reception for their new minister, the Rev. Addae Ama Kraba, on Sunday, May 6th from 4 to 6 p.m. We welcome Rev Kraba to the community!



## **Memorial Service for Lucile Marburger May 16th at 1 p.m.**

*A memorial service will be held at Faith UCC on Wednesday, May 16th at 1 p.m. for Lucile Marburger who passed away on Friday, April 27th. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Marburger Family.*

*Lucile Miriam Pfluger Marburger, a beloved light in her family and community, passed away on April 28th, 2018, in New Braunfels, TX, at the age of 100.*

*Lucile was preceded in death by her parents, husband Edward D. (Tony) Marburger, brother Charles Pfluger & wife Delma, and brother-in-law, Kermit Westerholm.*



*She is survived by sons Gary Marburger and Alan Marburger; grandchildren Sara Espinoza & husband Joey, Josh Marburger, Eric Marburger & wife Hannah, Kelly Marburger; great-grandchildren Risa, Micah, and Jace Espinoza; sister, Carolyn Westerholm, and numerous nieces and nephews.*

*Lucile, daughter of Carl and Lillie (Polzin) Pfluger, was born on March 8, 1918 in Coupland, TX. As a young child, she moved with her family to Taylor, TX, Los Angeles, TX, and then Bishop, TX, where she graduated as valedictorian. In 1940, she earned a degree in Home Economics from the University of Texas, and took a teaching job in Refugio, TX. She and Tony found each other there. Both born and baptized in Coupland. their lives came together. The two raised their family in Houston, while building a successful insurance business with State Farm, and, upon retirement, built a home in Fischer, TX, where she and Tony remained dedicated to extensive community service. Lucile was an early member of Faith United Church of Christ, early member of Canyon Lake Republican Women, Founding member of the Heritage Museum of the Texas Hill Country, member of the New Braunfels Area Quilters Guild, member of the Fischer Store School Community Center, and numerous charitable and social organizations, such as PTA, Scouts, Little League, Meadowbrook Garden Club, and church activities, such as women's circle and junior Sunday school teacher and sponsor at First Evangelical Church, Houston.*

*She was a gifted painter and quilter, who gave and shared her art for causes and as gifts to her friends and family. For her dedication, Lucile was named as First Lady of the year by Beta Sigma Phi in 1999, and received numerous awards for her painting and quilting, being recognized in and outside the State. Despite these lauds, she was never one to seek public attention, and will always be remembered for her quiet acts of hospitality and generosity.*

*A memorial service will be held at Faith United Church of Christ in New Braunfels at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 16th, with a reception following from 2:00 to 3:00 in the fellowship hall. The public is invited to attend, but seating will be limited, and the family acknowledges with gratitude that many recently honored Lucile with their presence at her 100th birthday event.*

*In lieu of flowers, (and to honor her ever-generous spirit), donations may be made to: Faith United Church of Christ - New Braunfels, Hope Hospice New Braunfels, and Family Promise of Greater New Braunfels Inc..*

## May/June Worship Assistants

5-6 Liturgist: Karen Dietz Acolyte: Carol Sisco-Martinez Council Rep: Carol Sisco-Martinez  
Greeter: Eddie Martinez Hospitality: Mikki Ward Communion: Joe Ward  
Ushers: Eddie & Carol Sisco-Martinez; Mikki Ward; Karen Dietz  
Church School: Kathy Leber & Beth Bizer Nursery: TBA AV: Joe Ward

5-13 Liturgist: Jennifer Marlow Acolyte: Hayes Marlow Council Rep: Jason Chapel  
Greeter: Sheila Angerer Hospitality: Tex Pantermuehl  
Ushers: Tim & Jennifer Marlow; Jason Chapel; Sheila Angerer  
Church School: Jan Ziegler & Will Gossett & Kai Perry Nursery: TBDA AV: Fisher Marlow

5-20 Liturgist: Quinn Perry Acolyte: Cade Perry Council Rep: Kyle Kramm  
Greeter: Will Gossett Hospitality: Mary Jean Owne AV: Jakob Beauchamp  
Ushers: Grace Perry; Camdyn Sisco-Martinez; Sofia Beauchamp; Elly Beauchamp  
Church School: Jennifer Marlow & Elly Beauchamp & Jakob Beauchamp Nursery: TBA:

5-27 Liturgist: Kathy Leber Acolyte: Valerie Oates Council Rep: Valerie Oates  
Greeter: Richard Leber Hospitality: Jan Ziegler AV: Tim Marlow  
Ushers: Valerie Oates; Richard & Kathy Leber; David Bizer Church School: no classes  
Nursery: TBA

6-3 Liturgist: Ralph Ludwig Acolyte: Kim Beauchamp Council Rep: Kim Beauchamp  
Greeter: Joe Ward Hospitality: Julia Allison AV: Joe Ward  
Ushers: Kim Beauchamp; Joe & Mikki Ward; Jakob Beauchamp  
Church School: no classes Nursery: TBA

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  
Church School: no classes 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.**



## Heart of Texas Association News

Our Heart of Texas Association gathering on April 22nd at Friends Congregational UCC in College Station was an outpouring of generosity. **The “potluck” project of bringing supplies for hygiene kits and assembling them for Back Bay Mission resulted in 77 kits,** enthusiastically assembled at the end of the meeting. We voted to pay up to \$300 to buy supplies to complete the kits that didn't have the full list of supplies, but our expenditure from Association funds will be much less because of another generous gift -- Linda Oberhoff presented the payments in the lunch basket, meant to reimburse Friedens Washington for the delicious lunch they provided, as a gift toward completing the hygiene kits. A member of Friends Congregational obtained a donation of nice cloth bags for the kits, bags that can be reused by the homeless folks who receive these kits from Back Bay Mission. We also had a group who drove 4 hours each way from St. Paul Corpus Christi, a generous gift of time to be with us, much appreciated by everyone there. Of course, we also deeply appreciate the gift Friends gave by hosting us when Weimar's building was not ready, and Dan DeLeon's gift of an inspiring opening worship.

**We also appreciate the generosity of those who have committed to serve in new ways in the Association.** We have three new members on our Committee on Ministry. These include Rev. Cecile Adam, retired Seton Medical Center chaplain (but still very active) and member of Congregational Church of Austin; Rev. Darrin Holub, pastor of Evangelical UCC, Lyons, and Friedens UCC, Gay Hill; and Michelle Dupy, member of St. Peter's Church of Coupland. Rev. John Gage, senior pastor of United Christian Church in Austin, is the new Committee on Ministry chair, and Pastor Cindy Miller of St. John's UCC, Burton, continues as the registrar. Pastor Charlotte Albert of St. Peter's Church of Coupland, came on board as our Association secretary. She joins continuing officers Pastor Janet Sherman of Faith UCC, New Braunfels, as moderator; Linda Coats, member of Friends Congregational UCC, College Station, as vice-moderator; and Joe Ward, member of Faith UCC, New Braunfels, as treasurer. All of our new Committee on Ministry members and our secretary were voted in at our spring meeting.

At our recent **Committee on Ministry** meeting, we had an ordination interview with Will Nelson and have recommended him for ordination, with his Ecclesiastical Council to be held at our fall association meeting. Will is a member of Church of the Savior in Cedar Park, and earned his Master of Divinity from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. We will send out his ordination paper in the weeks before the meeting for all to read in preparation. We also welcomed René Slataper, member of Congregational Church of Austin, as a Member in Discernment. René is about to start seminary at Lexington Theological Seminary in their mainly online program. He is the third of our current Members in Discernment to be part of the Lexington program, a historic seminary of the Christian Church/Disciples of Christ that is very welcoming to UCC students, and the fourth to be part of an online program. We congratulate Will and René, and look forward to learning how they will be called to serve in Christ's ministry.

I look forward to taking our gift of hygiene kits out to Biloxi, Mississippi to the Back Bay Mission May Board of Directors meeting. I know these gifts will be deeply appreciated.

Blessings in Christ,  
Liz Nash, Association Minister

## May Calendar

- 5-1 Corridor Interfaith Alliance for Families meets at Casa Hermosa 11:30-1 p.m.
- 5-3 Prayer Breakfast at the Civic Center (Eden Hill Table)
- 5-5 Faith Church is a poll station
- 5-6 Worship with communion at 10:30 a.m.  
Reception at UU Church for their new minister Rev. Kraba 4-6 p.m.
- 5-8 Church Council meets at 7 p.m.
- 5-13 Worship 10:30 a.m.
- 5-16 Memorial Service & Reception for Lucile Marbuger at 1 p.m. at the church
- 5-18 SOS Food Bank 1-4 p.m. volunteers needed
- 5-20 Worship 10:30 a.m. Pentecost Sunday
- 5-27 Worship 10:30 a.m.
- 5-31-6-2 South Central Conference Annual Meeting at Camp Allen in Navasota



### Reception of New Members on Pentecost Sunday, May 20th

If you would like to join Faith UCC please talk with the pastor. Pentecost Sunday would be a great time to join! On Pentecost we celebrate the birth of the Christian Church.

***Faith United Church of Christ is a welcoming community  
that seeks to embrace diversity,  
empower a spirit of service,  
explore the mysteries of God and life's complexities  
while engaging as Christians in the work of justice for all creation.***