

May 2019

First United Methodist Church



The Methodist Messenger

A Message from Pastor Joe

New life! Rebirth! That's what Jesus promises and that's what Jesus delivers. This is the message of the cross and the empty tomb. So... look around! Signs are everywhere! New life is springing up all around us!

At Shine during the past month we have been teaching our kids about hope. Hope is believing that something good can come out of something bad. Over the past few weeks we have been dealing with some bad situations in our church facilities. It seems that mice, rats, or both decided that it was time to gnaw through several water lines and the result has been flooding in the kitchen; flooding in the Fellowship Hall; flooding in the office; flooding in the nursery. Thankfully we have insurance and were already working on a project to address the carpet and walls of the Fellowship Hall as well as replace flooring in the kitchen. While things are still a mess this week, I have hope that something good is coming!

I am excited to have Patty Augeri back in our office Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. She has been greatly missed while she was away. We're looking forward to getting her office back in order, but in the meantime, I'm happy to lend her mine! Thank you, Patty, for your faithfulness in keeping us afloat while you were "away" and welcome back! Things are looking up!

We are also blessed to have Maricela Carrasco working in our nursery each Sunday morning. She has a daughter who has been a part of Shine over this past year. Maricela is a joy to be around and is a blessing for our church and our kids. It will be great to have our nursery back in order soon. Welcome aboard, Maricela! Things are looking up!

Cindy and Nick have continued to reach children and youth in the name of Jesus, teaching them both the joys and struggles that come with following Christ. Shine has grown to over 20 kids each week. Our youth average between 15 and 20 on Sunday evenings. It's hard for many of you to see it, because we still have a great deal of work to do in bringing families to worship, however; do not be discouraged, we are doing our part to make disciples of Jesus Christ! Things are looking up!

There are many more signs that God is still at work here in our congregation. John 21:25 says,

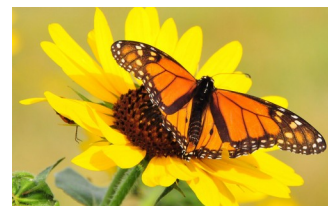
"But there are also many other things that Jesus did; if every one of them were written down, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written." (NRSV)

I believe that to be true... not only what Jesus did, but what Jesus is doing. Open your eyes! Look around! New life! Rebirth! It's happening. You are invited to be a part of it all. Step up and say, "Yes, Lord!"

Blessings,

Pastor Joe

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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

			1 <i>Nick & Haley Cantu</i> 4:00pm Shine	2 10:00am Westview Manor	3	4
5 9:30 am You Can Circle 6:00 pm Youth Group	6	7	8 4:00pm Shine	9 10:00am Westview Manor	10	11
12 Mothers Day NO Orange Team 6:00pm Youth Group	13 <i>Helen Hood</i> 7:00pm Blanch Turner Circle	14 9:30am Lee Etta Garrett	15 4:00pm Shine (last day)	16 <i>Jake Sassman</i> <i>Jim & Donna Bates</i> 8:00am MHS Senior Breakfast 10:00am Westview Manor	17 <i>Heidi Foster</i> <i>John & Karen Roberts</i>	18
19 9:30am You Can Circle 6:00pm Youth Group	20 <i>Aleah Keith</i>	21 <i>Nancy Morton</i> 6:30pm Sassy Sisters Bible Study	22 <i>Andrea Foster, Margaret Tippie</i>	23 10:00am Westview Manor	24	25
26 <i>Richard Skipper</i>	27 Memorial Day Church Office Closed	28 <i>Virginia Lewis, Andrew Taylor</i>	29	30 10:00am Westview Manor	31 <i>Jimmy & Bonnie Mullens</i>	

PRAYER REQUESTS

Health Concerns: Dorothy Lee, Bonnie Murr, Ima Walter & family, Donald Baize, Ron & Geneva Vaughan, Mike Perryman, Mike & Arlene Poss, Barbara Lewandowski, Jerry Amsler, Betty Seawright, Cindy Harrison, Frances Copeland, Haley & Nick Cantu, Dot Williams, Mary Warrington, Dean Allison

In the Nursing Home: Alton Chapman, Dorothy Lee, Maxine Clements

Assisted Living: Donald Baize

Family & Friends: Jan Lancaster, Angie Maxwell, Larry Jackson, John Dyer, Bob Sells, Curtis Collier, Robert Reeves, Blake Highland, Ken Burch, Kenneth Powers, Billy Jane Sprott, Julie Hill, Frank Neel, Deloris Summers, Don Scott, Caleb Norman, Margaret Bronson, Gracie Bloom, Kara Lee, Wayne Adrian, Tony Marino, Olivia Walker, Terryn Worthington, Conner Cantrell, Janice Young, Cameron Coe, Mark Lindsey, Robert Carr, Tyler George, Anna Baker, Mary Ann Stephens, Richard Boehringer, Fred Cruise, Randy Mocek, Delania Evans, Teresa Keel, Mindy Jenkins, Nicole Brewer, Richard George, David Cantu, Mike & Mieka Wooten family, Becky Jenkins, Hannah Sprott, Grant Getman, Gene Ticer, Matt Aaron, Annie Leos, Tom & Betty Drew, Kendra Miller, Mary Neff, David Warren Reece, Kristy Rich, Bill Robertson, Paul Kitchens, peace for our community, Misty Phillips, Mark Porter, Leonard Harrison, Wade Tedder, Brenda O'Leary, Mark Porter, Kristy Rich's family; family & friends of Jerry Lynch, Barbara Allinbloom, Mary Ruth Duncan, Tate Hackney, family & friends of Frank Neel

Those serving in the Armed Forces, including: Michael Griffin, Brett Williams, Walter Kruse, Michael Krueger, Graham Kruse, Marcus Shehee, Lt. Jacob Alexander, Arthur Harper, William (Drew) Zacharias, Paige Lopez

RENOVATION NEWS

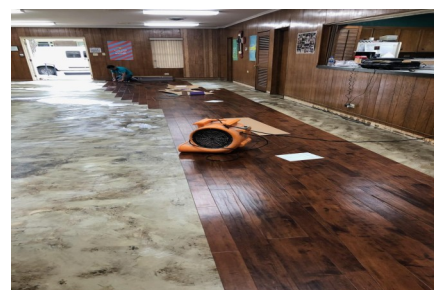
Hello Church Family! I sincerely hope everyone is doing well. I want to bring you up to date on our Fellowship Hall and kitchen renovation. Several weeks ago phase one was started with new LED lighting being installed in the fellowship hall, hallways, kitchen and offices. If you have not seen these areas, they look great!

Work began on the second phase this past Monday on the fellowship hall and kitchen flooring. The carpet and vinyl was removed and both areas were prepared for maple vinyl plank flooring on Tuesday.

This project has been funded through your generous contributions to this renovation project. However, we are still lacking some funding for the third and final phase, that being the refinishing and painting of the fellowship hall walls. As we work towards our goal, this third and final step will be accomplished. Thank you for your generosity.

Dale Evers

Renovation Chairman



UPCOMING EVENTS



MHS Senior Breakfast
Class of 2019
May 16th @ 8:00am
FUMC Fellowship Hall
*Please contact Michelle Fisk for
 volunteer opportunities*



CTCYM 2019
RE:DEEM
 CTCYM ANSWERS CHRIST'S CALL TO BECOME HIS HANDS AND FEET TO A WORLD IN NEED

JUNE 16TH, 2019—JUNE 22ND

POWER UP

McGREGOR
FUMC's VBS
2019



JUNE 24TH—27TH
9:00AM-12:00PM
GRADES K-6
254-840-2181

UMW Events

Blanch Turner Circle

May 13th @ 7:00pm
 Johnnie Farmer hosting

Lee Etta Garrett Circle

May 14th @ 9:30am
 Gretta Fisk hosting

Mission U

Glenn Lake Camp
 August 2nd-4th

District Mission U

McGregor FUMC hosting
 August 10th

Blanch Turner Circle

September 9th @ 7:00pm
 TBA

Lee Etta Garrett Circle

September 10th @ 9:30am
 TBA

UMW Sunday

September 22nd

District Fall Meeting

King Memorial UMC Whitney
 September 28

Conference Autumn Gathering & Leadership Development

October 12
 TBA

SHINE!

"In this world you will have trouble. But be encouraged! I have won the battle over the world." John 16:33b

Most of SHINE was in the dark in May. The theme was Bright Side: Find the Light in the Dark. We played versions of Tag and Musical Chairs in the dark with just one flashlight to provide light, and we had a glow-in-the-dark Easter egg hunt. We did these things to celebrate the Light of the World, our risen Savior! Our Life App was Hope, which is believing something good can come out of something bad. We learned that the best thing in the history of the world came from the death of Jesus. With his death and resurrection, he won the battle for us!

Praise God!
Cindy Harrison
Nextgen Leader



YOUTH GROUP



This year has been fun and at the same time challenging going from volunteer to a Youth Director. I truly have the congregation to thank for all my success towards acclimating to my role by way of support.

Last week was a perfect example, members showed up last Thursday for our fundraiser at Fuzzy's Tacos. Then on Sunday, again members attended our Mission trip luncheon, the funds raised on those days will greatly impact the costs of our trip.

Speaking of the trip, we will be spending a week in Bay City helping build ramps, repair damaged homes and whatever else God leads us to help with. I have 12 youth already registered and another 3 that would like to go. In order to bring more students I need 2-3 more Adult Leaders, there are 3 of us registered (Haley, Joe and myself). I would encourage our congregation to reach out to anyone they feel would find passion in leading youth for that week.

Currently our youth are studying the book of Matthew, with a gift of 25 bibles donated to us, the youth are engaged each we in communal reading. I see myself in a few of the youth, they suffer from many of the pains I did in my youth. I never thought I actually would be able to impact anyone in faith and love, God has truly surprised me.

There will be one more fundraiser coming this month, Mateo Cantu, one the most gifted artist of our time is creating unique art works specifically for us to raise additional funds. Thank you all for seeing someone in me I never recognized before.

Sincerely,
Nick Cantu
Youth Director

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The Mission of First United Methodist Church of McGregor is to welcome all individuals and families in our journey to know God, through Jesus, and guided by the Holy Spirit. Our commitment is to nurture lifelong relationships with God by combining the influences of Church and Family.

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YOUTH

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8TH -12TH GRADE

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