

# *The Trumpet*

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF BANDERA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## **The Pastor's Corner** **Happy Easter!!!**

Hallelujah! He is risen! Easter is my favorite time of the whole year. I started to write that it is my favorite day of the year, but then I remembered something VERY important. Easter is not just a single day – it is a season of time that begins with the empty tomb. Well, that and so much more. Easter is anytime that we remember that Jesus is no longer in the tomb – He is alive. Easter is anytime that we remember that the Light of Christ conquers the darkest of places. Easter is anytime that we remember that death is swallowed up by the NEW LIFE that comes for each of us who believe in the Risen Christ. Hallelujah! He is risen. He is Risen Indeed!

I really hope that you will join us on Sunday, April 1st as we celebrate the Risen Christ on Easter. We will have two worship services – 8:30am and 10:45am. Invite your family and your friends and come a little early because we have some very special music planned! Please remember to bring fresh cut flowers to decorate our Easter Cross and bring some extras for our guests. Speaking of guests, please plan on making as much room as possible to accommodate people who do not call our church their home just yet. Easter is an amazing time to extend the love of Christ to those who do not yet know Him.

We will have some really great activities for our children beginning at 9:30am. They will begin their time by hearing the true story of Easter. There will be crafts, prizes, a special EGG BLASTER for our older kids and an egg hunt for the younger kids. There will even be an opportunity

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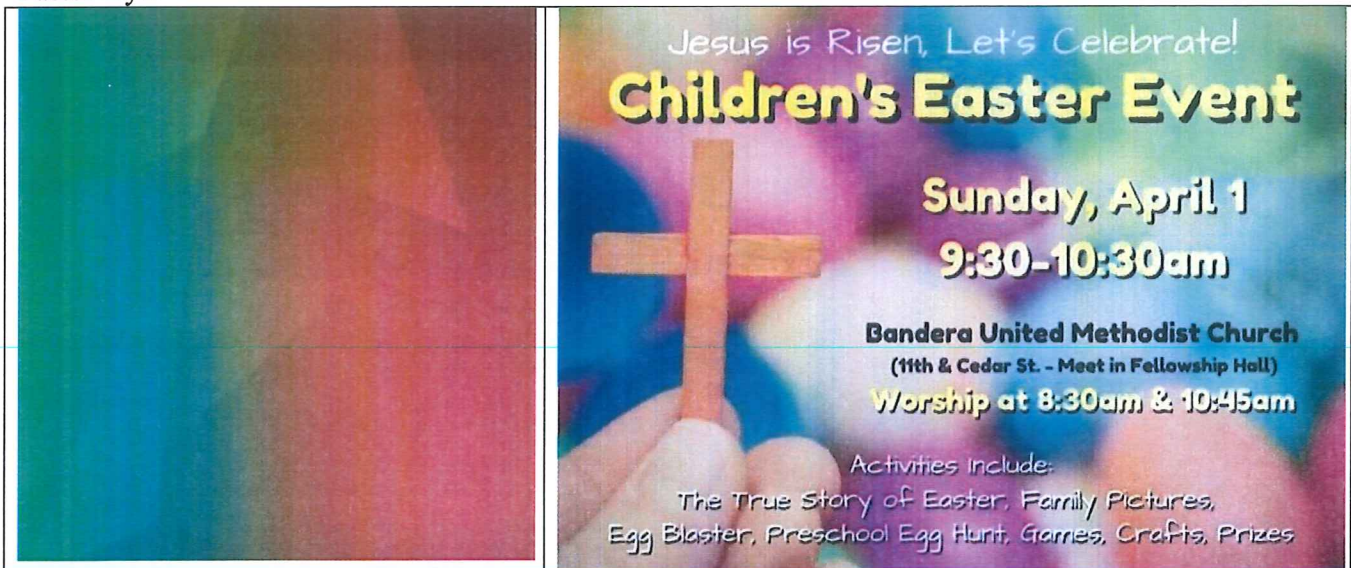
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for families to have your pictures taken all decked out in your Easter best! Please encourage your children to invite their friends to join them!

Friends, this is a dark time in our world right now. There is so much pain and suffering and so many people who have lost hope. But, we are an Easter people. We know that the worst thing is never the last thing. And the only reason we know that is because the tomb was empty all those years ago. And the really Good News is that the tomb is still empty. That is something that the world needs to hear. I hope that you will join us to shout from the mountaintops – Hallelujah! He is Risen!

Again, I am both honored and humbled to be your pastor.

Thank you and thank God for you!  
Pastor Kyle



## TEKTON LOST IN TRANSLATION TEKTON

Elizabeth Scott

Perhaps the most wonderful thing about diving deep into the Bible is the fresh information that always comes from this ancient text. However sometimes what we have been taught needs to be reassessed and my most recent “aha” moment came from a comment made by Ray Vander Laan regarding Joseph, Jesus’s earthly father. For centuries Christians from the West have associated carpentry with Joseph, and a ton of mental images are engraved on my brain, Joseph teaching Jesus how to saw, hammer nails and create wooden joints; our children’s Bibles were full of these snapshots of Jesus as a young boy. A closer look at the book of Matthew might just hold the key and it is possible that the Greek word tekton in Chapter 13 was misinterpreted

Jesus had returned to his home town of Nazareth, teaching in the synagogue and the crowds grumbled, “He’s just a carpenter’s son, and we know Mary his mother...” And within that verse is the word that launched a thousand illustrations and it is where centuries ago the misunderstanding began. While tekton could mean carpenter, it is more accurately rendered as craftsman or builder. So let’s check the landscape and see where that leads us. In Northern Israel trees are scarce and a carpenter would be hard pressed to find work. Hebraic scholar James W. Fleming notes that the majority of the homes in Israel are constructed of rock and nine out of ten projects were chiseled or carved in stone. And what I find to be intriguing is the proximity of Nazareth



to the ancient city of Sepphoris, now Zippora. And this is interesting because in the first century Herod Antipas was developing this area at a rapid rate. The Jewish historian Josephus referred to the city as the “Jewel of all Galilee”. Halfway between Nazareth and Sepphoris lay an ancient quarry and while Jesus may not have been a mason, he most certainly visited and would have watched as the stones were cut.

Now before you declare me a heretic this translations’ accuracy, or not, has no bearing on Jesus’s work as the Savior of the world. Robby Gallaty puts it this way,”...but what it does do is help us when we look at this background knowledge and it gives us fresh eyes when we read in the 118th Psalm and again in Luke 20:17-18, the stone that the builders rejected, the cornerstone... this concept would have been familiar to those building with stone” And aren’t we all living stones built up to be a spiritual house? So imagine with me; the Master Craftsman, holding you in his hand as he chisels and shapes you to the image of Christ. I imagine one of our beautiful dry stack walls that are so prevalent in the Hill Country, each stone chosen for its’ perfect spot in the wall. Stones that by themselves are nothing but gathered together become living stones crafting a spiritual house, a temple to the glory of God. I hope that you will re-read some of these verses with a fresh perspective and open yourself up to become a living stone being used by your Creator to transform this world!

Many hands one heart, Elizabeth

## **The Walk to Emmaus**

### **WHAT IS THE WALK TO EMMAUS?**

- The Walk to Emmaus is a three-day experience, which takes a New Testament look at Christianity as a lifestyle. The Walk begins Thursday evening and concludes Sunday evening.
- The objective of Emmaus is to inspire, challenge, and equip local church members for Christian action in their homes, churches, and places of work.
- The Walk to Emmaus is grounded theologically and institutionally in The Upper Room ministry of the United Methodist Church. However, The Walk to Emmaus is ecumenical.
- The Walk to Emmaus is inspired by the Gospel of St. Luke (Luke 24:13-35) wherein the risen Christ appeared to two men who were walking on the road from Jerusalem to Emmaus.

### **WHO SHOULD GO ON A WALK TO EMMAUS?**

1. Are you looking for ways to strengthen your spiritual life?
2. Do you have unanswered questions about prayer, study, and sharing your faith?
3. Do you understand that being a Christian involves responsibility?
4. Are you willing to dedicate your everyday life to God in an ongoing manner?
5. Do you hold positions of responsibility in the church and in the world?

If you answer ‘yes’ to any of these questions, you are encouraged to visit with a Bandera UMC member who has been on a Walk to Emmaus. You can also contact Sharon Anderwald, Emmaus Coordinator for BUMC at [sanderwald@indian-creek.net](mailto:sanderwald@indian-creek.net). Or, you can call the church office for more information – including having an application mailed to you!



#### UPCOMING WALKS:

(All walks are held at Mount Wesley in Kerrville, TX)

Men's Walk HC-63, April 26-29, 2018 – Pastor Kyle is on the team and would LOVE for any men who have not attended to join him!!!

### Fifth Sunday Fellowship



## 5<sup>TH</sup> Sunday Fellowship

# April 29<sup>th</sup>

## ONE SERVICE @ 10AM

It's time to come together! Sunday school  
& small groups will meet at 9AM and

Worship will begin at 10AM for our celebration of Laity Sunday. We  
will join together at 11:30AM for our Fellowship Meal.

**Invite a friend or two or ten! See you there!**

No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what  
God has prepared for those who love him.

1 Cor 2:9

### Vacation Bible School





## United Methodist Women

United Methodist women will gather Thursday April 12 @ 9:30 in the fellowship hall for refreshments, Christian fellowship, learning and serving. This month's program, on Praying in Color, can add a new element to your prayer life. The ladies will be preparing prayer critters as well. Come join the fun. All women are welcome and encouraged to bring a friend.

For more info call Carol Wolf 210-381-3002.

## April Birthdays

2nd	Michelle Darling	15th	Buddy Sandidge
2nd	Marc Laine	16th	Kyle Wilson
3rd	Jaxon Moseley	16th	Manny Sandidge
4th	Dennis Juren	17th	Gretchen Brosz
4th	Joan Scharfenberg	17th	Cheryl Young
5th	Leslie Hefner	17th	Elizabeth Graves
5th	Louise Kyle	17th	Dillan Ward
5th	Ginna Pearl Garza	20th	Marilyn DuBose
8th	Christine Gomez	20th	Robert Laine
9th	Matt Sandidge	20th	Natalie Walls
9th	Michelle Linson	21st	Josephine Sheeds
10th	Kim Laine	22nd	Cindy McMullan
13th	Faye Abbott	22nd	Robert D'Spain
13th	Pyper Barnard	23rd	Jettie Whitlock
13th	Gareth Darling	25th	Elizabeth Parks
14th	Doris Barthold	28th	Janet Tyra
15th	Janet Williams	28th	Richard Rector
15th	Karen Mossell		

## Helping Hand

Just a few facts and figures for Helping Hand. In 2017, the monetary value we gave away for food, clothes, household items, furniture, and toiletries totaled \$236,735. Now in 2018 through February we have helped 687 individuals and given away over \$30,000 in monetary value. We are always in need of food and items for our Thrift Store. Monetary donations help us purchase food needs for 15 cents a pound from the Food Bank.

Any kind of pasta will be our April food item request, however, our food pantry is always appreciative of any food item.

Our annual golf tournament/fundraiser will be at Flying L Guest Ranch on Friday, May 4. We are in need of sponsors and players. The \$75 registration fee includes 18 holes of golf with cart, dinner, and prizes. It's 12:00 noon shotgun start. Call Helping Hand at 796-8300 to register.

Thank you again for supporting Helping Hand as we continue helping those in need in Bandera County. Let's have a wonderful 2018 as we serve those needing our help.

Marianne Sandidge  
Helping Hand Representative

## Stephen Ministry

We now have four new Stephen Ministers. So, what does that mean to you the members of Bandera UMC? A Stephen Minister comes alongside a hurting person and meets with that person on a weekly basis to listen, care, encourage, pray, and provide emotional and spiritual support. Over the years, well over one-and-a-half million people have benefited from the one-to-one, Christ-centered care of a Stephen Minister. This care is entirely confidential; no one knows the identity of a care receiver except for his or her Stephen Minister and the pastor and Stephen Leader who paired the two together. Some examples of the types of hurts where a Stephen Minister helps are:

- the loss of a loved one
- hospitalization, serious illness or terminal illness
- divorce (before, during, and after)
- change in the number of children at home (birth, adoption, or empty nest when kids move on)
- new to our area or church
- disabilities such as being homebound or in a nursing care center
- significant financial setback or lost jobs
- moving out of town, downsizing to a smaller home or retirement
- affected by natural disasters or acts of violence.

This is not a complete list, but it can give you a starting point for thinking about what needs for care your Stephen Ministers can meet which is basically any critical needs or major life transitions where having someone walk with them would be helpful.

For more information or to request a Stephen Minister contact Pastor Kyle or Roberta Himebrook at [Himebrookrl@totacc.com](mailto:Himebrookrl@totacc.com)

## Youth

Your Education Team is very excited to share with you the decision to consider a new curriculum for our nursery through high school classes. We plan to try out this curriculum, beginning on April 8 and continuing through April 29. If selected, the use of the new curriculum will be initiated at the beginning of the new school year.

The curriculum is founded on 3 basic truths: (1) Wisdom - making wise choices; (2) Faith – trusting God no matter what; and, (3) Friendship – treating others the way I want to be treated.  
.... and Jesus grew in wisdom and stature and favor with God and man. Luke 2:52  
Stay tuned as we move forward in exploring this curriculum.



We are extending a church-wide invitation to each of you to share in our youth & children's ministry. Options include: Teaching a class, co-teaching a class (for example on alternating Sundays), being a substitute on occasion, being available as extra hands for special projects/events, being a summer teacher to give a break to the school-year teachers, and who knows what other wonderful ideas you may have! It's always possible to choose your favored age level.

More support for youth & children's programs leads to enriched experiences for all involved -both adults and children/youth.

If you are unable to commit at this time, perhaps you know of someone who you think would be a blessing to our children &/or youth.

Thank you!

Your Education Team

## Kid's Kingdom

The Kids' Kingdom Preschool Program would like to thank you for all the pizza orders. We made \$1050, which will be used to purchase supplies and materials. Your generous support of this wonderful program is very much appreciated by the Kids' Kingdom Board, staff and, of course, the children! Thank you!

## Grace in This Place – Sunday School for all ages

Come, find your small group home for learning, love & connections.

- **Nursery:** Did you know that we offer a Sunday School class for preschoolers? Our nursery staff is prepared every Sunday with preschool-level Methodist curriculum which they would love to share with your child from 9:45 – 10:30 in the nursery. This not only will begin your little one on his/her life-long journey of faith but will also allow you to attend a Sunday School class of your choosing!
- **Kindergarten – Grade 2:** We focus on our very own star “test”. We use the Methodist curriculum to teach our faith through all the familiar Bible stories. Over these important years of attendance your child will learn, not only the stories, but also how faith looks in their lives. Each lesson is accompanied by activities and games that support the message. An overriding goal is that children will love to come to church. Taught by Jean Darling in Room 105.
- **Grade 3 – Grade 5:** The use of the Methodist curriculum is continued through these years. As children study the stories that they may have heard before, they explore a little further to understand how to apply their learning to their lives. Each week has a new story focus that is reinforced by watching a DVD, doing worksheets, crafts, various games and activities. One goal is to make learning fun! Taught by Sheila Antenen and Shawn Morrison in Room 101.
- **Middle School, Grade 6 – Grade 8:** The Middle School Sunday School class, led by Bonnie Bevers, begins each week with fellowship and a time of “catching up” from our busy week. The class then delves into the Scripture, studying different books of the Bible on an age appropriate level, looking at how the different stories, lessons, and topics apply to the youths' everyday lives. We close each class with Prayers & Praises, a time of silent reflections, and a closing prayer.
- **High School:** We are currently studying “Big Questions: Developing a Christ-Centered Apologetic”. We are delving deep into why we believe what we believe. Questions throughout the study include: What Do I Do with My Doubts? Does God Really Exist? Is There a Conflict Between Faith and Science? What About Other World Religions? Why is There Evil and Suffering in the World; and, How Do We Become Effective Christians in the World Today? We are attempting to show our kiddos that unless our faith is grounded in something more than emotion we will struggle when doubts come. Led by Elizabeth & Larry Scott.
- **Foundation Class:** A new study will begin on March 18. The DVD by Adam Hamilton on “Half Truths” will be followed by discussion. We meet from 9:45 – 10:30 in the church office. Any and all adults welcome. Coffee provided! Class facilitated by Conrad & Nancy Nightingale along with other class members

- **Adelante Class:** This “young” at heart group of couples and singles continues their journey through the Bible by beginning the New Testament this month. Whether it’s the first time to read the New Testament or a desire to read it again - like any journey - it’s pleasant to have traveling companions to discuss the sights along the way. As we explore and discuss the scriptures we’d love to have you join us in Room 103 any Sunday at 9:45. Y’all come and bring a friend! Facilitated by Carol Wolf and other members of the class.
- **The Walk:** Our class consists of people 50 and older. Our discussions stem from our life experiences and our walk with God. On March 4 we began a new series entitled “Finishing Well” by Bob Buford. It will make you think about what’s important in the second half of your life (age 45 and on). Come join us in Room 104. Facilitated by Lloyd Norris and Marilyn Dawson.
- **The Journey:** The Journey is a class for all ages. We are a group that range in age from our 20’s to our 70’s. We tend to study things that are relevant to today’s issues. We are currently studying Half Truths by Adam Hamilton – it talks about things we think the Bible says but that it may not mean what we think. When we are done with this study we will move to Rob Renfroe’s new study “The Joy Stealers”. Please come join us in Room 102 for fun and fellowship as we go through our studies. Facilitated by Kim Laine and Abby Nightingale.

**“Free Movies and Popcorn”**

Where?

Bandera United Methodist Church  
in the Fellowship Hall

When?

Sundays, 9:45 -10:30 a.m.

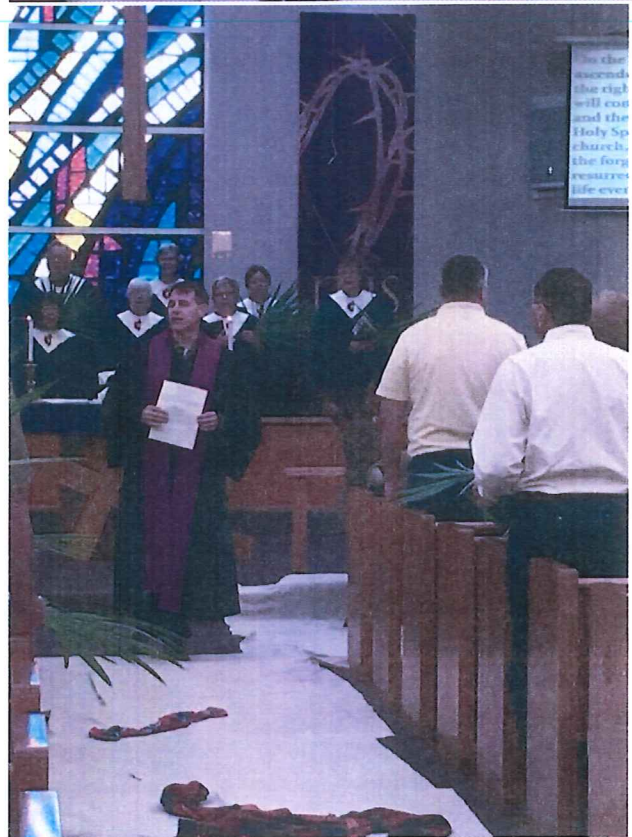
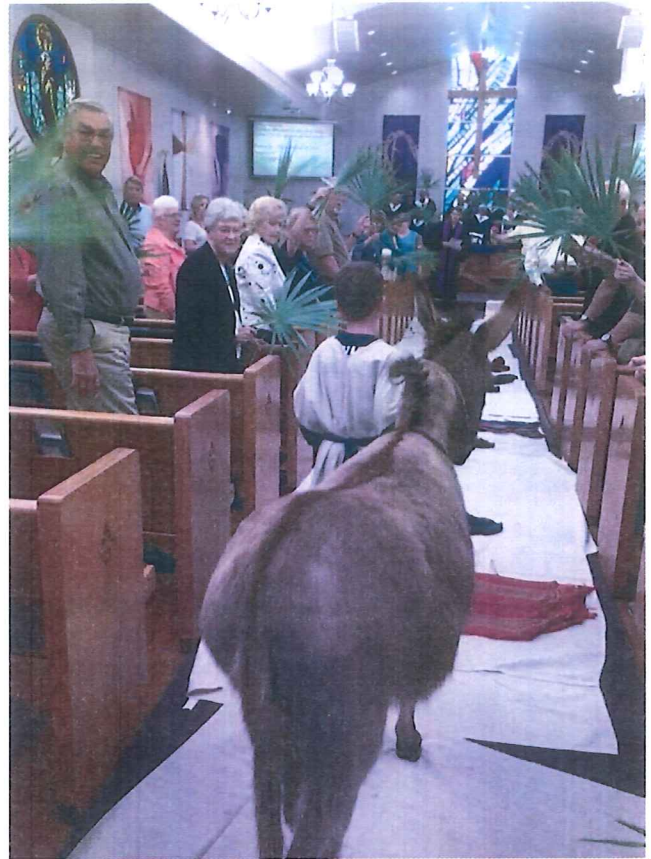
What?

Travel with us as we tour Israel in the footsteps of the early Israelites. See historical places, learn about early family and faith customs.

Experience a lot of “Ah, so that’s why” moments.











Pictures from Palm Sunday

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Bandera United Methodist Church finished a fruitful 2017 and the blessings continue for 2018.

On the financial front, we've been blessed with strong giving of tithes and offerings. Our family tithe pledges continue to set new records. This has enabled us to commit boldly to our local and off-shore missions support in 2018.

Our income for the first two months of 2018 was \$63,648.31 while our expenses were \$60,952.00 which indicates a healthy financial status during our Holy season.

Blessings to all,  
Wayne Antenen and your 2018 Finance Team