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# COLLEGE MOUND GAZETTE

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## *Prayers & Joys*

Our nation, our leaders, our troops, our law enforcement officers, and relationships during these challenging times, for the Healthy Church Initiative (HCI), folks traveling, pray that the coronavirus pandemic will be contained and subside quickly, for those who are sick, the caregivers, and those feeling isolated at this time. Joy that Frank Rasor is recovering well from surgery, Doris Downs (upcoming surgery), Larry's friend, Scott Zandt (passed away from cancer), Mae Reynolds (Donna Reynolds granddaughter is sick), Jody Briggs, Sammye Gentry sister-in-law Rubine (recovering from cancer treatments.), Jerry Jacobs (recovering from knee surgery), Frank Rasor (recovering from knee surgery), Rita Hun (recovering from knee surgery), Robert Brown (recovering from knee surgery), Jake Reed (recovering from shoulder surgery), Homer Winton (rehab in Rockwall), Gary Flowers (Memory Care facility in Wills Point), Dick Liston (Broke other hip), Parker, Laura, and Skye Murray (Missionaries cannot leave Africa during pandemic. Pray for peace and safety during this time)

## **This Week at College Mound April 5-11, 2020**

### Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Kevin Ellett – April 5<sup>th</sup>  
Felipe Arredondo – April 7<sup>th</sup>  
Thomas King – April 9<sup>th</sup>  
Tommy Atwood – April 11<sup>th</sup>  
Billie Sue Squires – April 11<sup>th</sup>

### Bible Study:

Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m. on  
[www.zoom.com](http://www.zoom.com) (see Pastor Bob's email  
for Meeting ID)

### Good Friday Service:

Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m. on the College  
Mound United Methodist Church  
Facebook page



**Last Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>**

Scripture: Ezekiel 37:1-14 The Lord, through Ezekiel, made old, dry bones come to life.

Sermon: "Can These Bones Live? Ezekiel's congregation is dead, both literally and figuratively, as they are in exile. As Ezekiel follows God's direction, the dead bones come to life, and the exiled people are given hope! We don't know when our exile will end, but God does. We will rise like those dead bones, like Lazarus!



A new colt was born on the Rasor-Holcomb Ranch last Saturday (March 28<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 p.m.). He doesn't have a name yet, but he sure is flashy!

All gatherings and activities for the month of April have been cancelled, including UMW, Men's Group, the Annual UMW Food Sale and Decoration Day. We will continue with Live Facebook Worship Services at 11 a.m. on Sundays, the Zoom.com Bible Study on Thursdays at 7 p.m. and a special Good Friday on Facebook at 7 p.m. on April 10<sup>th</sup>.

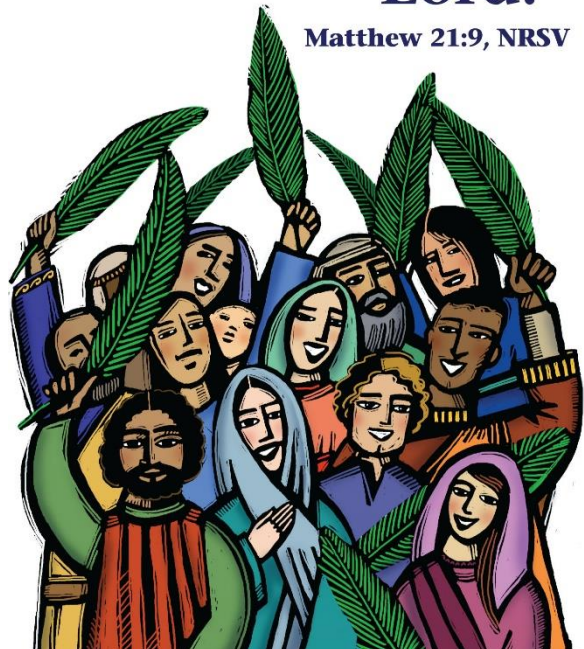


Lots of folks seem to be taking this time to clean out closets, garages, etc. Look what Woody Bishop found in one of the boxes he was going through - a ticket to the 2004 Lord's Acre Auction!

It is with great sadness that the CMUMC Cemetery Association has decided to postpone Decoration Day, which is usually held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in April. A new date has not been set for the future.

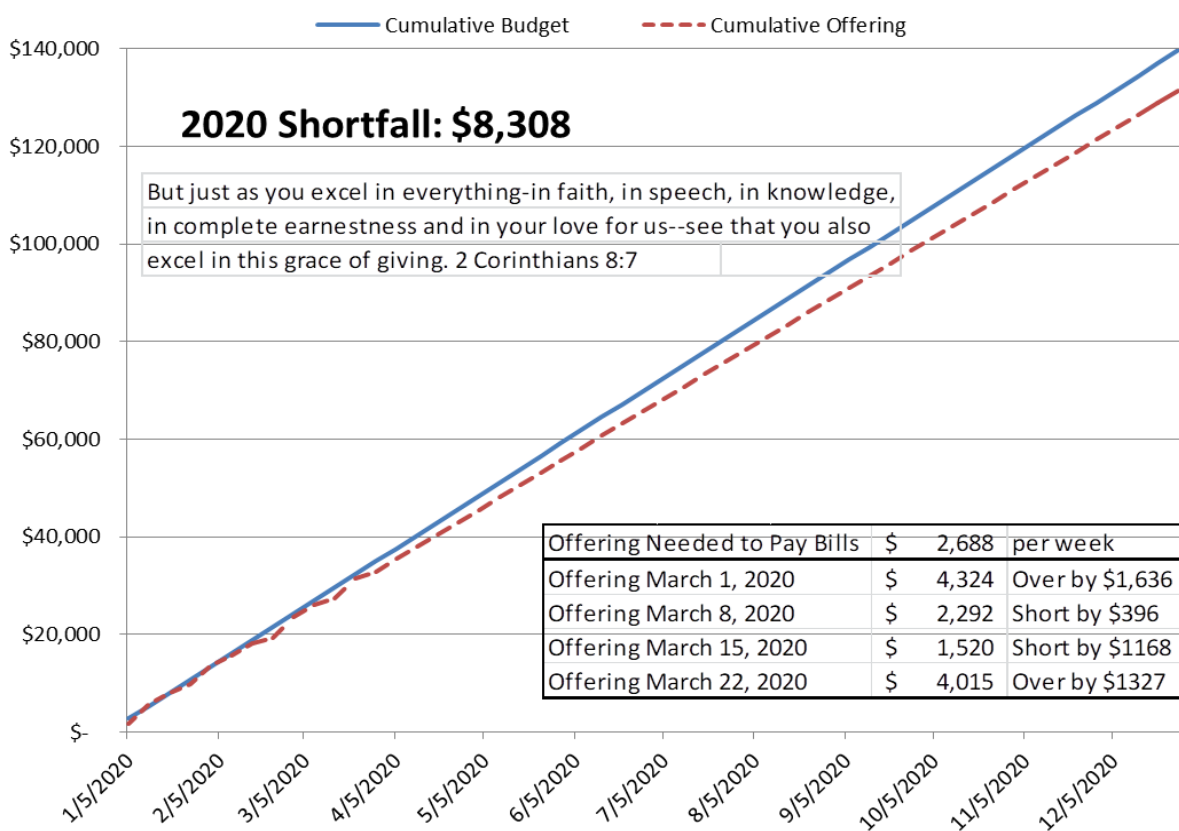
**Blessed is the one  
who comes in the  
name of the Lord!**

**Matthew 21:9, NRSV**





## Church Budget at 3/22/20



Note From Treasurer: Thank you to all who have signed up for electronic giving. We have a total of 21 members/couples who are now donating via Vanco. During these trying times, if you have not signed up yet, please consider going to [www.CollegeMoundUMC.com](http://www.CollegeMoundUMC.com) and select 'Give' and simply fill in your information to direct either a one time or a recurring donation. You have the choice to charge either your bank account (need ACH Routing Number and Bank Account number that you can find on the bottom of one of your checks) or donation charged to your credit card.



Behind the scenes at the production of our Facebook Live Worship service. Join us at 11 a.m. on Sundays (click on this link below):  
<https://www.facebook.com/CollegeMoundUMC>

Since we have gone to electronic Gazettes, online services & bible studies, it might be fun to see what else we can provide in the Gazette for your home enjoyment. The following link should take you to a beautiful arrangement by a choir out of Nashville, singing "It Is Well" on their cell phones. To follow this link (or any of the links in the Gazette), just hold your cursor over the link and click on it. Hopefully, it will come up – just click on the "play" symbol when the page opens (there is a brief ad before the song starts, not too long): [https://www.wsmv.com/news/a-group-of-nashville-studio-singers-perform-an-epic-cell/article\\_2245fbf8-6eb2-11ea-9be3-db6cec04c8f3.html?utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_source=email&utm\\_campaign=user-share](https://www.wsmv.com/news/a-group-of-nashville-studio-singers-perform-an-epic-cell/article_2245fbf8-6eb2-11ea-9be3-db6cec04c8f3.html?utm_medium=social&utm_source=email&utm_campaign=user-share)



*Psalm 118:24, NRSV*

During this time of "exile", don't forget about the Penny Fund and its purpose! Do you know of someone who might need temporary financial assistance during this time? If so, please talk to Pastor Bob to see if the Penny Fund can help. It is confidential and might be a real blessing for someone!

