The Pastor’s Message …

“Do not neglect to show hospitality to stranger, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.” Hebrews 13:1-2

The Kindness of Strangers

It is a joy to worship together in a community that is made up of many who have grown up here. There is a comfort in returning to a familiar group and routine, week after week. But, another blessing of this community is the welcome you give to visitors! This is something that you do well and is an important part of being a vibrant congregation.

The next step—which is often difficult for those who have grown up in the church—is to extend invitations to new people. It can be uncomfortable to invite someone new who may not have an experience of church and not of our church. Yet, we are reminded—OFTEN—in scripture to be kind to strangers, to welcome them, and to show hospitality.

Be kind to strangers. Hmmm. In an age where most people teach their children to watch out for strangers, hospitality can be counter-cultural. In most areas of life, we are concerned about strangers in a world that often seems to be a much more dangerous place than it used to be. The truth is, however, that the world has always been a dangerous place. Now, we just know more about that danger more quickly because of the 24-hour news cycle.

As an elementary school child growing up in Nashville, I usually walked to school with my best friend. After school, Katherine and I were often found bicycling around the neighborhood, playing with friends. I guess that in today’s terms, I was a “free-range kid.” Our mothers gave us a certain amount of free-range latitude, as long as we followed certain safety rules and came home on time. Was there danger involved? Sure, there were some bike crashes and lots of scraped up knees, but we

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also got to know many of the neighbors. We figured out who was friendly and not.

Then, my family moved and I had the experience of becoming the stranger in a new neighborhood. I remember and was much appreciative of the people who welcomed me, even in my awkwardness. I had been used to being the hometown girl who knew my neighborhood and my school inside and out. It’s difficult being the newcomer and the stranger.

There’s a resurrection story of Jesus meeting people as they’re on the road, traveling to Emmaus. For most of the conversation, they don’t recognize that they’re traveling with Jesus. For some mysterious reason, they can’t see who they are walking and talking with. They think he’s a stranger. But, they invite him in to share a meal. It is in the breaking of bread, sharing a meal together, that they realize and recognize Jesus.

The book of Hebrews, which the Evening Circle is studying this year, reminds us: “Do not neglect to show hospitality to a stranger, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.” This is a reminder that God works through strangers. In one church I served, they often reminded people that “Visitors come with gifts and leave with blessings.” Let us continue to practice warm hospitality, inviting and greeting new people into this active community of Good News!

Shalom,

Kristin

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Sermon Titles/Scriptures for April

April 7  “Stories of the Heart”
        Isaiah 43: 16-21; John 12: 1-8

April 14  “Voices”
        Psalm 118: 1-2, 8-9, 19-29;
        Philippians 2: 5-11; John 12: 9-19;

April 21  “The Empty Spaces”
        John 20: 1-18

April 28  “Surprising Joy!”
        Genesis 18: 9-14; 21: 1-7; Psalm 126;
        1 Corinthians 1: 18-31

Sermon Titles/Scriptures for May

May 5  “Lost Causes”

May 12  “Show &Tell”
        John 10: 22-30; Rev. 7: 9-17

May 19  “Dare to Love”
        Acts 11: 1-18; Revelation 21: 3-6

May 26  “The Clear Choice”

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Pastoral Search Committee Update

The goal of the Search Committee is to have the Church Profile (all 37 pages!) in the hands of the Church Council within the next month or so, depending on our finishing and "polishing" it. Please continue to pray for your Search Committee and the "one" who will be called.
Message from our Church Secretary …

Remember to pick up the 2019 Church Yearbook and the 2019 Members’ Roster. Both were printed on gray paper because we have a very large supply of it and chose not to purchase different paper for each booklet.

Because the newsletters have been taking two or more weeks to reach people after being taken to the post office as bulk mail, we are taking a different approach. (All bulk mail must total at least 200 pieces and is now shipped to Dallas for distribution; thus the two-week delay in reaching you.) When completed, the newsletters will be available for pickup at the church during the week and through two Sundays. Those not picked up will be mailed through regular channels, not through bulk mail. We have also trimmed the mailing list.

Until next time, Loreen

Please help keep our community food pantry stocked.
Suggestions: April—Pasta/Rice May—Canned Fruit

CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS

April/May Schedules

Men’s Brotherhood (usually 1st Tue.)
April 2 @ 7:00 p.m.
Program: Ryan Schoeneberg
Hosts: Chris Maddux & Hugo Richter
May 7 @ 7:00 p.m.
Program: Harvey Vornsand
Hosts: Alan Koehn & Kenneth Krizak

Women’s Activities
The ladies are studying “Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews.” The study explores major themes found in the New Testament book of Hebrews and relates these themes to other parts of our faith tradition.
Pastor Kristin leads these discussions.

Evening Circle Meetings (2nd Tue.)
April 9 @ 5:00 p.m.
Hostesses: Sandy Kainer & Gretchen Maddux
May 14 @ 5:00 p.m.
Hostesses: Linda Barrilleaux & Jo Lynn McDonald

Thanks to All of you!
Our church council met on February 13 and on March 13, 2019. Treasurer Ted Neely reported, as of February 28, 2019, our bank account balances were: General Fund Checking—$632.54; General Fund Savings—$19,384.56; and the Building Fund Now Checking—$25,619.71.

Interim Pastor Kristin reported the following: She met with the Pastor Search Committee to go over the process of the Round Table Discussions. She gave an introduction to the process at the recent Church Potluck/Luncheon/Discussion. She met with the Weimar Ministerial Alliance to plan for the Good Friday service which will be at Calvary Baptist Church on April 19th at 12:10pm, with Pastor Kristin preaching. She has made several pastoral visits to congregants and made a hospital visit to pray with a parishioner and medical team before surgery. She has attended meetings of the Evening Circle and made a presentation to the Brotherhood on Science and Faith. She also led Council Training on Sunday March 3rd and provided a delicious lunch. She led our Ash Wednesday service and has been leading Lenten Worship Services on Wednesdays after a meal of soup and bread. She coordinated the printing of the Weimar UCC Lenten Devotional Booklet. She baptized Blakely Ann Vanicek on March 3, 2019; and met with Kara Tuttle regarding her upcoming wedding on June 22, 2019, which will be led by Chaplain Larry Holden.

We are currently looking for a part-time Pastor’s Assistant. The job was listed on Indeed and a mass e-mail with the link to Indeed was sent out to church members. It was also mentioned that there has been progress made on updating the church website. A draft is available and currently up and running on the site. Hugo mentioned that the carpet was ripped up at the parsonage by a team of volunteers. After the parsonage re-leveling work began, Olshan found that we would have to go back and lift the front section of the parsonage to make all level. This was an unforeseen expense, and the council approved the added expenditure.

Pam stated that a church-wide garage sale is being planned for early June, and her detailed report can be read on page 9 of this newsletter. The following changes were made to our newsletter delivery: 1 – Labeled newsletters will be available for pickup during the first 2 Sundays following publication. 2 – Known homebound members should be identified for immediate delivery in lieu of pickup. 3 – After the second Sunday pickup, remaining newsletters shall be mailed at first class rate. 4 — The newsletter shall also be uploaded to the website for wider viewing. 5 — Members can also sign up for digital delivery via e-mail to forgo mailing. 6 – A Newsletter committee should assist in maintaining relevant lists to insure an economical newsletter delivery. (This change is being made because recent new procedures for bulk mail at the local post office now causes a two-week delay in your receipt of the newsletter, even longer for addresses other than Weimar.)

Committee Reports: Hugo reported that the stained-glass window project is on-going, and Gary Cernoch is working on the frame work. Hugo has seen the work being done by Gary and said that it is beautiful. It will be a few more months before the work is completed. Pam has narrowed down the VBS curriculum to an Athens theme. VBS will be June 3rd through June 6th. Gretchen has placed a signup sheet for Easter Lilies in the foyer. The palms for Palm Sunday have been ordered. She advised that the Easter Sunrise Service will be at the home of Kevin & Martha Henry (2280 CR 201) at 6:45am on April 21, 2019; and that the Sunday after Easter is Holy Humor Sunday. Darlia has received thank you notes from the Boys and Girls Club and from Deputy Lehmann for our donations. The $1 for 1 Mission for March is the Hooves and Hounds Rescue & Rehab Sanctuary, and for April, it’s the Colorado County Habitat for Humanity.

The Council will meet again on April 10, 2019, at 7:30pm.

Submitted by Emily Latimer, Church Council Secretary
Vacation Bible School 2019 is Approaching!

It is time to start getting excited and making plans! All the fun will be taking place June 3rd through 6th. Mark your calendars! Our goal is to make it bigger and better than last year! Since last year was a record setter, it will take the entire church pulling together to pull that off! We will need lots of help, both before and during VBS. We need people of all talents and skills.

Just let us know that you want to be a part of the week that will change the lives of the children, and we will find somewhere that God can use you to help spread His word and show this town, once again, why our church is such a wonderful place to be a part of!

We need talents ranging from crafty people with willing hands to help decorate, set up, help at the registration table to get everyone signed in and given a name tag, and make sure everyone has all of the important information. We will be serving a light meal each day, so, again, we need some of our wonderful people in the kitchen serving all the yummy goodies and baked goods that our people so graciously provide! And, of course, we need people to lead a team of kids and help guide them from station to station. As always, we need teachers and we need helpers.

The theme for this year is Athens and the story of the Apostle Paul. If you have any decorations that we could use, we would love to borrow them! We are looking for anything that can help us transform the church into ancient Greece … think Pillars, statues, greenery… Let’s get creative! Sign-up sheets will be showing up in the back of the church and announcements will be made in church, but, if you are as excited as I am, please let me know and we can get you in on the planning action as we need all the help we can get! Help get the word out to all the kids of Weimar. Just think, YOU could be the reason that some of these kids come to know Jesus!

Can’t wait to see what wonderful things God has in store for us this year.

Pam Schoeneberg, Christian Education Chair

Holy Week Events

We’re getting close to Holy Week, the last week in the season of Lent! April 14th is the beginning of Holy Week as we continue our journey with Jesus to the cross and the empty tomb. Please reserve time on your calendar for this special time with several special services:

04/14 Palm Sunday A special service has the children processing in with Palm leaves.
04/18 Maundy Thursday service at 7:00pm
04/19 Good Friday will be at 12:10pm at Calvary Baptist Church with Rev. Kristin leading worship for this Weimar Ministerial Alliance special service.
04/21 Easter Morning
6:45am Sunrise Service will be at Kevin & Martha Henry’s place—2280 CR 201 Bring an extra lawn chair if you have it! Come for the special service with light refreshments to follow. (If it rains, we will gather in the church Fellowship Hall.)
9:30 Easter Service Come celebrate the risen Christ! Remember to bring flowers for the flower cross. There will be an Easter Egg Hunt for the children following Worship.
We are trying something new at our spring Annual Meeting -- offering the option for people to attend by Zoom, a video and audio conference website similar to Skype but with the capacity for several people to participate. The meeting will be at St. Paul UCC in Corpus Christi on **Saturday, May 4, at 11:00am** (10:30 registration for those attending in person).

We are preparing for the possibility of having an Ecclesiastical Council for an ordination candidate, meaning that it is very important for us to have a quorum (attendance from a majority of our churches) at the meeting in person or electronically. Of course, we encourage people to be there in person and also to plan to enjoy some time in the Corpus Christi area (on a great weekend to be on the beach). However, we also recognize that the distance will be a problem for some. Anticipating this situation, we intentionally set up our Association bylaws to allow electronic attendance. We will be working over the next few weeks to set up a meeting that will use Zoom, and are planning to send out a letter with instructions in early April. We also anticipate scheduling a couple of times when people can try a trial login to Zoom to connect with our meeting website to be sure it works for those who will be using it. We will need churches who will be having people attend by Zoom to let us know and to try the login in advance. Let’s work together to help this happen! It will be a big and good step for our Association that can enable us to continue to have good participation with our long distances.

Our friends at United Christian in Austin have called an interim Senior Minister, Rev. Dr. Laura Barnes, who will be beginning her ministry on May 1. Laura served churches in Danville, California and in San Mateo, California before moving back to her hometown in Dallas, where she has served more recently in interim ministry. United has had a thorough and intentional search process for their interim, with their excellent staff and gifted group of members who serve elsewhere in ministry leading the church during the search. Many of us, myself included, were delighted to meet Laura at the Clergy Retreat in February. We join United in welcoming her to the Heart of Texas Association.

Our South Central Conference Annual Meeting this year will be in New Orleans, always a treat to visit, on Friday May 31st and Saturday June 1st. The SCC gathering will be at the Jung Hotel, near downtown and the French Quarter. The theme is “Resurrection Insurrection” with Ron Buford as the guest speaker. Ron currently serves as pastor of the Congregational Church of Sunnyvale, California and was the leader of the God is Still Speaking campaign in the UCC. He gave our ministers a real gift as our Clergy Retreat leader and speaker, with his gracious, articulate, and engaging presence. I hope many of you will go to New Orleans to hear him, to join in fellowship and worship, and to enjoy!

Registration information, along with clergy boundary training information, can be found at [https://sccucc.org/2019-scc-annual-meeting-registration/](https://sccucc.org/2019-scc-annual-meeting-registration/).

Blessings in Christ,
Liz Nash, Association Minister
1. **Exposure to diversity** - Camp connects kids to those who they may not normally meet.

2. **Self-esteem boost** - When kids are at camp, they don’t have mom and dad there to help them approach people and make connections. They have to put themselves out there, it teaches kids confidence.

3. **Attune to nature** - Camp gets kids outdoors and enjoying nature, it fulfills a need for kids that probably doesn’t get met very often in modern kids’ lives. Kids today spend much less time outdoors, causing a "nature deficit" according to many reports and a popular book on the issue, *Last Child in the Woods* by Richard Louv.

4. **Develops Independence** - Camp encourages self-development and independence. Kids are empowered at camp to take care of themselves, with guidance from camp counselors. Bedtimes are set and schedules are packed, but kids still have to get themselves up and ready, make their camp beds and arrive at the dining hall on time. Kids who may be a little too attached to mom and dad can learn how to trust themselves to make decisions and take care of themselves.

5. **Instills leadership skills** - Camp teaches kids important leadership skills. Camp allows kids to make choices, help lead craft projects. Camp kids are less likely to be affected by peer pressure and more likely to set the pace and tone for other kids - and feel empowered in tasks they take on throughout their lives.

6. **Gives wonderful memories** - Camp builds good memories for the future, to look back on the summer experiences of swimming, doing crafts and meeting new friends. Kids have tons of memories of the good times, silly shenanigans and fun activities. It’s a time of discovery and self-improvement that stays with a kid long into adulthood.

7. **Helps them make friends** - They get to become lifelong friends with people they don’t necessarily live right next door to. They make friends with kids from all over the state with different backgrounds and socio economic situations.

8. **Gets them active** - Camp kids learn how to be kids again. In this technology-filled world, camp cuts back on distractions. Many effectively ban cell phones and computers, so kids can truly take advantage of all camp has to offer. That means those prone to text or play video games are encouraged to get up - and get moving!

9. **Develops interests** - Camps are a nurturing environment for a child to explore activities and programs that could turn into lifelong passions. With so much to do at summer camp (archery, swimming, canoeing, crafts, etc.), there are many fun activities for kids to discover. That’s why it’s the perfect place for your child to tap into an interest that he or she wants to carry on after camp is over.

10. **Occupies the summer** - Camp occupies the summer. "I have to work!" This is the most practical reason many parents send their kids to camp. After all, when school lets out, kids have to go somewhere to spend their time. Camp isn’t just a "parking spot" for kids, though: It also offers fun, excitement and lessons that last.

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Be sure to check out the latest summer camp information on their web site at www.slumberfalls.org. You will find complete information including everything needed for campers, directors, counselors, CIT’s, and SALT (Summer Adult Leadership Team) workers. Slumber Falls is a Christian summer camp, offering programs for all ages, where campers are instilled with a passion to love God, others, and creation. The programming teaches campers to discover their talents, develop skills, and learn 21st century skill sets in an incredibly fun and inclusive environment.

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Lilies for Easter

Each year on Easter Sunday, the Weimar UCC sanctuary is decorated with beautiful lilies which are generously provided by our church members. This year, Easter falls on April 21st.

If you plan to help decorate by providing a lily in Honor or Memory of someone, there is a sign-up sheet in the church foyer. It is your responsibility to contact a local florist and make your purchase. Our local florists (Flowers by Judy, Expressions, and M-G) have a key to the church and will deliver them. The florists will have been advised by Council Worship Chair Gretchen Maddux on how the flower containers are to be decorated. The florists do not need to know for whom you are donating the lily or lilies. We, however, do need that information, and you must sign up in order for your donation to be included in the bulletin insert on Easter Sunday.

Remember — you need to do two things:
1) sign up on the sheet provided in the foyer; and, 2) purchase a lily from a local florist.

The deadline for both is Noon on Monday, April 15th. The florists will deliver them to the church on that Saturday, the 20th, and Gretchen will arrange the lilies for Easter Sunday. You, of course, may take yours home after the service has ended.

Requested Schedule for Volunteers to Assist Pastor Kristin with 2pm Communion Worship Services at Parkview Manor (Sundays)

February — None
March 24 — Young Adult Group
April — None
May 5 — Adult Sunday School (Wed & Sun)
June 9 — Sanctuary Choir
July 28 — Church Council
August — None
September 1 — Men’s Brotherhood
October 13 — Evening Circle
November 17 — Adult Sunday School
December 22 — Sanctuary Choir

All are always invited to attend or participate in these services. Just come; no notice required. You will be appreciated, and the residents enjoy seeing your faces!

Another Opportunity to Help

All are to be thanked for helping support our local food pantry, now located at Calvary Baptist Church. As you are aware, we keep a collection box here in the church foyer to make it easier for all to donate.

Those items then need to be transported to the building where the food pantry is located, behind the Baptist Church building. The only time they can be delivered there is when the food pantry is actually open, Wednesdays between 9:00 and 11:00am; but, not on a fifth Wednesday. Volunteers have been doing this for quite some time and wish to take a break. It’s not an “every Wednesday” job, just at times when our collection box is full. If this is something you are willing to do, please volunteer. You will be appreciated, even more than you already are!!

Can You Spare A Drop?

Blood Drive = April 11, 2019 11:00am—5:30pm
Fellowship Hall
Sponsored by Weimar Encore Lions
Slumber Falls Camp Wish List

Slumber Falls Camp is a ministry of the South Central Conference of the United Church of Christ.


BE ALL YOU CAN BE
At the 61st Annual SCC Women’s Retreat
Slumber Falls Camp—New Braunfels, TX
April 26-28, 2019

• Connect with God together as women of faith in a beautiful natural setting;
• Focus on how to be the best we can be by relying on Christ and getting past the “I can’t’s” and focusing in on the “God cans”;
• Worship and participate in fun activities and workshops to support spiritual renewal and growth;
• Get inspiration from Special guest speaker, Rev. Gale Kennebrew; and,
• Have a great time!!!

Cost is $100 per person. Visit the Slumber Falls website to register. www.slumberfalls.org You may also contact Lisa Wooten-Shelvin or Stacey Silvey at the campsite at 830-625-2212 for more information.

GOT JUNK?? Of course you do! Who doesn’t?!?

Well… let the church help you de-clutter your life! (And you will be helping the church in the process!) We are going to have a church-wide Garage Sale on June 7th and 8th. Yep, that’s right — the Friday and Saturday of the same week as VBS! The 90 miles of Garage Sales on HWY 90 Event, 90 Miles on 90, is that weekend and we figured we would take advantage of the extra traffic for a fund raiser. Have you been thinking that you have extra stuff that you would really like to get out of your house? Donate it to the church! We will take any items you have! (For clothing, please include coat hangers.) If you have items to donate, listen for announcements in church or contact the church for one of the sales team members to coordinate the time to drop off items. The majority of the proceeds will go to the general fund of the church to help us grow and expand the wonderful activities that we have going on within the church; however, a percentage will go to The Evangelical Children’s Home. Any leftover items not sold will be going to a charitable organization that gives back to and supports our area.

This project will be impossible without YOUR help!! We need your donations, but we also need you! Do you have great ideas about this? Then we need you on the team to organize “yesterday’s treasures” and rally the troops! Let Pam Schoeneberg or Peggy Hiatt know that you want to help organize/coordinate this event. One specific need we currently have is for someone who can oversee advertising for this event. We will be collecting items in the parsonage garage several weeks prior to the sale. During the weeks before, we will be sorting and pricing, so if you are available to help, you are needed! On Friday, June 7th, we will be open from 8:00am to 5:30pm, and on Saturday, June 8th, 8:00am to 4:00pm; so we will be taking shifts to staff the sale, checking people out and helping bag. There will be sign-up sheets in the church overflow for you to grab a spot. This is a large undertaking, but we are certain that the church will all come together and make this yet another wonderful event!!! So … let’s clean out our houses and transform those wonderful treasures into dreams for our church!

If you have any specific questions and/or want to help, catch me at church or feel free to give me a call! Pam Schoeneberg (cell 512-332-6439).
In Loving Memory of Mrs. Frances Allen, from:
Julia & Kenneth Krizak (Stained Glass Window)

In Loving Memory of Mr. Glenn Jaster, from:
Ross A. Jaster (Landscaping Fund)

In Loving Memory of Mrs. Evelyn E. Bujnoch, from:
Ross A. Jaster (Sirnic Endowment Fund)

In Loving Memory of Mr. Edwin “Scooty” Scott, from:
Ross A. Jaster (New Church Starts)

In Loving Memory of Mr. Daniel Dierking, from:
Ross A. Jaster (Stained Glass Window)

In Loving Memory of Mr. Curtis Burlin, from:
Ross A. Jaster (Children’s Ministry)

In Loving Memory of Mr. Kenny Richardson, from:
Ross A. Jaster (Mission Fund)

In Loving Memory of Mr. Clarence “Lighting” Owens, from:
Ross A. Jaster (Landscaping Fund)

In Loving Memory of Mr. Everett Jantz, from:
Ross A. Jaster (New Church Starts)

(Donations made after March 25th will be listed in the next newsletter.)
Parsonage Repair Update  
(By Council President Ryan Brandt)  

In light of preparing for the coming of a new pastor to serve our congregation, the needed parsonage repair work became a priority and work was begun. The main issue was that the house was unlevel. Council approved a budget for this project a few years ago, but it was postponed for awhile and eventually was put off till Jerry and Doris moved out.

One evening recently, we had multiple volunteers help pull up the carpet in the house so that the leveling company could access all the needed areas. We pulled out the shrubs at the front steps so they could access that area. These shrubs were large and overgrown to begin with, so it wasn’t a bad thing that they came out. Olshan Leveling then started their project which lasted roughly two weeks. They dug inside and around the perimeter of the house and in total, set or re-leveled over 60 piers. This brought the house level again and all the doors, windows, and both garage doors work as they should. The house and garage were leveled anywhere from 1.5 inches on the front side to 6 inches in the garage area. Hugo was a regular fixture there during this project and kept both parties informed of what was going on and what was needed. Thanks, Hugo, for spending so much time on this for us. Once the leveling was completed, we had a plumber come check all of the plumbing, and all checked out fine.

Now that the house is level, there are some more daunting tasks that are needed before anyone moves in. The approach to the garage will need to be taken out and re-poured with concrete since we had to raise the garage so much. Now it is too much of a curve to even drive a car into the garage.

Inside the house, there is some trim work that needs to be fixed and reattached to the walls. The onside of the house will need to be painted again, at least all of the walls, and we will use a single, neutral color. Council has talked about this and feels that we can probably get enough volunteers for a couple of evenings to get this project taken care of and save some money. Once the painting is completed, we will need to have new flooring laid in the entire house. Vinyl plank is probably the best option as it is durable and economical.

Once these projects are completed, the house should be move-in ready. I challenge all of our members to find a way to help accomplish these projects. I know there are many of you who have talents that could help us get these tasks completed. It will be a great thing to have a house that our new pastor and family will appreciate calling their Home.

Holy Humor Sunday!!  
April 28th

Start planning for continued celebration on April 28th as we continue joyful Good News through our Holy Humor Sunday. In light of so many challenges in life, it is good to celebrate resurrection in life. We can give thanks to God through laughter! After all, God played a joke on Death and raised Jesus from the grave! Humor is a sign of God’s creativity as new solutions and opportunities come to light through surprise.

Holy Humor Sunday services not only gives Christians an opportunity for ongoing celebrations of the greatest miracle in human history - Jesus’ resurrection - it also gives each of us an opportunity to celebrate and give thanks for our own renewed life experiences and smaller resurrections in this world and this life. Especially in light of the difficult times that many in our congregation have gone through recently, it is a good time to give thanks to God and proclaim the joyous Good News of the Resurrection. What better way to do this but through laughter!

Humor and laughter help us through tough times. When loss is resurrected into aliveness, it is wonderful to be surprised with laughter! Humor is a sign of God’s creativity.

Come in a costume! Make something fun—nothing scary—and surprise your neighbors! Be prepared to laugh and rejoice, for life is a good gift to be celebrated!
Lenten Insights

Fasting makes sense if it really chips away at our security and, as a consequence, benefits someone else, if it helps cultivate the style of the good Samaritan, who bent down to his brother in need and took care of him.  
—Pope Francis

Lent is like a long “retreat” during which we can turn back into ourselves and listen to the voice of God… using the arms of faith: prayer, listening to the word of God and penance. In this way we will be able to celebrate Easter in truth, ready to renew the promises of our baptism. 
—Pope Benedict XVI

ElderFest — Luncheon & Games for all!

ElderFest at Weimar UCC is not just for folks “of a certain age!” It’s a fun time for everyone! We invite you to join us and bring a friend or two!! Being a Weimar UCC member is not a requirement! All who attend enjoy food, fun, fellowship, domino and card games. All can look forward to gathering in the fellowship hall on the third Thursday of April (the 18th), and on the third Thursday of May (the 16th). Come around 11:30am and plan to stay a while. Volunteers generously provide “everything we hoped for at a church luncheon,” and there is always more than enough for all. “See you there!” Thanks to all who make this event possible, and to those who attend!

$1 for 1 Mission Update

By Darlia Maxwell, Missions Chair

$1 for 1 Mission has been well received with the congregation and the recipients whom we have donated to thus far. There are a number of thank you letters and cards posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex; stop by and read them, they are quite touching!

Following is a list of the recipients and amounts donated since our last newsletter:

November – Heritage Museum of Weimar - $118.00
December – Deputy Lehmann Benevolent - $288.00
January – Boys & Girls Club of Champion Valley - $144.00
February – Turtle Wing Foundation - $165.00

In case you’re not familiar, the $1 for 1 Mission is your opportunity to give $1 (or more if you wish) in addition to your regular offering each Sunday. The purpose of this ministry is to demonstrate that something as small as one dollar can be used to make a big difference in the lives of others. Please place your donation in the small white or yellow envelope labeled $1 for 1 Mission Offering and put it in the offering plate each week. If your donation is not placed in the special envelope, we do not know that it is intended for this mission project, so please use the envelopes designated for this – they are located in the back of the pews.

Donations in the upcoming months will be made to Hoofs & Hounds Rescue, Colorado County Habitat for Humanity, Friends of the Weimar Library, and Mini Horse Helpers. If you are involved in or have an organization near and dear to your heart that you’d like us to donate to, please let someone on the council know so that it can be considered.

Each of you must give what you have decided in your heart, not with regret or under compulsion, since God loves a cheerful giver. Besides, God is able to make every blessing of yours overflow for you, so that in every situation you will always have all you need for any good work.  — 2 Corinthians 9: 7

$1 for 1 Mission Offering—2019 Donations List

January Boys & Girls Club of Champion Valley, 1100 Bohlmann Ave, Schulenburg 78956
February Turtle Wing Foundation, PO Box 621, Schulenburg 78956
March Hooves and Hounds Rescue & Rehab Sanctuary, PO Box 336, Sheridan 77475
April Colorado County Habitat for Humanity, PO Box 1448, Columbus 78934
May Friends of the Weimar Library
June Mini Horse Helpers, PO Box 642, La Grange 78945
July Weimar Lions Club, PO Box 170, Weimar 78962 (not 100% sure about this one)
August The Heritage Society Museum of Weimar, 125 E Main St., Weimar 78962
September Parents As Teachers, 105 N. Grohmann St., Weimar 78962
October Family Crisis Center, PO Box 736, Bastrop 78602
November Weimar Volunteer Fire Department, PO Box 792, Weimar 78962
December ARTS for Rural Texas, 201 W. Fayette St., Fayetteville 78940
Please pray for …
… All in the Military, and their families.
… those struggling and/or suffering.
… our world leaders.
… World Peace.
… our church as we seek a new pastor.

We Continue to pray for …

We Rejoice With …
… The Vanicek Family! Little Blakely Anne Vanicek was baptized into Christ at Weimar UCC during the worship service on March 3, 2019. Her parents are Travis & Bianka Vanicek, and her very proud Big Brother is Brisyn. Grandparents are Mark & Lizetta Vanicek. Bernice Haney is her Great-Grandmother and the late Charles Haney was her Great-Grandfather.
… Brandon & Amarae Anders, in the recent birth of a daughter, Callie. Axel is her very proud Big Brother. We wish them much joy and happiness.

High School Graduates to be Honored on May 5th

We will honor our high school graduates during worship on Sunday, May 5th. At this time, however, we do not know who this year’s graduates are, so we need your help. Please call or e-mail the office soon and let us know if you are graduating or know the names of those who are.

These young people will be presented with a gift from their church as they come forward to share their plans for the future and we ask God’s blessings upon them.

A reception honoring them will be held in the church fellowship hall following the service. All are invited to be present and congratulate them.

The Waiting Game
Life involves lots of waiting. We wait in groups, in lines, in cars.
We wait for mail, for the bus, for the sun to rise.
Waiting implies we’re at someone else’s mercy, but it’s also usually linked to hope. Why would one wait if there weren’t the firm belief that the object of one’s wait will eventually materialize?
Waiting can be enervating, which is why Isaiah 40: 31 is so promising: “They who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.”
Yet, waiting is tough if you have nothing to do while waiting. That’s why Jesus, when talking about waiting, also talked about working — work for the night is coming. Sometimes it’s less tiring to work than it is to wait.
There’s a lot of waiting during Lent. You’re waiting for a payoff, You’re waiting for the Resurrection. You’re waiting for spiritual growth. And, then you realize this isn’t waiting at all. It’s life. It’s joy. It’s opportunity. It’s a blessing.
—Timothy Merrill
April 7, 14 (Palm Sunday) & 18 (Maundy Thursday)

Liturgists:  
7th – Paul Hilley  
14th – Ross A. Jaster  
18th – Marianne Muehr

Song Leaders:  
7th – Dickie Muehr  
14th – Marianne Muehr  
18th – Dickie Muehr

Special Music:  
7th – The Sanctuary Choir  
14th – Kids’ Choir

Acolytes:  
7th – Alex Vazquez & Kylie Helmcamp  
14th – Emily Wied & Kadi Dees

Ushers:  
Melvin Hedt*, Jared Hedt, Harris & Sandy Kainer

Kids’ Usher:  
7th – Callie Janak  
14th – Kelsey Wied

Greeters:  
Amy Koehn & Dora Vazquez

Communion Stewards:  
7th – Amy & Alan Koehn  
18th – Maundy Thursday, by Intinction — Loreen Rhodes

Altar Flowers:  
7th – Jacklyn Marak-Bartosh  
(In Honor of Randy & Lisa Marak, Kendall & Hunter Hengst, and Shaun Matthews, and In Memory of Thomas Matthews)

14th – Gerald & Donna Kosler (In Memory of their Parents)

April 21 (Easter) & 28

Liturgists:  
21st – Ryan Brandt  
28th – Tim Beken

Song Leaders:  
21st – Dickie Muehr  
28th – Marianne Muehr

Special Music:  
21st – The Sanctuary Choir  
28th – Dickie Muehr

Acolytes:  
21st – Kirby Crow & Lauren Summers  
28th – Dalton & Delaney Turlington

Ushers:  
21st – Alan & Amy Koehn*, Emilie & Ashlie Kunschick  
28th – Shannon Adamcik*, Donna Kosler, Jeremy & Amanda Turlington

Kids’ Usher:  
21st – Hadley Brandt  
28th – Emily Wied

Greeters:  
David & Deanna Niesner

Easter Communion Stewards:  
Sunrise Service — Chris & Gretchen Maddux  
Regular Service — Hugo Richter

Altar Flowers:  
21st – **The Jr. Friedrich & Carrol Jean Families (In Loving Memory of Milroy & Delores Hoegemeyer)  
28th – Mark & Lizetta Vanicek (In Honor of their Families)

**Altar Flowers — You will be assigned each year, hopefully around this same date.  
*Head Usher — It is your responsibility to remind the others who are assigned with you, and tell them their duties.
May 5 & 12 (Mother's Day)

**Liturgists:** 5th – Marianne Muehr 12th – Shannon Adamcik

**Song Leaders:** 5th – Dickie Muehr 12th – Marianne Muehr

**Special Music:** 5th—The Sanctuary Choir 12th—Band Students

**Acolytes:** 5th – Gavin Schoeneberg & Rayleigh Huette 12th – Chloie Brandt & Callie Janak

**Ushers:** Tammy & Paul Hilley*, Harris Kainer, Vance Adamcik

**Kids’ Usher:** 5th – Kelsey Wied 12th – Brisyn Dixon

**Greeters:** Sue Vornsand & Melissa Dittrich

**Communion Stewards:** 5th – Lynelle Schwenke & Loreen Rhodes

**Altar Flowers:**
5th -- **Wayne & Jo Lynn McDonald (In Honor of our 2019 High School Graduates)
12th -- **Mother’s Day – Elliott Koehn & Family (In Memory of Ava Koehn, Gladys Hill & Erna Koehn)

May 19 & 26

**Liturgists:** 19th – Kristy Janecka 26th – Frank Gosney

**Song Leaders:** 19th – Dickie Muehr 26th – Marianne Muehr

**Special Music:** 19th—The Sanctuary Choir 26th—Dickie Muehr (Trumpet)

**Acolytes:** 19th – Emily Wied & Alex Vazquez 26th -- Brinson Huette & Caroline Koehn

**Ushers:** Darlia Maxwell*, Peggy Hiatt, Patsy Schmitt, Dora Vazquez

**Kids’ Usher:** 19th -- Chloe Brandt 26th — Rylen Lopez

**Greeters:** 19th – David & Shirlene Smith 26th – Alice Friedrich & Joyce Gosney

**Altar Flowers:**
19th **In Memory of M/M Arthur Beken, from their Grandchildren
26th **Rosalie & Emily Latimer (In Loving Memory of George Latimer)

**Altar Flowers —** You will be assigned each year, hopefully around this same date.

*Head Usher — It is your responsibility to remind the others who are assigned with you, and tell them their duties.

Please Remember —

Calendar your assignments. It is up to you to arrange coverage if you are unable to serve as scheduled.

For more information on scheduling, please see the current Weimar UCC Yearbook.

From time to time, schedule changes are made to fill in for those no longer with us.
**Sunday Schedule**

- Worship: 9:30 a.m.  
  (Communion every first Sunday)  
  (nursery provided — cry room available)
- Coffee/Fellowship: 10:45 a.m.
- Bible Classes for All Ages  
  (9:00am-9:25am & after worship)

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Tuesday Bible Study at 1:30 p.m.

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