



The Messenger

February 2022

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“When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?” Psalm 8:3.

February is such an incredible month. To start, this short month is filled with the births of numerous great individuals. Along with birthdays, February embraces the groundhog as the “Gold Standard” for meteorology. February is the foundation for the world clocks to readjust with the earth’s rotation.

Midway through February we celebrate the birthdays of two extremely unique Presidents. For many reasons, in our current political climate neither would have had the slightest chance of being elected. And, based on numerous readings, I doubt either would have been interested in running for office.

From Washington and Lincoln, to groundhogs, through time alterations - there is so much we can learn within the boundaries of February. With this learning field in mind, I started reflecting on some of the lessons my favorite teacher and oldest granddaughter, Camdyn, has laid upon me over the years. As I thought about her teachings, I realized what a better person I would have been if I had fully lived out her lessons. Some of these lessons are:

- Don’t expect to know a person simply by glancing on their surface.
- It is okay to respect your own boundaries - rather than allowing others to establish boundaries for you.
- If you want to accomplish a task, start with hard work and even harder determination. Don’t wait around for someone else to accomplish your responsibilities.
- Just because someone wants you to do something doesn’t mean you have to do it.
- There are many ways to share your love. Most of the ways don’t cost a penny.
- It is wonderful to get excited and belly laugh for no apparent reason - even when people are watching.
- Trust until it is proven trust is not deserved.
- It is not about how someone looks at you. It is about how you look at another person.



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- Make-up and combed hair do not hide the real person.

Jesus put Camdyn's lessons in a statement which we all should take more seriously. "Love your neighbor as God loves you."

Happy February,
Pastor Gerry

A Note from the Church Secretary

After 23 years as Secretary of Weimar United Church, I've decided it's time for me to retire. I don't have any big plans at this time, but I will remain in Weimar and continue to worship here with my church family. I've enjoyed working in this capacity and will surely miss it at times, but life moves on. Retirement will allow me more free time to visit family and friends out of town, as well as to enjoy fun activities here in the area.

Thanks to all who have supported me over these years, making my job very easy and enjoyable. My retirement will be effective at the end of March, 2022.

Blessings to all, Loreen



welcome
to our church family



We welcome our NEW Pastor, Rev. Dr. Jimmy Watson, and his wife Annie to Weimar United Church.

On January 22nd, a "Meet & Greet" was held in the fellowship hall, giving everyone an opportunity to get acquainted with Rev. Watson and Annie. One of their daughters and a grandson were also present. A light meal was offered and much socializing was enjoyed. On Sunday, January 23rd, Rev. Watson preached a "trial sermon" and a congregational vote followed. Ballots were counted and, by a unanimous vote, he was called to be the full time pastor of Weimar United Church! We are super excited and can't wait to have them here!

More details on their move to Weimar and his start date will be forthcoming.

(Pictured from left to right: their daughter Christen, Annie, Rev. Dr. Jimmy Watson, and their grandson Lyle.)

?? ? Bible Quiz ? ?

In the book of Revelation, who or what is "prepared as a bride, adorned for her husband"?

A. The church
B. The Spirit
C. Mary Magdalene
D. The new Jerusalem



Answer: D (See Revelation 21:2.)



Volunteers

He who will lock-up the building and adjust the air after services each Sunday this month — **Ryan Schoeneberg**.

Thanks to **Kelly Janak** and **Hugo Richter** for taking turns unlocking and adjusting the air before services.

Those who will care for the
Sirnic Cemetery Plot —

Lynelle Schwenke & Loreen Rhodes

Thanks to All of you!

What is Happening at Weimar United Church

Sermon Titles/Scriptures for February

February 6th	Fifth Sunday after Epiphany— Rev. Gerry Metzger "Thank You" Psalm 138, Isaiah 6: 1-8, Luke 5: 1-11
February 13th	Sixth Sunday after Epiphany— Rev. Gerry Metzger "Blessed are ..." Psalm 1, Jeremiah 17: 5-10, Luke 6: 17-26
February 20th	Seventh Sunday after Epiphany— Rev. Gerry Metzger "Tough" Psalm 37: 1-11, 39-40, Genesis 45: 3-11, 15, Luke 6: 27-38
February 27th	Transfiguration— Rev. Gerry Metzger "Be Transformed" Psalm 99, Exodus 34: 29-35, Luke 9: 28-36

Newsletter Editors

Mindy Malatek & Loreen Rhodes

Colorado County Wellness Adult Health Fair

The Friends of the Weimar Public Library, along with the Colorado County Wellness Committee, will be sponsoring an Adult Health Fair to be held at our fellowship hall on Saturday, March 5th from 9-11am. Texas A&M Agri Life Extension Service, Texas Department of State Health Services, and other agencies are teaming together to bring this fair.

The event will include door prizes and giveaways, freebies and goodies, along with health screenings including kidney checks, blood pressure checks, and valuable information and resources. Please make plans to attend this free event. Remember that you are wealthiest at your healthiest!

\$1 for 1 Offering

Council Stewardship Chairman Joe Wallace has determined that during February we will continue collecting offerings designated for The Weimar Heritage Society Museum. Through your gifts, we will provide a worthwhile contribution to the Weimar Community.

**YOUR GIVING
MATTERS!**



Women's Fellowship

Your Evening Circle, at Work & Play

Reminder: The Evening Circle meets the second Tuesday of each month at 4:00pm in the church library. **This month, we will meet on Tuesday, February 8th.** Hostesses for our February meeting are Lanette Kahlden & Joyce Ohnheiser. We meet for about 1 & 1/2 hours for fellowship time and delicious food, a brief meeting chaired by Sandy Kainer, and a devotional presented by Julia Krizak.

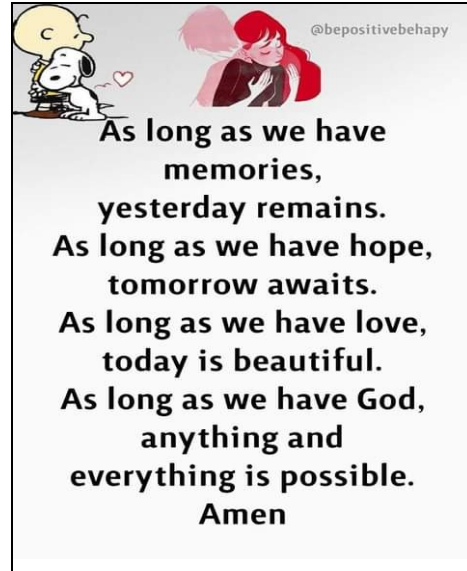
Some of our recent Evening Circle Activities include: giving 10% of our monthly offering to the Weimar Food Pantry; and, mailing cards to home bound folks and those we think might enjoy getting a card. Mike Loessin is graciously providing the cards we send out each month. Thank you Mike!

We have two new projects planned for the future. This first is the cleaning of the church pews with soap and water before the new cushions arrive. Please contact Gretchen Maddux if you would be interested in helping with this project. The second will be making notebooks filled with pictures of our various banners, Christmas items, etc., stating the location where they are stored, where to hang them in the church, and at the appropriate time of year. Please contact Marianne Muehr if you would be interested in helping with this project.

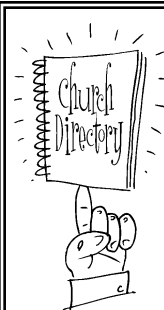
Elderfest will be on the third Thursday of February, the 17th, at 11:30am. We always have a good time having between 15 to 20 people attend this event. Everyone is welcome to come visit, eat various foods, and play dominoes and cards.

We invite all ladies to come and join or visit our Evening Circle group for a wonderful time of Christian Fellowship.

Submitted by Jo Lynn McDonald



(Courtesy of Joe Wallace)



It's that time to UPDATE our Members' Roster

Each February our Members' Roster gets updated. We can do this correctly only with your help. If your phone number, mailing address, home address, or email address needs to be updated on our records, please email the church office at weimaruc@cvctx.com or call the office at 979.725.8315.



In Memory of Mr. Raymond Grunewald, from:

Jason & Melissa Barton (*New Pew Cushions*)

Douglas & Sandy Pesak (*New Pew Cushions*)

In Memory of Brother Francis Kasper, from:

Cynthia Seydler (*New Pew Cushions*)

(Any memorials given after January 24th will be posted in the March Newsletter.)

Memorial Gift Fund Suggestions

Children's Ministry Fund, Sirnic Memorial Endowment Fund,
Parsonage Fund, Ratliff Memorial Music Fund,
Building Fund, Church Landscaping Fund,
Mission Fund, New Church Start Fund,
Outside Storage Building Fund, General Operating Fund,
New Pew Cushion Fund, Weimar United Church Evening Circle



**World Marriage Day
at Weimar United Church
February 6, 2022**

Each year, we recognize those couples in our congregation who will celebrate 50 years of marriage some time during that calendar year. We need to learn from you who those couples are this year so they can be recognized during the worship service on February 6th and with a reception in the fellowship hall following that service.

Upon receipt of this newsletter, you have a short time in which to let the office know who we will recognize this year. Do we have any such couples among us this year? Help us make this a special celebration if there are any celebrating 50 years during 2022.



News for our Men and Boys

The men of the church will hold a coon hunt and stew supper on Saturday, February 19, at the Bekens' Lazy A Camphouse south of town. Guys, if you are new in the parts and don't know where that is, just ask any of the old timers for directions.

The event begins at 6:00pm; however, help is needed several hours earlier with the cooking. Chairmen are Hugo Richter and Kelly Janak, and they solicit help of others who might be available.

No tickets are needed. All men are invited, along with their sons, grandsons, nephews, and friends. You just need to bring a healthy appetite, along with your guests. If you have any questions, Hugo Richter has all the answers!

February Worship Assistants

Liturgists:

6th—Elliott Koehn
13th—Alice Friedrich
20th—Delaney Turlington
27th—Julia Krizak

Acolytes:

6th—Emily Wied & Madeline Antosh
13th—Chloe Brandt & Callie Janak
20th—Gavin Schoenberg & Kelsey Wied
27th—Brock Antosh & Hadley Brandt

Communion Stewards:

6th—Ross Jaster & Jenny Grohmann

Ushers:

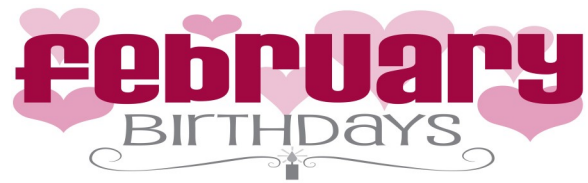
6h & 13th—Alice Friedrich*, Shannon Adamcik,
Brandon & Amarae Anders
20th & 27th—Christian & Angela Rabel*,
Amanda & Jeremy Turlington

Greeters:

6th & 13th—Deena Richter & Jane Armontrout
20th & 27th—Paul & Tammy Hilley

Altar Flowers:

6th—Paul & Tammy Hilley
13th—Hugo & Deena Richter
In Memory of Charles & Mamie Davidson; Alma &
Albert Richter; Hugo Sr. & Alena Richter
20th—Chris & Gretchen Maddux
In Honor of their Children and Grandchildren
27th—Harvey & Linda Vornsand
In Memory of their Parents, Alvin & Katie Vornsand
and Bill & Otilia Klare



*(If you see an omission or error on this list,
please call the church office so a correction can be made.)*

Weimar United Church Dates to Remember

- Evening Circle Meeting, Feb. 8th @ 4:00pm.
- NO Church Council Meeting the month of February
Next meeting is March 9th @ 7:00 pm.
- Valentine's Day—Monday, Feb. 14th
- Elderfest, Feb. 17th, Thursday @ 11:30am
- Men's Stew Supper/Coon Hunt @ 6:00pm, Feb. 19th
- Newsletter Articles are due Monday, Feb. 21st
- Rev. Metzger will be in Weimar, Feb. 6th—8th and
20th—22nd, and Sundays. He is available to anyone.
- Ash Wednesday—March 2nd
- World Day of Prayer—March 4th
- Colorado County Wellness Adult Health Fair—
March 5th, 9:00—11:00am in the fellowship hall.

Worship Attendance

January 2nd—42
January 9th—55
January 16th—46
January 23rd—87
January 30th— n/a

(January Average — n/a)

These attendance records show how many folks attended the services in the sanctuary. Services are streamed, and an average of **70 views per Sunday** are being watched over Facebook and YouTube combined.

Heart of Texas

Greetings Association Members,

I don't know about you, but I am so thankful that January is almost over! COVID hit our house pretty hard, but thankfully we are on the mends. I know your families, church communities, and others ministry settings have been hit hard as well. I echo the message that I am hearing all across the Association and beyond: **We will get through this!** I know it's an old and tired message, but think about how the Israelites must have felt hearing the same message for 70 years while they were in exile in Babylon. **We will and we are getting through this!**

First, a bit of news from around the Association

- Weimar UCC voted on their settled minister Sunday, January 23rd.
- The Committee on Ministry is meeting on Thursday, January 27 and we continue to have a consistent flow of individuals interested in entering the MID process or other authorized minister credentials.

Touchstone UCC is meeting Sunday, January 30th to vote on their first constitution and bylaws. This is one step in becoming a recognized congregation with full standing in our Association.

Don't forget these upcoming events:

- February 1 at 9:30am HOTA Clergy Gathering
- February 2 at 7:00pm HOTA Church Leaders Gathering

February 3 at 12:00 pm HOTA Annual Meeting Planning
Remembering that we all serve different contexts, there are some great webinars/training coming up in February that may serve you:

- February 2 at 3:00pm MESA: MID Process
- Wednesdays in February at 7:00pm Sexuality and the Bible 101
- February 3 at 2:30pm United Black Christians Celebration of Black History Month
- February 10 at 2:30pm Reading the Bible Through Womanist Lens
- February 17 at 2:30pm Becoming an Abolitionist
- February 23 at 10:00am Middle Eastern Christians in an Age of Empire

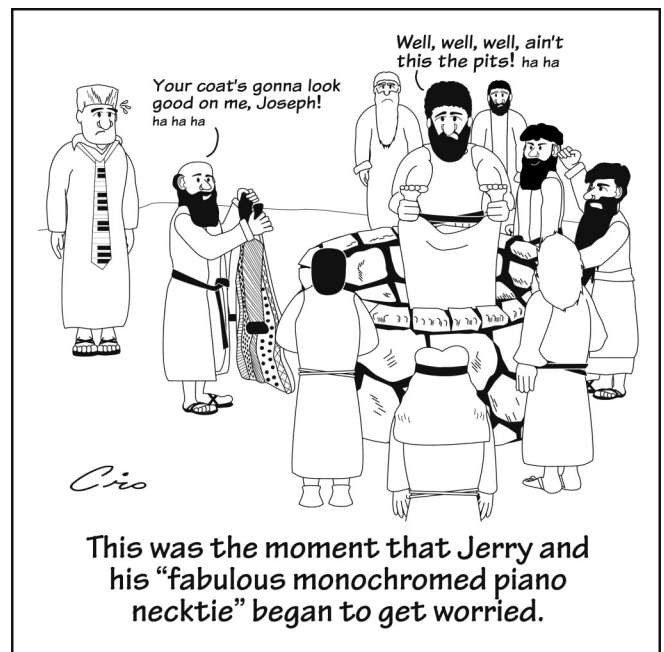
- February 23 at 6:30pm Stewardship Year Round
- February 24 at 2:30pm Confronting Bias in Search and Call

February 28 at 6:30pm MESA: Pastoral Relations Committee.

Also, I encourage you to subscribe to the Conference E-news that comes out on Thursday. A lot of exciting things are taking place at the Conference level, including gearing up for the Annual Meeting the last weekend in May where EVERYONE is invited to attend and to bring their families. More information really soon on that!

Remember to follow the Heart of Texas Association on Facebook or Instagram, if that is a thing for you. And, I'm always here to answer questions, offer support and in general, just here for you.

Peace,
Nikki





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Sunday Worship Service — 9:30am
Bible Study—Sunday 9:00am
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