



The Messenger

June 2021

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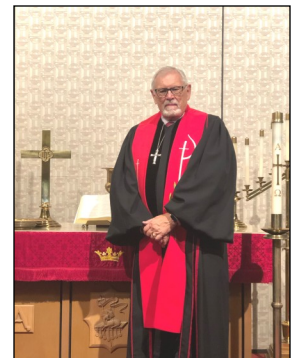
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“The Lord your God, who goes before you, is the one who will fight for you, just as he did for you in Egypt before your very eyes, and in the wilderness, where you saw the Lord your God carried you just as one carries a child, all the way that you traveled until you reached this place.” Deut. 1: 30-31

As one thunder cloud stormed out of my office, lightening flashed and grabbed the only uncluttered chair. “RevM, it appears Mrs. Thornapple is not overjoyed with you.”

“Jake, that is truly an understatement. She asked me a question which I honestly answered. After the storm my honesty created, it appears my world would be calmer if I inserted my foot only half way into my mouth.”

“RevM, wouldn’t that take the fun out of your life. I always love it when you’re at the center of the storm. It has a way of brightening my day! What was the earth shaking question which created this storm to erupt?”



“She asked my opinion on the best graduation gift she could give her daughter. I was a little nervous at first because she has never asked my opinion on any subject. Then I thought, why not give her a suggestion. So, I said the best gift she could give Anne was her freedom. A safer suggestion would have been an all expense paid trip around the world for both of them.”

“RevM, as well as you know Thornapple, you know she would never consider such a gift. Giving Anne freedom would force Thornapple to embrace a new identity. She will not even allow Anne to go to the Dime Store without an escort. You know Anne is not allowed to enter ‘The Cafe’ without mother at her side. Retch said Anne is barely allowed to order for herself.

Miss Barb told me there is a pool as to the day and time Thornapple will rent a house near the University so she can live with Anne. There is another pool related to when Anne will attend the first class by herself.”

“I heard about the community gambling pools, and the belief that Mrs. Thornapple would not allow the doctor to cut the umbilical cord. But Jake, for Anne’s sake I needed to try. She is such an incredible child with so much potential.

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But, until she is allowed to live, make mistakes, grow up - her potential will never be realized.

A long time ago my dear friend and mentor reminded me, more than once, that children are from us - not of us. The best we can do is provide them with all the tools they might need, the knowledge to use those tools, and a foundation built upon. Then we send them out into the amazing world.

On every level that is what God has done with each of us. Why are we so unwilling to follow Divine examples? By releasing Anne, Mrs. Thornapple is putting on display her faith in God."

"RevM, I came in because I heard a very loud conversation coming out your window, not to be preached at. The good news Mrs. Thornapple told me she was stopping by to visit with Pastor Sven. She knows he will give her the answer she is looking for. She might even find a church better suited to her needs.

By the way, what do you think I should give Retch and Barb for their upcoming anniversary??

Shalom.

Pastor Gerry

Newsletter Editors

Mindy Malatek & Loreen Rhodes

Welcome Our New Members



On May 23rd, we celebrated Pentecost and received six new members into the church family. They were honored with a reception following the service.

Pictured above from left to right: Lee Beken, Linda Vornsand, David Little (*with granddaughter Lillian*), Debbie Little, Joe Wallace and Mindy Malatek.



Congratulations



Our 2021 graduates were honored on May 16th during the service, followed by a reception in their honor. Pictured above is Mia Colletti, daughter of Mindy Malatek. She is gradating from Columbus ISD and will attend Wharton County Junior College to study Criminal Justice, and later transfer to Sam Houston State University, where she will get her bachelor's degree in hopes of becoming a forensic scientist.

Honored but unable to be present were: Katherine (Kate) Douglas Crow, daughter of Robert & Kimberly (Beken) Crow and granddaughter of Arthur Ray & Karen Beken; Charles (Charlie) Ripper Lamme, son of Gina (Muehr) & Tommy Lamme and grandson of Marianne & Dickie Muehr; and Chance Niesner, son of John and Shara Niesner and grandson of David and Deanna Niesner.



June Volunteers

He who will unlock & lock-up the building and adjust the air early each Sunday —

Ross Jaster & Kelly Janak

Those who will care for the Sirnic Cemetery Plot —

The Richter Family

Thanks to All of you!

What is Happening at Weimar United Church

Sermon Titles/Scriptures for June

June 6th	Second Sunday after Pentecost— Rev. Gerry Metzger “Easy Answers” Psalm 130, Genesis 3:8-15, Mark 3:20-35
June 13th	Third Sunday after Pentecost— Rev. Gerry Metzger “How Big is God’s Small” Psalm 20, 1 Samuel 15:34—16:13
June 20th	Fourth Sunday after Pentecost— Rev. Gerry Metzger “Care” Psalm 9:9-20, 1 Samuel 17:32-49, Mark 4:35-41
June 27th	Fifth Sunday after Pentecost— Rev. Gerry Metzger “Touch” Psalm 30, 2 Corinthians 8:7-15, Mark 5:21-43



Weimar United Church has an informative website. If you haven’t looked at it, you might want to do so.

For your information, any donations made on line can be “designated” for a particular purpose by pressing “donate” and following directions.

www.weimartxuucc.com

\$1 for \$1 Offering

For the past month, we have been collecting offerings for Parents as Teachers. Council Stewardship Chairman, Mike Antosh, determined we will continue collecting for Parents as Teachers thru the month of June.

Thanks to all of you for your support.

YOUR GIVING MATTERS!

Report on May 12th Council Meeting

Council President Kelly Janak called the meeting to order. Minutes of the April 14, 2021 meeting were provided, reviewed, and accepted after correcting the typo of Confirmands. Marianne reported for Pastor Gerry, stating that we will be honoring the graduates on Sunday, May 16, 2021, and the Evening Circle will provide the reception. We will be welcoming new members on Pentecost Sunday, May 23, 2021.

Old Business regarding masks: The council discussed reasonable and prudent ways to follow the governor's Texas mask mandate that ended March 10, 2021. Therefore, the wearing of masks in church will be optional beginning May 16, 2021. The former cry room will now be the clean/safe room if you are socially distancing.

New Business: Rev. Metzger addressed a letter to the Church Council stating that he would like to stay at the parsonage several days throughout the coming weeks to provide pastoral care, be a presence in the community, assist with VBS, and to do office work. A motion was made and approved to accept Rev. Metzger's request and to empower Kelly to discuss compensation. The search committee has reviewed many profiles of applicants and is trying to be proactive in the search for a new permanent pastor.

Committee Reports:

Worship: Marianne stated that we will be honoring the graduates on May 16th and that the Evening Circle will provide the reception. She also stated that we will be welcoming new members on Pentecost Sunday and the Council will be providing the reception. Rev. Metzger will not be here on July 11th, August 29th, and September 5th. Worship Chairman Marianne will be contacting Rev. Tewald and Rev. Glen Schoeneberg to fill in for him.

Property: Hugo stated the parsonage could use another cleaning before Rev. Metzger stays there and Dora volunteered to clean it.

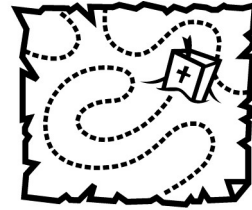
Christian Education: Ryan and his team are working hard on Vacation Bible School which will be June 7th through 10th. The Adult Sunday School class has been going well and will only be going for a few more weeks until Summer break.

At Large: Dickie stated that he would like to help the office in creating packets for new members that would include various information about our church, such as a good contact person, what groups are available to join, activities to join, etc...

Missions: Mike's message stated that we were able to collect \$250.00 for the Weimar Little League. He has the check from Ted and will soon present it to the League.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm with praying the Lord's Prayer in unison by those present.

Submitted by Emily Latimer,
Church Council Secretary



LOOKinG for A BibLe Study?

Are You Interested?

On those weeks when Pastor Gerry is in residence, he is willing to host a bible study for all who are interested. With the exception of the week of VBS, he will be here Sunday, Monday and Tuesday mornings. If you are interested, please contact the church office or Pastor Gerry (210-834-0510, gwmetzger@gmail.com) and share what time would work best for you. Also, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact Pastor Gerry.

The interest of the individuals and not the size of the group is the importance.



Women's Fellowship

Your Evening Circle, at Work & Play

Reminder: The Evening Circle meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 4:00pm in the church library; however, this month we will meet on the 1st Tuesday (June 1st), due to Vacation Bible School. Hostesses for the June meeting are Marianne Muehr and Jo Lynn McDonald. The group meets for about an hour and a half for fellowship time, which means delicious food, a brief meeting chaired by Sandy Kainer, and an interesting devotional presented by Julia Krizak.

The May 11th meeting was held at the Weimar Elementary School Library with Amy Koehn giving a wonderful presentation about the library. The Evening Circle had previously made a donation to the school library and Amy shared some of the books that she purchased with our donation. Our group presented her with a \$100.00 donation to buy more books for the library.

We invite all ladies to come and join or visit our Evening Circle group for a wonderful time of Christian Fellowship. *(Enclosed recipes are from Ladies of this Circle.)*

In Memory of Mr. Scot Nevill, from:

Ross A. Jaster (Children's Ministry)

In Memory of Mrs. Rosalie "Book" Love Chapel, from:

Ross A. Jaster (Children's Ministry)

In Memory of Mr. Landon Klussmann, from:

Ross A. Jaster (Children's Ministry)

In Memory of Ms. Erna Mae Rose (on her Birthday), from:

Donna Beck (The Ladies' Evening Circle)

In Memory of Mr. Allen Carlson, from:

David & Shirlene Smith (Vacation Bible School)

In Memory of Mrs. Dyann Conway, from:

Louis & Linda Barrilleaux (Children's Ministry)

In Memory of Mr. Arthur H. Brandt, Jr., from:

Charles & Donna Trefny (Building Fund)

Hugo & Deena Richter (Storage Building)

In Memory of Mrs. Doris Closs, from:

Ross A. Jaster (Children's Ministry)

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
Weimar UCC Evening Circle (**recently added**)

(Any memorial donations made after May 24th will be listed in the next newsletter.)



Food Collection

Community Food Pantry

Thanks to everyone who has supported our local food pantry. For June, the suggested item is Canned Tuna; however, any non-perishable food items are appreciated. The collection box is in the church foyer. Thanks to Jenny Grohmann for always transporting the collected items to the distribution center at Calvary Baptist Church.

June Worship Assistants

Liturgists:

6th—Ryan Brandt
13th—Riley Antosh
20th—Ryan Schoeneberg
27th—Hugo Richter

Acolytes:

6th—Hadley Brandt & Chloe Brandt
13th—Brock Antosh & Callie Janak
20th—Brisyn Dixon & Caroline Koehn
27th—Brinson Huette & Rylen Lopez

Communion Stewards:

6th—Dora Vazquez & Amy Koehn

Ushers:

6th & 13th—Harris Kainer, Vance Adamcik,
Drew Adamcik, James Kainer
20th & 27th—Wayne & Jo Lynn McDonald*, Christian
& Angela Rabel

Greeters:

6th & 13th—David & Deanna Niesner
20th & 27th—Ryan Brandt & Peggy Hiatt

Altar Flowers:

6th—Clifford & Jenny Grohmann, Mike Loessin,
Larry & Sophie Loessin and their Families
In Memory of Lawrence & Johnnie Loessin
13th—Weimar UCC's Men's Brotherhood
20th—Berry Lou Stech & Family
In Loving Memory of Leonard Stech
27th—The Kelly Janak Family
In Memory of Albert & Maxine Janak

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

Please Remember —

*If for any reason you don't feel comfortable attending church during this time, please
contact the office as soon as possible.*



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

Heart of Texas

I share with joy that Arlene Turner has been called to be Pastor of Bethany Congregational UCC in San Antonio, beginning on June 1st. Arlene will be ordained at United Christian Church on Sunday, May 30th (*by the time most of you read this article*) during the Zoom prayer and fellowship time after preaching in the morning online worship service. As some of you may recall, Arlene was approved for ordination at an Ecclesiastical Council of the Heart of Texas Association last May. Her journey to ordination came first through the United Methodist Church, and then through being a Member in Discernment at United while helping in many ways with her active membership and ministry there. Bethany voted to call her on May 9th. Since Arlene is to be ordained at United, the church is working with her to celebrate her ordination before she begins at Bethany. They are figuring out how to do it with Association representation while the whole church community is still meeting online. Our ways are a bit different than before the pandemic, but we are thankful to God that our ministry continues. We pray for God's blessings on Arlene and on Bethany as they go forward in Christ's ministry together, and we give thanks for the caring and faithful interim ministry of Pastor Tom Robison with the church.

As announced earlier, Kerry Kirtley was ordained on Sunday, May 23rd at Touchstone Community Church in Boerne in a vibrant Pentecost service. The service was the first in person worship for Touchstone since March, 2020. It was also their first hybrid service, meaning that the service included those attending online. In addition, the service included both online and live music. It all came together beautifully. Kerry, like Arlene, came to the UCC

through the United Methodist Church (UMC), and the service included UMC pastors who had supported her in her journey as well as many from her large and loving family.

Our brother in Christ, Martin Garrison, has resigned as Pastor of St Peter's Church of Coupland, with his last Sunday being June 27th. Martin has served at St. Peter's since 2014. Several of our Heart of Texas ministers shared heartfelt memories together recently as we said farewell to Martin at our May "Jam and Bread" gathering. He and his wife, Emily, will be moving to Galveston for the next stop on their journey, with Martin taking a break from ministry. Our prayers for God's blessings and the presence of the Holy Spirit go with them. Our prayers go, too, with St. Peter's as they search for an interim minister and begin this time of transition.

Our brother in Christ, Sid Hall, will have his farewell worship service at Trinity Church of Austin on June 13th as he retires as their Lead Minister. Sid has served at Trinity since 1988, guiding them to become one of the early Reconciling Churches in the United Methodist Church and ministering with them as they became dually affiliated with the UCC, among many milestones in his ministry with the church. He has, as well, been a long time leader in social justice ministry in Austin. Sid and his wife, Mary Pratt, will be moving to Ft. Collins, Colorado, and he will move into full standing as a UCC minister in July. We give thanks to God for Sid's ministry and pray for Sid and Mary to be blessed with God's presence going forward. We also pray for God's blessings on Trinity's incoming interim minister, Christine Tata and on the time she and the church will share together releasing Sid as they start a new era in Trinity's ministry.

Blessings in Christ,
Liz Nash, Association Minister

Worship Attendance

May 2nd—54

May 9th—54

May 16th—58

May 23rd—58

May 30th—64

(May Average — 58)

These attendance records show how many folks attended the services in the sanctuary. Services are streamed due to the pandemic, and an average of **127 views per Sunday** are being watched over Facebook and YouTube combined.

Weimar United Church Dates to Remember

- Evening Circle, June 1st @ 4 pm
- Vacation Bible School—June 7th—10th
- Flag Day—June 14th
- Council Meeting—June 16th @ 7pm (*notice date change*)
- Father's Day—June 20th
- First Day of Summer—June 20th



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HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL OF OUR MEN!!!
JUNE 20, 2021.
THANKS FOR ALL THAT YOU DO.
YOU ARE LOVED!!!