



The Messenger

September 2021

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No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth. Matthew 6:24.

Whoever the genius was who declared “if you want to hide, do it in plain sight”; never tried it. I was sitting in “The Cafe” trying to be invisible while drinking the worst cup of coffee ever poured. When I looked up and saw Little Jake coming toward me, I realized I was not invisible. As was his custom, before he sat he was in mid-sentence.

“Rev M, I was listening to Retch babble about Pastor Sven’s last sermon. Retch’s hair is still standing up, because Sven preached on money. When Retch told Sven to stay out of his bank account, Sven informed Retch money was a major part of Jesus’ teaching. Retch believes Sven is only pushing for a bigger salary.”

“Jake, I don’t believe Jesus talked as much about money as he taught about stewardship. In his lessons on stewardship, Jesus called the people to explore how money was directing their lives.”

“There you go, defending one of your own. Retch definitely heard Sven preach on how money should travel from Retch’s bank account into his. Of all Retch’s disgusting qualities, he has perfect hearing. I have known times when he heard rainbows think about grabbing a fly.”

“Jake, remember there is a broad gulch between hearing and listening. I think this time I will take Pastor Sven’s side; even though I did not worship with them yesterday. And, before you accuse me of taking Sven’s side on every issue - when it came to lessons on money, Jesus focused on the power people allowed money to have over them.

Remember the rich young man who ran up to Jesus, desiring to be part of the team? Jesus was so impressed with this young man that Jesus invited him into the flock. The door was opened once he gave away all his money. The last words of this passage were about the young man “turtle stepping” away from Jesus; moving back to all that controlled him. The value of his holdings far out weighed his desire to follow Jesus or even the 1st Commandment.”



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“Rev M, not even you can expect people to give up all their money. They would not be able to live. Next thing you know, they would be standing in the welfare line! The only ones with money would be the churches and the non-believers. We have all seen how that works out!”

“Very true Jake, that is why Jesus focused on stewardship rather than money. Stewardship calls us to be honest with the power money has in our lives, as well as how we can use our money to touch the lives of others. Stewardship establishes our personal priorities. And, you don’t have to look too close to see a person’s priorities.

The church is one place where your stewardship is important; not because the church needs to become rich, but because when we all share in a ministry, there is a greater ministry that can be shared.

Even though people wanted Ministers/Priests/Pastors to preach from the Bible, they are extremely selective about which parts of the Bible they desire to be lifted up.”

“Rev M, so Sven was right. If you religious types would get a real job, you wouldn’t need to steal all our money.”

“Jake, it was so great having this moment. Now I can go out and look for a real job and you can make someone else’s life miserable.”

Blessings.

Pastor Gerry

ATTENTION ALL YOU TEXAS HISTORY LOVERS:

The Friends of the Weimar Public Library organization will be presenting author Charles Hebert and his book On the Run to our community on October 5th at 11:30 in our fellowship hall. Hebert’s book is a nonfiction tale of the formation of Texas from 1790-1836. Hebert recounts this period in history based on his extensive research of the diaries of Santa Anna, Sam Houston, and those involved in the Runaway Scrape.

Enhancing the narrative will be Hebert’s display of authentic pieces of this era, including one of the helmets worn by Santa Anna’s men. The presentation is open to the public. The author will have copies of his book available for purchase, and admittance is free.



Thank you to everyone who has prayed for our sweet granddaughter, Megan Bartosh. Please continue to pray for her and our family.

David & Shirlene Smith



Food Collection

Community Food Pantry

Thanks to everyone who has supported our local food pantry. For September, it is suggested hygiene items (*toilet paper, bath soap, deodorants*) be donated; however, any non-perishable food items are appreciated. The collection box is in the church foyer. Thanks to everyone for helping with this mission. The food pantry is located at Calvary Baptist church and is open each first Wednesday from 9:00 till 11:00am.



September Volunteers

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

Mike Antosh

Those who will care for the Sirnic Cemetery Plot —

Jenny & Clifford Grohmann

Thanks to All of you!

What is Happening at Weimar United Church

Sermon Titles/Scriptures for September

September 5th	Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost— Rev. Karl Tewold “Cleaning Up Our Act” Ephesians 5: 15-20 Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23
September 12th	Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost— Rev. Gerry Metzger “Who” Psalm 19, Isaiah 50: 4-9a, Mark 8: 27-38
September 19th	Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost— Rev. Gerry Metzger “Real Greatness” Psalm 1, James 3: 13-4:3, 7-8a, Mark 9: 30-37
September 26th	Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost— Rev. Gerry Metzger “Deeds Revealed” Psalm 124, Esther 7: 1-6, 9-10; 9: 20-22, Mark 9: 38-50

Newsletter Editors

Mindy Malatek & Loreen Rhodes



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.weimartxucc.com

\$1 for \$1 Offering

Council Stewardship Chairman Mike Antosh has determined that during September, we will continue collecting offerings designated for the Weimar Elementary School. Through your gifts, we will provide statement for the beginning of the new academic year.

YOUR GIVING MATTERS!



Women's Fellowship

Your

Circle, at Work & Play

Evening

Reminder: The Evening Circle meets the second Tuesday of each month at 4:00 p.m. in the library. This month we will meet on Tuesday, September 14th. Hostesses for our September meeting are Sandy Kainer and Jo Lynn McDonald. We meet 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.

Some of our recent Evening Circle Activities include: We are in the process of researching/looking for new church pew cushions as the old cushions are showing wear and tear. We hosted the Ice Cream Social on Sunday, August 15th at 5:30 p.m. We continue our care ministry by mailing cards to shut-ins, and those we think might enjoy getting a card. We were happy to have Jenny Grohmann as a guest at our August 10th meeting.

Elderfest will be on the third Thursday of September, the 16th at 11:30am. Everyone is welcomed to come to visit, eat some delicious food, 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.

Recipe for Snack Mix, from Lanette Kahlden

2 1/2 cups broken pretzel sticks

2 cups corn chex

1 1/2 cups M&M's

1/2 cup butter

1/3 cup creamy peanut butter

5 cups miniature marshmallows

In a large bowl, combine pretzels, corn chex and M&M's.

In a saucepan over low heat, melt butter and peanut butter and mix until smooth. Add marshmallows and stir until all are melted and smooth.

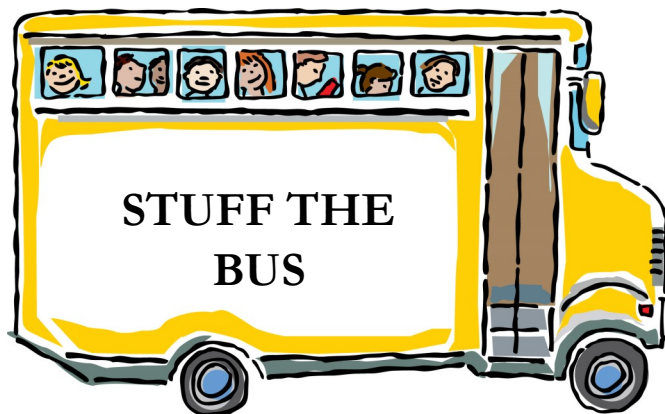
Pour this mixture over the pretzel mixture; stir to coat.

Press into a greased 9x13 pan. Cool until firm. Cut into squares and enjoy!!!

Mission Opportunity

The "stuff the bus" project will continue until we take the supplies to Weimar Elementary School on Monday, September 20th. Please share in this outreach mission of the church. All gifts will be greatly appreciated.

Pastor Gerry



ITEMS NEEDED

- Large backpack without wheels
- Large plastic school box
- Brand scissors (Fisk)
- #2 wooden pencils
- Large erasers
- Highlighter markers
- Glue sticks
- Large boxes of Kleenex
- Zip lock bags (gallon, quart)
- EXPO dry erase markers
- 1x5 index cards
- Yellow post-its notes
- Wide-rule notebook paper
- Multi-colored pens
- Pump bottle of hand sanitizer
- Clorox disinfecting wipes
- Spiral notebook (1-subject, wide-rule)
- Paper and Plastic Folders with pockets and brads
- Composition notebooks (1-subject)
- 24 count Crayola Crayons
- Crayola Markers (classic colors)
- 1 1/2" binder
- 1" binder
- Package of 5 dividers
- 9x12 assorted pack construction paper



In Memory of Mrs. Donna Trefny, from:

James & Carolyn Dahse (Building Fund)
Mary Ann Moore (Evening Circle)
Nelson & Elizabeth Olivares (Evening Circle)

In Memory of Mr. James Heger, from:

James & Carolyn Dahse (Building Fund)

In Memory of Mr. Josh Laesserre, from:

James & Carolyn Dahse (Building Fund)

In Memory of Mr. Kerwin Vornsand, from:

Clara & Tommy Holub (Storage Building Fund)

In Memory of Mrs. Betty (Kubesch) Kahlden, from:

Lanette Kahlden (Evening Circle)

(Any memorials given after August 26 will be posted in the October 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
Weimar UCC Evening Circle

September Worship Assistants

Liturgists:

5th— Anton Vazquez
12th—Mack Janak
19th—Valerie Harmon
26th—Julia Krizak

Acolytes:

5th—Kelsey Wied & Alex Vazquez
12th—Zoe Schoeneberg & Hadley Brandt
19th—Gavin Schoeneberg & Caroline Koehn
26th—Emily Wied & Kelsey Wied

Communion Stewards:

5th—Vickie & Jason Busa

Ushers:

5th & 12th—James & Carolyn Dahse*, Dawn Dahse,
Blake Dahse
19th & 26th—Ava June Vachala*, Gwen Helmcamp,
Kylie Helmcamp, Sarah Wanjura

Greeters:

5th & 12th—Pasty Schmitt & Dora Vazquez
19th & 26th—Donna Kosler & Stephanie Garza

Altar Flowers:

5th—The Jr. Friedrich and Carrol Jean Families and
Gary Heger
In Memory of Ewald Sr. & Marguerite Friedrich
and Sandra Heger
12th—The Beken Family and Monte Williams
In Memory of Case Bradley Beken
19th—Louis & Linda Barrilleaux
In Memory of her Parents, Otto & Alice Rahlwes
26th—Jim & Susan Miculka
In Memory of her Dad, John Whitelaw; and in
Honor of their Children & Grandson

**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

You are invited to come to the Heart of Texas Association Fall Meeting on Saturday, October 23rd, hosted by the Austin cluster of churches. Because of the evolving COVID situation in Austin, we do not know yet whether we will be meeting online only or at one of our churches in a hybrid format. The time we start will depend on whether we are meeting in person. We will let all of our churches know the plans as soon as a decision is made. Bear with us in this unusual time! We would love to be together in person, but we need to make a determination about whether it will be safe for those who come into the Austin area.

Our sister in Christ, Billie Watts, co-pastor of Touchstone Community Church, is retiring from active ministry. Her last Sunday at Touchstone, with a farewell liturgy and with Billie's vibrant preaching, is on August 28th. Billie committed to the intensive ministry work of starting Touchstone with Kerry Kirtley before retiring, and Billie is now stepping back to well deserved time with her family. Our heartfelt blessings go with her as she transitions into this new phase of life, along with our gratitude for the work she has done. Kerry will continue as the pastor of Touchstone, and we continue to offer prayers of support for the community and ministry there.

Amy Grogan, an ordained minister with the Christian Church/Disciples of Christ, is completing the process of gaining standing in the United Church of Christ as an Ordained Ministerial Partner to share her ministry gifts with Touchstone. Amy moved to the Boerne area with her husband for family reasons after living for several years in Belgium. She completed her Master of Divinity at Phillips Theological Seminary in a hybrid program, and has served in online ministry with the Disciples. Like Amy, people living abroad often are in areas where there is little Protestant presence and where few people are part of a

church, so her work online has been part of the outreach to others like her and to people who live in places where they would have to travel far to find a church where they feel at home. She has been very active in the Touchstone Community, and will be helping as a volunteer in several ministry areas. Our relatively simple process for welcoming ministers from the Disciples reflects the close relationship between the UCC and the Disciples. We welcome Amy to the Heart of Texas Association.

Our Committee on Ministry also has accepted Brittany Hicks as Member in Discernment. Brittany is a member of Open Cathedral in Leander and a student at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. She served our country in the US Navy for a number of years. We welcome Brittany to our discernment process and look forward to walking with her on her ministry journey.

For those who wish to spend a week of service in the marvelous, life-giving work of Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, MS, I invite you to a work camp there with others from the South Central Conference (*if the COVID situation is safe enough for work camps to happen*), November 7th to 13th. Our group will need to conform to the COVID safety measures there. Please be in touch with me if you are interested: lizknash@gmail.com. Back Bay Mission is our treasured UCC related outreach to the poorest in Biloxi, with a work camp program of repairing homes, building, and work at Back Bay Mission itself that brings groups in from many places across the country. People of all skill levels are welcome. Come see why we go!

Blessings in Christ,
Liz Nash, Association Minister

Worship Attendance

August 1st—45
August 8th—41
August 15th—63
August 22nd—42
August 29th—N/A
(August Average — ??)

These attendance records show how many folks attended the services in the sanctuary. Services are streamed, and an average of **80 views per Sunday** are being watched over Facebook and YouTube combined.

Weimar United Church Dates to Remember

- Rev. Karl Tewald leads worship on September 5th.
- Church Council Meeting, September 8th @ 7:00pm
- Evening Circle Meeting, September 14th @ 4:00pm
- Elderfest, September 16th, Thursday @ 11:30am
- September 18th, Saturday, Hall reserved all day
- September 20th, Monday, school supplies will be delivered to Weimar Elementary School.
- October 5th, 11:30am—Friends of the Weimar Public Library will be presenting author Charles Hebert and his book On The Run to the community in the fellowship hall. (See Jenny Grobmann's article on page 2.)



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Sunday Worship Service — 9:30am

Services are streamed over
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Thanks be to God!!!