



## FROM OUR PASTORS...

### The Wonder of Others (*An Offering of Thoughts on Hospitality*)



Evan Moffic tells a story about a man who bought a painting at a garage sale. He was proud that he was able to talk the seller down from eight dollars to five when he made the purchase. Later when he showed off his purchase to a friend, the friend suspected that the painting might be worth more than five dollars. He took it to an art dealer who confirmed that it was an original Jackson Pollack worth fifty million dollars! It seems that both buyer and seller had grossly undervalued the painting.

I believe that we do the same thing with people. We often underestimate their worth and beauty. More than once I have dismissed someone only to discover their genius or beauty later after getting to know them better. Genesis 1:27 says that the image of God is within each of us, so it stands to

reason that if we do not see that image in others we have likely misjudged them. How different might our relationships and world be if we took the time to discover the reflection of God in others!

One of my heroes, the late Abraham Joshua Heschel, used to pray each day for God to give him a sense of awe and wonder. Only now do I realize that he wasn't referring only to nature but also to people. Take time to look for the value in others and prepare to be amazed!

-David

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#### Sunday Worship & Sunday School

##### 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Traditional Service  
Sanctuary  
Pastor David McNitzky

##### 9:45 - 10:45 a.m.

Sunday School  
(all ages)  
Various Classrooms

##### 11:00 a.m.

Praise Worship  
(Life on the Road)  
Family Life Center  
Pastor Chansin Esparza

In our first month of serving at Manchaca UMC, our family has received a heart-warming welcome from all of you, and for that I want to say thank you! From all the people who have introduced yourself (and reintroduced - please keep helping us out!), to invitations to meetings and lunches, to the big potluck party after the Grand Re-Opening of the Family Life Center ... it has been such a pleasure to become acquainted and see how we are already loved.

I wouldn't change a single thing. However, I realized recently that I didn't get to have an "average" experience of a first-time guest at our worship services. I've been able to do that before at previous churches. I would go and check them out anonymously before signing on as a leader! It would help me see how guests were treated: if they were ignored or smothered, made to feel comfortable or put on the spot. At the Planning Conversation 2020 that we had with MUMC leaders on January 25, I mentioned how some churches hire "mystery worshippers" to come and give them honest feedback. That's bold! But the reality is we do want people from all demographics and backgrounds to feel like they can find a home amongst us. And it's all of our jobs to make that happen. Together we can better connect with God and each other in ways that bring fulfillment and purpose.

Speaking of home, I was overjoyed to see the 11 am congregations join as one at the FLC Grand Re-Opening. Everyone got to see the space the church invested in, the band was fantastic, we had so many members and guests show up that we were adding chairs at the back, and the church was kind and patient through a little technical mishap. I heard from many of you that you sensed God's Spirit and presence that day. It was a wonderful morning and a great kick-off to future wonderful mornings in the FLC. So it's with a happy heart that I want to share my prayer for you this month: *May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.* (Romans 15:13)

Love, Chansin



# WORSHIP AND FINE ARTS



## Daily Scripture

### February 1-2

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday Matthew 5:1-12  
Sunday Matthew 5:1-3

### Week of February 3

Monday Isaiah 58:1-9  
Tuesday Isaiah 58:6-12  
Wednesday Psalm 112:1-10  
Thursday 1 Corinthians 2:1-5  
Friday 1 Corinthians 2:6-16  
Saturday Matthew 5:13-16  
Sunday Matthew 5:17-20

### Week of February 10

Monday Deuteronomy 30:15-20  
Tuesday Psalm 119:1-8  
Wednesday 1 Corinthians 3:1-9  
Thursday Matthew 5:21-37  
Friday 1 Corinthians 3:1-9  
Saturday Deuteronomy 30:15-20, Psalm 119:1-8  
Sunday Matthew 5:21-37

### Week of February 17

Monday Exodus 24:12-18  
Tuesday Exodus 24:12-18  
Wednesday Psalm 99  
Thursday 2 Peter 1:16-21  
Friday 2 Peter 1:16-21  
Saturday Matthew 17:1-9  
TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY  
Sunday Matthew 17:1-9

### Week of February 24

Monday Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7  
Tuesday Psalm 32  
ASH WEDNESDAY  
Wednesday Psalm 51:1-17  
Thursday Joel 2:1-2, 12-17  
Friday 5:12-19  
Saturday 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

1ST SUNDAY IN LENT

Sunday Matthew 4:1-11

### Week of March 2

Monday Genesis 12:1-4a  
Tuesday Genesis 12:1-4a  
Wednesday Psalm 121  
Thursday Psalm 121  
Friday Romans 4:1-5, 13-17  
Saturday John 3:1-17  
2ND SUNDAY IN LENT  
Sunday John 3:1-17

### Week of March 9

Monday Exodus 17:1-7  
Tuesday Exodus 17:1-7  
Wednesday John 4:5-26  
Thursday Romans 5:1-11  
Friday Psalm 95  
Saturday John 4:27-42  
3RD SUNDAY IN LENT  
Sunday Psalm 95

### Week of March 16

Monday Ephesians 5:8-14  
Tuesday 1 Samuel 16:1-13  
Wednesday 1 Samuel 16:1-13  
Thursday Psalm 23  
Friday John 9:1-25  
Saturday John 9:24-41  
4TH SUNDAY IN LENT  
Sunday Ephesians 5:8-14

### Week of March 23

Monday Ezekiel 37:1-3  
Tuesday Ezekiel 37:4-14  
Wednesday Psalm 130  
Thursday Psalm 130  
Friday Romans 8:6-11  
Saturday John 11:1-27  
5TH SUNDAY IN LENT  
Sunday John 11:28-45

### Week of March 30

Monday Psalm 118:1-2  
Tuesday Psalm 118:19-29



A Note  
from the  
Minister  
of Music

One of my favorite pictures I have in my office, besides the ones of my children, is a panoramic picture I took on a mountain when I went skiing. Looking at the picture, one might think I was on the mountain by myself. No other person is visible in the picture. The snow looks like it hasn't even been disturbed. One might think it was just me, the mountain and God that day. There are times when it's helpful to go off by oneself and spend time alone with God. In the Gospels, Jesus often goes off on his own to spend time talking and praying with God. Finding solitude is different from isolating oneself. With solitude, we momentarily shut out the distractions that occur; with isolation, we shut off ourselves from those things around us. Solitude can help us to focus and sort through our thoughts. Isolating ourselves can be harmful as we remove ourselves from the people and activities which might be helpful to us. That day on the mountain was a beautiful day for me. It was day of excitement and enjoying the wonders of God's creation. I know I said a few prayers, too. Of course, I wasn't the only person on the mountain. Others were enjoying their time on the mountain. As the other skiers and I traveled down the mountain, we had to stay aware of each other; careful not to impede the progress of another skier. I had to be aware of others and they had to be aware of me. As Lent approaches, may we find time for personal solitude so we may reflect on our Lenten journey, keeping aware of those traveling with us. We can't always travel the bunny slopes and green circles, but when we face the harder trails, it helps to have someone traveling with you, especially the Master Skier.

— Mark Hixon, Director of Music & Fine Arts

## Ash Wednesday, February 26

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 26th. Lent is a period of forty days before Easter, not counting Sundays. It can be a time for repentance, reflection and soul-searching. As a way to begin your Lenten journey, join us for an Ash Wednesday Service at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The service will include the imposition of ashes, a symbol of penitence and mortality.

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# STEWARDSHIP

## PRAYERS

## PRESENCE

## GIFTS

## SERVICE

## WITNESS

### We Pray for...

Lauren	Chris & Allen McKean
Jimmy Ballew	Bobbie Meador
Peter Bourell	Zee Meredith
& Children	Dick Meyer
Bettie Campbell	Melissa Munoz
Donna Carlson	Dorma Nickels
Rev. Tina Carter	Sally Nunn
Betty Chase	Tom Pelphrey
Ned Coleman	Christina Pino
Dearl Croft	Charlene Postell
Bill Foster	Carl Quebedeaux
Denise Gentry	Rev. Mimi Raper
Isabel Gonzales	Don Richardson
Bill H.	Katrina Roberts
Tena Hammond	The Rocha Family
Robin Hansen	Donna Rone Family
Sophie Harrigan	Deborah Sanders
Lee Herring	Christi Sontag
Susan Hilburn	Leah Squyres
Bill Holeyfield	Beverly Stokes
Gary & Shirley Howe	John Stone
Adrienne Howell	Mike Stone
Angel Jackson	Wanda Summers
Norma Jacobson	Matthew Tamayo
Jolly James	Adrienne Thel
Forest & M'Liss	Brandon Thompson
Jordan	Dean & Rita
Rob Julien	Thompson
Al Keith	Gloria Turner
Joyce Klotz	Ray Vaughn
Rachel Kollman	Kat Vice
David LeFave Family	Jerry Weaver
Ethan McBride	B. A. Wilcoxson
Mary McCloskey	Bobbie Word
Keri McClure	Chris Yuhas



Names are removed from prayer list each month unless otherwise requested.

### Sympathy to...

**Angela MacDiarmid**, on the loss of her sister, **Karola Paul**.

**Julie Saucedo**, on the loss of her great aunt, **Doris Nutt**.

**Melissa LeBlanc & Family**, on the loss of Melissa's great uncle, **Joe Shuffield**.

**The Schroeder Family**, on the loss of **Ron Schroeder**.

**Becky Sturzl & Family**, on the loss of Becky's brother, **Robert Redland**.

**The Payne Family and Marbridge Residents**, on the loss of **Douglas Payne**.

**Joe Morahan**, on the loss of his wife, **Charlotte Morahan**.



### Attendance

<b>Sunday 11-24-19</b> .....	293
Sunday School	133
First time visitors	3
<b>Sunday 12-1-19</b> .....	295
Sunday School	128
First time visitors	0
<b>Sunday 12-8-19</b> .....	317
Sunday School	151
First time visitors	2
<b>Sunday 12-15-19</b> .....	363
Sunday School	129
First time visitors	3
<b>Sunday 12-22-19</b> .....	247
Sunday School	79
First time visitors	4
<b>Christmas Eve 5pm</b> .....	236
7 pm	391
9 pm	58
<b>Sunday 12-29-19</b> .....	197
Sunday School	62
First time visitors	4

### Financial Reports



#### OCTOBER

Operating Income	\$ 68,015.05
Operating Expenses	<u>62,257.20</u>
Net Op. Gain	<u>\$ 5,757.85</u>

#### OCT YTD

Operating Income	\$ 608,650.62
Operating Expenses	<u>629,836.91</u>
Net Op. Loss	<u>\$ (21,186.29)</u>

#### OCT SP OFFERINGS

Altar Rail Offerings	\$ 295.00
BSG/Building Gifts	7,149.00
Food Pantry	240.00
Scholarships	600.00
Memorials	585.00
Stephen Ministries	1,165.00

#### NOVEMBER

Operating Income	\$ 118,194.37
Operating Expenses	<u>59,070.47</u>
Net Op. Gain	<u>\$ 59,123.90</u>

#### NOV YTD

Operating Income	\$ 726,844.99
Operating Expenses	<u>688,907.74</u>
Net Op. Gain	<u>\$ 37,937.25</u>

#### NOV SP OFFERINGS

Altar Rail Offerings	\$ 410.00
BSG/Building Gifts	8,887.50
Food Pantry	425.00
Missions	435.00
Memorials	120.00
Stephen Ministries	845.00

The church's financial reports are available for review, by any church member. Please contact Dick Christ for assistance or to make an appointment: (512)282-7274 ext. 328 or [busadmin@manchacaumc.org](mailto:busadmin@manchacaumc.org).  
Dick works Monday and Wednesdays, 8-5 p.m.

### Calendar of Events

Trustees Meeting -7:30 pm .....	M, Feb 3
FLAMS -9 am .....	W, Feb 5
Caring Kids @ Marbridge -1 pm ...	Sa, Feb 8
Lunch With Littles -around noon ...	S, Feb 9
Parent of Tweens/Teens -4:30 pm .S,	Feb 9
Tween Ministry (FISH) -6:30 pm .W,	Feb 12
Staff Meeting .....	M, Feb 17
Council Meeting -7 pm .....	Th, Feb 20
"Great Bowls of Fire" -5 pm .....	Su, Feb 23
Pancake Supper -5 pm .....	T, Feb 25
Ash Wednesday -7 pm .....	W, Feb 26
Les Misérables Film -7 pm .....	F, Feb 28
First Sunday in Lent .....	S, Mar 1
Town Hall/Direction of UMC -noon	S, Mar 1
Loss of Spouse (GriefShare) -1:30 pm	.S, Mar 1
Staff Meeting -1 pm .....	M, Mar 2
Travis County Elections -6 am .....	T, Mar 3
Sunshine Cafe -11:15 am .....	Th, Mar 5
Second Sunday in Lent .....	S, Mar 8
Tween Ministry (FISH) -6:30 pm .W,	Mar 11
Third Sunday in Lent .....	S, Mar 15
Staff Meeting -1 pm .....	M, Mar 16
<b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE -noon. Tu, Mar 17</b>	
Fourth Sunday in Lent.....	S, Mar 22
FLAMS -9 am .....	W, Mar 25
Fifth Sunday in Lent .....	S, Mar 29
Annual Spring Church Picnic .....	S, Mar 29

### Adult Studies

Art of Neighboring -online (starts 3/1) .....	S
GriefShare -1:30 pm (starts 3/15) .....	S
Financial Peace -3:30 pm (ends 3/15) .....	S
How Happiness Happens -4 pm .....	S
Watercolor Class -4 pm (starts 2/9) .....	S
Grace of Les Mis-7 pm (starts 3/2) .....	M
Parables of Jesus -9:30 am/7 pm .....	Tu
Embraced by God -9:30 am (ends 3/11) .....	W
Get Out of Your Head -9:30 am (starts 3/25)	W
Jesus-The God.. -7 pm (starts 2/20) .....	W

### Recurring Events

Worship - Sanctuary -8:30 am .....	S
Sunday School -9:45 am .....	S
Worship - Sanctuary -11 am .....	S
Worship - Family Life Center -11 am .....	S
Stephen Min. Sprvsn. -1:30 pm .....	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> S
Middle School Youth-3:30 pm .....	S
Children's Choir -4:00 pm .....	S
Youth Snack/Supper -5 pm .....	S
High School Youth -5:30 pm .....	S
Coloring Café -10 am .....	1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , (5 <sup>th</sup> ) M
<b>Bulletin Deadline -noon</b> .....	<b>M</b>
Prayer Shawl Ministry -6 pm .....	2 <sup>nd</sup> M
Prayer Shawl Ministry -10 am .....	4 <sup>th</sup> M
Missions Commission -7 pm .....	4 <sup>th</sup> M
AA -7:30 pm .....	M
Boomer Exercise -9/10 am .....	T/Th
Craft Group -6 pm (T)/9 am (W) .....	T/W
Men's Group -noon .....	W
Such as These Praise Band -6:30 pm .....	W
Sanctuary Choir -6:45 pm .....	W
Stephen Ministry Leaders -11 am .....	2 <sup>nd</sup> Th
Glory Bells -7 pm .....	Th
Women of the Word -9:30 am .....	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> F



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

## Caring Kids – Valentines at Marbridge

**Saturday, February 8 at 1:00 pm**

Families with children of all ages are invited to join us at the Marbridge Villa to make a Valentine's Day crafts with the residents. We'll meet at 1:00 pm (notice the unusual time). To get to the Villa, take the last entrance into Marbridge off of Bliss Spillar. RSVP online!



## FISH Tween Group in February and March

F.I.S.H. is a place where fourth and fifth grade students gather to form a community of support, play lots of fun games and learn about how the Bible applies to their lives. They meet on the 2nd Wednesday each month from 6:30 -7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall, and also periodically for mission projects.



**Feb. 8 at 1:00 pm: Valentines at Marbridge with Caring Kids.** RSVP online!

**Feb. 12 (6:30 - 7:30 pm): Respect**

Respect is valuing yourself and others. FISH will learn that every person, no matter their age, skin color, clothes, or other features, has value.

**March 11 (6:30 - 7:30 pm): Fairness**

Fairness includes treating every person the same and playing by the rules. FISH will discuss how everyone wants to feel like they belong.

## Lent and Easter for Children and Families

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on Feb. 26.

- Lent-in-a-Bag and other Lenten resources for children and families will be given at the Pancake Supper, on Ash Wednesday and on the first Sunday of Lent.
- Please make an effort to attend Sunday school during Lent! It is such an important time for faith formation as children explore the stories of Jesus's life and teachings leading up to his death and resurrection.
- Families are invited to attend our annual Easter EGGstravaganza during the Sunday school hour on Easter Sunday, featuring family games, crafts, egg hunt, and butterfly release!



## Save these Dates for our FAIRY TALE SUMMER!

- Fairy Tale Summer Sunday School Begins June 7
- Movies with a Message, 6 Tuesdays beginning June 2, 2:30 pm
- VBS Decoration Creation Stations for All Ages - Sunday, June 7 After Church
- Alex's Lemonade Stands - Sunday, June 14
- Drama Camp! - June 15-19, Play on Sunday, June 21
- Vacation Bible School - June 13-17



## Lunch with Littles

Parents of young children are invited to join us at our monthly gatherings for a simple potluck lunch, fellowship and fun activities. Due to the Super Bowl, we are meeting on Sunday, Feb. 9, either on the playground or in the Fellowship Hall. We'll have a simple valentine's craft for the kids. RSVP on our website!



## Vacation Bible School 2020!

The Knights of North Castle are on a quest for the King's armor! As they explore the King's book each day, they'll discover different pieces of protective armor - the Belt of Truth, the Breastplate of Justice, the Shoes of Peace, the Shield of Faith, and the Helmet of Salvation - at work in the lives of familiar Old and New Testament Bible characters, and explore how that armor works in their own lives as they follow and serve God.

- Date: July 13 - 17 (Notice the earlier time!)
- Time: 9:00 a.m. - Noon
- Ages: 4 Years Old - 5th Grade (Early drop off available for volunteers)
- Cost: \$30/child, \$15 additional children (Scholarships Available)
- Service Squad (Grades 6th-7th): \$15 Registration Fee
- Youth Helpers (8th grade and up): \$10 donation for shirt and other costs appreciated
- Registration begins April 1!



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

## VBS Wish List:

Please begin collecting these items, but **don't bring them to church until June** when we have a place to store them!

- ⇒ Handmade paper snowflakes
- ⇒ Fabric scraps (can be thin, but long enough to wrap around a child's body)
- ⇒ Matches
- ⇒ Modeling clay and/or new playdough
- ⇒ White posterboard
- ⇒ Empty 2-liter soda bottles
- ⇒ Flat metal washers
- ⇒ Cereal boxes
- ⇒ Paper grocery bags
- ⇒ Batting or polyester fiberfill (to make snow)
- ⇒ Packing tape



## Volunteers for VBS Wanted!

According to our Safe Sanctuary policy, all volunteers at VBS must be sitting in our pews right now! We need dedicated, dependable, loving people to serve Christ by helping children of our community know Christ. Is that you? We are currently recruiting for Group Leaders, Station Leaders, Registration Greeters, and more! If you are interested in joining our VBS leadership and volunteer team, please contact Kim Carroll or Jenny Rinehart or look on the Volunteer page of our website!

Hey!  
Can you help  
at VBS!



# YOUTH MINISTRIES

## Sunday Youth Group

The MUMC Youth Group is made up of students between 6th and 12th grade (at separate times for middle and high school students). We gather regularly to have fun in fellowship, study, and worship as we explore what it means to follow Jesus every day of our lives. Youth Group meets every Sunday:

Middle School: 3:30-5:00  
Food/Fellowship: 5:00-5:30  
High School: 5:30-7:00

We meet in the Youth Room located on the 2nd floor of the education building. We enjoy a devotional, fellowship, games and lots of fun activities!


## Awaken Youth Sunday Morning Fellowship

AWAKEN is THE PLACE for youth to be during the Sunday school hour. **YOUTH** - don't miss this time of fun, catching up with friends, and growing your faith! **PARENTS** - adolescence is the time when your kid needs to be surrounded by a caring Christian community and claiming their own faith.

Join us 9:45-10:45 am every Sunday morning! High school meets in the Youth room, and Middle School meets in room 3 (west of the Sanctuary).



## MUMC YOUTH

 Confirmation Sunday is April 19<sup>th</sup> and will be celebrated in a combined 11 am service in the Sanctuary.

## Manchaca UMC Youth are going to mission camp! July 20-24 in Arlington, TX

**Part Mission Trip, Part Camp** - This summer we get the best of both worlds! Middle school and high school students will spend the mornings in worship and small group discussions. Then we'll split up at different work sites to serve the community in the afternoons. We'll come back together each evening for a little free time, dinner, worship, and church-group debriefing.

Location: Camp takes place at the University of Texas in Arlington. We'll sleep in dorm rooms, eat college campus food, worship in their facilities with lots of teens from around the state/country, and enjoy free time options on campus like indoor basketball, tennis courts, bowling alley, foosball, Ping-Pong, and recreation fields for soccer or ultimate Frisbee. Mission sites and exact work to be performed will be determined as the date draws nearer. Cost: \$359. Sneak peak: Watch this [video](#) to get a taste of what mission camp will be like!

MUMC's Mission Camp Leader: Chansin Esparza

[Register Here](#)

# YOUTH MINISTRIES

## Tweens and Teens - This is for your Parents!

Parents of Tweens and Teens are invited to join us on the 2nd Sunday of each month for education, support and encouragement! Moms, Dads, and guardians with child(ren) 10 years old and older are all welcome. This is a great opportunity to support one another as we continue to meet the physical, emotional, spiritual, and cognitive needs of our soon to be young adults. If you have any questions or would like more information, contact Diane Ewing, 512-923-2188, or Leslie Piggott, 512-434-9468.



## Join our Mailing List

To learn more about the Youth Group at MUMC, please sign up for our Youth newsletter that is sent out via email every Wednesday.

Sign up [here!](#)

# 2020 MUMC SCHOLARSHIPS

## Attention to All Students Who Will Be Entering or Enrolling in an Accredited College This Fall!

The MUMC Scholarship Committee announces the 2020 Manchaca United Methodist Church Chris Brown and Don Banker College Scholarships. Application forms will be available in the church office beginning Monday, March 16, 2020. Applicants should be entering or enrolling in an accredited college or vocational school for the fall semester of 2020.



This year the deadline for submitting applications will be Wednesday, **April 15, 2020, at 5:00 p.m.** in the church office.

MUMC members and visitors are reminded that donations to the MUMC Scholarship Fund are accepted anytime during the year.

## Gratitude from Previous MUMC Scholarship Recipients

The MUMC scholarship helped me pay for my textbooks, which can cost a lot. It was a relief not to worry too much about money while I was adjusting to being away from my family, adding new responsibilities to my life, and taking harder classes than ever before. I am so thankful to all who donated and helped me when I needed it most. *Allison Garcia*



In the fall of 2018, I received the MUMC scholarship for my first semester at Colorado State University. Having the financial help from this scholarship allowed me to focus more on getting acclimated, not only to my new school, but to my new state, and to seek out opportunities that I might not have been able to take had I needed to work full time. In the time that was made available to me, I was able to make professional connections, join the university's senate and go to Utah to represent my school, join several clubs, take on an internship for no pay, and excel in my classes. Thank you MUMC for funding this scholarship! *Caelynn Moon*

I have been a part of MUMC since I was a little girl. This church has helped me grow in so many ways, and it will always hold a special place in my heart. Getting to be a recipient of this scholarship meant so much to me; it was truly special being awarded a scholarship that honors my grandfather's memory and name. The money from this scholarship is helping me become a teacher just like he was. *Meghan Ballinger*



**APPLY EARLY!**

**DEADLINE IS 5 p.m. APRIL 15th**



# ADULT MINISTRIES

## Coloring Café - 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Mondays

*Mondays at 10 am, 2/3, 2/17, 3/2, 3/16, 3/30, Parlor*

Come and join us at the Coloring Cafe! Coloring sheets, colored pencils, gel pens and markers will be available to share or bring your own supplies. Feel free to bring a friend!

All are welcome — come and go as you please! You do not need to be a member of the MUMC family. You are welcome to bring a treat or refreshment for yourself or to share! We will provide coffee & water.

Questions? Call/text Kristine at 512-789-9285 or email her at [kehrlich01@gmail.com](mailto:kehrlich01@gmail.com).

*"The greatest masterpieces were once only pigments on a palette." ~Henry S. Haskins*

## Emmaus Events

1/30-2/2: Men's Walk 2201

2/4: Welcome back 2201 at Kyle UMC

3/3: Team Consecration for Women's Walk 2202 at Wimberley UMC

3/26-3/29: Women's Walk 2202

3/31: Welcome back 2202 at Wimberley UMC

The 2020 Hays Praise calendar

may be viewed at <http://www.hayspraise.net/2020%20Hays%20Praise%20Calendar.pdf>.



## Sunday School Classes with New Studies

- The Seekers class is beginning a new study on Paul's letter to the Colossians on Sunday, February 2. Seekers dive deep into the Biblical context and learn how to apply Scripture to our lives today. Join us in room 8 behind the Sanctuary.
- The Gateway class will begin a Lent study, "Why Easter Matters" on Sunday, March 8. In the Study, Pastor Andy Stanley looks at some of the people whose lives intersected with Jesus in the weeks leading to his crucifixion. Each of them had an agenda that put them at odds with God. As you'll see, there is a little bit of them in all of us! Gateway meets in the Family Life Center - Room C.

Check our website and church bulletin for more updates!



## Watercolor Class

*Begins February 9*

Do you enjoy being creative or have you ever wanted to learn a new art skill? In this 4-week class, you will learn the basics of watercolor painting along with completing a different painting each week. We will go through each painting together step by step including how to mix the colors, brush strokes, and more. All materials will be included, though you are welcome to bring your own, if you prefer. Every skill level is welcome, however, children 12 and under need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian. A \$10 donation to help cover costs would be appreciated. The class will meet on Sundays, 2:00 - 3:30 pm, beginning February 9. Led by Leslie Piggott.

**At newsletter printing time, this class is full. Please email [Kim@ManchacaUMC.org](mailto:Kim@ManchacaUMC.org) to put your name on a waiting list. You will then be contacted if a space opens up.**



## The Teenage Brain Workshop

*February 9*

- \*For Parents of Tweens and Teens
- \*Sunday, February 9, 4:30 - 6:00 pm
- \*Presented by Therapists from Austin Family Institute
- \*Potluck Taco Bar

A small group of parents is gathering on the 2nd Sunday (usually) of each month for education, support and encouragement! A few times a year we'll bring in a guest speaker for some education. The rest of the time, we'll share our struggles and successes with one another and learn from each other! On Sunday February 9, 4:30 - 6:00 pm, guest speakers from the Austin Family Institute (Rebecca Oates and Matt Godwin) will come and talk with us about teenage brain development and give us tips to parents through adolescence. All are invited to join us. Please RSVP and bring something to share at our Taco Bar Potluck!



*Happy Valentine's Day!*



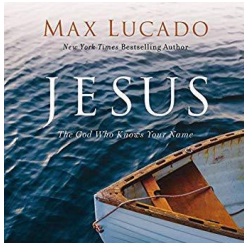
# ADULT MINISTRIES

## Jesus: The God Who Knows Your Name

Thursdays, 6 weeks, Begins February 20, 7 - 8:30 pm

Cost: \$14 for study guide, Led by Debbie & John Dulski

In this six-session video Bible study, bestselling author Max Lucado explores the life and character of Jesus, helping participants become more familiar with the man at the center of the greatest story ever told. By Jesus becoming human, God made it possible for us to see him and hear his voice. If we want to know what matters to God, all we need to do is look in the Bible to see what matters to Jesus. If we want to know what God is doing in our world, we need only ponder the words of Jesus. By learning more about the person Jesus was and is, we come to understand more clearly the people we were created to be. (from Cokesbury description)



## GriefShare Loss of a Spouse

Your life has changed forever. The daily emotions and challenges can seem too hard to bear. Find help at a **Loss of a Spouse seminar**.

**MARCH 1ST AT 1:30-3:30 PM.**

**ROOM TO BE ANNOUNCED.**

**CLICK [here](#) TO READ MORE ABOUT GRIEFSHARE ON OUR WEBSITE, OR CALL DEANNA AT 512-282-7274.**



## The Art of Neighboring Online Book Study

Begins March 1, **SIGN UP BY FEBRUARY 19**

During the season of Lent, our Pastors will be leading us in a sermon series on hospitality. The Art of Neighboring encourages us to grow in our efforts to extend hospitality to our neighbors, especially those that actually live next door!

Participants in this book study will consider what would happen if we actually put Jesus' words to "love our neighbors" into practice and discover ways to build genuine relationships right outside your door. Each participant will read the book "The Art of Neighboring" and discuss it over a closed Facebook group, tackling 2 chapters at a time. Book authors Jay Pathak and Dave Runyon help us to break down barriers to become the neighbors God wants us to be.

After Easter, we'll also have a one-day workshop to come together to discuss all that we've learned together and share our challenges and success stories! (Date and time TBD). Please sign up for this online study by February 19 so that you can pick up and read the first couple of chapters by our start date - Sunday, March 1.



## Les Misérables Movie Showing

Friday, February 28 at 7:00 pm

After 19 years as a prisoner, Jean Valjean (Hugh Jackman) is freed by Javert (Russell Crowe), the officer in charge of the prison workforce. Valjean promptly breaks parole but later uses money from stolen silver to reinvent himself as a mayor and factory owner. Javert vows to bring Valjean back to prison. Eight years later, Valjean becomes the guardian of a child named Cosette after her mother's (Anne Hathaway) death, but Javert's relentless pursuit means that peace will be a long time coming.

Join us for a special showing of this powerful and provocative musical on Friday, February 28 at 7:00 pm. Popcorn and water will be provided. Free childcare available by reservation only. Please email [child-care@manchacaUMC.org](mailto:child-care@manchacaUMC.org) by Tuesday, Feb. 25.



## Sunshine Café

Thursday, March 5, 11:15 a.m. - 2 pm, Parlor

Save the date! Join us for food, fellowship and fun! All adults are invited to attend a fun gathering of lunch, activities and conversation in the Church Parlor.

- ➔ Check-in begins at 11:15 am.
- ➔ Lunch will be served at 11:30am.
- ➔ Games and conversation from 12pm to 2pm.

**See you there!**

**No RSVP required - Lunch is provided**



**Daylight Saving Time  
begins at 2:00 am  
on Sunday, March 8**



**1st day of Spring is March 19**





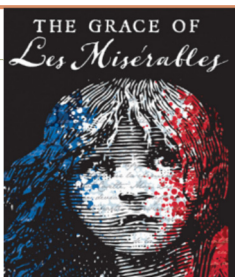
# ADULT MINISTRIES

## The Grace of Les Misérables

*Mondays, 7 - 8:30 pm, 6 weeks, Begins March 2, Cost: \$15*

Victor Hugo's *Les Misérables* is a truly epic story. Whether you've read the novel, seen the Broadway musical, heard its soundtrack, or seen the several screen adaptations, you already know the power in the story. In the six-week Lenten study *The Grace of Les Misérables*, author and pastor Matt Rawle dives into six ideals found in the story—grace, justice, poverty, revolution, love, and hope—each represented by a character in Hugo's story. Rawle brings us to the intersection of Church and Pop Culture by drawing parallels between the iconic story and musical and our Christian calling, inspiring us to both understand our faith and live it out in the world. *(from Cokesbury description)*

Haven't seen the musical? Join us for a special movie showing on Friday, February 28 in the Family Life Center!



## GriefShare

*Sundays, 1:30-3:30 pm, 11 classes, Begins March 15*

Help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend

GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life after losing a loved one. Our group is led by caring people who have experienced grief and want to help you through the difficult days ahead.

We know it hurts, and we want to help.

Register on the clipboards at church, or sign up online at [manchacaumc.org](http://manchacaumc.org). If you'd like more information, contact Deanna at 512-282-7274.

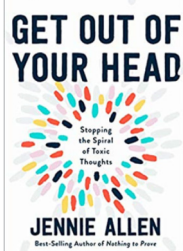
## Get Out of Your Head: Stopping the Spiral of Toxic Thoughts

*(A six week study on Philippians) Wednesdays, 9:30 - 11:00 am, 6 weeks, Begins March 25, Cost: \$10*

Are your thoughts holding you captive? Study author Jennie Allen knows what it's like to swirl in a spiral of destructive thoughts, such as "I'll never be good enough," "Other people have better lives than I do," and "God couldn't really love me." But Jennie also knows we don't have to stay stuck in toxic thinking patterns. As she discovered in her own life, God built a way for us to escape that downward spiral. Freedom comes when we refuse to be victims to our thoughts and realize we have already been equipped with power from God to fight and win the war for our minds.

In *Get Out of Your Head*, a six-session video-based Bible study, Jennie inspires and equips us to transform our emotions, our outlook, and even our circumstances by taking control of our thoughts. Our enemy is determined to get in our heads to make us feel helpless, overwhelmed, and incapable of making a difference for the kingdom of God. But when we submit our minds to Christ, the promises and goodness of God flood our lives in remarkable ways.

It starts in your head. And from there, the possibilities are endless. *(study description from Amazon)*



## Walk to Emmaus

Hays Praise Community will be holding a Walk to Emmaus for Women March 26th - March 29th at the beautiful Well Springs Center in Blanco, Texas.

### Who can go to an Emmaus Walk?

Emmaus is open to any members of a Christian denomination who have a desire to strengthen their spiritual lives, may have unanswered questions about their faith, understand that being a Christian involves responsibility, and have a willingness to dedicate their lives to God in an ongoing manner. You will enjoy three days of singing, learning, laughing, worshiping, reflecting, praying and sharing. You will experience God's grace through prayers and acts of service by others, leaving with an experience of Christian love in action. It's a journey with Christ.

While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and walked with them. *Luke 24:15* The walk to Emmaus is an experience of Christian spiritual renewal and formation that begins with a three-day retreat. It is an opportunity to meet Jesus in a new way as God's grace and love are revealed to you through other believers.

Interested in going? Just ask! Anyone who has been on an Emmaus Walk can sponsor you. Unsure of who to ask? Contact John Dulski (512)940-3097, [ddulski1@verizon.net](mailto:ddulski1@verizon.net) and Debbie Dulski (512)940-3096 (8:30 am service), and we will help you get connected with a sponsor.

Applications are available to print online at [here](#) or pick up a printed application in the church hallway. Scholarships are available.



Walk to  
**Emmaus**  
THE UPPER ROOM

# SERVICE AND OUTREACH

## GREAT BOWLS OF FIRE!

*Chili Cook-Off and Ministry Fair*  
Sunday, February 23 at 5:00 pm

All are welcome to come to this free, fun, family- friendly event to learn how you can plug in and participate in the life of the church. Bring a card game or your family's favorite game to play with others while we eat and fellowship.

Think you go the best chili in town? Prove it! - Sign up to compete in our Chili Cook-Off. All types of chili are welcome - white, with or without beans, vegetarian - bring 'em all! Enter your chili to win fun prizes and bragging rights! Don't make chili? That's okay! Sign up to bring toppings, salads, sides and dessert!

Find the sign-up on our website or enter through the clipboards at church! If you want to showcase your ministry at the cook-off, please contact Kim (512-282-7274 or [Kim@ManchacaUMC.org](mailto:Kim@ManchacaUMC.org)) to reserve a half-table.



## TOWN HALL MEETING

*March 1st at noon*

On March 1st, directly after the 11:00 AM services, a town hall meeting will be held in the Family Life Center to discuss the upcoming General Conference in Minneapolis, MN. The meeting will present information on the various plans for the future of the United Methodist Church as a global body, and then give attendees the opportunity to ask questions and discuss any hopes and concerns they might have about General Conference. A light lunch will be provided for attendees.



## BOOK DRIVE FOR MENCHACA STUDENTS

Have books at home collecting dust? Our names are Jordan and Elizabeth and we are collecting books for the children at Manchaca Elementary! We want every child to go home with their own book over the summer. Donate by putting K-6th grade books in our donation box in the hospitality area or make a donation to our [GoFundMe](https://www.gofundme.com/) account. Please help to support our project and Manchaca Elementary School! Project ends April 26<sup>th</sup>.



## SUPER SILVER SAVER 2020

During the season of Lent, many of us decide to make a special sacrifice to improve our physical or spiritual selves. For example, we may choose to give up buying coffee, sodas, and candy and use the money we didn't spend to help others. This year, each of us has the opportunity to participate in the Super Silver Saver fund drive as part of our Lenten experience.

Super Silver Saver cups will be available either in the hospitality area or the Family Life Center beginning Sunday, March 8. Take the cup home and fill it each day with change or bills. When you put your money in your Super Silver Saver cup each day, say a prayer of thanksgiving for God's many blessings. Bring your money-filled Super Silver Saver cup back to worship on Palm Sunday and we'll celebrate together our common offering of sacrifice.



The money will be used by the Missions Team to fund mission activities sponsored by our congregation, such as local disaster victims, flood buckets, students at Akins High School who are experiencing homelessness, Habitat for Humanity, Back Pack ministry, our missionaries, Food Pantry, Angel Tree Program, housing improvement projects, and manna bags for the fall festival.

## ANGEL TREE THANKS

We delivered gifts to 10 families with 30 children at Manchaca Elementary School. Each child received 2 gifts: one of needed clothing items and one gift of toys or special things for which they asked. \$450 in HEB gift cards were donated to the families/students at Manchaca as well as Holiday Food Bags. Six students at Akins High School received gifts AND we collected over \$2000 for the Akins High School students to help with senior costs like testing fees, college application fees, graduation caps and gown, prom costs and to help fund our FOURTH ANNUAL college trip in late February!!! Look for an update on the college trip in March!



# SERVICE AND OUTREACH

## 36th YEAR OF MUMC SCHOLARSHIP

Please give generously to the April 5, 2020 Communion Altar Rail Offering. These monies are designated for the Chris Brown and Don Banker Scholarship Endowment, which gives scholarships to local high school and college students each year. This fund began with \$300 in 1984, 36 years ago. Since that time, over \$70,000 has been given in college scholarships to 142 students.

Like the mustard seed in Matthew 13:32 "although it is the smallest of all seeds, it grows larger than any garden plant and becomes a tree. Birds even come and rest on the branches." With God's blessing and your generosity, the scholarship fund will grow again this year, serve more students, and MUMC will continue to play a vital role in assisting students to achieve their goals and dreams.

It is important for you to know that each and every dollar of all of the offerings for the April 5 Communion Altar Rail will go to the scholarship fund to help students with their college expenses. Please help support our youth in their future endeavors.

## FROM THE TRUSTEES:

Renovations Build-Serve-Grow Phase 2 renovations of the Family Life Center and portions of the main building are now officially completed. There are so many people to thank for the success of this project which has provided beautiful, updated facilities in which our congregation may worship and grow in our faith and service. The trustees would like to thank the members of the Build-Serve-Grow committee: Rick and Glenna Bowman, co-chairs; Tonia Norman, Leslie Piggott, and Jenny Rinehart for all their planning, preparation, and tireless dedication to our church and this campaign. The trustees are thankful for the great job done by Church Interiors, Inc., Ryan Richards, the project leader/consultant; John Richards, construction manager; and their entire crew. Their professionalism, attention to detail, and concern for their clients were very evident in all of their work. They went above and beyond to insure a high quality final result that will serve us well in the years to come. Most of all, this renovation project could not have happened without the great support, tremendous patience, and continued financial backing of the Manchaca UMC congregation and the love and guidance of our gracious God, ever leading us forward as a church family.

As a follow-up to the renovations, we would like to begin raising funds for new furniture for the hospitality area in the main building, replacing several current damaged furniture pieces. Look for more details soon.

## Memorials

### Given by:

Doty Bible Class  
Pam Perkins  
Pam Lawder  
Jerry Edinger  
Jeff & Missy Ewers  
Julie & Steve Camp  
Janis Elmore  
Cora Tucker  
BG & Shirley Henry  
Sandy & Charlie Wolff  
Mary Jane & Bob Caudill



### In Memory of:

Alvis Bentley  
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Alvis Bentley  
Charlotte Morahan  
Charlotte Morahan  
Charlotte Morahan  
Robert Redland

## HAPPY 2020 FROM THE FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry had a wonderful 2019. We continued to feed children at Manchaca Elementary thru the Backpack Ministry. The Blessing Box is being used often. During the cold snaps, blankets are added. Also, books for adults and children are being stocked.

I would like to acknowledge and thank my reliable sackers: Ken & Linda Kattner, the Ladies of WOW, our High School Sunday School Class and Silas Barnes. They are the reason the Food Pantry runs so smooth and is able to feed so many needy neighbors. To our congregation, THANK YOU for your fabulous support-- both in money and food!



## Former CDC Director, Nancy Oliphant

Nancy Oliphant, former Director of MUMC-CDC from 1989 until 1995, passed away on January 12, 2020.

Memorial services were on January 31st with a burial in Arlington National Cemetery.

In 1993 Nancy established a tuition scholarship fund for the CDC.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you consider making a donation in Nancy's memory to the MUMC-CDC's scholarship fund, PO Box 460, Manchaca, TX 78652 (Please make checks payable to MUMC-CDC and reference "Scholarship Fund/Nancy Oliphant").

## SHREDDING DAY IS APRIL 18, 2020

The Shedding Man cometh after the Tax Man has cometh!!

**Saturday, April 18th**

9:30-11:30 am

West Parking Lot

Paper, Files, Old Taxes, C/D's

We  love monetary donations!





## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE SIGNIFICANT EVENTS!

### 2020 SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

February 25, 2020, 5:00 - 7:00 pm

Family Life Center

Cost: \$5.00

Menu: Pancakes & Sausage (*All You Can Eat!*)



Buy your tickets from United Methodist Men on Sunday,

February 16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>

or

at the door Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>

*Please help us by buying your tickets in advance!*

### ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

February 26, 2020

7 p.m.

Sanctuary

*This service will include the imposition of ashes*



### MORE INFO INSIDE THIS NEWSLETTER!



### ANNUAL SPRING CHURCH PICNIC 2020

*Save the Date - Sunday, March 29*

Church Family Olympics

Do you got game?



More information coming soon to our website!

#### Newsletter Article Submittal:

**NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:**  
Tuesday, March 17, 2020 NOON

**EMAIL SUBMISSIONS TO:**  
[deanna@manchacaumc.org](mailto:deanna@manchacaumc.org) or  
[office@manchacaumc.org](mailto:office@manchacaumc.org)

**NEXT NEWSLETTER WILL BE MAILED:**  
Wednesday, March 25, 2020

#### Sunday Worship and Sunday School Schedule:

8:30 - 9:30 a.m. — Traditional Worship w/ Communion in the Sanctuary

9:45-10:45 a.m. — Sunday School for all ages

11 a.m.-noon — Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

11 a.m.-noon — Praise Worship in the Family Life Center

#### Wednesday:

6 a.m. — Morning Prayer in the Prayer Room

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