

HOMEWORD

monthly ministry opportunities for the family of first united methodist church



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Greetings!

I continue to be thankful and amazed at your spirit of openness and discernment as we consider the next steps for the life of our church community. We had a great conversation at each of our in home dinners and in our town hall potluck lunch. The heart for our neighborhood and especially the children and families is deeply evident. My hope is that our decisions and our next steps will continue to bring that heart for our neighbors to the surface with life changing ministry spaces and opportunities.

Many of you have probably heard by now that Rev. Michael Scalora, currently the pastor of Grace UMC, has been appointed to serve a church elsewhere in our conference starting July 1st. Michael's wife was given the chance to do her dream job in the Nacogdoches area and I'm excited for the opportunities this move affords them. Please wish them well the next time you see Michael!

His appointment also means that we have arrived at the next major milestone of our discernment process - it's time to formalize a resolution to determine how we will move forward. Rev. Kip Gilts, our district superintendent, will meet with us on **Monday, May 1st @ 6pm** to help us determine exactly where we are now and how we will proceed. The meeting is open to ALL church members and I strongly encourage you to come and participate in the conversation.

When Rev. Gilts met with the leadership of Grace to inform them of Michael's new appointment, he offered two scenarios. 1) I would be asked to serve the new faith community, with our focus on the children and families guiding our new direction in ministry. 2) I would be asked to serve a 2 point charge of Grace and First UMC and we would figure out how our focus on children and families might still be a ministry focus moving forward.

Let me be clear, we will not vote on or officially decide anything at this meeting. It will just be a conversation within the church family that helps clarify exactly what we will be voting on in the near future. A similar meeting will happen that same night at Grace at 5pm. Our very tentative date to consider voting on the resolution that is soon finalized will be **Wed. May 24th**. Part of our conversation on Monday will be determining if we are ready to set that target date for a vote; if things change, I will let you know asap.

Thank you again for continued prayers and discernment in how we move forward. I look forward to leading you in whatever direction we determine is where God is calling us to go next. Please continue to talk with me and each other as we seek to faithfully follow where God leads!

Jeremy

MONTHLY MISSION FOCUS:

Justice for our Neighbors

Justice for our Neighbors is a network of legal clinics located within UMC churches throughout the country. Our goal is to provide hospitality and compassion to low income immigrants through immigration legal services, education and advocacy.



The mission of First United Methodist Church of Texas City is to Encounter Love. Grow Together. Inspire Change.

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ASSISTED LIVING/HOMEBOUND

Billie Bessire, Billy Jack LaFoy, Margarette Garrett, Lois Massey, Ed Mabry, and Penny Uptmor.

LONG TERM CARE

Ruth Bertolett, Merlene Block, Angie Boehme, Hudson Caro, Keith Fritch, Frankie Johnson, Scott Lawson, Sandy LeBlanc, Paige LeJune, Logan Longoria, Lois Massey, Sophia Sereni, Richard Smith, Bobby Speer, Carl Sullivan, Max Thomason, and Shirley Werner.

OTHER CONCERNS

Roger Norman, Peter Norman, Ashley Rivera, Jimmy Tyler, John McKown, Vanessa Cee, Bob Greeley's sister, Donnie, our churches, Christie Osborn and family, Nora, Ruth Bertolette, Sarah Randecker, Skylar, Leigh O'Toole, Helen Ricker, Damian Dass, Nathan Martin, Kim Zeller, and Ruth Struss

MILITARY

Wesley Collins, Brian Fletcher, Tim Head, Matt Hill, Jonathan Hicks, Tyrelle Lewis, Katie Page, Jeff Popham, Michael Robbins, Cody Yarborough.



Thank you for your generous donations to the food bank. We are always in need and appreciate all donations.

- Janie Martinez 5/5
- Kirstie Guillotte 5/7
- Evan Martinez 5/15
- Tamaran Racy 5/29

I want to thank each and every one of you who have made working here at First United Methodist Church so special to me! I have enjoyed getting to know the children here at the Mother's Day Out program as well as those of you I was blessed to meet and work with. Thank you all for the prayers and continued prayers as we take on and figure out this new chapter of our lives.

Mandy Clark

Medical Care as Ministry!

Methodist Hospital is launching a new initiative called Golden Care to help connect churches with people in the community who have health related needs. We're in the early planning stages for what it will look like, but please let Deborah Pirtle (dpirtle54@att.net) know if you can help in any of the following ways:

- 1) Do you have medical training and would you be willing to volunteer your time and expertise?
- 2) Would you be willing to drive patients to appointments and follow up care?
- 3) Could you attend a planning meeting with Deborah to learn more and shape the ministry?

(next meeting is May 7th at 2pm)

MAY 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Church Mtg 6 pm VBS Planning Mtg 7 pm	2 Ministry Comm. Mtg. 7 pm parlor	3	4 MDO Mother's Day Young Adults Bible Study 6:30 parsonage	5	6
7 5:30 Youth Fellowship	8	9	10 Men's Breakfast 8 am	11 Sr. Games 1 pm	12	13
14 HAPPY MOTHERS DAY	15	16	17	18 Young Adults Bible Study 6:30 parsonage	19 MDO BBQ Fundraiser	20 Musical for Galilee 6 pm
21 Church Wide Graduate Breakfast 9:30 am 5:30 Youth Fellowship	22	23	24	25 Sr. Games 1 pm PARLOR MDO GRAD NIGHT 6-8 Young Adults Bible Study 6:30 parsonage	26	27
28 Youth Sunday	29	30 MDO LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!	31	ANNUAL CONFERENCE		