



# Perritte Memorial Messenger

## United Methodist Church

*Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World*

April 19, 2016

### NEWS BRIEFS

#### “War on Debt”

Lucy Richardson is offering “War on Debt” (open to all) this **Saturday, April 23**, from **10:00 am** until 1:00 pm. Bring your lunch and **\$10** for materials. Call Lucy at 936.554.3577 to reserve your seat!

#### Harvest House Food Drive

25% of East Texas children are food hungry every day. The Harvest House makes up weekend backpacks for these kids full of easy, healthy snacks. Please donate to the basket in Memorial Hall with love, out of your blessings, through **May 1**.

#### Canning Jars Needed!

It’s almost time to start canning items for the Bazaar. Becky Byars is looking for:

1/2 pint (wide or regular,)

Pint (wide or regular,) and

Quart (wide-mouth only) jars made by Ball, Kerr, or Mason.

If you can donate, leave jars in the kitchen or Memorial Hall.

#### East/West District Camp June 13-17, 2016

Lakeview offers summer camp for rising 4th graders through graduating high school seniors. The cost per camper is **\$300** for regular registration by Wednesday, April 27. Make checks out to Perritte, and turn in with completed registration forms, available in the church office, with scholarship applications.

### New Covenant Sunday, May 1

On **May 1**, we will have a chance to review/renew our discipleship covenants - prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. Pastor Lani’s sermon series, titled “A Disciple’s Path” has been addressing each of these vows we made when we joined the church. We will have a special guest preacher on that Sunday, the Rev. Dianne McGehee. Following the service we will have a catered meal of bris-ket, baked beans, potato salad, bread and dessert. This Sunday you will have another opportunity to fill out a reservation card for the Sunday service and the celebration dinner afterwards. We will contact all individuals who have not filled out a reservation card to make certain we have left no one out. May 1 will be a time for all of us to grow spiritually. Please plan on attending even if you are not able to make any commitments now.

Mark Dalhoff  
Stewardship Chair



### Surf Shack, VBS 2016



Vacation Bible School will be held the week of **June 20-24**, from 5:30-8:30 pm.

At Surf Shack VBS, we will help children catch the wave of God’s amazing love through missions, drama, crafts, games, science activities, music, and lots of fun! You can sign up online to volunteer at <http://2016.cokesburyvbs.com/perritteumc>

There are lots of ways to help! We need grade level leaders, decorators, game helpers & more!



### ANNUAL BENEFIT AUCTION

Saturday, May 7, 2016

Five o'clock in the evening

First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall  
Nacogdoches, TX

There will be a live and silent auction with professional auctioneer Stephen Shockley

Entertainment will be

provided by Comedian Clay Walker and Rev. Jeff McDonald will be our M.C.

Please call the church office to reserve your seat at Perritte’s table for your \$40 donation.



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## Pastor's Corner

A Disciple's Path is intentional and not accidental. We must choose to follow Jesus and to learn each and every day. The practices of **prayer, presence, gifts, service** and **witness** are being highlighted each Sunday in the sermon. If we think of a compass helping us to get our bearings in the wilderness, these five practices of the faithful do a similar thing. They reorient our hearts and minds to God and His will for our lives together. How can we measure these kinds of things? We can ask some questions of ourselves, reflecting honestly about our personal practices. *How is my prayer life? Can it be improved by adding scripture reading and reflection? How is my prayer life helping me understand God's will for me? For my church?*

**Presence** is a challenge for many of us. We lead busy lives and often have commitments that take us out of town. Some struggle with health issues and are not able to sit for the hour in a pew. Like many congregations, we are up and down with our attendance numbers. Average worship attendance is an important criteria to determine our vitality. *How many Sundays will I commit to be in worship? Can I make worship a priority in the coming year?*

**Giving** is another important spiritual discipline. When we acknowledge that all we have comes from God, and God asks for only a portion in return, it begins to change our perspective from ourselves to God. Too often, we can find ourselves wanting to support a specific cause and not the general ministries of the church. The tithe is a traditional concept, giving to God the first 10% of our income. (The children had a great time sharing funds they received from me during the children's time.) *Do I freely and joyfully give the first fruits to God? How does my bank account reflect my stewardship of my resources?*

Next Sunday should be an easy one for most of us as we look at our **service** to the church. Perritte has so many servant hearts. But even servants need to reflect on their serving and how it is growing their faith and deepening their relationship with Christ.

Sunday, May 1, we will celebrate together as we hear a message from Rev. Diane McGehee, director of the Center for Missional Excellence of the Texas Annual Conference, about our **witness**.

Prayerfully consider these spiritual practices and how God is calling you to respond in the coming weeks. The Easter season is about reconciliation, rebirth and the Good News.

—Pastor Lani

## We Remember in Prayer

### *Those who need healing*

Dale & Morris Ward    Jim Permeske    Rachel Capps    Doug Swenson

### *Those who are homebound or in long-term care*

Rev. Edwin & Maurine McDaniel    Steve Stovall    Mary Thrash  
Helen Walker    Rebecca Yarbrough    Forrest Garrett

### *Those who are grieving*

Bertha McGraw family

### *Those serving in the Armed Forces and their families*

## Our Presence

04/10/16

**Worship Attendance**      88

04/17/16

**Worship Attendance**      80

## Thank You!

To Our Perritte Friends,

Thank you for your cards, calls, visitations and prayers when my brother, Pete Aiken, passed away.

Also, I want to take this opportunity to thank Jack Mathews for speaking at the memorial service and sharing his special memories.

We shall always remember your kind words and thoughtfulness.

May God bless all of you.

John Aiken

## Book Club

In April, the Book Club is reading **Forgotten God: Reversing Our Tragic neglect of the Holy Spirit** by **Francis Chan**. Bring a snack to share as we meet for discussion at the Bouldin's home (3501 Chimney Rock) on **Thursday, April 28, at 6:30 pm**. Questions? Call Jamie at 936.615.4751.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### April

- 13 Jared Swenson
- 14 Virginia Reneau
- 18 Rebecca Yarbrough
- 21 Vonnie Johnson  
Joan Greenly
- 26 Susan Stoner
- 30 Allison Beck

### May

- 3 Angela Smith  
Earl Reneau
- 6 Ann Rector
- 8 Jacey Tillis  
Floyd Jopling
- 10 Jon Yarbrough

## Calendar

### Wednesday, April 20

- 2:00 pm Men's and Women's 42 Groups
- 5:30 pm Wonderful Wednesday (*host: Missions*)
- 6:00 pm Bible land archaeology study
- 6:00 pm Youth
- 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 107
- 7:00 pm Choir

### Thursday-Friday, April 21-22

*No Scheduled Events*

### Saturday, April 23

- 10:00 am "War on Debt," Lucy Richardson, \$10

### Sunday, April 24

- 9:00 am Prayer Partners
- 9:45 am Morning Fellowship—Memorial Hall
- 10:00 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship
- 12:30 pm **Finance Committee** meeting
- 1:30 pm **Church Council** meeting

*No Youth*

### Monday, April 25

- 8:00 am Pie Crust
- 7:00 pm Cub Scouts Pack 107

### Tuesday, April 26

- 8:00 am Quilters

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- 2:00 pm Men's and Women's 42 Groups
- 5:30 pm Wonderful Wednesday (*host: Chuck*)
- 6:00 pm Bible land archaeology study
- 6:00 pm Youth
- 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 107
- 7:00 pm Choir

### Thursday, April 28

- 6:30 pm Book Club (Call Jamie at 936.615.4751)

### Friday-Saturday, April 29-30

*No Scheduled Events*

### New Covenant Sunday, May 1

- 9:00 am Prayer Partners—Pastor's Office
- 9:45 am Morning Fellowship—Memorial Hall
- 10:00 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship
- Guest Preacher: Rev. Diane McGehee
- 12:00 pm **New Covenant Celebration Lunch**

*No Youth*

### Monday, May 2

- 8:00 am Pie Crust
- 6:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 1025
- 7:00 pm Cub Scouts Pack 107

### Tuesday, May 3

- 8:00 am Quilters

## Chairished Blessings Roadshow Dinner

Join us on **Saturday, May 14**, as we gather together for an evening of food and fellowship to support Love INC. Chuck and Susan Lewis will be on hand to appraise your treasures while we enjoy a spaghetti supper cooked by the Tillis family. Clean out those closets and come join the fun!

## Worship's Coming

### **Sunday, April 24:**

*"A Disciple's Path: Service"*

*Scripture* 1 Corinthians 12:12-26  
Matthew 25:34-40

*Liturgist* Chuck Lewis

*Acolytes* Violet Eason and Connor Hogan

*Counters* Max McCarley and Karen Swenson

### **New Covenant Sunday, May 1:**

**Guest Preacher: Rev. Diane McGehee**

*"A Disciple's Path: Witness"*

*Scripture* Acts 16:9-15  
John 4:1-30

*Liturgist* Jamie Bouldin

*Acolytes* James Teekell and Braxton Anderson

*Counters* Mark Dalhoff and Mary Ann Miles

*April Ushers: Koinonia Class*

*May Covered Dish: Legacy Class*

*May Ushers: Becomers Class*

## UMCOR Sager Brown Mission Trip

Perritte is sponsoring a mission team of 10 (6 spots still available) people to travel to UMCOR's Baldwin, La., relief-supply depot to help assemble, verify, and pack relief-supply kits so that they can be sent to the areas where they are needed most. Trip dates are **August 7-12, 2016**, and Richard Locke is team leader.

The United Methodist Committee on Relief, UMCOR, is a ministry of The United Methodist Church and has provided humanitarian relief and disaster response in the United States and internationally for 75 years. Their efforts are targeted in places where natural disasters, war, or conflict have done so much damage that communities are unable to recover on their own.

If you are interested in participating in this trip, please call Kaye Monzingo, 936-552-7058, or the church office and let us know ASAP.



Flood buckets for distribution through UMCOR



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## Perritte Memorial United Methodist Church

Perritte is located at  
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and the office is open  
**9 am - 1 pm**  
**Monday-Thursday**  
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**Our Mission**  
is to Make Disciples  
of Jesus Christ for the  
Transformation of the  
World.

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**www.perritteumc.org**

*All members of the church are ministers of the Gospel,  
equipped for sharing the grace of God with the assistance of:*

<b>Music Director</b>	Nicole Stewart
<b>Accompanist</b>	Jim Faucett
<b>Nursery Supervisor</b>	Amanda Tillis
<b>Secretary</b>	Susan Teekell
<b>Custodian</b>	Betty White
<b>Pastor</b>	Lani Rousseau

Messenger deadline is 10 am every other Monday. The next newsletter will go out on **May 3**  
To submit articles or if you have additions, deletions, or changes to the church calendar contact  
Susan Teekell at 564-8427 or [info@perritteumc.org](mailto:info@perritteumc.org)