



Perritte Memorial Messenger

United Methodist Church

Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World

August 1, 2017

News Briefs

Service at The Arbor

The first Sunday of each month gives us an extra opportunity for service! On **Sunday, August 6** (and **September 3**), gather at **2:30 pm** at Perritte to carpool to The Arbor Assisted Living (3002 Westward Dr.) for singing, a short devotional, and communion with the residents. We'll return to the church by 4:00 pm.

Fun & Fellowship

Nicole Stewart will share with us about the Crescendo Academy of Fine Arts Summer Camps and plan for the fall semester for August's Fun and Fellowship. Bring a dish to share at the potluck lunch on **Tuesday, August 8**, at **11:30 am**.

Blessing of the Backpacks and Promotion Sunday

Sunday, August 27, children will be promoted to their new Sunday school classes. During worship, we will have a blessing of all students' backpacks and teachers' bags. We will also celebrate a special milestone in the life of rising second graders by presenting them with their own Bibles.

Small Generator Needed

Perritte would like a small (at least 30 amp) generator to back up our freezers. If you have one to donate or sell, please call Ray Stoner at 564-4741.

Back to School Missions

Feed the SFA Marching Band

Stephen F. Austin has a marching band worth celebrating! And so, on **Tuesday, August 22**, at **11:30 am**, at the Wesley Foundation, we will combine our efforts with FUMC Nacogdoches and Wesley to feed lunch to the SFA Lumberjack Marching Band. Call Brandi Dalhoff at 560-6663 to volunteer to serve.



Nettie Marshall Teacher Lunch and School Supplies

During the week of August 21-25, probably on **Thursday, August 24**, or **Friday, August 25**, Perritte will host a lunch in our Memorial Hall for the teachers and staff of our partner school, Nettie Marshall. Mary Ann Miles is organizing the lunch of salads, sandwiches, and desserts, and will confirm the date when the school schedule solidifies. Call her at 569-0939 to sign up to volunteer.

But that is only part of the purpose of this Back-to-School lunch! We also want to shower the teachers and staff with school supplies and office supplies to help get their school year off to a smooth start. To help, please bring your donations to Memorial Hall by **Sunday, August 20**.

Ice Cream Sundaes for SFA Wesley

The Wesley Foundation at SFA is gearing up to welcome all new and returning Stephen F. Austin students back to school for the fall semester! Perritte will provide ice cream sundaes for "Welcome Week" at Wesley on **Saturday, August 26**, at **6:00 pm**. Brandi Dalhoff (560-6663) needs volunteers to contribute ice cream and toppings and to serve.



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The inspiration for Perritte Memorial's 1025 prayer movement came from *Flood Gates* by Sue Nilson Kibbey, a book handed to each church at Annual Conference in 2017. Interim pastor Barbara Robberson says, "In the 2nd chapter she writes passionately about a Breakthrough Prayer Initiative. Taking her lead - and the story of a church which adopted a specific time to pray each day based on their address -- we adopted this initiative, too."

It started with the Perritte prayer team that meets every Sunday morning with the pastor. Prayer team members recited the book's "break through prayer" while walking through the church. At various locations, they attached sticky notes bearing only four numbers: 1025. "Folks began to get curious about these notes, but only the prayer team knew their significance initially."

As both a church member and church secretary Susan Teekell had a unique vantage point as this unfolded. "On that initial Sunday morning, you couldn't help but notice multicolored sticky notes on windows, walls, doors and anywhere else they would stick! Since I am on staff, people began to ask me about the notes, yet I had no idea."

During the week, as Susan walked her VBS students through their rotations, the kids asked her over and over what the number meant; church members and non-members, children and adults were mystified for weeks.

One Sunday, members found slips of paper with "1025" written on them sticking out of almost every hymnal in the sanctuary. Shares Susan, "I decided to insert the number in 16 places in the bulletin, and for covered dish lunch, we printed "1025" paper tents for all the tables in the fellowship hall. It was hard to tune out because there were new incarnations of the number every week."

Finally in the third week, Barbara worked the 1025 mystery into the sermon and the secret was out. She challenged the congregation to commit to faithfully praying twice a day for God to break through in new ways so that Perritte could move forward in new and exciting ways to spread the Gospel.

Susan is in the church office at 10:25 a.m. on weekdays. "When the alarm on my phone rings, we stop whatever is happening in the office and pray. Sometimes it's just me and other times as many as five are praying together to break through whatever might be holding Perritte Memorial UMC back from becoming the church that God needs us to be." She adds, "In response to our prayers, God is showing us ways to break through our comfort zones of complacency and better serve Him."

Prayer ministry member Judy Allensworth knows that the congregation no longer mirrors the multi-ethnic residents in its immediate mission field.

"We have struggled for years with the question of how to best reach out to our neighbors, convinced that God has kept us here for a reason," Judy explains. Pastor Barbara had 11 people recently commit to accompany the pastor and music director to a local nursing home on the first Sunday of each month to lead worship and communion with residents. Others are beginning to serve meals in the homeless shelter very near the church. "I truly believe God will use this 1025 effort to help us show the love of Christ in our community in ways that will transform all of our lives," adds Judy.

This creative yet simple idea gleaned from a book is now taking root at 1025 Durst Street and beyond. "It is really exciting for me," Barbara shares, "when I am in Houston praying at 10:25, in the morning or night, to realize that up in Nacogdoches or a dozen other places, my congregation is praying at the same time for God to break through in new ways for our ministries."

April Canik in "The Cross Connection," newsletter of the Texas Annual Conference, 7/27/17

We Remember in Prayer

Those who need healing

Rev. Lani Rousseau Jackson Allensworth PeggyJane Barfield-Cook
Keith Lumpkins Vicki White Floyd Tillis, Jr. Edwin McDaniel Christy White
Laverne Wade Dot Stephens Kim Anderson Susan Coldewey

Those who are homebound or in long-term care

Helen Walker Forrest Garrett Charles Holbrook
Steve Stovall Lorraine Hensley Rebecca Yarbrough

Those who are grieving

Those serving in the Armed Forces and their families

Our Gifts & Presence

July Worship Attendance

7/2/17	67
7/9/17	75
7/16/17	86
7/23/17	72
7/30/17	58

Avg. July Worship Attendance 72

Avg. YTD Worship Attendance 80

July General Donations

7/2/17	4,887.72
7/9/17	2,611.00
7/16/17	1,195.49
7/23/17	4,671.86
7/30/17	1,293.00
PushPay	1,523.00

July General Donations \$16,182.07

Financial Report for 2017

Budget	\$221,132.00
Need to Date	\$131,828.74
Received to Date	\$101,722.32
Over/Under Budget	-\$30,106.42

Birthdays & Anniversaries

August

- 2 *Max & Cindi McCarley
- 3 Linda Capps
- 6 PeggyJane Barfield-Cook
- 7 Georgia Taylor
- 9 Earline Jacobs
- 10 *Ray & Susan Stoner
Kay Teekell
- 15 *Richard & Shari Locke
Olivia Boan
- 16 *Cody & Amanda Tillis
Rachel Capps
- 17 John Yarbrough
- 23 David Zimmer
- 24 Virginia Harris
- 25 *Gil & Sher Hanke
- 27 Andrew Greule
- 28 Wonda Jopling
Shelby Laird
- 29 *Floyd & Billie Tillis
- 30 Shari Locke
Braxton Anderson

September

- 2 Ethan Bouldin
- 3 Linda Stovall, Barbara Norris
- 4 *David & Martha Gutermuth
- 8 Jimmie Ruth Anderson

Calendar

Weekly Events:

Sundays

9:00 am Prayer Partners
9:45 am Morning Fellowship—Memorial Hall
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship

Mondays

8:00 am Pie Crust

Tuesdays

8:00 am Pot Pies

Wednesdays

2:00 pm Men's and Women's 42 Groups
7:00 pm Choir Practice, **starting August 9**

Tuesdays

6:00 pm Thrive, *Lucy Richardson*

Changes to Weekly Events:

Sunday, August 6

12:00 pm **Covered Dish**, *Legacy Class* hosts
2:30 pm Meet at Perritte for **The Arbor Service**
(3002 Westward Dr,) return by 4:00 pm

Tuesday, August 8

11:30 am **Fun & Fellowship**
Program: Nicole Stewart speaks on Crescendo
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Sunday, August 13

8:00 am **United Methodist Men Breakfast**

Wednesday-Thursday, August 16-17

Love INC Back to School Shared Blessings

Saturday, August 19

8:00 am **Missions Center in Conroe** (Mark 560-6663)
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Tuesday, August 22

11:30 am **Feed the SFA Marching Band** (Brandi 560-6663)
(SFA Wesley Foundation, 129 E. College)

TBA: probably Thursday, August 24, or Friday, August 25

Teacher lunch for Nettie Marshall (Memorial Hall)

Saturday, August 26

6:00 pm **Ice Cream Sundaes at SFA Wesley Foundation**
(Brandi 560-6663, 129 E. College)
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Sunday, August 27

11:00 am **Blessing of the Backpacks**
Bible presentation to 2nd graders

Monday, August 28

SFA & NISD fall semesters begins
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Sunday, September 3

12:00 pm **Covered Dish**, *Koinonia Class* hosts
2:30 pm Meet at Perritte for **The Arbor Service**
(3002 Westward Dr,) return by 4:00 pm

Wonderful Wednesday begins:
Wednesday, September 6!
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Last day before Bazaar to buy pie crusts:
Thursday, September 28

Sunday's Coming

Sunday, August 6:

Scripture 1 Corinthians 3:1-7
Matthew 14:13-21
Guest Preacher Rev. Tom Teekell
Prayer Partners Karen Swenson
Liturgist Judy Allensworth
Acolytes James Teekell and Matthew Smith
Counters Mark Dalhoff and Mary Ann Miles

Sunday, August 13:

Scripture Romans 10:5-15
Matthew 14:22-33
Prayer Partners Susan Teekell
Liturgist Melanie Wilson
Acolytes Marci Bridges and Patricia Laird
Counters Becky Byars and Chuck Lewis

Sunday, August 20:

Scripture Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Matthew 15:(10-20) 21-28
Prayer Partners Vonnie Johnson and Lucy Richardson
Liturgist Kay Teekell
Acolytes Connor Hogan and Caleb Anderson
Counters Billie Tillis and Gary Johnson

Sunday, August 27:

Scripture Romans 12:1-8
Matthew 16:13-20
Prayer Partners Mary Lou Mackey
Liturgist Gary Johnson
Acolytes Braxton and Caleb Anderson
Counters Max McCarley and Karen Swenson

Sunday, September 3:

Scripture Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28
Prayer Partners Karen Swenson
Liturgist Karen Swenson
Acolytes James Teekell and Matthew Smith
Counters Mark Dalhoff and Mary Ann Miles

August Ushers: *Becomers Class*

August Covered Dish: *Legacy Class*

September Ushers: *Legacy Class*

September Covered Dish: *Koinonia Class*

Third Saturday Missions

If you are interested in helping work locally to do mission work with a global reach, your next chance is on **August 19**. The Texas Conference invites individuals and groups to assemble and verify UMCOR relief supplies at the new Missions Center in Conroe. Mark Dalhoff is planning to go, leaving about **8:00 am** and returning about 7:00 pm. The only cost involved would be lunch and gas if we use the Perritte bus. To find out more, please contact Mark at 560-6663.



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

Music Director	Nicole Stewart
Accompanist	Jim Faucett
Nursery Supervisor	Amanda Tillis
Secretary	Susan Teekell
Custodian	Betty White
Pastor	Lani Rousseau
Interim Pastor	Barbara Robberson

Messenger deadline is 10 am on the day before the first Tuesday of the month.

The next newsletter will go out on **September 5.**

To submit articles or if you have additions, deletions, or changes to the church calendar contact
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