



Perritte Memorial Messenger

United Methodist Church

Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World

September 5, 2017

News Briefs

Dave Ramsey's

Financial Peace University

Tom and Susan Teekell will be leading Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University at the Wesley Foundation (129 E College) on **Monday nights at 7:00 pm**. Join us on **September 11!** Learn practical steps to beat debt, take control of your money, build wealth, give generously, and secure your family's future in a nine-week class!

Fall Planning Meeting

Perritte's ministry teams will meet on **Sunday, September 17**, to plan the ministries and activities in which our church will participate through the end of the calendar year.

Pie Crust Deadline

It is time to start counting the pie crusts you will need for the holidays! The deadline to buy pie crusts before the Bazaar is **Thursday, September 28**. Buy your delicious homemade pie crusts in the church office on Monday–Thursday, between 9:00am and 1:00 pm—just \$17.50 for 10 balls of dough or \$25.00 for 10 crusts in pie tins.

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

Wonderful Wednesday Kick-Off

Exciting news from Perritte Memorial UMC! On **Wednesday, September 13**, we will begin our "Wonderful Wednesday" program. This is a time for families to come together for fellowship and spiritual growth. There will be activities for ALL AGES.

The evening begins in memorial Hall at **5:30 pm** with an inexpensive snack supper. Then from **6:00–7:00 pm**, we will break up by age groups for the following activities:

Infant-PreK:	Caring nursery
K-5th:	Bible lesson with crafts and music
6th-12th:	Bible study and games with youth director
Adults:	Bible study, kicking off with the movie "War Room," and a study of the power of prayer

At **7:00 pm**, Boy Scouts Troop #107 will meet and our choir will practice. New members for each are welcome!

National Night Out

Tuesday, October 3, 6:00–8:00 pm



National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, better places to live. Come on out to spend an evening getting to know our neighbors in the name of crime prevention. Our church will host a "block party" for our neighborhood along with the Neighborhood Watch Program and the Nacogdoches Police Department. Law enforcement officers and other officials will visit to form relationships with us

and our neighbors and will bring their vehicles by for kids to explore. We plan to enjoy hot dogs and snacks with our neighbors!



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Pastor's Corner

Greetings Friends,

We are so glad to be back and at work among you. I knew that you would be in good hands with Rev. Barbara Robberson and that you wouldn't miss a beat in my absence. I am having my final round of chemo as I am writing this. Know how much I appreciate your support and dedication to Perritte and our ministries together.

Rev. Scott Moore is the Director of Missional Excellence. He is based out of the new Mission Center and warehouse in Conroe, used for storing equipment, trailers, and be a staging place for immediate response in times of disaster. He shared an amazing story of God's presence in the midst of the chaos that I shared in my sermon on Sunday. Several of you have requested that story, so here it is in the words of Rev. Moore:

"When Hurricane Harvey hit last week, a good friend of mine in Abilene called and said he wanted to help. His name is E.C. Ice. He is a United Methodist licensed local pastor in Hamlin, TX with deep roots in Conroe. He is also a volunteer firefighter and the mayor of Hamlin. He originally said he wanted to load a 16 foot trailer with water and bring it to me. I thought it would be good to have some on hand to send out with our volunteer teams, so I told E.C. to bring the water. He called me Wednesday and said that his water drive had gotten out of hand, and he now needed an 18-wheeler to deliver the water. Not wanting to discourage him, I told him to bring the truck. Thursday afternoon he brought in a truck with 20 pallets of water (roughly 700 cases, 50,000 pounds). That same afternoon, an entire troop of Boy Scouts showed up at the Mission Center to volunteer. We had no idea they were coming. We didn't even know how they knew who or where we were. But, never ones to turn away good help, we put them to work. The kids verified hygiene kits while some of the adults helped unload the water.

This is where the story starts to turn past coincidence into an, "Oh. This is one of those God moments." I fretted all Thursday night wondering what I would do with 20 pallets of water taking up space in the warehouse. I decided that Beaumont would be a good place for it, as I had not received any requests in the Houston area. Then, Friday morning, I see Alicia's emails about the water system in Beaumont being down and 115,000 people being without drinking water. Then it looked like the water was back on. Then I talked to Jon Stouffer and the water was NOT on. So I knew we HAD to get this water to Beaumont.

A not-so-quick glance at the TXDOT website showed there was no easy way into Beaumont from Houston. I-10 was shut down. 90 was shut down in several places. So, with Morris' help we mapped a circuitous route from Conroe to Beaumont. Morris volunteered to drive a truck if I could find one. So, I frantically searched for a rental truck large enough to handle enough water to actually make a difference. No luck. Not a large rental truck to be had in a reasonable distance. Then, I thought I'd hire a commercial trucking company to haul the load. After all, it got to me on an 18-wheeler. It could leave the warehouse on one, too, right? Again, no luck. No commercial shipper would even consider taking the load because the major highways were shut down and no one wanted to be stranded and have to sit on an unpaid load waiting for water to go down.

About this time I learn that FEMA had promised a delivery of water to Beaumont. The city had announced a water distribution location and time, but then had to cancel it because the FEMA trucks couldn't get into Beaumont. The only conceivable way now is to fly it in on a helicopter. But, where am I, a lowly Methodist pastor going to get a helicopter?

As I reached the end of my water-borne sanity, who should walk into the Mission Center but the Boy Scout leader from Thursday. He politely asks if we still have the pallets of water. I ask him if he knows anyone that needs it, to which he replies, "well, we are work-

We Remember in Prayer

Those who need healing

Lani Rousseau Jackson Allensworth Jimmie Ruth Anderson Billy Ishmael
A.M. Smith Steve Stovall Floyd Tillis, Jr. Edwin McDaniel Christy White
Scott Bowyer Keith Lumpkins Laverne Wade Susan Coldewey

Those who are homebound or in long-term care

Helen Walker Forrest Garrett Charles Holbrook
Lorraine Hensley Rebecca Yarbrough

Those who are grieving

Those who lost loved ones to Hurricane Harvey

Those serving in the Armed Forces and their families

Our Gifts & Presence

August Worship Attendance

8/6/17	87
8/13/17	79
8/20/17	66
8/27/17	57

Avg. Aug. Worship Attendance 72

Avg. YTD Worship Attendance 79

August Donations

ZOE	624.00
HOPE	57.00
UMCOR/Harvey	445.00
Crescendo	490.00
Online Donations	1,253.00
General Donations	13,377.34
Total Aug. Donations	\$16,246.34

Financial Report for 2017

Budget	\$222,873.25
Need to Date	\$148,838.90
Received to Date	\$114,829.66
Over/Under Budget	-\$34,009.24

Birthdays & Anniversaries

September

- 2 Ethan Bouldin
- 3 Charles Hatchett,
Barbara Norris,
Linda Stovall
- 4 *David & Martha Gutermuth
- 8 Jimmie Ruth Anderson
- 10 David Greenly
- 13 Mark Dalhoff
- 17 *Steve & Linda Stovall
- 18 A.M. Smith
- 21 Colin Smith
- 22 Howard Anderson
- 24 *Dylan & Angelea Richardson
- 26 Sheryl Willenbach
Chris Bouldin
- 30 Vicki White

October

- 1 John Aiken
- 3 Lorraine Hensley
- 7 Kelly Allensworth,
Earline Shipley



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
3:30 pm Crescendo, **starting 9/11**
7:00 pm Cub Scouts, **starting 9/18**

Tuesdays

8:00 am Pot Pies, **except 9/12**

Wednesdays

2:00 pm Men's and Women's 42 Groups
5:30 pm Wonderful Wednesday Supper, **starting 9/13**
9/13: Scouts 9/20: Missions
9/27: Chuck 10/4: UMW
6:00 pm K-5th: Bible lesson with crafts and music
6-12th: Bible study and games
Adults: Bible study, starting with "War Room"
7:00 pm Choir Practice

Tuesdays

6:00 pm Thrive, Lucy Richardson

Changes to Weekly Events:

Sunday, September 10

8:00 am United Methodist Men Breakfast

Monday, September 11

3:30 pm Crescendo Begins
6:00 pm Cub Scout Pack #107 Kick Off

Tuesday, September 12

11:30 am Fun & Fellowship

Wednesday, September 13

5:30 pm Wonderful Wednesday Begins

Sunday, September 17

12:15 pm Church-wide Planning Meeting

Monday, September 18

6:00 pm Girl Scouts Troop #1025 Begins
7:00 pm Cub Scout Pack #107 begins regular meetings

Sunday, September 24

12:15 pm Board of Stewards

Thursday, September 28

Last Day to Buy Pie Crusts before the Bazaar

Sunday, October 1

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

Monday, October 2

6:00 pm Girl Scouts Troop #1025

Tuesday, October 3

6:00 pm National Night Out

Wednesday, October 4

6:00 pm Charge Conference

Thursday, October 5

6:30 pm Round Table Scouts

Sunday's Coming

Sunday, September 10:

"The Story that Continues to be Remembered and Told"

Scripture Exodus 12:1-14

Romans 13:8-14

Prayer Partners Karen Swenson and Lucy Richardson

Liturgist Chuck Lewis

Acolytes Marci Bridges and Patricia Laird

Counters Becky Byars and Chuck Lewis

Sunday, September 17:

"Faith to walk and Not Look Back"

Scripture Exodus 14:19-31

Romans 14:1-12

Prayer Partners Susan Teekell

Liturgist Jamie Bouldin

Acolytes Connor Hogan and Violet Eason

Counters Billie Tillis and Gary Johnson

Sunday, September 24:

"Oh How We Gumble"

Scripture Exodus 16:2-15

Matthew 20:1-16

Prayer Partners Vonnie Johnson and Maggie Ball

Liturgist Susan Teekell

Acolytes Braxton and Caleb Anderson

Counters Max McCarley and Karen Swenson

Sunday, October 1:

Prayer Partners Mary Lou Mackey

Liturgist Carol Wilson

Acolytes James Teekell and Matthew Smith

Counters Mark Dalhoff and Mary Ann Miles

September Ushers: *Legacy Class*

October Ushers: *Koinonia Class*

October Covered Dish: *Becomers Class*

Pastor's Corner, con't

ing at the Catholic Church today and they're in a tight spot. See, they have been asked to find water to put on Blackhawk helicopters to fly into Beaumont. You think they could have some of yours?" As soon as I quit screaming and hugging him (not a pleasant proposition given my morning's warehouse activities) I tell him they can certainly have it. Do they have someone with a truck that can come get it. He says he's not sure, but he'll find out.

One quick phone call and 30 minutes later a flatbed 18-wheeler comes rolling into the Mission Center being driven by a local Justice of the Peace. Guido (that's my forklift) and I load 14 of the pallets of water onto the judge's truck, which he (ever so cautiously) drives down the street to the North Houston Regional Airport in Conroe. The water gets loaded onto Army Reserve Blackhawk helicopters and airlifted into Beaumont.

So, let's do the ecumenical math: Phantom Boy Scouts working at a Catholic Church who know of United Methodists with water connect the 2 organizations. A Justice of the Peace drives a truck that is loaded by a school board member to take to a public airport to be loaded onto military aircraft to fly to a different city to support a civilian governmental agency.

God is good.

In Christ, Rev. Scott Moore" (posted 9/1/17)



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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

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

The next newsletter will go out on **October 3.**

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