

FEBRUARY



A Great Heritage...

A Great Future...

DAN D. LINES

By Dr. Dan Darby, Pastor



As you know, the Coldspring Methodist Church changed from a United Methodist Church (UMC) to a Global Methodist Church (GMC) on January 1 of this year. However, I stayed a United Methodist ordained clergyperson. Through the generosity of Bishop Scott Jones, I was allowed to serve an additional six months as your pastor. Bishop Jones felt it would help this church with the transition process giving you time to find a new pastor. Continuing as your pastor also helped me in that I am planning to retire as a UM pastor on June 30, 2023, and I did not want to move to a new UM church to continue my ministry until retirement. There are a total of nine United Methodist pastors in the Texas Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church (TAC-UMC) who received extensions to serve in GMC churches. Six of us plan to retire on June 30, 2023, and three plan to continue their careers in United Methodist churches as active pastors. The arrangement in most cases has been working well.

As you know, United Methodist bishops have the power to appoint pastors, and pastors serve at the discretion of the bishop. The Texas Annual Conference of the UMC has a new bishop, Bishop Cynthia Harvey, following the retirement of Bishop Jones at the end of 2022. After consulting with other UMC bishops, she has made the ruling that appointments of United Methodist pastors to GMC churches are out of order, and she is terminating the agreement made between the nine churches, the pastors, the TAC-UMC, and the GMC. Sadly, I must announce that my appointment as your pastor will end on February 28, 2023. I had hoped to serve until the end of June, but that will not be possible. Your Pastoral Search Committee will be working with representatives of the GMC to secure either interim or long-term pastoral leadership for the church that we hope will begin on March 1.

Paula and I will be moving to our retirement home in Cape Royale, so we will continue to be a part of your community. My last Sunday as your pastor will be Feb. 26th. It has been my pleasure to serve as your pastor for seven years and seven months, and I plan to thoroughly enjoy my last month in this relationship with you. Let us rejoice in the past and trust in the Lord for his provision and guidance for the future. You are a great church, with a great future. Thanks for your continued support and friendship during this time of transition.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Dan

In Worship

Feb. 5, Holy Communion Sunday. My sermon will be “Having the Mind of Christ,” based on 1 Corinthians 2:1-16 and Matthew 5:13-16. Our chancel choir will sing the communion anthem, *Love Filled the Cup*. At the request of one of our church members, we will make receiving communion at the altar rail an option. Those who wish to remain in their seats and receive communion from the little plastic cups may do so. We will also have special offering baskets on the sides for the Society of St. Stephens.

Feb. 12, My sermon will be “Come, Build a Temple with Us,” based on 1 Corinthians 3:1-9.

Feb. 19, Transfiguration Sunday. We will read the story of the Transfiguration from Matthew 17:1-9, and my sermon will be “When the Ground is Shaking,” based on 1 Corinthians 8:1. Our choir will be singing special music.

February 22, 6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service, We will celebrate Ash Wednesday with the imposition of ashes. We will write down our sins on a piece of special paper and attach the paper to the cross where they will burn up before our eyes, symbolizing the power of Christ over our trespasses. My sermon will be from 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:10 and is entitled, “The Dark Side of Christianity.”

Feb. 26, This will be my last Sunday with you, so I think I will preach a sermon entitled, “The End is Near!” based on 1 Corinthians 7:29-31, Jonah 3:1-3, 10, and Mark 1:14-15. Hopefully, we can have a little fun with these passages as they remind us to prepare for the future.



Vacation Bible School Volunteers Needed

We will be having our first Vacation Bible School planning meeting on Monday, February 13 at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All who are interested please come. Contact Sherry Wagner if you have any questions @ 936-433-7034.

Happy Valentine's Day!

The month of February reminds us of 'Love' being in the air! This year lets share 'Love' from scripture with our children, grandchildren, friends, neighbors, strangers- send a card, stick a posted note, text, email, video, post on social media. We are to share the Good News constantly.



Conversations from God

Be Mine – Leviticus 20:26

True Love – John 3:16

Best Friends – Proverbs 27:9

Hug – Song of Solomon 2:6

Forever – Hebrew 13:8



DRUM ROLL – Coldspring Methodist church is celebrating 175 years this year. WHAT?! That is a lot of years. Did You Know will be the theme this year as we walk down memory lane. Did you know that we have a book titled, History of Coldspring United Methodist Church? The Archives and History Committee that gathered and assembled the information included India Adams, Gene & Esther Best, Winston Blackmon, Hilde Faulkner, Marilyn McMurrey, Kathryn Patrick, Kathleen Thrower & Billie Jo Trapp. The book's copyright date is 2003. A special thanks went to Jim Bough for his invaluable help in organizing and coordinating the printing of the book. In 1848, Frederick & Elizabeth Rankin gave 3.25 acres for the establishment of Coldspring Methodist Church. Our sanctuary was first constructed in 1858 – 165 years ago! The original location of the sanctuary was southeast of what is now the Oakwood Cemetery. Tradition says that the bell was placed in the belfry when the building was new, and the same bell is used today. Did you know- our sanctuary was used as a public-school classroom in 1881 until a new school building could be built. The church and parsonage were moved on rollers in 1916! M. D. Trapp, Sr. was one who lent his strong, young back to the task, and was paid 50 cents per day. So much history to read, I just smiled as I turned the pages. If you would like a copy of this book, you can pick up yours on Sunday mornings at church. Stay tuned for more fascinating history!

Coming Soon- Visitor Welcome Center on Sunday mornings. We would like to give our visitors some special attention. If you would like to be a part of this, we would **love** for you to join us as we visit with guests and share information about our church.

P.S. Check out our freshly updated website which rolled out during January. Minor tweaks are being completed, but take a look- coldspringmethodist.org.

If your committee has news to share and pictures to post, please email coldspringum@gmail.com.

Did you know that most guest visit the church website first? Therefore, the idea is to have the website be fluid with fresh up to date information for visitors to navigate.

One of our goals for 2023 is to add one member to our evangelism team each month during 2023- would you consider being our new member for February? Our new member for January was Dave Hitt. Welcome Dave!

God's Blessings from your Evangelism committee,
Anne & Frank Closs, Martha & Ken Garza, Dianne Griffith, Shelley Thompson, Jackie Cleveland, Michael Clark,
Dave Hitt Pastor Dan Darby and Sandra McQuiggin.

Our mission is to see all opportunity to make disciples of Jesus Christ. Let's share God's LOVE in the world!

Missions Ministry – FEBRUARY 2023 NEWSLETTER

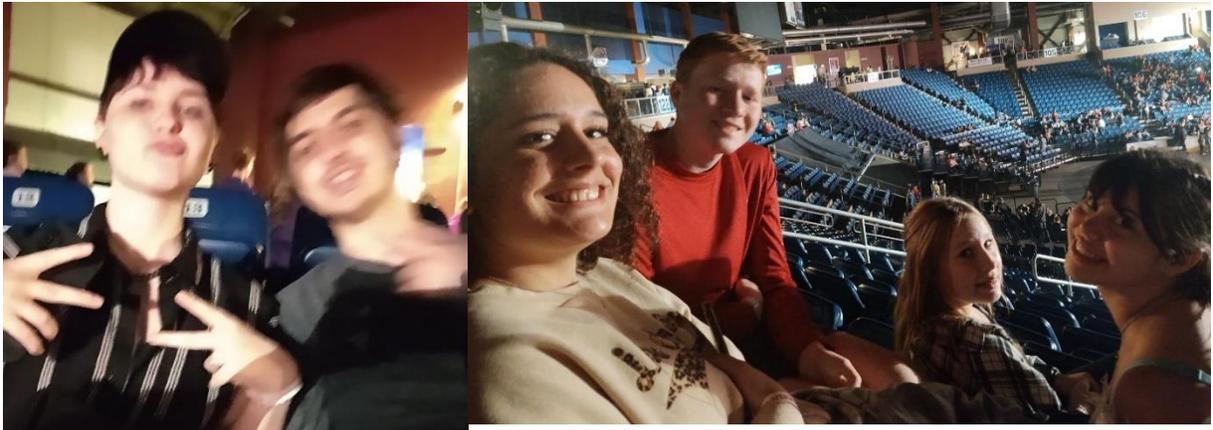
Missions Committee will meet at 2 PM on 7 February in one of the Sunday school classrooms. We would love for you to join us! We will be brainstorming the recent community need brought to us regarding care for students on Fridays when the school moves to a four-day week. This is an opportunity to help the community during 25 Fridays through the school year and grants may be available. Join us for a lively discussion, especially if you have experience in education, grant writing, or want to be a part of a winning solution for the parents and children of this community. We will also discuss opportunity through Samaritan's purse and assistance to the The Woodland Park Nursing home.

Tyra Swanson

UMYF- **The Matches**

Igniting the flame of Christ in everyone

January has been a great month. We went to Hot Hearts in Beaumont and got rejuvenated. We will be changing our name and having shirts made, so stay tuned.



We are learning about holiness until we start the Lenten study. We will be participating in UMArmy this year. Camp Lakeview has gotten to costly. We will be coming up with some fundraisers and looking for support. Thank you congregation, for keeping the youth group going!

Join us for Sunday School at 8:45 a.m.

*Happy to serve,
Carri Clark*

Youth Coordinator

Pastoral Search Committees' Job Description derived from the Congregations' Participation in the Church Workshop

Job Description: Loving, rural, historic church seeks an energetic, community-minded pastor with outstanding communication skills to meet the challenges of an aging congregation and assist in attracting a variety of age groups. The pastor oversees and executes the administration of the church through appropriate staff and lay leadership teams, and ensures the completion of ministry, and logistical support functions through staff and lay volunteers.

- Presents inspiring and uplifting Bible-based sermons in line with the Global Methodist Church.
- Provides leadership in planning and executing effective discipleship programs.
- Visits members and prospects; leads effective visitation and evangelism programs.
- Provides leadership in the design, growth and implementation of all church ministries including education, youth programs and on-site pre-kindergarten.
- Leads by example demonstrating selfless dedication to others, i.e., responding to members emergent needs, teaching Bible study, explaining scripture, offering spiritual guidance and counselling as necessary.
- Is involved in community and ecumenical affairs.
- Leads the church in cooperating with associational, state, and denominational leaders. Keeps the church informed of developments within the denomination.
- Lake View parsonage on recreational Lake Livingston.

Healthy Church Attributes Most Often Mentioned by Categories:

- Community Involvement
- Biblical, Inspirational, Discipleship
- Growing
- Youth and Young Families
- Loving, Friendly, Welcoming
- Volunteering
- Full House
- Fiscally Responsible
- Growing and Diverse
- Leadership and Openness

Strongest Attributes Presently Performed by Our Church

- Loving
- Community Involvement
- Welcoming
- Full House
- Fiscally Sound
- Vibrant, Joyful
- Biblical, Inspirational
- Volunteering
- Growing and Diverse
- New Members
- Youth and Young Families
- Leadership and Openness

MEMORIAL

Lela Thomson in loving memory of Dick Countiss.
Lela Thomson in loving memory of Esther Best.
Lela Thomson in loving memory of Joe Turner.
Don Freel in loving memory of Esther Best.
Kathleen Blankemeyer in loving memory of Esther Best.
Don Freel in loving memory of John Main.

CMC continues to move forward, and the Prayer Team needs your help.

If you would like to be a part of the team or just have questions, contact Dianne Griffith.

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Gdianne95@gmail.com

“I urge you, believers, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to join together with me in your prayers to God in my behalf.” (Romans 15:30 AMP)



Worship Chair Needed

Are you interested in having worship services that inspire and excite? Do you want the church service to be inviting and appealing to others? You can be a part of making that happen. The Worship Committee needs a chairperson. You don't have to do everything yourself; you have subcommittees to take care of the technical elements – Altar Guild, Archives and History, Attendance, Ushers, Audio and the Music Committee. We need someone to tie it all together. This person will serve on Church Council and will have an important role in choosing the new pastor.

If God is speaking to you about filling this very important role, please e-mail Pat Hitt (phitt@eastex.net)



Pure Joy!

*This devotional is paraphrased from
"Faith Still Moves Mountains" by Harris Faulkner.*

We often think of prayer as a wish list, with God as Santa Claus. The reality is that the power of prayer reminds us not only how small we are, but also how big God is. Prayer is hope put into action and prayer works.

God's light always shines through the darkness. Prayer isn't just a ritual; it is a vital spiritual strategy in a world that often wants us to give up the fight. This doesn't mean God always acts in the way we hope or in our timing - but prayer is as powerful as ever and faith still moves mountains.

We pray many types of prayers - for many different reasons. This open conversation with God is so important.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord God, I give you thanks for all the blessings of this life: for the goodness you reveal every day in the world around me, for your mercy, and for your constant love that sustains the universe. Thank you for working all things together for my good. Most of all I thank you for the gift of your son, Jesus, whom you gave to redeem the world. Thank you also for the hope of our heavenly calling, where we will one day live with you in joy past all telling.

Amen

Cast- Iron French Bread

Ingredients:

- 2 TBL yeast (1/4 oz packet)
- 2TBL sugar
- 2 1/2 cups warm water
- 2 TBL olive oil
- 1 TBL salt
- 6 cups flour
- 1 tsp butter
- Coarse sea salt or garlic salt (optional)



Preparation:

1. In a large bowl dissolve yeast and sugar in warm water; wait 15 minutes. Add oil, salt, and half of the flour. Mix well.
2. Add remaining flour, mix well. Knead for 3 minutes; let dough rest 10 minutes. Repeat kneading and resting 4 more times.
3. Rub butter all over 12-14 inch cast-iron skillet. Divide dough into 4 equal pieces. Form 4 loaves and place all into the skillet. Cover with a clean dish towel and let rise 1 1/2 hours.
4. Slash tops with a knife, brush with a beaten egg, and sprinkle lightly with salt.
5. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes or until golden brown.

April Plunkett



THE COLDSPRING METHODIST MEN HELD ITS REGULAR MONTHLY BREAKFAST ON JANUARY 11, 2023, WITH 23 MEMBERS AND GUESTS ATTENDING. THE MEETING OPENED WITH A PRAYER AND THEN BREAKFAST WAS SERVED.

THE NEXT ORDER OF BUSINESS WAS THE SCOUTING REPORT PRESENTED BY DAVE HITT AND JON WEBB. JOEL MCDOWELL GAVE THE TREASURER'S REPORT. LEIGH ANN FAULKNER WAS MENTIONED AS A PRAYER CONCERN FOR AN UPCOMING SURGERY.

SAN JACINTO COUNTY JUDGE FRITZ FAULKNER WAS THE SPEAKER. JUDGE FAULKNER SPOKE ABOUT THE CURRENT COUNTY BUILDING PROJECT THAT WILL BE CALLED THE INNOVATION CENTER. IT IS LOCATED ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE COUNTY COMMUNITY SHELTER. THE INNOVATION CENTER IS A 3 MILLION DOLLAR PROJECT THAT IS FUNDED PRIMARILY BY A GOVERNMENT GRANT. WHEN COMPLETED IT WILL HAVE 10,000 SQUARE FEET OF SPACE AND WILL HOUSE A PLACE TO BE USED AS A COMMAND CENTER IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY, THE COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICES, CLASSROOMS, AN AREA FOR BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AS WELL AS SPACE FOR THE DEEP EAST TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT TO USE IF NEEDED. JUDGE FAULKNER FIELDDED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CENTER AND OTHER QUESTIONS CONCERNING OUR COUNTY GOVERNMENT. THE MEETING WAS CLOSED WITH A PRAYER. THE NEXT MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE AT 7:00 AM ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2023, AT THE FELLOWSHIP HALL. A SPEAKER WILL BE DETERMINED LATER ON IN JANUARY. ALL ARE WELCOME AND WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE.

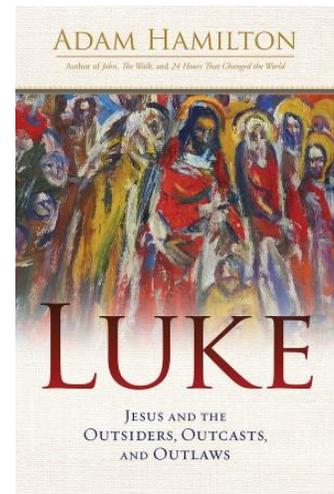
ROBERT H. TRAPP-PRESIDENT

Churchwide Lenten Study

Adam Hamilton's
**LUKE: Jesus and the Outsiders,
Outcasts and Outlaws**

2/26 - 4/2
Sundays

Faulkner Class or Sanctuary Class
And
Wednesdays at Youth Group



Books are available to all. Donation of \$14.99 accepted.

School for Little Children

I know as I am writing this letter the kids will soon learn about Groundhog Day, they will also hope he does not see his shadow, they are beginning to want warmer drier weather!!! Some of us are still holding out hope for snow!

The children will learn about shadows this month as well as talk about dental health and the importance of brushing their teeth. I have always found it funny to celebrate Valentine's Day along with dental health. We hope the kids enjoy the activities that are planned for them this month. I recently sent home letters requesting an updated shot record; I need this ASAP. The staff is also requesting that parents make sure their child has a change of clothes that is weather appropriate as well as a jacket **labeled** with your child's name. Some children will also need a blanket for naptime.

Birthdays

Kade 2/7

Mason 2/7

Ruby 2/13

William 2/25

Scarlett 2/28

Closures/Holidays

When the school district closes for a weather-related reason the SFLC will also close. We want everyone to be safe during weather emergencies and we rely on the school district for guidance. With that being said please monitor the news, social media and email. We will make every effort to contact you in case of a closure. If you hear that COCISD is closed because of weather, it will be safe to assume that SFLC is also closed.

February 20, 2023 we are closed for Presidents Day

Themes

Ms. Sherry's class

I Build, I Create

Mrs. Charlene's Class

Creative Me

Mrs. Randi's and Hrs. Hannah's Class

Shapes and Sizes

We will also do activities for Valentine's Day and Ground Hog Day

We have scheduled our Valentine Party for Friday, February 14, 2023, at 3:15 p.m. We will post sign-up sheets outside the building if you would like to bring a snack.

They children will also exchange Valentine Cards that morning, if you want your child to participate in the card exchange, please send cards to school labeled to a friend from your child. The class count is as follows: Ms. Breanna 4, Mrs. Kaitlynne 5, Mrs. Randi 10, Mrs. Charlene 11, Mrs. Sherry 16. The after-school children will get a Valentine snack but not trade cards.

January 27, 2023, marked 30 years the SFLC has been licensed by the State of Texas. This is a very exciting time for the SFLC and its staff. We recently completed our monitoring inspection for the Texas Rising Star Program; we were awarded 4 stars. Thank you everyone for your support and prayers during this journey!!!!

Thank you.

SFLC Staff

FEBRUARY Anniversarys

Cory & Diane Light 02/04
Kenneth & Callie Duncan 02/23

February Ushers

10:00 a.m. Paul & Betty Herndon

FEBRUARY Birthdays

Emily Light 02/05
Brandon Cronin 02/07
Shawn Arnold 02/11
Patrick Clark 02/11
Amanda Trapp 02/13
Jerry Oliver 02/14
Paula Darby 02/16
Jon Webb 02/18

Carri Clark 02/19
Billie Trapp 02/19
Russell Jowell 02/22
Karen Repa 02/22
Bo Franklin 02/23
Diane Dow 02/26
Rob Trapp 02/26

February Greeters

February 5th Frank Closs & TBD
February 12th Ron Orlando & Bea Glassco
February 19th Denise Thurmond & Tom Cook
February 26th Terri Cook & Lisa Anderson

COLDSRING UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual January 2022-December 2023

	<u>Jan - Dec 22</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Income				
TOTAL INCOME	374,466.11	325,401.96	49,064.15	115.1%
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Expense				
Reconciliation Discrepancies	461.75			
Ask the Client	1,814.80			
Personnel Expense	226,251.74	222,354.84	3,896.90	101.8%
Administrative Expenses	14,395.62	19,625.16	-5,229.54	73.4%
Finance Committee	2,279.19	2,000.04	279.15	114.0%
Bus Expense	403.75	2,500.08	-2,096.33	16.1%
Christian Education	3,518.70	2,499.96	1,018.74	140.8%
Children & Youth	2,267.60	5,499.96	-3,232.36	41.2%
Senior Activities	0.00	99.96	-99.96	0.0%
Evangelism	1,991.29	2,199.96	-208.67	90.5%
Fellowship	860.86	1,599.96	-739.10	53.8%
Missions	10,075.44	5,999.88	4,075.56	167.9%
Music Expense	1,816.30	4,749.96	-2,933.66	38.2%
Worship	687.19	2,000.04	-1,312.85	34.4%
Buildings & Grounds Expenses	80,532.57	97,240.08	-16,707.51	82.8%
Church Utilities	34,225.64	31,250.04	2,975.60	109.5%
Beyond the Local Church	25,882.72	25,711.92	170.80	100.7%
Total Expense	407,465.16	425,331.84	-17,866.68	95.8%
Net Income	-32,999.05	-99,929.88	66,930.83	33.0%



February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 CMYF "The Matches" 5:30pm - 7:30pm	2 GMC Eastern Texas Conference at College Station	3 GMC Eastern Texas Conference at college Station	4 GMC Eastern Texas Conference at College Station Linda Winkelmann Visitation 10:00am Linda Winkelmann Memorial 11:00am
5 Holy Communion Sunday Sunday School all ages 8:45am Worship Service Sanctuary/Live Broadcast 10:00am	6 Boy/Cub Scouts 7:00pm	7 Miss on Committee Meeting 2:00pm Evangelism Committee Meeting 3:30pm	8 CMM Breakfast 7:00am Finance 8:15am CMYF "The Matches" 5:30pm - 7:30pm	9	10	11 Blue & Gold Banquet 2:00pm - 10:00pm
12 Scout Sunday Sunday School all ages 8:45am Worship Service Sanctuary/ Live Broadcast 10:00am Scout Spaghetti Luncheon Fundraiser 11:00am	13 Vacation Bible School Planning Meeting 5:30pm Boy/ Cub Scouts 7:00pm	14 Valentine's Day Women With Grace Book Club 10:00am Share the Bread 1:00pm	15 CMYF "The Matches" 5:30pm 7:30pm	16 Trustee's Meeting 5:00pm	17 Women With Grace Prayer Blanket/Busy Bodies 9:30am	18
19 Sunday School all ages 8:45am Worship Service Sanctuary/Live Broadcast 10:00am	20 President's Day Boy/ Cub Scouts 7:00pm	21	22 Ash Wednesday CMYF "The Matches" 5:30pm - 7:30pm Ash Wednesday Service 6:30pm	23	24 Set up for Coldspring library	25 Coldspring Library Fundraiser "Super Hero Tunnels & Mazes" 10:00am - 3:00pm
26 Sunday School all ages 8:45am Sunday School Sanctuary/Faulkner Class (Adam Hamilton "Luke") 8:45am Worship Service Sanctuary/ Live Broadcast 10:00am	27 Boy/ Cub Scouts 7:00pm	28 Share the Bread 1:00pm				

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