

# MAY



**A Great Heritage... A Great Future...**

## DANDY LINES

*By Dr. Dan Darby, Pastor*



I am receiving a lot of positive feedback about switching to one worship service. Everyone is looking forward to seeing each other in worship and getting to know new persons. We begin one service this Sunday, May 1, at 10:00 a.m. and will continue with one service until the need arises to change. Sunday School will be at 8:45 a.m.

We ended 2021 with a church membership of 224 members. Since that time, we have received ten new members, had two members transfer or withdraw and one die, bringing our current total membership to 231. We welcome to our membership Paul and Betty Herndon, Mark and Terry Simmons, Tod and Robin Harrison, Kathy Judge, Tom and Mary Patton, and Louis David (Dave) Hopper. We also welcome seven people who joined in November and December of last year: John Gibbons, Ken and Marta Garza, Tyra Swanson, Kathleen Thrower, and Randy and Mary Crowder.

Our noon Holy Week services received broad support with many people commenting on how much they enjoyed them. Some advocate doing them again next year.

Bishop Scott Jones, the current Bishop of the Texas Annual Conference, favored our congregation with a visit on March 16. He stated that it breaks his heart, but that he believes a split in the United Methodist Church is inevitable in 2022. The heart of the controversy surrounds the issue of homosexuality. Some five decades ago, a male United Methodist minister divorced his wife and married a man. He asked for continuing acceptance as a minister by the General Conference of 1972. His request was denied and various rules regarding homosexuality were written then and revised through the years. The current rules of the United Methodist Book of Discipline are that the practice of homosexuality is not compatible with the Christian faith, that self-avowed practicing homosexuals may not be ordained United Methodist clergy persons, that homosexual wedding ceremonies may not be conducted in United Methodist churches, and that United Methodist clergy may not conduct homosexual weddings in any location. Many United Methodists disagree with these rules and feel that they are called by God to change and disobey these rules. To them, it is a matter of social justice as they fight for full inclusion of LGBTQ+ persons in all aspects of the life of the church including ordination and permitting homosexual weddings. These persons with a more liberal opinion than the Book of Discipline have become known as progressives. Progressives are in the majority in some annual conferences in the UMC, and the rules of the Book of Discipline regarding homosexuality have not been uniformly enforced. Advocates of voiding the rules restricting homosexual behavior have conducted very dramatic protests at General Conferences, sometimes making it difficult to accomplish other business that needs attention. General Conference is the two-week meeting that happens every four years of lay and clergy representatives of annual conferences around the world. It is the only body that speaks for our denomination in an official way and has the authority to revise the Book of Discipline.

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A special called session of the General Conference was set for August of 2020 to attempt to settle this dispute, but due to the pandemic it did not meet. Several groups prepared resolutions for that scheduled meeting they hoped would help settle this inflammatory issue. Among them was a group called together by an African bishop. In attendance were several bishops and leading representatives of most of the special interest groups on both sides of the issue, along with a volunteer, nationally known, professional mediator. The mediator led them to agree upon a proposed solution called "The Protocol for Grace and Reconciliation Through Separation," often referred to as "The Protocol." This proposal, which can be read in its entirety at <https://www.gracethroughseparation.com/legislation>, basically provides for an amiable separation between progressives and traditionalists into two denominations. "Traditionalists" is the label given to those who see homosexuality as a moral issue and want to retain current restrictions. Under The Protocol, a new denomination would be formed by the traditionalists, which has since been labeled the Global Methodist Church. All references to homosexuality would be stricken from the United Methodist Book of Discipline, allowing progressives to continue the UMC. The Protocol was supposed to be presented to a called session of the General Conference in the fall of 2020, but the pandemic prevented the assembly, and it was postponed to 2021. Due to the pandemic, the General Conference was again delayed until the fall of 2022. However, this spring a national committee in charge of setting up the conference ruled that the pandemic would again prevent representatives from around the world gathering and delayed the General Conference until 2024. Leaders among some of the traditionalists felt that this was a disingenuous delaying tactic by progressives and have cried foul. Having lost patience, they have announced that The Global United Methodist Church will begin as a new denomination on May 1, 2022. Some have asked why traditionalists should have to leave the United Methodist Church instead of the progressives who refuse to conform to the United Methodist Book of Discipline. The answer is that this sizeable and growing minority feels called by God to change the United Methodist Church in its rules and practices so that the denomination would become fully inclusive of LGBTQ+ persons. They understand that it is their God-given duty to fight for the rights of oppressed persons, and, thus, are willing to continue the conflict indefinitely. The only hope traditionalists have of ending the consuming and destructive conflict is to form a new denomination.

There are many traditionalists within the Texas Annual Conference who would like to see our conference affiliate with the new Global Methodist Church and cut ties with the United Methodist Church. My understanding is that a resolution will come up before the meeting of the Texas Annual Conference (TAC) scheduled for May 29-Jun 1, 2022 to call a special session of the TAC in August or September to consider changing the denominational affiliation of the entire annual conference and all of its member churches to the new Global United Methodist Church. If passed, churches wishing to continue their affiliation with the United Methodist Church would be allowed to withdraw their membership in the Texas Annual Conference of the Global Methodist Church and affiliate with an annual conference in the United Methodist Church. If the Texas Annual Conference decides to stay with the United Methodist Church, then its member churches would continue to be United Methodist churches unless they decide individually to disaffiliate with the United Methodist Church and join another denomination. Currently, in the Texas Annual Conference under Bishop Scott Jones disaffiliation is a possibility that has been administered fairly and equitably. To date, three individual churches in our annual conference have left the denomination with their property and assets and joined other denominations. The difficulty with disaffiliation is that technically the property and financial assets of local churches are held in trust by the local church for the denomination in general and the annual conference in specific. For disaffiliating churches, the Texas Annual Conference has only required that an honest discernment process be conducted under the supervision of the district superintendent, that there be a majority vote of all church members of the local church, that apportionments be 100% paid for the current and previous year, and that the church's fair share of unfunded pension obligations be paid. Some other conferences have enacted onerous additional financial requirements such as paying the Annual Conference 20 to 50% of the net value of the property and assets of the congregation, making disaffiliation very costly and difficult.

The issue of the split of the United Methodist Church affects Coldspring United Methodist Church whether we want it to or not. Perhaps the least controversial way of dealing with this is not to deal with it and just go along with whatever the Texas Annual Conference decides to do. Of course, we don't know yet what the direction of our annual conference will be, and we will have to consider it at the time a decision is made. In the meantime, let us devote ourselves to prayer and good works and be the church that is making disciples for Jesus and ministering to the needs of people in the Coldspring area.

*Pastor Dan*

## In Worship

During the month of May, I will preach from *The Acts of the Apostles*. This book could also be entitled, *The Acts of the Holy Spirit*, for it was the Holy Spirit who directed and empowered the apostles as they birthed the New Testament church. Remember, one service at 10:00 a.m.

Holy Communion Sunday, May 1. My sermon from Acts 9:1-20 will be “Moles for Christ.” Moles live and work underground and most of the time are hardly noticeable, but in the church, we need moles for Christ!

Mother’s Day, May 8. “Your 60-second Life” is my sermon from Acts 9:36-43. Dorcus’s life was of vital importance to the church but is summed up in this passage in just a few words. Her life was so important to the early church that God raised her from the dead so she could continue her work.

Sunday, May 15. “Don’t Give Up” will be my sermon from Acts 11:1-18. We all have conflict in our lives that discourage us and drain us of energy, but God’s plan for us is to experience the power of living in the Holy Spirit.

Sunday, May 22. “The Miracle of Irritation” will be based on Acts 16:16-34. St. Paul got irritated at a young slave girl who was following him around making a nuisance of herself. Then, something special happened!

Memorial Day Sunday and Ascension Sunday, May 29. Our choir will present their special Memorial Day music, “A Tribute to the Armed Services.” My scripture will be the Ascension story from Acts 1:1-11 and my sermon will be entitled “The Art of Woo.” My three points will be *Why Woo?*, *Woo Who?* and *Woohoo!*

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## The National Day of Prayer Service

The National Day of Prayer is Thursday, May 5. There will be a community prayer service on the east side of the courthouse at 6:00 p.m. led by various pastors from the community. If you have trouble standing, you may wish to bring a lawn chair. Be sure and move to the front of the crowd so you can see and participate. At the end of the service there will be a prayer march around the courthouse as we pray for our country together. Please join us!

Our sanctuary will also be open 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. for those who wish to stop by and pray privately for our nation during the day.

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## **MEMORIALS**

Michele & Gary Scheibe in loving memory of Matt Raney.

## Missions Ministry – MAY 2022 NEWSLETTER

### NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER – THURSDAY MAY 5



The Theme for 2022 is:  
“Exalt the Lord who has Established Us”  
Colossians 2:6-7

The sanctuary will be open from 9-4 on Thursday May 4 for those who wish to pray for our nation. Prayer guidelines and Bibles will be available.

### QUILT RAFFLE TO SUPPORT METHODIST RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES



The Mission’s Ministry is having a Quilt Raffle to support the Methodist Retirement Communities (MRC). The MRC is celebrating 60 years of honoring and serving older adults as an expression of Christ’s Love

Proceeds will be used to help residents who run out of resources staying in the MRC facilities. This organization is in covenant connection with the Texas Annual Conference.



← Sample Picture (Quilt can be viewed in Stacy’s office)  
This beautiful quilt was hand made by Mary (very talented) Buchanan. It is King Size 120x120.  
Thank you Mary.

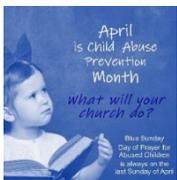
Tickets are \$2 each. They can be purchased in the office or by making a donation with on-line giving Missions Quilt Raffle or from Vicki Jowell. Ticket sales are May 8-May 22. The drawing will be held on May 23.

### MINUTE FOR MISSION – Sunday May 15

Map Costa Rica Missionaries – Obando Family

**Did you know CUMC supports a Missionary Family in Costa Rica?**

**Be sure to be at church on May 15 to find out more about this family and their call to mission in Costa Rica.**



**THANK YOU...THANK YOU  
FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATION TO HELP PREVENT CHILD ABUSE**

*Yours in  
Christ  
Vicki Jowell*

We would like to say Happy Mother's Day to you and yours!

Genesis 3:20

*"The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living."*

Holy Week was such a blessing at our little church. We would like to thank Pastor Dan for coordinating all the guest speakers. All who attended really appreciated hearing the word from so many different men of God. The music was special with Dave and Georgia leading. The daily lunch prepared by Frank & Anne was truly scrumptious. Thank you to all the volunteers that helped each day! We are already planning for 2023 Holy Week!

#### May Greeters Schedule

**May 1st** - Frank & Anne Closs

**May 8th** - Ron Orlando & Carrie Clark

**May 15th** - Dianne Griffith & Denise Thurmond

**May 22nd** - Monica & Taylor Viator

**May 29th** - Bea Glassco & Sandra McQuiggin

This word is shared with you from "Jesus Always", Sara Young is daily devotional:

*I come to you, beloved, full of grace. Because you have trusted Me to save you from your sins through My sacrificial death on the cross, you have nothing to fear. You don't need to dread failure or performing below expectations. Since I am your savior – you cannot save yourself—your security rests in My grace. Rejoice that I am both faithful and sufficient. In spite of all the trouble in this world, in Me you may have Peace. I have overcome the world!*

Would you like to join our Evangelism team this year? We meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 3:30pm in the Youth room and via Zoom. OR call Sandra 713-503-8460.

Blessings,

Sandra McQuiggin and your Evangelism Team



#### UMYF- **The Matches**

#### **Igniting the flame of Christ in everyone**

**Psalm 104:4**

**He makes his messengers winds, his minister a flaming fire.**

April was a month full of blessings.

Taylor Viator added a cross to the wall.

On Wednesdays we are learning about Job and in Sunday school we are using the Serendipity Bible and discussing life's hassles.

We had about 20 kids show up for the Easter Egg Hunt... and some adults too.



We have a car wash planned for Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at Brookshire Brothers from 9 am to noon.

*Happy to serve, Carri Clark: Youth Director Coldspring United Methodist Church*



*Pure Joy!*



I recently was given a new daily devotional book - PAW VERBS. I really enjoy reading it each morning - the stories are short, sweet and each one relates to a verse in Proverbs - oh and the dog pictures are darling.

*Ears that hear and eyes that see - the Lord has made them both.*

*Proverbs 20:12, NIV*

Most of us are past this stage in our lives - retired even - but still so busy.

We should enjoy God's creations - stars, lightning bugs, a cool breeze, the sounds of crickets and frogs, the smell of jasmine, all the wildflowers - these are just some of the things I notice when walking our dogs. Even if you don't have a dog - take time to look up, look around, feel, smell, even hear God's beautiful creations. Breathe in God's rest and out daily stress.

April Plunkett

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*Ladies just a note to thank you all for helping with the garage sale. We are working hard & laughing even more!*

*Linda Winkelmann*

One of the stories is called Look Up. In this story a very stressed young mother is tired - so tired. As she takes their puppy outside to "go potty for what seemed like the 87th time that morning" all she could think about was the many things that needed done -laundry, lunches, what will be for dinner? Suddenly she heard or felt a whisper "Look up" And so she did. She saw wispy clouds, trees moving gently in the breeze and squirrels racing up a tree. She took several deep breaths. "She felt as though she was inhaling God's rest and exhaling her stress and worry."



Wray's Peach Cobbler

2 tbl flour  
3/4 tsp cinnamon  
3/4 nutmeg

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Mix and drop on top in spoonful's:

1/2 stick melted butter  
1 egg  
1 cup flour  
1/2 tsp salt  
1 tsp baking powder  
Bake 1 hour at 350

Mix and put into bottom of glass dish:  
1 large can (29 oz) cling peaches in heavy syrup  
1/4 cup brown sugar  
1/2 cup white sugar

## School for Little Children

It is hard to believe May is here. The children love the weather being warm; we are spending more time outside. Sometimes we tend to get messy, please make sure your child has at least one change of clothes available at all times. The clothes are needed whether or not they are potty trained; the last thing we want to do is disturb you at work for clothes. Parents wanting bug repellent or sunscreen on their child must provide it and send a written permission form. Make sure to label the product with their name.

We will begin summer and fall sign ups in the middle of the month, they will last until June 1, 2022 then will open for new enrollees, watch for an email and note coming home. Parents wanting their child or children to return to SFLC for the new school year please sign up ASAP, we have a waiting list for the fall and I will not be holding spots. Availability will be limited once we open registration.

### BIRTHDAYS

Levi K. 05/20                      Eliana 05/15  
Sage 05/27  
Maxwell 05/28

### THEMES

Toddlers (Miss Kaitlyne and Mrs. Randi) Traditional Songs; Twinkle Twinkle Little Star, Itsy Bitsy Spider, The Wheels on the Bus, Five Little Ducks

Pre K 2 & 3 (Mrs. Charlene) Animals; Zoo Animals, Farm Animals. Ocean Animals, Circus Animals

Pre K 3 & 4 (Ms. Sherry and Miss Kenzee) Changes; Changes In and Around Me, Earth Changes, Nurturing Earth, Before and Now

Our Character Traits are Patience and Pride

### HOLIDAY

Closed May 30, 2021 for Memorial Day

### CELEBRATIONS

May 1-7 Teacher Appreciation Week

May 5, 2021 Cinco de Mayo

### VACATIONS

Children attending school during the summer months may have a week of vacation, provided you did not use them during the school year. Please notify the office when you have your vacation dates. I want to make sure your account gets credited properly; days used, as quarantine did not count as a vacation.

We would love to thank you for all of your support. Your children are a blessing to us

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### United Methodist Men

The Coldspring United Methodist Men held its monthly breakfast on April 13, 2022, with 25 members and guests attending. Rob Trapp gave the opening prayer. After breakfast the cooks were thanked, and the Boy Scouts and the treasurer gave their reports.

The featured speaker was Mary Robinson, owner of a commercial cleaning business called Windsor Building Services. Mary is the daughter of Georgia Lapp and has been in the cleaning business since 1987. She has grown her business from starting out alone cleaning homes to a commercial cleaning business with over 100 employees. Her company services commercial properties such as hospitals and office complexes in many of the surrounding counties. Mary contributed her business success to her mother and father and her home environment.

Pastor Dan closed the meeting with a prayer. Tom and Susan Caldwell are the planned speakers for the May 11, 2022. The Caldwells have started raising bees and will speak about that experience. We hope to see you there.

Robert H. Trapp-President UMM

# Cub Scout Pack & Troop 845

## May 2022 Newsletter



Follow us on Facebook! Cub Scouts Pack 845, Coldspring TX

This past year has been packed with fun activities for the Cub Scouts and Troop. The Boy Scouts have been busy holding car washes to raise funds for Summer Camp. The next **car wash** will be held at the **American Legion Post 629 on Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup>**.

The Cub Scouts are getting ready for their Graduation Campout scheduled for Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>.

As always, we are appreciative of your support for these young men!

### May Birthdays

James Espinoza – May 14<sup>th</sup>

Joey Guerrero – May 9<sup>th</sup>

## Boy Scout Troop 845 **CAR WASH** *Fundraiser*

**Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup> 9:00am to 1:00pm**  
**@ American Legion Post 629 in Camilla**



# New Sunday Service Schedule Begins May 1, 2022!



8:45 AM Sunday School  
classes for all ages

10:00 AM One Unified  
Worship Service

11:00 AM Chancel Choir  
Practice

## May USHERS

10:00 a.m. Dianne Griffith & Dianna Raymond

## MAY Anniversaries

Rick & Pat Light 05/09

David & Barbara Bailey 05/15

## MAY Birthdays

Rory Burroughs	05/04
Fritz Faulkner	05/05
Kerry Russell	05/06
Lisa Lewis	05/12
Rebecca Darby	05/15
India Adams	05/18
Brendan Love	05/19
Shelley Thompson	05/19
Kenneth Johnson	05/20
Elaine Russell	05/22
Allison Barsalou	05/23
Kayla Franklin-Mize	05/26
Vicki Jowell	05/26
Aubrey Wallace	05/28
Jim Bough	05/29
Vern Hall	05/30
Dawson Franklin	05/31

## COLDSPRING UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual  
January through March 2022

	<u>Jan - Mar 22</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
<b>Income</b>				
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	117,114.29	81,350.49	35,763.80	144.0%
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<b>Expense</b>				
<b>Personnel Expense</b>	57,822.37	55,588.71	2,233.66	104.0%
<b>Administrative Expenses</b>	4,352.61	4,906.29	-553.68	88.7%
<b>Finance Committee</b>	329.49	500.01	-170.52	65.9%
<b>Bus Expense</b>	78.75	625.02	-546.27	12.6%
<b>Christian Education</b>	846.56	624.99	221.57	135.5%
<b>Children &amp; Youth</b>	117.78	1,374.99	-1,257.21	8.6%
<b>Senior Activities</b>	0.00	24.99	-24.99	0.0%
<b>Evangelism</b>	584.94	549.99	34.95	106.4%
<b>Fellowship</b>	209.96	399.99	-190.03	52.5%
<b>Missions</b>	1,466.67	1,499.97	-33.30	97.8%
<b>Music Expense</b>	444.34	1,187.49	-743.15	37.4%
<b>Worship</b>	-171.06	500.01	-671.07	-34.2%
<b>Buildings &amp; Grounds Expenses</b>	37,285.22	24,310.02	12,975.20	153.4%
<b>Church Utilities</b>	7,924.78	7,812.51	112.27	101.4%
<b>Beyond the Local Church</b>	7,209.68	6,427.98	781.70	112.2%
<b>Total Expense</b>	118,502.09	106,332.96	12,169.13	111.4%
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-1,387.80</b>	<b>-24,982.47</b>	<b>23,594.67</b>	<b>5.6%</b>



# MAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> <b>Holy Communion Sunday</b> Sunday School all ages in C.F.L.C. 8:45am Worship Service Sanctuary/Live Broadcast 10:00am Chancel Choir Practice 11:00am	<b>2</b> <b>Bible Study "The Book of Daniel"</b> <b>6:00pm</b> Boy/Cub Scouts 7:00pm	<b>3</b> Mission Committee Meeting 2:00pm Evangelism Committee Meeting 3:30pm	<b>4</b> UMYF "The Matches", Kings Kidz 5:30pm - 7:30pm	<b>5</b> <b>NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER</b> Sanctuary Open for Prayer 9:00am - 4:00pm National Day of Prayer Court House Square Worship 6:00pm	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> Mother's Day Sunday School all ages in C.F.L.C. 8:45am Worship Service Sanctuary/Live Broadcast 10:00am Chancel Choir Practice 11:00am	<b>9</b> UMW Luncheon 12:00pm <b>Bible Study "The Book of Daniel"</b> <b>6:00pm</b> Boy/Cub Scouts 7:00pm	<b>10</b> Share The Bread 1:00pm	<b>11</b> UMM Breakfast 7:00am Finance 8:15am UMYF "The Matches", Kings Kidz 5:30pm - 7:30pm	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> <b>Mission for Minutes "Costa Rica Missionaries"</b> Sunday School all ages in C.F.L.C. 8:45am Worship Service Sanctuary/Live Broadcast 10:00am Chancel Choir Practice 11:00am	<b>16</b> <b>Bible Study "The Book of Daniel"</b> <b>6:00pm</b> Boy/Cub Scouts 7:00pm	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> UMYF "The Matches", Kings Kidz 5:30pm - 7:30pm	<b>19</b> Trustee's Meeting 5:00pm	<b>20</b> UMW Prayer Blanket/Busy Bodys 9:30am	<b>21</b> Youth Car Wash Brookshire Brothers 9:00am - 12:00pm
<b>22</b> Sunday School all ages in C.F.L.C. 8:45am Worship Service Sanctuary/Live Broadcast 10:00am Chancel Choir Practice 11:00am	<b>23</b> <b>Drawing for Quilt NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b> <b>Bible Study "The Book of Daniel"</b> <b>6:00pm</b> Boy/Cub Scouts 7:00pm	<b>24</b> Share the Bread 1:00pm	<b>25</b> UMYF "The Matches", Kings Kidz 5:30pm - 7:30pm	<b>26</b> Ascension Day	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> Sunday School all ages in C.F.L.C. 8:45am Worship Service Sanctuary/Live Broadcast 10:00am Chancel Choir Practice 11:00am	<b>30</b> Memorial Day <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> Boy/Cub Scouts 7:00pm	<b>31</b>				

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