



A Great Heritage...

A Great Future...

APRIL



Love. Grow. Serve.

Our Lenten bible study has been so rewarding for so many that attended! Thank you to our Sunday School teachers for preparing to teach us each week.

We are so grateful to God for his word that was spoken to us in March 2023!! We started the month with a sermon on Genesis 3:1-13 as Pastor Dan Usiak talked about Adam & Eve and asked the question, "What Have You Done?" As we walked into the second week, Pastor Joe Carbonaro shared Philipians 1:3-8 and I think we all walked away choosing JOY! Garland Mark Simmons took us to John 9:1-41 as he taught us about "The Struggle for Each Soul." We closed March with Ken Garza taking us through scripture reminding us of "The Faithfulness of God." Amen, Amen & Amen.

One thing that has been especially rewarding and uplifting is the leadership that has sprung from our membership. Sandra McQuiggin, Tyra Swanson, Paul Herndon, Kathleen Thrower, Pat Clark, and Martha Garza have been outstanding as they have stepped forward and shared their talents. While we have lost a little feeling of comfort in being without a current pastor, we are experiencing a rebirth of spirit and enthusiasm for our church body through the participation of these, and other, individual members. And let's not forget the essential contribution that Paula Darby is providing while Georgia is on the mend. Here's a loud "**Shout Out**" to you all, and to the many others providing support to our services. THANK YOU TOO ALL!

Now..... **let the Drum Roll begin** as we look forward to April's Guest Speaker Line up *

April 2nd – Come enjoy our Palm Sunday Musical Cantata – "Then Came the Morning"

April 9th – Pastor Dan Usiak (Ordained Methodist Pastor)

April 16th – Pastor Mark Woodward (Executive with the Texas Methodist Foundation)

April 23rd – Rev. David DeWitt (Retired Pastor and Hospice Chaplain)

April 30th – Ronnie Anderson (Faithbridge Church, Spring, Texas)

These are interesting, fun, and exciting times in the life our Coldspring Methodist Church. If you would like to join-in and participate in any of these services just let any of the above-named members know and we will choose a Sunday just for you and walk you through the process. We hope to see you this and every Sunday!

Serving Christ Together



COME GROW WITH US!!

Evangelism team has a new theme for Spring! If you have a new neighbor moving into your community let us know so we can reach out to welcome and invite them to church.

Ephesians 4:15-16 ** 2 Corinthians 9:10 ** Philippians 1:9

SAVE THE DATE – April 30, 2023

We are preparing for our annual New Members Luncheon. The whole congregation is invited to share a meal after Sunday service to fellowship with our new members from the last year. Get your recipes out, each family is invited to bring your favorite dish or dessert. More details in the weekly Sunday bulletins.

ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO SERVE?

Positions available to serve at our new 'Visitor Center' table on Sunday mornings. The only talent you need is your SMILE to welcome visitors to our worship service! We also give them a visitor name tag, first time visitor bag and good church information. What a blessing to be a friendly blessing! Help us grow.

CELEBRATING 175 YEARS!!

Did you know there is so much history to hear about at Coldspring Methodist Church? Thank you to Kathleen Thrower, Rob & Billie Trapp for sharing with us. We look forward to hearing from the McMurray family April 23rd. If you would like to share a few minutes of history, let someone on our team know and we will add you to the calendar for this year.

God's Blessings from your Evangelism committee

Anne & Frank Closs, Martha & Ken Garza, Dianne Griffith, Shelley Thompson, Jackie Cleveland, Michael Clark, Dave Hitt, and Sandra McQuiggin.

Our mission is to see all opportunity to make disciples of Jesus Christ.

Let's work together to GROW God's kingdom!

Dear Church Members,

The Oakwood Cemetery Association will have a meeting on Saturday, April 29, 2023, at 9:30am.

We will meet in the CMC Fellowship Hall.

Anyone interested in joining us and helping with our continuing care of the Cemetery is very welcome.

Have family member(s) buried there? Want to see what we do or what the Oakwood Cemetery needs are? - please join us April 29.

In Christ,

Dianne Griffith

Secretary Oakwood Cemetery Association

Have Joy in the Day God has Given.

Dianne Griffith

Have a Prayer need?

let Stacy know and she will contact the Prayer Team.

Or contact

Dianne Griffith at 713-851-6026 or

Gdianne95@gmail.com

All prayer needs remain confidential unless otherwise requested.

We will pray and send a card of caring if asked.

In our Lord Jesus Christ, we lift these in prayer.

Dianne Griffith

Thank you

Dianne

Ps: So far just Paula D, Judy S, and myself on Prayer Team.



Vacation Bible School Volunteers Needed

We will be having Vacation Bible School June 26-June 30th from 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Please contact the church office or Sherry Wagner 936-433-7044 if you are interested in giving your time for this reward filled event.

Newsletter Information from Missions Committee for April:

We asked and you answered! When Heaven's Army came to Coldspring, the Angels in this church opened their hearts and wallets to provide for the sustainment of the residents of this deserving non-profit. The goal was to get enough funding to provide for a Chicken coup and run set up for the facility. Georgia Lapp is donating her currently vacant coup and Marilyn Blackmon stepped up with some lumber to contribute, so it looks like we will have enough funding to move, paint and fix up a complete set up with a run to keep the expected chickens safe and productive. We will discuss the scheduling and completion of the project during the next Missions Committee meeting on April 4, 2023, at 2 PM. As always- anyone who wants to help is welcome! We will also continue to gather items for our next visit to the residents at Woodland Park Nursing home in May. There will be a collection bin available outside the Church prior to service on Sundays and in the Fellowship Hall during April for new slippers, socks, and small stuffed animals (like beanie babies).

Additionally, we will discuss at this meeting necessary updates to the current mission's brochure. This will be used to represent the church for consumption by visitors, church members and the community at large through our Evangelism Committee efforts, so your input is needed. Thank you again for your generosity in giving to Heaven's Army; updates with pictures to follow!

Tyra Swanson



Step Up and volunteer
to be a Greeter at
Sunday services.

Contact Ron Orlando
713-254-7173 for details.

UMYF- **Lost N Found**

Luke 15:10 I once was Lost, but now I am Found.

Spring is in the air!!

We started off the month with a night of bowling along side the youth group of Shepherd Methodist Church.



We are continuing to learn what all the different types of sins are and how Jesus makes us clean.

Coming up we have an overnight mission trip to Harvest for the Hungry in Freeport. April 23rd we will have a chicken spaghetti fundraiser for UM Army Camp in Caldwell this summer.

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

Happy to serve,

Carri Clark

Youth Coordinator

MEMORIAL

Don Freel in loving memory of Kathy Sinclair.
Jim & Betty Bough in loving memory of Kathy Sinclair.
Vicki Jowell in honor of April Plunkett and Lisa Anderson.



THE METHODIST MEN HELD ITS MONTHLY BREAKFAST ON MARCH 8 WITH 27 MEMBERS AND GUESTS ATTENDING. AFTER THE OPENING PRAYER THE BREAKFAST WAS SERVED. AFTER BREAKFAST THE COOKS WERE THANKED FOR THE GREAT MEAL AND SEVERAL ATTENDEES VOLUNTEERED TO

HELP WITH THE CLEANUP. THE ATTENDING GUESTS WERE ACKNOWLEDGED. GEORGIA LAPP AND RICHARD BURROUGHS WERE MENTIONED FOR PRAYER CONCERNS.

THE SCOUTING REPORT WAS PRESENTED BY JON WEBB AND JOEL MCDOWELL GAVE THE TREASURER'S REPORT.

DALE EVERITT, DIRECTOR OF THE SAN JACINTO COUNTY VETERAN'S AFFAIRS OFFICE WAS THE GUEST SPEAKER. DALE IS A LIFELONG RESIDENT OF SAN JACINTO COUNTY AND RETIRED AS A CAPTAIN FROM THE HOUSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT BEFORE TAKING ON THE JOB AT THE VETERAN'S OFFICE. DALE'S OFFICE IS LOCATED IN THE BASEMENT OF THE COURTHOUSE AND OVER THE LAST YEARS HE HAS CREATED A VETERAN'S MUSEUM THERE HONORING LOCAL MILITARY MEMBERS AND ALL BRANCHES OF THE SERVICE. HE BROUGHT WITH HIM SOME OF THE EXHIBITS THAT INCLUDED PHOTOS OF SAN JACINTO COUNTY RESIDENTS WHO HAD SERVED DURING VARIOUS WARS AND CONFLICTS. PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO VISIT THE VETERAN'S MUSEUM IN THE COURT HOUSE BASEMENT. IT IS OPEN DURING THE REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS OF THE OTHER OFFICES IN THE COURT HOUSE. PLANS ARE BEING MADE TO EXPAND THE MUSEUM AND TO PLACE SOME EXHIBITS UP TO THE MAIN FLOOR.

THE MEETING WAS CLOSED WITH A PRAYER. THE NEXT METHODIST MEN'S BREAKFAST WILL BE ON APRIL 12 AT 7:00 AM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL. STEVE ROBERTS WHO IS ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TRINITY RIVER AUTHORITY WILL BE OUR SPEAKER. WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE.

ROBERT TRAPP-PRESIDENT



Pure Joy!

JOHN 11: 25-26

KING JAMES VERSION

25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

26 And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?



PERFECT POTATO SOUP

YIELDS: 12 servings PREP TIME: 10 mins

COOK TIME: 20 mins TOTAL TIME: 30 mins

(For a smaller batch, simply 1/2 the amount of ingredients)

Ingredients

- 6 slices thin bacon, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1 whole medium onion, diced
- 3 whole carrots, scrubbed clean and diced
- 3 stalks celery, diced
- 6 whole small russet potatoes, peeled and diced
- 8 c. low sodium chicken or vegetable broth
- 3 tbsp. all-purpose flour
- 1 c. milk
- 1/2 c. heavy cream
- 1/2 tsp. salt, more to taste
- Black pepper, to taste
- 1/2 tsp. Cajun spice mix
- 1 tsp. minced fresh parsley
- 1 c. grated cheese of your choice

Directions

Add bacon pieces to a soup pot over medium heat and cook bacon until crisp and fat is rendered. Remove the bacon from the pot and set it aside. Pour off most of the grease, but do not clean the pot.



Return the pot to medium-high heat and add the onions, carrots, and celery. Stir and cook for 2 minutes or so, then add the diced potatoes. Cook for 5 minutes, seasoning with salt, pepper, and Cajun spice.

Pour in the broth and bring it to a gentle boil. Cook for 10 minutes, or until the potatoes are starting to get tender. Whisk together the flour and the milk, then pour into the soup and allow the soup to cook for another 5 minutes.

Remove half to 2/3 the soup and blend in batches in a blender/food process until completely smooth. (**USE CAUTION WHEN BLENDING HOT SOUP; IF POSSIBLE, ALLOW THE SOUP TO COOL BEFORE BLENDING**) If you don't have a blender or food processor, you can simply use a potato masher or hand mixer. Pour it back into the soup pot and stir to combine. Let it heat back up as you taste for seasonings, adding more of what it needs. Stir in cream, then stir in parsley, reserving a little for garnish.

Serve in bowls garnished with parsley, grated cheese and crisp bacon pieces.

(Recipe courtesy of Sharon Brignac)

School for Little Children

This year is going by quickly. I find it hard to believe that it looks as though the colder temps are behind us and the warm weather will be here soon. The children are getting excited to celebrate Easter; most can't wait to hunt eggs and eat the candy. We are learning about the why's of Easter and will also participate in the celebrations and traditions as well. This month the children will have fun learning about the wiggly critters we see outside. As usual we ask you to make sure your child has weather appropriate clothing available to change into. We are also reminding you that with the warmer weather we will go outside more often make sure your child wears shoes they will be comfortable running and playing in. Sandals are cute to wear but in our experience the children do not like getting sand under their toes and they make running and riding a tricycle difficult for their developing muscles. The teachers would prefer the children to wear tennis shoes. It is also school policy that children do not wear flip-flops or boots to school. Parents sending their children to school in either one of those will be required to bring additional footwear to school. Just remember closed toed shoes are the best, not to mention safest option.

April Birthdays

Miss Kenzie 04/03

Kase E. 04/14

Oscar S. 04/19

Lainey A. 04/25

Alexis B. 4/28

Weston F. 04/29

April Celebrations

Thursday, April 6 the children will celebrate Easter. Please send 6 plastic eggs stuffed with a treat to school with your child by that morning. There are sign up sheets available by the door for those wanting to send a snack.

April Closures

Friday April 7, the SFLC will be closed in observance of Good Friday.

April Themes

Mrs. Randi and Miss Kaitlynn's Toddlers will start learning about traditional tales. Week 1 will be the "Three Little Pigs", Week 2 "The Three Bears", Week 3 "Three Billy Goats Gruff", Week 4 "The Gingerbread Man".

Mrs. Charlene's class will be learning about Amazing Critters. Week 1 Crawling Critters, Week 2 Flying Critters, Week 3 Hopping Critters, Week 4 Scaly and Slithering Critters.

Ms. Sherry's class will learn about Animals. Week 1 Farm, Week 2 Zoo Animals, Week 3 Insects, Week 4 More Bugs.

We would like to thank you for your support.

SFLC Staff

APRIL Anniversaries

Tod & Robin Harrison

04/24

April Ushers

10:00 a.m. Ralph & Bea Glassco

April Greeters

April 2nd Frank & Anne Closs
April 9th Mark Simmons & Denise Thurmond
April 16th Ron Orlando & Bea Glassco
April 23rd Tom & Terri Cook
April 30th Lisa Anderson & Debbie Elledge
Dianne Griffith & Monica Viator

APRIL Birthdays

Pat Stephenson 04/02
Michael Price 04/06
Jeannie Crannie 04/09
Sandra McQuiggin 04/10
Tyra Swanson 04/10
Elizabeth Trapp 04/13
Michael Clark 04/18
Dan Darby 04/19
Robin Harrison 04/19
April Plunkett 04/21

COLDSRING UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual February 2023

	<u>Feb 23</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Income				
TOTAL INCOME	<u>23,638.79</u>	<u>28,007.67</u>	<u>-4,368.88</u>	<u>84.4%</u>
Total Income	23,638.79	28,007.67	-4,368.88	84.4%
Expense				
Personnel Expense	9,371.81	18,085.88	-8,714.07	51.8%
Administrative Expenses	654.63	1,666.65	-1,012.02	39.3%
Finance Committee	93.28	0.00	93.28	100.0%
Bus Expense	0.00	166.66	-166.66	0.0%
Christian Education	-80.00	208.33	-288.33	-38.4%
Children & Youth	942.34	187.49	754.85	502.6%
Senior Activities	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Evangelism	486.66	183.33	303.33	265.5%
Fellowship	207.98	120.00	87.98	173.3%
Missions	1,046.85	350.00	696.85	299.1%
Music Expense	0.00	162.50	-162.50	0.0%
Worship	30.55	166.66	-136.11	18.3%
Buildings & Grounds Expenses	1,312.55	5,544.14	-4,231.59	23.7%
Church Utilities	3,404.88	2,937.48	467.40	115.9%
Beyond the Local Church	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Total Expense	<u>17,471.53</u>	<u>29,779.12</u>	<u>-12,307.59</u>	<u>58.7%</u>
Net Income	<u>6,167.26</u>	<u>-1,771.45</u>	<u>7,938.71</u>	<u>-348.1%</u>



APRIL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 piano tuning 10:00am - 5:00pm
2 Palm Sunday Palm Sunday Easter Cantata "Then Came the Morning" Sunday School all ages 8:45am Sunday School Sanctuary/Faulkner Class (Adam Hamilton "Luke") 8:45am Easter Cantata Fellowship Hall/live broadcast 10:00am	3 Boy/Cub Scouts 7:00pm	4 Mission Committee Meeting 2:00pm Evangelism Committee Meeting 3:30pm	5 CMYF Youth Group "Bible in Life" by David Cook 5:30pm - 7:30pm	6 Maundy Thursday	7 Good Friday OFFICE CLOSED	8
9 Easter Sunday Guest Speaker Holy Communion Sunday Sunday School all ages 8:45am Easter Worship Service Sanctuary/Live Broadcast 10:00am	10 Boy/Cub Scouts 7:00pm	11 Share the Bread 1:00pm	12 CMM Breakfast 7:00am Finance 8:15am CMYF Youth Group 5:30pm - 7:30pm	13	14	15
16 C.A.S.A. Love Offering Guest Speaker Sunday School all ages 8:45am Worship Service Sanctuary/Live Broadcast 10:00am	17 Boy/Cub Scouts 7:00pm	18	19 CMYF Youth Group 5:30pm - 7:30pm	20 Trustee's Meeting 5:00pm	21 Women With Grace Prayer Blanket/Busy Bodys 10:00am	22
23 Guest Speaker Sunday School all ages 8:45am Worship Service Sanctuary/Live Broadcast 10:00am CMYF Youth Chicken Spaghetti Fundraiser 11:00am	24 Boy/Cub Scouts 7:00pm	25 Share the Bread 1:00pm	26 CMYF Youth Group 5:30pm - 7:30pm	27	28	29 Oakwood Cemetery Association Meeting F.H. 9:15am - 11:30am
30 Guest Speaker Sunday School all ages 8:45am Worship Service Sanctuary/Live Broadcast 10:00am New Member Luncheon 11:00am						

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