



The Messenger

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A VBS Story

Ask anyone who was involved in VBS last week and they will certainly have a story (or two or three) to tell you. Here's one of mine.

On Thursday afternoon, our Assembly Leader, Marisa Parker had a pressing family situation and had to leave an hour or so before Closing Assembly. Closing Assembly revolves around Marisa. She led the singing and the dancing and voiced the dialogue that pulled our VBS day together. With our assurance that we would be fine, we hugged her and set her on her way. We huddled up to think of a solution and yet, we really didn't need to.



The youth helpers and group leaders got wind of the situation and came to us, volunteering to sing and dance and stand in the gap for Closing Assembly. They sang and danced and brought all their heart to that stage in the gym! They saved the day, through no effort on the leadership's part. While we were worrying out a solution, God was moving in these young people. It was grace – and all I had to do was get out of the way and stand in the light of it.

In *Pilgrim at Tinker Creek*, Annie Dillard writes, “The answer must be, I think, that beauty and grace are performed whether or not we will or sense them. The least we can do is try to be there.”



Marisa returned on Friday and shared the stage with the youth. They sang and danced together for Opening and Closing Assembly. After Closing on Friday, after every child had been signed out and picked up, those youth stayed, singing and dancing in the gym for almost an hour. Calling out, “Just one more!” over and over again. They didn’t want it to be over and neither did I. Their joy at being of service, their delight in singing these songs of praise was contagious. I caught a pretty good case of their enthusiasm and I am trying like anything to hold on to it.

Laura Healy



The casual, creative worship experience begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 9:30 a.m. followed by the option for coffee and donut holes. All ages are encouraged to attend. There is great joy packed into those 30 minutes, please COME AND SEE for yourself!

July 25

Come and See Live

Sunday, July 18th, 2021

Reflections by Rachel Goeres: "Load Bearing Walls," based on Ephesians 2:11-22

[Click here to read Rachel's witness.](#)

Sunday School for All Ages

9:45- 10:30 a.m.

Join a familiar group, or discover a new circle for study and friendship.

Nursery care will be available from 8:45 am -12:30 pm

Fellowship Time 10:30 – 10:55 a.m.

Sanctuary Worship at 11:00 a.m. Sunday, July 25



No reservations are required
(Masks are encouraged)

The service will be live streamed at 11 am on [church website](#) & Facebook and will remain available to view afterward.



BLOOD DRIVE

**Laurel Heights
United Methodist Church**

Sunday August 1st
9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

In the Gym

Please call 210-272-7921 to make an appointment.



Methodist Children's Home
Offering Hope Since 1890

Methodist Children's Home -Family Outreach invites grandparents raising grandchildren and kinship caregivers to call the office to learn more about services available to them.

The Gap Program provides free in home services to grandparents and relatives by standing in the gap with them in the absence of parents. For more information, please call 210-733-3904 and speak with Christa Martinez-Broemer.

Wednesday Prayer Gathering

July 21

from 6:30-7:00 p.m.

Though scattered, we are gathered in prayer
in the name of the One from whose love
nothing can separate us.

A time to
to pray for
one another
and the world...

Click on this link: <https://www.zoom.us/j/130214408>

OR

Call (346) 248-7799, and when prompted, enter the Meeting ID: 130 214 408



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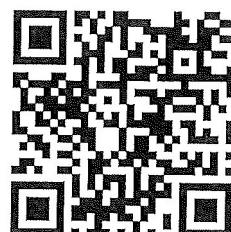
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Mission of the Month for July

Project Transformation Rio Texas' mission is to transform communities by engaging children, college-age young adults, and churches in purposeful relationships, because our vision is of a world that is rooted in love, pursues the equity of all people, and amplifies God's call on every life.

This collaborative model of ministry harnesses the creative energy and leadership of college age young adults, who live in intentional Christian community, and lead summer and afterschool programs for children in overburdened neighborhoods while exploring their call. The programs are held at United Methodist churches thereby helping those churches connect in meaningful ways with their communities.

Ways you can help this summer:

One-to-One Reading Volunteers – Mon-Thu 10a-12p – June 23- July 28

Caring volunteers read with children in 1st-6th grade enrolled in PT's summer day camps. The literacy component of Project Transformation is an exciting opportunity for volunteers to interact with the children in a one-to-one setting. All volunteers must complete a background check prior to volunteering, must be vaccinated, and complete an online training. No previous experience is needed!

Locations:

Northern Hills Ministry Center, 4306 Naco Pass, SA, TX 78217

Westlawn UMC, 122 San Manuel Ave., SA, TX 78237

Provide Intern Dinners – Sun-Thu 6:00p-7:30p – June 8 through July 29

Groups and individuals are needed to provide dinner Sunday through Thursday for PT's Interns. This is a great opportunity to serve, encourage and get to know the young people making a difference!

Location: St. Mark's UMC, 1902 Vance Jackson Rd., SA, TX 78213

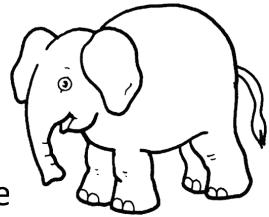
For more information and to sign-up to volunteer or to provide a dinner
visit www.PTRioTexas.org or email info@ptriotexas.org.



SUPER ADULT DAY

Thursday, July 29

In the Gym



10:30 BINGO – bring your White Elephants for prize

11 o'clock – lunch is served.

MENU

Melon Salad

Oven Fried Chicken

Oven Fried Potatoes

Patriotic Cake

Cost for lunch \$6.00 – by Reservation – call 210-872-8031

Birthday cake will be served to those celebrating July birthdays.

Be sure to be there to get your slice.



After lunch Susan Holloway will review the book by Timothy Egan "A Pilgrimage to Eternity: From Canterbury to Rome in Search of a Faith." The thrilling journey is full of intriguing stories of Saints and history along the 1056 mile route which he covered mostly on foot. We'll travel the Pilgrims' Way from the comfort of the cool gym. The day will close with the awarding of prizes for July Quizzes turned in.

We're back in the building and loving it. Come join us – it's been far too long.

Please make a reservation by calling 210-872-8031.

If you have not been vaccinated, we ask that you wear your mask.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our PRAYER

You can offer a prayer of gratitude or concern by emailing prayers@mylhmc.org, through [Facebook Messenger](#), or calling the church office (210) 733-7156.



July 23 to July 29

7/23

Joe Barfield

7/24

Enzo Marrone
James Moss

7/25

Carly Bailey
Chris Heinrichs
Annalynn Jackson
Laurel Welch

7/26

Cece Adams

7/27

Henry Perkins

7/29

Erika Madrigal

We don't want to leave anyone out!
Please notify the church office if you
don't see your name on the birthday list.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Healing: Josh Beninger (*Susan Holloway*),

Eva Bravo (*Rayen Dennis*), Cecilia,
Coffman family (*Louise Dudley*),

Jared Colegrove (*Wyndee Holbrook*), Thad Dorsey,

Marvadean and Ted Eves,
Miguel and family (*Kay Carter*)

Phil Hall, Yvette Huerta (*Sue Hall*),
Joshua (*Jo Mascorro*),

Ann and Craig Kurtz, Bob Best, Brittany W.
(*Melissa Nardi*), Lucien Manchester,

Bryan Myers (*Bill Myers*),
Douglas Robinson,

Bobby Shoemaker (*Ginnie Herrera*),
Doug Semmes,

Nathan Vasquez (*Leticia Vasquez*).

Those who Mourn: Stephanie Murphy on the
death of her father.

God's Presence: For those affected by the
COVID-19 virus and their families, as well as for
the caregivers and researchers working to treat
those affected and combat the spread of the
disease, homebound members, the incarcerated,
and women and men in our military.

Contact Us

To reach the office staff by phone,
please call (210) 733-7156.

For an appointment with Yvonne Garcia, RN,
our Wesley Nurse,
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