



The Messenger

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Go with God!

Six months ago, I was tucked away in Wimberley, Texas with a fellow clergy friend, sharing stories and reflecting on the rhythms of church life. We both agreed: June can be tough. As soon as Vacation Bible Camp wraps up, it feels like the whole congregation scatters to the ends of the earth. Some head to Europe, others to cozy cabins in Maine, or to visit grandparents and attend summer camps.

While we're thrilled that so many of you get to explore, rest, and reconnect with loved ones, we also *miss you* when you're away. That conversation sparked an idea: What if we embraced the travel season and used it as a way to stay connected? That's how the sermon series "**Go with God!**" was born. We imagined a summer bulletin board filled with postcards from far and near—notes from you, sharing glimpses of where you've been and how you've seen God at work in the world around you. Maybe in a sunrise over the mountains, a moment of laughter with family, or the quiet of a morning walk. Even when you're far from home, God is with you—and through these stories, so are we.

We still want your postcards. We hope you'll send them and help build this shared tapestry of travel and faith. But here's the twist I didn't see coming: now *I'm* getting ready to go, too. As I prepare to say goodbye and begin my next journey, I'm honored to spend these last five Sundays with you, preaching about travel, transition, and the God who goes with us wherever we are.

I hope you'll join us for as many Sundays as you can. And when the time comes, I'll say it with love and deep gratitude:

Vaya con Dios—Go with God!

With love,
Pastor Lisa



Church Calendar

Wednesday, May 28

9:00 a.m. Exercise Class - *Room 305*

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - *Choir Room*

Thursday, May 29

9:00 a.m. Church Mice

6:00 Tai Chi Class - *Room 312*

Friday, May 30

9:00 a.m. Exercise Class - *Room 306*

Sunday, June 1

9:00 a.m. Worship Service- *Sanctuary*

9:30 a.m. Fellowship - *Fellowship Hall*

10:00 a.m. All-Ages Summer Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship Service - *Sanctuary*

12:15 p.m. United Women in Faith Meeting -
Fellowship Hall - All are welcome!

Monday, June 2

9:00 a.m. Exercise Class - Room 305

Wednesday, June 4

9:30 a.m. Exercise Class - *Room 305*

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - *Choir Room*

Thursday, June 5

9:00 a.m. Church Mice

6:00 p.m. Tai Chi Class - *Room 312*

Friday, June 6

9:00 a.m. Exercise Class - *Room 305*

Saturday, June 7

11:30 a.m. Glenn Poteet - Memorial & Reception

Sunday, June 8

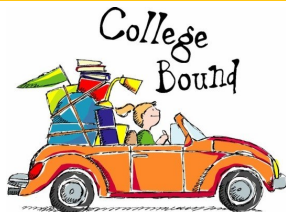
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The United Methodist Women invite you to apply for the Mary Blackford Academic Scholarship. We award these funds to full time students (12 credit hours) who maintain a 2.0 GPA.



To receive an application, please contact us at maryblackfordfund@gmail.com.

The final date to request an application is June 15, 2025.

Laurel Heights UMC

Please join us for a

Farewell Potluck Luncheon

Honoring Pastor Lisa & Jim Straus

Sunday, June 22 at 12:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Bring Your Favorite Dish to SHARE!

A basket will be available if you would like to share a card with Pastor Lisa & Jim.

CHANCELL FLOWERS

To reserve a date please contact
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Prayer Requests

Lucien Manchester
Richard Parrigan
Bert Clayton
Norman Roe
Elizabeth Diaz
Kay Craig
Ahmed Halim
Claire Riley
Richard Jackson
Judy Edwards