



May Is Such An Awesome Month!

Pastor Cathe Evins

“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven”
(Ecclesiastes 3:1)

May includes Mother’s Day and in our church life together, Confirmation Sunday, which is May 6th. It’s also a month that typically celebrates graduations and weddings. Mothers and those who are “like mothers” to us play such an important role in our lives. Their influence lives on throughout our lives, even if they are no longer with us physically. Several years ago, I came across this Mother’s Day reflection and I hope you enjoy it as much as I did (and do...!):

Adaptation of 1 Corinthians 13 for Mothers

If I live in a house of spotless beauty with everything in its place, but have not love, I am a housekeeper--not a homemaker. If I have time for waxing, polishing, and decorative achievements, but have not love, my children learn cleanliness - not godliness. Love leaves the dust in search of a child’s laugh. Love smiles at the tiny fingerprints on a newly cleaned window. Love wipes away the tears before it wipes up the spilled milk. Love picks up the child before it picks up the toys. Love is present through the trials. Love reprimands, reproves, and is responsive. Love crawls with the baby, walks with the toddler, runs with the child, then stands aside to let the youth walk into adulthood. Love is the key that opens salvation’s message to a child’s heart. Before I became a mother I took glory in my house of perfection. Now I glory in God’s perfection of my child. As a mother, there is much I must teach my child, but the greatest of all is love.

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Blessings from Pastor Cathe

Church-wide Charge Conference

There will be a Church-wide Called Charge Conference in Hierholzer Hall on May 17th at 6:30 p.m. We will vote on a Resolution to sell the Clear Springs property. Our District Superintendent, Rev. Marcus Freeman, will be presiding. Please plan to attend this important meeting! Thank you.





Church Calendar

Tuesday, May 1

- 9:00 a Butterfly Quilters, Room 200
- 4:00 p Circle of Angels, Room 10
- 7:00 p Called Church Council, HH

Wednesday, May 2

- 5:30 p Youth to Thrive, Confirmation, CLC
- 6:30 p "Unsuper Mommy" Bible Study, HH
- 7:00 p Choir Rehearsal, MR

Thursday, May 3

- 9:30 a "Invitation to John" Study, Library
- 6:30 p Safety Team Meeting, HH

Sunday, May 6

- All Day Confirmation Sunday (10:30 Sanc.)
- 7:00 a UMM Breakfast, CLC
- 8:00 a Worship, Sanctuary
- 9:15 a Sunday School
- 10:30 a Worship, Sanctuary
- 10:30 a Seasons Worship, CLC

Tuesday, May 8

- 9:00 a Butterfly Quilters, Room 200
- 10:00 a Alzheimer's Support Group, Parlor
- 4:00 p Circle of Angels, Room 10
- 6:30 p SPRC Meeting, Library

Wednesday, May 9

- 5:30 p Youth to Thrive, CLC
- 6:30 p "Unsuper Mommy" Bible Study, HH
- 7:00 p Choir Rehearsal, MR

Thursday, May 10

- 9:30 a "Invitation to John" Study, Library
- 6:00 p Weekday Sch. Board Mtg, Library

Sunday, May 13

- 8:00 a Worship, Sanctuary
- 9:15 a Sunday School
- 10:30 a Worship, Sanctuary
- 10:30 a Seasons Worship, CLC

Tuesday, May 15

- 9:00 a Butterfly Quilters, Room 200
- 4:00 p Circle of Angels, Room 10
- 6:30 p Finance Meeting, Library

Wednesday, May 16

- 5:30 p Youth to Thrive, CLC
- 6:30 p "Unsuper Mommy" Study, HH
- 7:00 p Choir Rehearsal, MR

Thursday, May 17

- 9:30 a "Invitation to John" Study, Library
- 6:30 p Called Charge Conference, HH
- 7:00 p PFLAG

Saturday, May 19

- 8:00 a Habitat for Humanity Workday

Sunday, May 20

- 8:00 a Worship, Sanctuary
- 9:15 a Sunday School
- 10:30 a Worship, Sanctuary
- 10:30 a Seasons Worship, CLC
- 12:00 p Graduation Luncheon, CLC

Tuesday, May 22

- 9:00 a Butterfly Quilters, Room 200
- 4:00 p Circle of Angels, Room 10

Wednesday, May 23

- 5:30 p Youth to Thrive, CLC
- 7:00 p Choir Rehearsal, MR

Thursday, May 24

- 9:30 a "Invitation to John" Study, Library
- 6:00 p Whole Food Plant Based Potluck, HH

Sunday, May 27

- 8:00 a Worship, Sanctuary
- 9:15 a Sunday School
- 10:30 a Worship, Sanctuary
- 10:30 a Seasons Worship, CLC

Monday, May 28

Memorial Day, Office Closed

Tuesday, May 29

- 9:00 a Butterfly Quilters, Room 200
- 4:00 p Circle of Angels, Room 10

Wednesday, May 30

- 5:30 p Youth to Thrive, CLC
- 7:00 p Choir Rehearsal, MR

Thursday, May 31

- 9:30 a "Invitation to John" Study, Library



Dixie Grill Rebate Program

Did you know that the Dixie Grill Restaurant will donate 10% of your bill back to our church? All you need to do is turn in your itemized receipts to the church office and we will take care of the rest. So, gather up your friends and family and enjoy a meal out!

Year-to-Date Financial Report March 2018

Donations	\$182,664.00
Expenses	\$203,487.00
Expenses Exceed Donations by:	\$20,823.00
Checking Account Balance	
Beg. Balance as of 1/1	\$69,191.00
End. Balance as of 3/30	\$48,368.00
Renovation Project Fund Loan Balance	\$554,065.00

Wednesday Youth to Thrive is in the CLC from 5:30pm - 7:30pm
 Games, Meet & Greet: 5:30pm - 6:00pm
 Dinner: 6:00pm - 6:30pm
 Group Worship: 6:30pm - 7:00pm
 Small Group: 7:00pm - 7:30pm



We are made to thrive...

With summer fast approaching, our youth have some amazing milestones to look forward to. The month of May brings Confirmation Sunday on May 6th. We have an energetic group of 6th graders taking the next step to affirming their faith and becoming our newest members of the congregation. I hope you can take the time to congratulate and welcome them with open arms.

We will be celebrating our graduates this month with a graduation luncheon. There will be a special bulletin insert, and video presentation in the Seasons worship service on May 20th. If you have a graduate in your family or friend and would like to have them acknowledged for their accomplishments, please get the following information to Pastor Mel by May 13th: a picture of the graduate, the school they are graduating from and their plans after graduation.

The youth summer mission trip will take place on June 17-22, 2018. This mission trip is offered by Group Mission Trips. The trip we are attending is called "Week of Hope" held in Austin Texas. We will have a chance to serve the elderly, disabled, children, and low-income individuals and families in the Austin area. Bringing hope to a community in need and giving our group the chance to grow closer to Jesus through service. The cost of camp is \$275, payable to FUMC. We need adult volunteers to go on the trip. If you would like to be a part of this amazing outreach event let me know. To register, go to <http://groupmissiontrips.com/pc/First-United-Methodist-Church-Seguin>. All helpers must have the Safe Gatherings training.

We will be focusing on getting all our volunteer's certified with the new Safe Gatherings. This training needs to be completed by

Melissa Lind,
 Associate Pastor for
 Youth & Young Adult
 Ministries



June 1, 2018 to volunteer with children, youth or vulnerable adults. The certification requires a three-step process. Step One: register with Safe Gatherings at safegatherings.com, complete the background check and references. Step Two: online training. The online training takes about 2 hours. Step Three: a 2-3 hour interactive training that can be taken online via webinar or in person via scheduled workshop. For training dates and times, check out: riotexas.org/safetrainings.

With so many of our youth moving forward to a new chapter of their lives I want to offer up this scripture: Luke 9:25 *"What good is it for someone to gain the whole world and yet lose or forfeit their very self?"* This verse issues a challenge to honestly examine your life. Think about how you spend your time and energy every day. God is most important in your life and God wants a deep relationship with you. So, spend time getting to know Him better and study His Word, pray and serve in His name. Make Him your number one priority. He has big plans for you!



Memorials Gifts

In memory of:

Arline Koepsel MyCue

From:

Jim & Sharon Berg, Stan & Anne Dolle, Sue Williams Harper, Shirley Hand

In memory of :

Dorothy Wilke McGinty

From:

Nell Martin, Pat Watkins, Dale & Susan Dyess, Judy Johnson, Karen & Sam DePalermo

In memory of:

Barbara Robinson

From:

Dolores Schwerdtfeger, Natt & Gretchen Ricker, Nell Martin, Judy Johnson, Beverly Carter, Chancel Choir, John & Susan Brannan

In memory of:

Amy Schriewer Boyer

From:

Natt & Gretchen Ricker, John & Susan Brannan

In memory of:

Pokey Matthies

From:

Allen & Sandra Wilson

In memory of:

Bill Hicks

From:

George & Marie Nisson

In memory of:

Laura Drumm

From:

Gerald Deviney

Honorariums

In honor of:

Jeff Dice

From:

Donna Dice

From:

Donna Dice

In honor of:

JoAnne Muelker

From:

Betty Ann Matthies

From:

Donna Dice

In honor of :

Allen & Sandra Wilson

In honor of:

Dolores Schwerdtfeger

From:

Betty Humphris

Donna Dice



Second Chances Just Ahead

Pastor Ron Welborn

One morning – years and years ago – I was brought to my knees by a heartbroken teenager. Band practice had just ended. The students were walking back to the band hall. And I was gathering up my marching charts when I saw a young lady walking over with tears streaming down the side of her face. She looked me in the face and quickly said, “Mr. Welborn, you hurt me this morning.” In my frantic efforts to teach 120 band students the drill I had written, I had hurt her feelings. That wasn’t the way I usually worked. That wasn’t my style. I didn’t ever want to belittle my students. But in a moment of frustration it had happened and this young lady had enough courage to confront me.

A few days later rehearsal was over and again the band was heading back to the band hall. I looked up and saw this same young lady headed my way. My heart sank. What had I said this time? I braced myself and prepared for the worst. What I got was a hug and a thank you. She realized I had reflected on what she had said. She saw the change. And she gave me a second chance which I grabbed quickly.

It is easy to break a heart. It is easy to step

on someone’s feelings. It is easy to crush the human spirit. We are fragile creatures and easily wounded. We let others down, we let ourselves down but most of all we let God down more than we would want to know almost daily. So that’s one of the reasons I love Second Chances – do overs if you will. We all need them and we need them often.

If you have wondered if God favors a Second Chance, just read Peter’s story – or King David’s – or Paul’s – or well, a thousand other stories in Scripture. A thread that runs throughout our Bible is “Second Chances Given Here.” And if God is willing to give us a second chance, then shouldn’t we consider keeping a few in our back pocket to dispense along the journey? Second Chances is the theme for my current sermon series.

A lot of sunsets have come and gone since that morning one of my band students let me know my words had hurt. I don’t remember the music or the show I had written. I don’t remember what I had for lunch that day. But I do remember the second chance. And that’s enough.

Second Chances – Priceless!

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Rio Texas Annual Conference June 6-9, 2018

Pastor Cathe Evins, Pastor Ron Welborn, and Pastor Melissa Lind along with our Lay Delegates Brian Erxleben, Stephan Smith, Judy Johnson, Carl Hultquist and Matthew Hisey will be attending the Rio Texas Annual Conference in Corpus Christi.



Volunteers needed for VBS June 25-28

Nightly, 6:00pm-8:30pm. Please complete registration on the church website. Select your preferred location and we will be in touch regarding training soon! Thank you, Lauren Schumann lauren.e.schumann@gmail.com