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* Giving and Helping *

Church Budget in Need

Though there are no actual activities at our facility, there are still bills to pay and ministry is still going on. Your tithes and donations are still needed. You may bring a check by. Call when you arrive, 830-663-3185, and Lisa will walk out and get it. You may mail a check to PO Box 526, Devine, 78016. You may give on our website, devinefumc.com, with the **GIVE** button. The **GIVE** button takes you to Tithe.ly which is a secure site that you can set up your own login and give. You may use your on-line banking's bill pay also.

BUDGET SUMMARY

	<u>February</u>	<u>Jan - Feb</u>
<i>Operating Donations</i>	\$13,034	\$26,318
<i>Operating Expenses</i>	17,295	34,972
<i>Operating Surplus (Deficit)</i>	(4,295)	(8,654)
<i>Designated Gifts</i>	\$2,454	\$5,437

Are you in Need of Something or Can you Help?

There are many people in need at this time. And there are many people who are going stir-crazy and would love to help. Tell Lisa if you need help or if you want to help and she will hook you up. The church number is 830-663-3185.

Food Fair in Hondo Only

The San Antonio Food Bank has canceled all individual April Mobile Food Fairs. They will have one county-wide food fair, on Thursday, April 2nd, at the Medina County Fairgrounds. The address is 733 FM 462, Hondo. They need 3 to 5 volunteers from our group who are not in the high-risk category. Please let Lisa know if you can volunteer, so she can give you more info. They will only have one food fair per month, per county. This first one will only feed 400 families, for the whole county. We average feeding 130 families at our food fairs. If you know anyone who needs food, please have them call the church office ASAP to pre-register 830-663-3185. Please pray for those who cannot travel there or can't get the food for any other reason.

Ways to Watch Our Church Service

YouTube: [Devine Methodist Church Worship](#)

FaceBook: DevineFirstUnitedMethodistChurch

Website: devinefumc.com on each page or
under [Worship YouTube Videos](#)

FaceBook: Colby Cashion (Castroville)

Submit Prayer Requests

Sundays: email pastor.harold.dailey@gmail.com or text 830-355-7037

Weekdays: email fumcdevine@sbcglobal.net or call 830-663-3185

Vacation Bible School

Our VBS is schedule for **June 8-12th**, the same week as Mission Devine. Hopefully we will get to have it then. We need to prepare as best we can, incase we do.

VBS is for children going INTO Kinder through kids going INTO 5th Grades. This year we will be doing To Mars and Beyond. We will begin registration as soon as we know that we will get to have it.

Volunteers need to sign up with Dez RIGHT NOW, so she will know who will do which jobs. If you don't have her number, please call the office, 830-663-3185.

Planning on helping with VBS?

Safe Gatherings Training is **REQUIRED** by our Church Conference. If you haven't yet been trained or re-trained, go to our website, devinefumc.com to the **Safety** tab, where you will find:

Complete: Safe Gatherings **APPLICATION**. Be prepared to provide e-mails and phone numbers for two references. Do not use Pastor Harold as a reference because he will be required to provide an additional reference. When asked for your church's name, type "Devine" in the search field. Designate in the application if you expect to be transporting children or adults for church events.

Complete: the two hour online basic training. You are taken to this step when you complete the application. (You will set up a user name and password to access the training module as part of your application and be able to leave and return to finish it, if needed.)

Register and complete: "Trusted con Confianza" training. This two-hour module can be completed online at scheduled times. Click **SCHEDULE** to see available dates and times, and to register.

You will need to finish all three of the above steps (Application, Basic Training, and Trusted con Confianza training) ASAP to help with Vacation Bible School, which is currently scheduled for June 10-15.



* Wesley Nurse News *

Dear Devine Congregation and Community Members,

I want to thank all of you as a congregation and a community for your efforts in working with me to help those most in need during our crisis. Together we have been able to continue to exemplify Gods grace and love to those who need it most despite these trying times.

Throughout this event Lisa, our church secretary, has gone above and beyond to ensure that as many benevolence services as possible could continue to be provided. With the help of several congregation and community members prescription assistance is able to continue. As a Wesley Nurse this opportunity has allowed me to really research and test mine and our communities' resources and resiliency and I have discovered we can prevail with Christ's guidance, for that I thank all of you.

The Devine South Texas Rural Health Clinic continues to work with the Wesley Nurse program to provide Specialty Referral Services to those in need within our community. Once the crisis is over, this program will continue to provide medical appointments with specialist to those who qualify. If you or someone you know may need this service, please have them make an appointment with me for more information.

At this time, I will continue to assist in covering the Hondo WN position for already existing clients. I'm asking everyone to please call if you need to see or speak to me. If I am unavailable, please leave a message on my machine and I will get back to you as soon as I can.

The Texas Diaper Bank and "My Healthy Child" class will continue when we are allowed to do so. As with all other group gatherings and in person contact, once we can meet again the classes will resume. If you know of anyone who could use this assistance, please have them call me to register. Our 13-week Grief Share sessions are on hold for now, but will resume when able. Dates and times are TBD. If you or someone you know could use this type of support please have them contact Dinah Argo, Kay Shultz, Rob Stolzman, Lisa or myself to register. Also, if this sounds like a ministry you would be interested in helping with please contact me, Dinah or Lisa, additional facilitators are always welcomed. Josephine Redus, the Atascosa ACOG coordinator, & I have completed our second session of Texercise and are in anticipation of beginning an ACOG sponsored and WN supported Matter of Balance class. Please see Josephine Redus for the potential dates and times regarding this class. As always, these classes are open to the public and free of charge.

I would like to send out a heartfelt thank you to all who have and continue to donate to the WN fund. Continued support of the Wesley Nurse program has allowed the program to assist those in need, increase our community's educational opportunities and provide various medical assistance. If you feel led to support this program there is a Wesley Nurse Fund established for donations.

If you would like to see a program, information, or event that you feel would benefit you or the community please contact me. You don't have to be a member in the Healthcare Ministry Team to partner with me in service to those in need in our community. Membership in this committee is appreciated but not necessary for a one-time project or event.

God Bless,
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* A WORD OF GRACE*

“The Light of the World”

Before God created anything in our physical world He created “light.” On the first day of creation God said, **“Let there be light, and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and He separated the light from the darkness”** (Genesis 1:3-4). It is interesting that God didn’t get around to creating the lights of the sky—the sun, moon and stars, until the fourth day. Clearly, the “light” created on the first day does not pertain to mere physical light. Actually, the Hebrew word translated as “darkness” means a “to twist away” from the light or the absence of light, and infers evil. The gospel of John begins, testifying: **“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made. In Him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it”** (John 1:1-5). John is testifying that Jesus is the Light for mankind, and that His light has not been overcome by darkness. Jesus, Himself, proclaimed: **“I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life”** (John 8:12). Jesus further promised: **“I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in Me should stay in darkness”** (John 12:46).

Currently, we find ourselves in “dark” times, and there is much “fear” about this invisible enemy we know as the Coronavirus. But we must remember that Jesus is our source of peace, and not fear. Before His death, He said, **“Peace I leave with you, My peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid”** (John 14:27). Jesus doesn’t promise us that we will not face dark times, but He does promise us peace and hope, even in the midst of darkness, if we will believe and trust in Him. Jesus told His disciples, **“I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world”** (John 16:33).

The Holy Spirit reveals through the Apostle Paul that we will battle against “dark” forces,

saying, **“For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against spiritual forces of evil in heavenly realms”**

(Ephesians 6:12). Paul then advises us to **“put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground”** (Ephesians 6:13). Paul is reminding us that only through our faith and trust in God can we endure the dark times we will encounter in this world. And for those who endure by trusting in God, God provides assurance, saying, **“Since you have kept My command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come on the whole world to test the inhabitants of the earth”** (Revelation 3:10). What we are enduring right now is certainly testing the faith of people all over the world, but the Light of the world is shining in the darkness, and we will endure this through God’s power and presence.

Jesus has given Himself to us, that His light might dwell in us, and that we might shine forth His light, so that others who walk in darkness may find hope and peace. In His sermon on the mount, Jesus proclaimed: **“You are the light of the world... let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven”** (Matthew 5:14, 16).

So how does this work, how does the Light shine in the darkness and overcome it? Well, the Coronavirus has closed our church doors, and suspended most of our ministries, but still the Light is shining brighter than ever. When our doors were open, we averaged about 100 in worship. Right now, between YouTube and Facebook, we are averaging over 400 viewers of our Sunday live streamed worship services. I received a message from a viewer today, saying, **“I have been wanting to visit your church, but I am usually working a 12 hour shift on Sunday. I am a nurse and there is so much fear right now. I needed to be reminded that I have no reason to fear. Thank you.”** Yes, God’s Light is shining in the darkness.

Your fellow servant in Christ,
Pastor Harold



* April Readings *

April Scripture Readings:

The following themes and Scripture readings are provided as a means to draw closer to God. They come from the Revised Common Lectionary, which groups Old Testament, Psalm, Epistle and Gospel readings together for each Sunday in a three year cycle. Read them prayerfully listening for God's voice.

Palm/Passion Sunday, April 5

Theme: The passion and death of our Lord.

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Philippians 2:5-11

Matthew 26:14—27:66

Maundy Thursday/Holy Thursday, April 9

Theme: The Passover and the Lord's Supper.

Exodus 12:104 (5-10) 11-14

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Good Friday, April 10

Theme: Christ Confronts Death.

Isaiah 52:13—53:12

Psalm 22

Hebrews 10:16-25

John 18:1—19:42

Easter Sunday, April 12

Theme: The Lord's victory over the powers of sin and death.

Acts 10:34-43

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Colossians 3:1-4

John 20:1-18 and Matthew 28:1-10

Second Sunday of Easter, April 19

Theme: Faith and doubt after the resurrection.

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Psalm 16

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

Third Sunday of Easter, April 26

Theme: The risen Christ is revealed in the breaking of bread.

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

1 Peter 1:17-23

Luke 24:13-35

*** BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES ***



Birthdays

APRIL



Colby & Bobbie Cashion 

Georgia Hicks

Seth Prugh

Garland Boehme

Beverly Baltz

Kristy Brand

Harvey Summerlin

Cynthia Sparkman

Kaelyn Caddell

Cara Thomas

Linda Cole

Paul & Nan Gengler 

Jake Riou

Iliana Knoeber

Martha Wall

Marian Purchis

Taylor Hurst



April Offerings

Rail Offering

April 7 - Conference Advance Special

This year this will go to the San Antonio Food Bank. You may designate a check and bring it or mail it to the church (PO Box 526), or designate it at devinefumc.com with the **GIVE** button.

Easter Offering

April 21 - Devine Food Pantry

All Easter donations will go to the Devine Food Pantry to help those in the Community. You may designate a check and bring it or mail it to the church (PO Box 526), or designate it at devinefumc.com with the **GIVE** button.

