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*** In-Person/Trustees ***

In-Person Worship Resumed May 31st

We are resuming in-person Worship May 31, yet, we still encourage our most vulnerable to stay home. We will continue to live stream at 11:00am on YouTube and Colby Cashion's Face Book.

We are having two "identical" services at 9:30 and 11:00. Our vulnerable members are strongly encouraged to attend the first service because we will not have time between the two services to completely re-sanitize the pews and bathrooms. The Fellowship Hall will be setup for overflow for both services. This will provide a "choice" for those who arrive for the first service, and find that it is already at capacity: to either attend in the Fellowship Hall or come back for the second service and sit in the Sanctuary.

For the safety of our members, all attendees will have their temperature checked, and will be **required to wear a face mask** while in the building, including during. Please bring your own mask, as we will have a "limited" supply of masks for those who don't have one. Hand sanitizer will also be offered.

Social distancing (keeping 6' apart) will be enforced inside all buildings. Markings have been placed on the floors as a guide. Volunteers will be present to both remind us to resist the urge to hug those we have missed seeing, and to help us find our way to a safe place to sit.

There will be no Sunday School, no nursery, no paper bulletins, no pew cushions, and no passing of the offering plates. Donations can be safely dropped into the three giving boxes located at each Sanctuary exit and into the wooden box by the glass Fellowship Hall door.

Trustees News

The Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, May 19. New Board members, Judy Eaddy and Lewis Stroud were welcomed. Their appointments were approved at an Administrative Council meeting held the previous day.

It was reported that the Annex bathroom hot water heater has been installed, the Prayer Garden renovation has been completed, the leaking faucet outside the sanctuary has been repaired, the antique street lamp by the sanctuary choir entrance was fixed from flashing, and that the new commercial refrigerator along with a dedicated power outlet are now installed and operating.

The Trustees' Maintenance Schedule was reviewed and plans were made to catch up on all maintenance items that had been delayed due to COVID-19. This will include changing all AC filters, replacing batteries in all smoke detectors, replacing failed light bulbs, and the inspection of all plumbing fixtures for leaks and proper operation.

Also discussed was a plan for inspection and repairs to the parsonage during the pastoral change. While the parsonage is generally in excellent condition, some interior painting may be required.

Some items, such as the cleaning out of the metal storage building, craft closet in Annex, the trimming of shrubs, and the scrapping and repainting of some exterior wood trim will be postponed until it is safe to conduct a church "Work Day."

The Board of Trustees hope to resume their normal meeting schedule beginning in June.

This report was prepared by Pastor Harold using his notes from the meeting.



* Men & Women's Ministries *



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United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women do not meet during the summer.

Our next schedule meeting is the third Sunday in August, 16th. If there is a need for a vote before then, I will send out an email.

The next Medina County Food Fair is scheduled for Tuesday, June, 9th in Hondo at the Medina County Fair Grounds. They need volunteers to distribute food to those in need. Please register with Lisa in the Church Office, 830-663-3185. Volunteers need to be at the Fair Grounds by 7:45AM. Last month they did not have enough volunteers, due to a poorly worded email that the Food Bank sent out. They are now feeding 750 households, so they need plenty of volunteers.

Blessings,
Judy

I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Philippians 4:13



United Methodist Men

The UMM will return to **meeting** at their regularly scheduled time on the First Wednesday in **June, the 3rd, at 6:00pm**. To maintain social distancing, a meal will not be served, **masks will need to be worn by everyone**, and the meeting will be held in the Fellowship Hall. All men and older boys are welcome at the UMM meetings.

The UMM members have been sent a new mowing schedule that goes through June. If you need a copy, contact Tex or the Church Office. The mowers for each week are also published in the bulletin.

The scholarship committee has selected Hannah Stolzman as the recipient of the first UMM scholarship.

IRON SHARPENS IRON (Proverbs 27:17)



*** A WORD OF GRACE ***

“Good Bye and God Bless”

I love the song, “I Can Only Imagine” because it reminds me that heaven will be more wonderful than anything we could ever imagine on earth. But I could never have imagined that the close of my 21 years in ministry would be anything like we are experiencing. I have grown to love you all, even those who have not always agreed with me regarding the direction of the church, because I know you are all good people with hearts filled with love for your church and each other—you are family. Mary Kay and I have loved being part of your family. I imagined this to be a time of celebration and many, many hugs goodbye. We have so much to celebrate because we have accomplished so much these past five years. Our church has “earned” the reputation as “the church that cares” because it has been “the church that helps” those in need. This is nothing new, and was a part of this church’s DNA long before I arrived, but it was limited to a few doing much for the many. You had conducted quarterly Food Fairs, but they had stopped. You had supported Mission Devine with money and volunteers. Your leadership and participation at the Hospice Store were outstanding, and your Shoebox ministry was a wonderful blessing to children on both sides of our southern border. It would be easy to say that you were doing much, and probably more than most churches. But you were hungry to do even more. From the moment we arrived, people kept coming to me with ideas and desires to do more.

Since that time, so much has changed and you have so much to celebrate. Food Fairs not only resumed, but became monthly, rather than quarterly. You agreed to host and support the Salvation Army moving its local operations into our church office, increasing the number of people being helped in our community from 5 or 6 families a year to well over a hundred. You greatly supported our new Wesley Nurse, which has blessed our entire community in so many ways they are too numerous to list. You have expanded your support of the Shoebox ministry, and your donations to local charities such as HANK and the Devine Food Pantry. You have also launched

new ministries, such as our Mother’s Day Out program, reaching out in support of young families with children in our community. You expanded the use of our facilities to more local groups, sponsoring or hosting various exercise programs, Grief Share, and other classes and events to support the health of our community. You even reached out beyond the walls of the church, conducting Las Posadas Christmas services, a gigantic community Easter Egg Hunt, and 4th of July and Christmas Concerts in the City Park. All of these events have shown the community the love of Christ, shining through our members. You also supported changes in our worship, which have attracted more families with children to our church, and supported upgrading our facilities to better accommodate these young families and children.

You cannot even imagine how proud I am of all that you have accomplished, and how blessed Mary Kay and I have been to be a part of it. Sometimes God saves the best for last, perhaps just like heaven will be the last place we will live forever. But God doesn’t promise that life on earth will always be sunny, and indeed, we are living in some dark days now. Because our hope is in God, we know that the sun will shine again, and all the ministries now temporarily suspended, will shine forth again. Our Bishop says we should not plan to “resume” but to “relaunch” when it is safe. Know that our church, even in these dark days, has never stopped doing ministry. Our church office has never closed, and we have been continuously helping families in need. I know that you and your church will always be here for the community. God will bless you every time you answer “yes” to His call to do more. I am thankful that God is sending you a great new pastor with many gifts to help you continue to grow in Christ and service to others.

Even though we may lack the opportunity to say goodbye in the ways we had hoped, you will always be a part of us, and we will miss you deeply. We will continue to trust in God’s grace, and we know that God will be with us all even more. Good bye and God bless you!

Your fellow servant in Christ, **Pastor Harold**



* June Readings *

June 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.

Trinity Sunday, June 7

Theme: God is revealed in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Genesis 1:1--2:4a

Psalm 8

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Matthew 28:16-20

Second Sunday after Pentecost, June 14

Theme: God's people are commissioned for mission.

Genesis 18:1-15

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

Romans 5:1-8

Matthew 9:35—10:8

Third Sunday after Pentecost, June 21

Theme: Adversity one suffers in faithfulness to God.

Genesis 21:8-21

Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17

Romans 6:1b-11

Matthew 10:24-39

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, June 28

Theme: The costs and the awards of following Jesus.

Genesis 22:1-14

Psalm 13

Romans 6:12-23

Matthew 10:40-42



Every man who desires to become a true father has to look continually to the Lord, that he might learn of him how to relate to his own children.

—Sunday
Adelaja

* Nurse's 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 God's 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 was able to continue. During this time 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. 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 call 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 speak to me. If I am unavailable, please leave a message and I will get back to you as soon as possible. Unfortunately, at this time I still do not have a firm date as to when MHM will allow for my return to the office, but do know that I continue to help as best as possible from home. Thank you for your understanding.

The Texas Diaper Bank and "My Healthy Child" class is ongoing through tele-education and social distancing delivery of supplies. If you know of anyone in need of this service, please have them call me and arrangements can be made. As with all other group gatherings and in person contact, once we can meet again the classes will resume. 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, 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, I, and the Atascosa ACOG coordinator 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,

Georjean Burnell, MSN, RN - Devine FUMC, Wesley Nurse
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*** BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES ***



JUNE

- Adeline Arellano
- Lee Davis
- Ed & Lisa Garner 🛎
- Marsha Stroud
- Baylee Boehme
- Victor Redus
- Easton Hennessey
- Jerel & Shanna Beaty 🛎
- Michael Riou
- Ryan Rotramel
- Tricia Kidd
- Sarah Prugh
- Jon & Kathleen Outlaw 🛎
- Emm Key
- James McElwee
- Jacob Yanta
- Rebecca Fitch
- Bobbie DuBose
- Beth Ann & Alford Brundrett 🛎



Special Offerings

Rail Offering

June 7 - Peace With Justice

Your generous gift supports Peace with Justice ministries in your annual conference, administered by your conference Peace with Justice coordinator, and Peace with Justice work in the United States and around the world, administered by the General Board of Church and Society. When you give today, you encourage people to live - not just preach - a gospel of peace.



Noisy Offering

June 21- DFUMC Youth Fund

The Noisy Offering will go to our Youth Fund.

Calendar Highlights

- June 7th, Pastor Harold's last Sunday**
- June 14th, Teen & Adult Challenge in Worship**
- June 21st, Father's Day, Cliff Redus preaching**
- June 28th, Pastor Vallie's first Sunday**

BUDGET SUMMARY

	<u>April</u>	<u>Jan - Apr</u>
<i>Operating Donations</i>	\$13,282	\$60,618
<i>Operating Expenses</i>	17,965	68,977
<i>Operating Surplus (Deficit)</i>	(4,683)	(8,358)
<i>Designated Gifts</i>	\$293	\$8,366

JUNE 2020

<u>SUN</u>	<u>MON</u>	<u>TUES</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>THUR</u>	<u>FRI</u>	<u>SAT</u>
<p>Note: <u>SUNDAYS</u> Worship 9:30am & 11am</p>	1	2	3 6pm UMMen (wear a mask, no meal)	4 7:30pm AA Meeting	5	6
7 Pastor Harold's Last Sunday	8 8:30am Yoga 9:00am Walking 6:30pm Trustee Mtg.	9 8:30am Yoga 9:00am Walking	10 8:30am Yoga 9:00am Walking	11 8:30am Yoga 9:00am Walking 7:30pm AA Meeting	12	13
14 Teen & Adult Challenge here	15 8:30am Yoga 9:00am Walking 2:00pm Line Dancing 6:30pm Admin Board	16 8:30am Yoga 9:00am Walking	17 8:30am Yoga 9:00am Walking	18 8:30am Yoga 9:00am Walking 7:30pm AA Meeting	19	20
21 Father's Day Children's Sunday/Noisy Offering 	22 8:30am Yoga 9:00am Walking 2:00pm Line Dancing	23 8:30am Yoga 9:00am Walking	24 8:30am Yoga 9:00am Walking	25 8:30am Yoga 9:00am Walking 7:30pm AA Meeting	26	27
28 Pastor Vallie's First Sunday	29 Pastor Vallie's first day in Office 8:30am Yoga 9:00am Walking 2:00pm Line Dancing	30 8:30am Yoga 9:00am Walking	Note: <u>YOGA</u> 8:30am Mon- Thurs	Note: <u>WALK</u> <u>AWAY THE</u> <u>POUNDS</u> 9:00am Mon-Thu		