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# CONNECTION

DELTA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Sunday Worship**  
**8:30am & 10:45am**

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## Pastors Corner

Since becoming your pastor last June, I have chosen to refrain from speaking or writing on the subject of the United Methodist Bishops "Commission on A Way Forward" because I think the most important thing for me has been to get to know you as a congregation and the community of Delta as a whole. However, I think it is important for me to update you on the status of things at this time. For those of you unaware of the Bishops "Commission on A Way Forward", I would refer you to the UMC's website at this URL for further information and the latest on their process: : [www.umc.org/who-we-are/commission-on-a-way-forward](http://www.umc.org/who-we-are/commission-on-a-way-forward)

In short, the Commission on A Way Forward is fleshing out the details of three possible models for how the denomination treats LGBTQ inclusion. The multinational group, appointed by the United Methodist bishops, held its seventh meeting a few weeks ago on Jan 18-20 in Dallas.

The three options currently being discussed, in no particular order are:

- Affirm the current Book of Discipline language and place a high value on accountability. The church policy book says the practice of homosexuality "is incompatible with Christian teaching" and lists officiating at a same-gender union or being a "self-avowed practicing" gay clergy member as chargeable offenses under church law.
- Remove restrictive language and place a high value on contextualization. This sketch also specifically protects the rights of those whose conscience will not allow them to perform same-gender weddings or ordain LGBTQ persons.
- Create multiple branches that have clearly defined values such as accountability, contextualization and justice. This model would maintain shared doctrine and services and one Council of Bishops.

I think it is important to note that all three models come with a way for churches to exit the denomination if they find the decision of the larger church unacceptable. And while United Methodists have bandied about the first two options in earlier church discussions, the third is different from what has come before.

One other important matter to understand is that for United Methodist's ONLY the General Conference is able to vote or speak on behalf of all United Methodists. If you want to better understand our governance and how General Conference fits in, please visit: <http://www.umc.org/who-we-are/general-conference>

That being said, our District Superintendent, Rev. Marv Vose, recently shared with clergy the following time table for bringing the issues to a special, called session of the General Conference in Feb. of 2019:

- This month, February 2018: The Council of Bishops meets to discuss current report from the Commission on the Way Forward
- Next month, March 2018: The Commission meets and finalizes its report to the Council of Bishops
- May 2018: The Council of Bishops finalizes its report and recommendation to the Secretary of the General Conference
- May 2018: The Commission meets for last time after recommendation from the Council of Bishops
- June 2018: Secretary of the General Conference releases report to the whole church
- Feb. 23-26, 2019: The Special Session of General Conference meets in St. Louis, MO to respond to the Bishops' recommendation concerning the UMC's positions on human sexuality and our *Book of Discipline*.

Please be holding this issue/struggle, our churches, and all immersed in these deliberations which are sure to have far-reaching impact on the United Methodist Church in your prayers.

I am presently considering what might be most helpful to us as a congregation in processing the weighty matters that will be before us in the coming year. Each member of Delta UMC is dear to me and to who we are as a congregation, and I hope to be able to facilitate our conversations on this in Christlike ways.

- *Rev. Tom Hazelwood*

## February Ministry and Service

Communion Sunday - February 4<sup>th</sup>

### Greeters

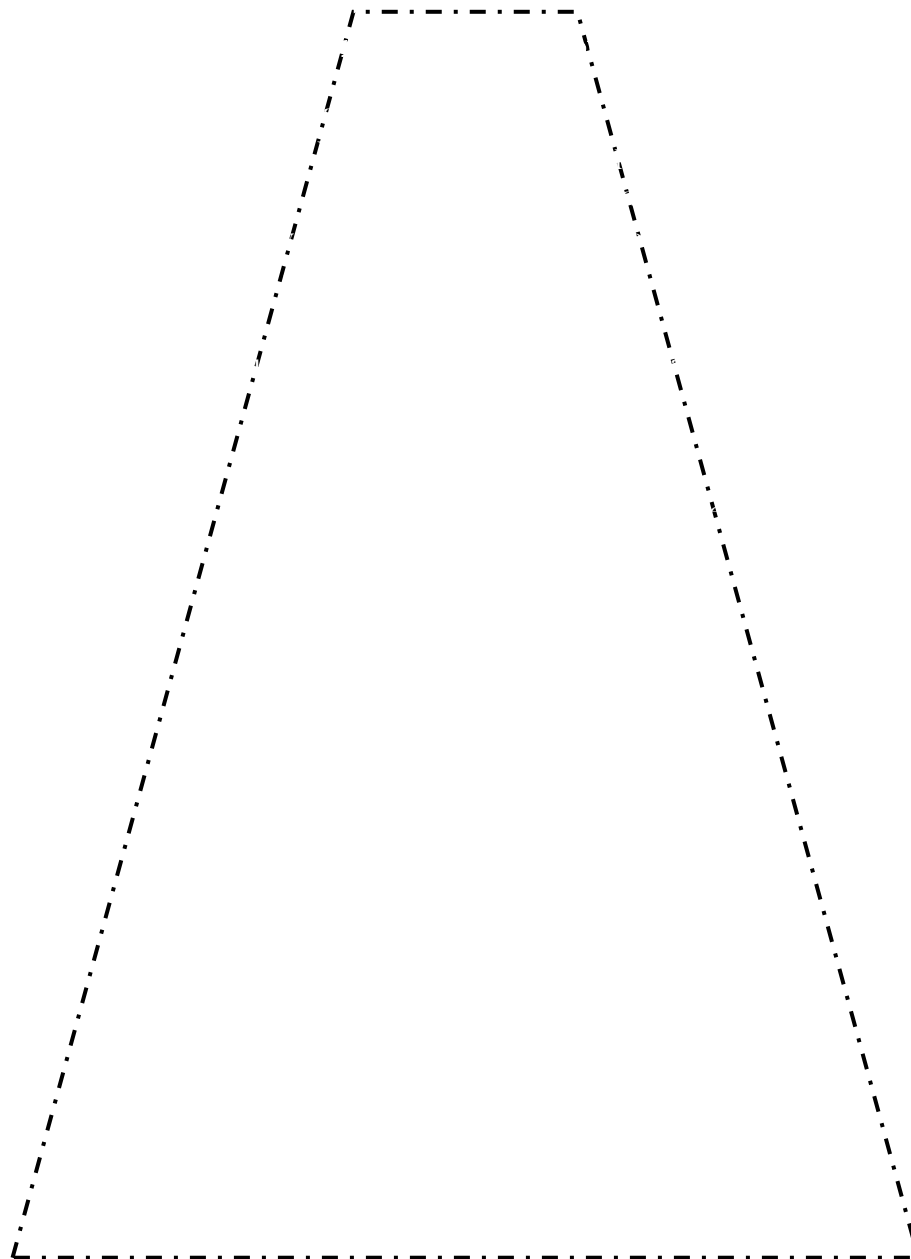
**Feb. 4** Mary Lynn Williams and Sherry Lippard  
**Feb. 11** Beverly Jean and Bill Smith  
**Feb. 18** Cheryl and Ed Oeltjenbruns  
**Feb. 25** Betty and Jim Ebrecht and  
Gretchen, Lars and Hans Zukauskas

### Musicians

**Feb. 4** Janet Freed  
**Feb. 11** Lana Kevan  
**Feb. 18** Lana Kevan  
**Feb. 25** Janet Freed

### Liturgists

**Feb. 4** Nathan Clay  
**Feb. 11** Carol Phelps  
**Feb. 18** Barb Sanford  
**Feb. 25** Gayla Clay



## DUMC in Ministry in the World

### Missions: DUMC in Ministry in the World

- Dr. Sam Kevan will be going on a medical mission trip through Global Health Outreach of the Christian Medical and Dental Association. This trip will be to Honduras from February 10-17. The group will be serving in the Olancho Province and working out of a Christian farm and school entitled El Sembrador. Donations were taken in church on January 28, but if you would like to donate you can go on-line to [www.cmda.org/gho](http://www.cmda.org/gho) and there is a giving page for people to give on line. Layette kits will be sent with Dr. Kevan and you may donate onesies or undershirts, receiving blankets, bars of soap, and diaper pins. These items are needed by February 4 and may be taken to the church office.
- **SAVE THE DATES** -May 6-12 for a work team going to Baton Rouge, Louisiana to help with flood recovery. More information will come.
- Remember that coffee, tea, nuts, chocolate and olive oil are available for sale at the coffee cart each Sunday. By buying the fair trade products you are benefiting both UMCOR and our local missions. **They make great Valentine gifts!**
- Thanks to all who have been helping with the Abraham Connection. Our church will be responsible for two more meals, one in February and one in March.

- A gift was sent to Fairmile School. The Kenyan government does not help pay tuition for early childhood education and sometimes parents cannot pay the full fee for their child. Our gifts help support the children's education. Following is what expenses are for 3 month term for a child:

#### FAIRMILE SCHOOL

#### FEES STRUCTURE FOR 2018

ac 1108237746 kcb , university way.

ITEM	TERM 1/NEW ADMISSIONS	TERM II	TERM III
TUITION	\$213.50	213.50	213.50
SWIMMING (weather dictates this activity)	29 w/p	29 weather permitting	29 w/p
COMPUTER (both academic and administrative)	9.70*	9.70	9.70
DEPOSIT (refundable only if 3 months notice is served)	19,40		
CAUTION (one time payment)	9.70		

ADMISSION (one time payment)	4.85		
VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	29.12	29.12	29.12
STUDENT INSURANCE (annual)	14.56		
STAFF INSURANCE (termly)	9.70	9.70	9.70
STATIONERY	9.70	9.70	9.70
FOOD	58.25	58.25	58.25
VAN FUND (NEW ONLY)	48.00		
TOTAL PER TERM	474.88 *New Students* 373.78 * old*	349.27	349.27
HORSE RIDING THERAPY (300.00 per ride) paid to riding school)	Ten rides 29.12	Eight rides 23.30	Ten rides 29.12

- Carol Phelps

## From Your Administrative Council

The Church Council Trustees next meeting is scheduled at 6:00pm., Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup> for a Security and Safety session with a guest from the Delta Police Department. *For those who wish to read the minutes in their entirety they are available in the church office.*

## UMW

The Susanna Wesleyan Morning circle meets the third Thursday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. The Esther Evening circle meets the forth Thursday at 6:30 p.m. All ladies in the church are welcome to attend.

The next Executive UMW meeting will be Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. ---*Thanks, Cindy*

## SPRC

The SPRC is looking for member's, contact JohnT, Barbara S., or Jean D. if you are interested. - *Jean Dimmick*

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### Annual report 2017

#### Organization

Organization for the Board of Trustees for 2017 was;

Chairman	Terry Hughes
Vice Chairman	Ray Smith
Secretary	Janeen Pullins

**Actions taken by the Board of Trustees ( in most cases this list is completed yearly)**

- Preparation of a budget that provided for all utilities and the operation and maintenance of the Church buildings.
- Monitored budget and stayed below what was proposed.
- Supervised janitorial activities throughout Church.
- Pest control contract continued.
- Upstairs swamp cooler started in spring and closed down for winter.
- Monitoring of sump pump in elevator shaft.
- Heat system shut down in the spring and started up in late fall. Water pumps were monitored and switched monthly, work on individual heaters continued. Boiler was inspected by State Inspector in summer of 2016.. An annual maintenance was conducted by Alpha Plumbing and Heating(a local business).
- Heating system for fellowship hall monitored & repaired as needed.
- Coordinated yearly check of the Fire sprinkler system.
- Carpets were cleaned two times during this year in Fellowship Hall.
- Maintained lawn areas in summer, shoveling of walks in winter.
- Continued to use the Church's" Use Agreement" when groups and individuals rent various parts of the Church .
- Worked with Delta Middle school to make the Church available as central gathering point in case the school needs to evacuate due to an emergency situation.
- Continuing to replace lights in the sanctuary and annex with more energy efficient CFL/LED lights.
- Continued a maintenance contract for the elevator.
- Continued organ maintenance agreement.
- Continue to replace non-working exit signs.

**Actions unique to 2017**

- Helped coordinate cleaning and organization work done by Genevieve and Jamie Novinger, which included polishing woodwork, cleaning of window sills, cleaning and organization of the upper room and area above the annex along with cleaning basement area among other tasks.
- Had sound room painted.
- Redesigned lawn area in the back yard, updating sprinklers so that only 4 are needed.
- Removed old unsafe playground equipment, and prepared site with weed fabric and wood chip mulch.
- Gathered donations amounting to roughly \$1,600 for new playground equipment, to be obtained the spring of 2018.
- Coordinated with Vacation Bible school committee to store their materials in the small SE basement room.
- Continued to Coordinated with Girl Scout Troop 15057 to occupy old main office area downstairs.
- Continued to monitor organ computer system with organists and our organ specialist contractor.
- Continued coordination with Hispanic congregation to use basement area for their services Sunday and Thursday evenings.
- The fire sprinkler system was evaluated and found to be not adequately protected ,due a leaking valve downstairs. As a result, we had the leaking valve replaced, and the system recharged with glycerin to a protection level in unheated areas to a -15 F degrees.

**Potential projects for 2017**

- Begin the upgrading of the sound system.
- Continue to evaluate unused space around the Church.
- Continue idea of concrete work (*has not been completed so far due to lack of available funds*)
- Develop more storage throughout the church.
- Treating painting/staining of exterior Sanctuary doors.
- Have a law Enforcement evaluation of our facilities and discussions on how to handle various crisis situation should they occur.

- Obtaining new playground equipment.
- Start scanning important building related documents.
- Swamp cooler evaluation.

**Potential large future projects**

- Eventual painting of the Sanctuary and Annex, and portions of the exterior.
- Continuation of sound system upgrade.

Value of Church Buildings, land and furnishings Estimated  
at roughly: \$9,835,200\*

All Church buildings and property are recorded with the Delta County Clerk under the name “Delta United Methodist Church.

**Maintenance manuals**

Copies of maintenance manuals are kept in the Church Office and the Boiler room of the main Church building.

\*Based on values listed in the Church Mutual Insurance Policy and values obtained from County assessor, and may change from year to year.

*Terry J. Hughes  
1/04/18  
Trustee Chr.*

**Looking Ahead at Dates to Remember**

**February 2018**

- 3 - First Aid Training - 8:30 a.m. - Noon - Fellowship Hall
- 4 - Fifth Sunday after Epiphany - Communion Sunday
- 8 - Security & Safety Session - Trustees - Fellowship Hall
- 11 - Last Sunday After Epiphany - Transfiguration of the Lord  
Scouting Ministries Sunday

- 18 - First Sunday in Lent
- 19 - Presidents Day Holiday - Church Office Closed
- 24 - Emmaus Training in the church facilities - 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- 25 - Second Sunday in Lent

**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

We wish you all a joyous day of celebration!

**February Birthdays**

Richard Scroggins	02/04	Paul Cross	02/18
Bill Sutton	02/08	Karen Selman	02/22
Amanda Clay	02/09	Ed Oeltjenbruns	02/27
John Triebwasser	02/16		
George Layton	02/17		

**Anniversaries**

Eddie & Barb Sanford	02/13
Ed & Mariela Hice	02/19
Alan & Merle Bushman	02/28

**Happenings**

**First Aid Training** - Saturday February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9:00 a.m. - Noon  
Fellowship Hall - Coffee at 8:30 a.m.


**Souper Bowl of Caring** - Sunday February 4<sup>th</sup>  
Cash and Food donations will go to the Delta Food Pantry this year.  
Please give generously!

**Mission Trip for Sam Kevan to Honduras** - February 10<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>  
Donate checks, cash or give on-line for financial assistance.  
Log on to [www.cmda.org/gho](http://www.cmda.org/gho), reference Sam & El Sembrador.

**Western Colorado Sub-District Gathering**  
**Saturday, March 3 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**  
(Formerly District Conference)  
Redlands United Methodist Church, Grand Junction

Notify the DUMC office if you want to attend or need more information.

# February 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm VBS Committee Meeting 6:30 pm Del-Rose 7:30 pm Spanish Congregation	<b>2 Presentation of            the Lord/            Candlemas</b>	<b>3</b> 8:30 am – Noon First Aid Training Fellowship Hall
<b>4 - 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after            Epiphany</b>  <b>Communion</b> 8:30am Contemporary Worship 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Later Worship 3:00pm Spanish Congregation	<b>5</b> 5:50 pm 5 <sup>th</sup> Street	<b>6</b> 7:30am Men's group C & J's Cafe 4:45 pm Girl Scouts	<b>7</b> 5:00 pm Chancel Chimes 6:00 pm Choir Practice 7:00pm Emmaus Reunion	<b>8</b> 6:00 pm Safety & Security Session – Trustees – Fellowship Hall  6:30pm Del-Rose Chorus 7:30pm Spanish Congregation	<b>9</b> 11:00sm – 4:00pm Fellowship Hall Reserved	<b>10</b>
<b>11 - Last Sunday after            Epiphany            Scouting Ministries</b> 8:30am Contemporary Worship 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Later Worship 3:00pm Spanish Congregation	<b>12</b> 5:30pm 5 <sup>th</sup> Street	<b>13</b> 7:30am Men's group @ Fellowship Hall 4:45pm Girl Scouts 6:00 pm Finance Committee	<b>14 – Ash            Wednesday</b> 9:30 am UMW Board 5:00pm Chancel Chimes 6:00pm Choir Practice	<b>15</b> 9:30am Susanna Wesley Circle 6:30pm Del-Rose Chorus 7:30pm Spanish Congregation	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent</b> 8:30am Contemporary Worship 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Later Worship 3:00pm Spanish Congregation	<b>19 Presidents Day            Holiday            Office closed</b> 5:30pm 5 <sup>th</sup> Street	<b>20</b> 7:30am Men's group @ Fellowship Hall 4:45pm Girl Scouts	<b>21</b> 5:00pm Chancel Chimes 6:00pm Choir Practice	<b>22</b> 5:30pm Girl Scouts Fellowship Hall 6:30 pm Esther Evening Circle 6:30pm Del-Rose Chorus 7:30pm Spanish Congregation	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 8:00 am – 3:00 pm Emmaus Training Needing the entire Church facilities.
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