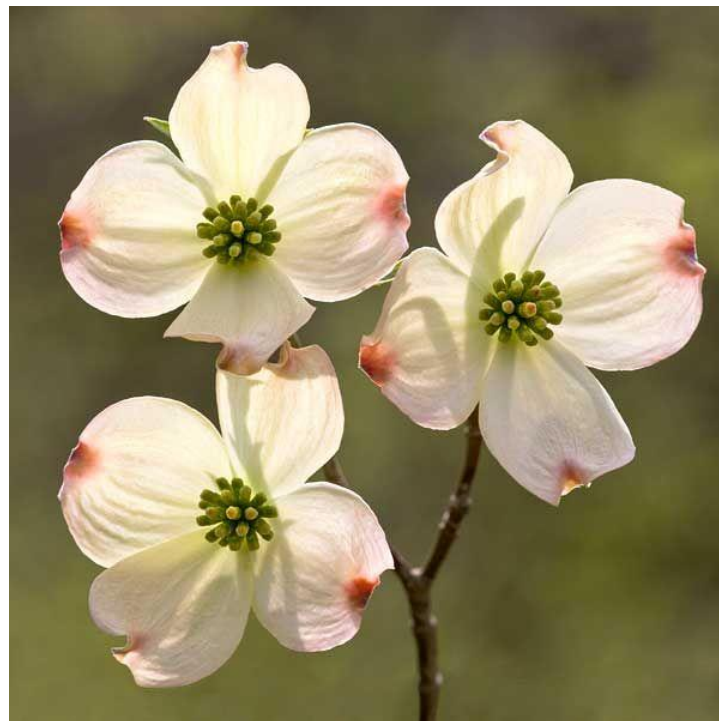


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CONNECTION

DELTA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday Worship
8:30am & 10:45am

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Pastors Corner

As we head to Virginia to see our grandson Joel for the first time, I am hoping, because it is the Easter season, that perhaps the dogwood (Virginia's state flower) will be blooming.

Dogwood trees have always been among my favorite trees because of their wonderful blooms in the spring and the amazing colors of their leaves in the fall. The dogwood is often called the "Easter Tree" because it generally blooms around Easter in the south. The name "Easter Tree" is appropriate because legend has it that Jesus was crucified on the wood from a dogwood tree. The legend says that after Jesus' death the dogwood never again grew big enough to make a cross. The four-pointed blossom forms a cross, with tints of red on the edges signifying the blood of Christ shed for us. Dogwood is like a communion tree, blooming in remembrance of Jesus.

I know the flowering dogwood is not native to Palestine, and this legend is by no means factual. Yet, the lack of historical fact in this legend does not detract from its capacity to inspire hope in rebirth and resurrection. We wake up to a world full of challenges and blessings each day and I have always seen the red-tinged blooms of the dogwood as reminders of Jesus' sacrifice. God knows our unique predicaments and has made a way for love to become our highest purpose as we follow Jesus.

While I miss having dogwoods here, the greening of our landscape in Colorado, with the flowers on the various fruit trees, showcases the regenerative capacity of life and provides a glimpse of hope that life always persists or returns in some forms. As we take in the blooming landscape, may it be a reminder of God's capacity to renew our lives.

- Rev. Tom Hazelwood

April Ministry and Service

Greeters

Cliff and Lauralee Chastain

Terry and Sue Hughes

Virginia Harding and Carlene Dougan

Mitch Thomas and Marsha Thomas

Sherry Lippard and Donna Widner

April 1

April 8

April 15

April 22

April 29

Musicians

April 1

April 8

April 15

April 22

April 29

Sam Kevan

Janet Freed

Lana Kevan

Janet Freed

Sam Kevan

Liturgists

April 1

April 8

April 15

April 22

April 29

Gayla Clay

Barb Sanford

Aaron Clay

Carol Phelps

Nathan Clay

Meals on Wheels

Volunteers of America are seeking folks to deliver meals during weekdays to homebound seniors in the City of Delta vicinity. Any amount of time you can give is appreciated. If you would like to volunteer contact Joe Walker for more information at 874-7661.

Missions: DUMC in Ministry in the World

Trustee's Trapezoid

The Trustees will be purchasing and installing new playground equipment for the children during the month of April.

The new sound system equipment for the sanctuary has been ordered and will arrive soon. Thank you to Nathan Clay for taking the lead for this project.

As always yours; Trustees -
Terry Hughes

- **April 15 will be Native Ministries Sunday.** The offering taken on this special Sunday will go to support **Native Americans to Encounter, Worship and Serve Jesus.** When you support Native American Ministries Sunday, you equip seminary students who will honor and celebrate Native American culture in their ministries. And you empower congregations that are finding fresh new ways to minister to their communities with the love of Christ.
- **May 6-12** the work team will be going to Baton Rouge, Louisiana to help with flood recovery. You can donate to help with expenses for the trip. Call the church office to find out how!
- Here is the latest email from **Kennedy Cruz** from Cambodia:
It's always been a blessing to hear from you! The CHAD team has been very busy in the last two months to plan our work for the year, hosting visiting teams from Virginia and Louisiana. Last week we just commissioned the first steel container clinic in Cambodia donated by the St Luke UMC in Louisiana to the Health Department of Cambodia in Kratie province to be used for screening communicable diseases at the border crossing between Cambodia and Vietnam.

This year CHAD program is aiming to graduate/phase out 45 villages we are working. We are in the process of consolidating our work to make it more compact and responsive to the needs of the communities and to deepen the impacts of our programs. We anticipate that these processes will be very difficult for

some stakeholders because this means they have to continue their work on their own with CHAD only providing technical advice. So please remember us in your prayers. Again, thank you for your covenant and please let me know also how we can pray for you.

blessings,
ken

We will be highlighting Kennedy Cruz's work in April, so we can fulfill our Covenant Relationship with him for 2018. Every member needs to put in \$5.00. See the article elsewhere in the newsletter for more information.

- 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. The hot chocolate is great to take on camping trips! Thanks to all who have volunteered with the Abraham Connection this year.

- Carol Phelps

JESUS IS CALLING, THE SPIRIT IS AT WORK

Hello to all Christians, the Holy Spirit is your guide. When you are on the Internet give yourself twenty minutes and check out what your family of God is doing in the world of missions, using the URL address noted below. **PRAY FOR THEM.**

<http://www.umcmmission.org/Explore-Our-Work>

- Karl Gaiser

TRUSTEES

The Church Trustees' next regular meeting is scheduled at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 3rd.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee's next regular meeting is at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 10th

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

The Administrative Council's next regular meeting is scheduled at 6:00 p.m., Monday, April 16th.

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 fourth Thursday at 6:30 p.m. All ladies in the church are welcome to attend.

The next Executive UMW meeting will be Wednesday, April 4th at 9:30 a.m. --- *Thanks, Cindy*

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Planning meetings are scheduled for Wednesdays, April 11th and April 25th, both at 4:00 p.m.

COMFORT IN THE SANCTUARY

Please feel free to use the shawls and lap blankets found at the end of the pews. These are for your comfort to wrap in, lean against, or sit on.

Looking Ahead at Dates to Remember

April 2018

- 1 - Easter Day
- 7 - UMW Regional Gathering - 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- 15 - Native American Ministries Sunday
- 22 - Festival of God's Creation

Birthdays & Anniversaries

We wish you all a joyous day of celebration!

April Birthdays

Cindy Warren	04/02	Joyce Cockroft	04/22
Pauline Stoodly	04/06	Julia Stinson-Ebert	04/22
Virginia Harding	04/10	Lee Casto	04/25
Beverly Moore	04/10	Ana Jurca	04/28
Lloyd Charlick	04/15	Bill Harris	04/29
Del Pfifer	04/15		

April Anniversaries

Vern & Lindalin Dockter	04/01
George & Carol Layton	04/22

Happenings

"In Home" Meetings to begin after Easter

Do you have ideas, opinions and information to share? Would you like to hear other ideas, opinions and information? Delta United Methodist Church will be planning several "in home" meetings to begin after Easter. This will be your opportunity to come and share with others and for all of us to get to know each other better. *If you are willing to host one of these meetings in your home, please call Becky Tallent at 970-209-0803 to discuss the schedule.* Also, be ready to participate in one or more of the meetings when they begin. The schedule will be released at a later date.

Did You Know?

Did you know that the Marketplace Bible School started 28 years ago under the leadership of Lana Kevan and Pat Malone? Did you know that there are 5-7 churches that work together to plan and direct Marketplace each year? Did you know that the first setting was at the KOA Campground? Did you know it was also held at Tamark Park, Horse Country Arena and Garnet Mesa School? Did you know that this year it will be held at DUMC June 4-8? Did you know that YOU can be a part of Marketplace Bible School?

Here are the ways you can be involved!

- Volunteer to help set up Marketplace on Sunday, June 3, at 4:00 PM
- Help with registration on June 4, 5 and 6.
- Invite children kindergarten -5th grade to participate.
- Encourage youth to help with Marketplace.
- Provide transportation or scholarships.
- Volunteer to help with a Marketplace booth one, two three, or four days.
- Volunteer to help with snacks during the week.
- Volunteer to be a Head of a Household.
- Volunteer to help take down and put away Marketplace on June 8 at noon.
- Just come and experience Marketplace any day June 4-8 8:30-12:00
- Pray for all those involved in Marketplace!

If you can be involved, please call the church office 874-9501 or Carol Phelps 874-7310

April 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 – Easter Sunday  8:30am Contemporary Worship 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Later Worship 3:00pm Spanish Congregation	2 5:30 pm 5 th Street	3 7:30am Men’s Group C & J’s Cafe 4:45 pm Girl Scouts 6:00 pm Trustees	4 9:30 am UMW Board 5:00 pm Chancel Chimes 6:00 pm Chancel Choir 7:00pm Emmaus Reunion	5 6:30pm Del-Rose Chorus 7:30pm Spanish Congregation	6	7 9:00 am – 2:00 pm UMW Regional Gathering Fellowship Hall & Sanctuary
8 - 2nd Sunday of Easter 8:30am Contemporary Worship 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Later Worship 3:00pm Spanish Congregation	9 5:30pm 5 th Street	10 7:30am Men’s Group @ Fellowship Hall 4:45pm Girl Scouts 6:00 pm Finance Committee	11 4:00pm VBS Group 5:00pm Chancel Chimes 6:00pm Chancel Choir 7:00pm SPRC Meeting	12 6:30pm Del-Rose Chorus 7:30pm Spanish Congregation	13	14
15 – 3rd Sunday of Easter Native American Ministries Day 8:30am Contemporary Worship 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Later Worship 3:00pm Spanish Congregation	16 5:30 pm 5 th Street 6:00pm Church Council	17 7:30am Men’s Group @ Fellowship Hall 4:45pm Girl Scouts	18 5:00pm Chancel Chimes 6:00pm Chancel Choir	19 9:30 am Susanna Wesley Circle 1:00pm – 3:00pm Youth Group Fellowship Hall 6:30pm Del-Rose Chorus 7:30pm Spanish Congregation	20	21
22 - 4th Sunday of Easter Festival of God’s Creation 8:30am Contemporary Worship 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Later Worship 3:00pm Spanish Congregation	23 5:30 pm 5 th Street	24 7:30am Men’s Group TBD 7:30am Delta Chamber Morning Buzz @ Fellowship Hall 4:45pm Girl Scouts	25 4:00pm VBS Group 5:00pm Chancel Chimes 6:00pm Chancel Choir	26 6:30pm Esther Evening Circle 6:30 pm Del Rose 7:30 pm Spanish Congregation	27	28
29 – 5th Sunday of Easter 8:30am Contemporary Worship 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Later Worship 3:00pm Spanish Congregation	30 5:30pm 5 th Street					