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CONNECTION

DELTA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday Worship
8:30am & 10:45am

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Pastors Corner

When there's Water in the Ditch, Turn on the Pump!

This morning Sam Kevan explained his tardiness to a meeting by saying he had left home to come to the meeting, but discovered as he was driving away, that there was water in his irrigation ditch. So, he turned around and went back home and turned on his pump. Immediately when I heard Sam say this, I thought to myself that this was a great saying. I said it out loud and Nate Clay who was sitting next to me said, "That would be a great sermon title."

When there's water in the ditch, turn on the pump!

Just a couple weeks ago 10 of us from Delta Methodist went to Baton Rouge, Louisiana and spent the week working on one man's home. You will find some reflections by some of the team members in another place in this newsletter. However, as I reflect on our trip and some of the comments I've heard from team members and church members since we have returned, I want to pump some of the water that's in my ditch.

- One quick glance around the world of news and we encounter views of overwhelming need. Already a beginning of the tropical storm season in May, a volcano erupting in Hawaii, and flooding in Maryland just to cite the headlines of the last 3 days! When the great needs of the world are put beside putting up drywall in one home for one man, it seems pretty hopeless. And yet there is water in the ditch.
- Delta UMC is a faith community of a few hundred people. Only 9 people and the pastor went on the trip and had a great experience. But what about those who didn't have that experience? How do they get to have a sense of being in mission? How do they experience getting to know someone who has had their life torn apart by a calamity? There's water in the ditch.

In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus says the kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. And though it is the smallest of all seeds, when it grows, it becomes the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, large enough that the birds come and perch in its branches (Matt. 13:31-32).

- We never know what may come of the smallest act of service and kindness. Some years ago, the youth of Delta Methodist went on a mission trip over the mountain to Denver and they spent a few days working in a shelter. One tiny seed was planted. Today, The Abraham Connection homeless shelter provides ministry for our entire city. The seed was planted, there was water in the ditch and the pump was turned on.
- We may never know how the life of Harry, the homeowner, will be affected because of our brief interaction with him. We may never know other lives that were touched by our team. There was water in the ditch; maybe we pumped just enough to refresh or renew someone's hope - water enough to help the tiniest of seeds to germinate.

There's water in the ditch. May we, with our enthusiasm, turn on the pump so that Delta United Methodist Church will find ways for each of us to be involved in mission, both near and far.

- *Rev. Tom Hazelwood*

June Ministry and Service

Greeters

June 3 Sherry Lippard and Ethan and Tristan
June 10 Beverly Moon
June 17 Lorene Stone and Karen Stone
June 24 Lars Zukauskas and Hans Zukauskas

Musicians

June 3 Lana Kevan
June 10 Janet Freed
June 17 Janet Freed
June 24 Sam Kevan

Missions

Missions: DUMC in Ministry in the World Baton Rouge Trip Reflections

Imagine the two rivers close to you overflowing their banks and a low front settling in and dumping 50 inches of rain in a short amount of time. This was the scene for Baton Rouge in 2016. Over 176,000 homes were affected by the flood as well as many businesses and churches. The Louisiana Conference of the United Methodist Church created the United Methodist Disaster Response and immediately started organizing to help people. Two years later they are still working to get people out of the FEMA trailers and into a home that is safe and secure. Many people are still waiting for help and the Response team have 149 still on their waiting list.

The mission team from Delta United Methodist Church included Jose Valdez, Dwain Bush, Sam Kevan, Cheryl and Ed Oeltjenbruns, Gayla and Aaron Clay, Sherry Lippard, Tom Hazelwood and Carol Phelps. The team traveled 5000 miles together and experienced being the hands and feet of Christ as they worked to hang the sheetrock in the home of Harry

Henderson, worshiped together, shared meals with fellow workers and the host church members and discovered the presence of God in many holy places. The team would like to thank the members of Delta United Methodist Church for supporting them through donations and prayers, it was very humbling to know how many thoughts and prayers were lifted up for the team.

Following are some of the reflections from team members.

Awesome! To become part of a Mission Team - a family unit, with a purpose to help a brother. Who was in awe and grateful beyond my imagination. The Holy Spirit was present. I believe we touched others on this trip. Communion was the ultimate joy shared with Harry, Charles and Darryl (in Harry's new home). Blessings, Sherry

What I remember from our time together in Baton Rouge:
Feeling the presence of God in Harry's house as we shared communion together.

The warmth and kindness of everyone we met, from the servers in restaurants, to the man who paid for our meal, to the church members who gave up their sanctuary in the midst of their own turmoil so that we had a place to rest after a day of work, to Harry, who was interested in each one of us and wanted to feed us and hang out with us, and to each other as we traveled together, laughed together, ate together, hung sheet rock together and looked out for each other. And, giving Harry so much more than our labor. We gave him respite from his grief and despair. We gave him hope.

Cheryl

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Baton Rouge Trip continued

To be able to count the blessings that we experienced in our time in Baton Rouge as a team was an awesome gift. We shared and survived jokes, silliness, gentle ribbings, laughter, potholes in the road, utility knives, T-squares, chalk boxes, food, alligator meat, quiet, prayers, love, life stories, family experiences, communion and tears. My life was changed as I shared every waking moment with nine people who were all working for a common cause.

Fulfilling one of my expectations, I was very pleased to become acquainted with the owner of the home, Harry. His utter amazement that a group of Christians would travel so far to share their hard work and skills to improve his life, brought new energy from the Holy Spirit and sometimes tears to all. Over time we were able to coax him to join us as brothers and sisters, and work side by side, to move his home one step closer to the day when it can be occupied. Surely the presence of the Lord was in that place!

Gayla Clay

Someone asked me why we took all the time and energy to travel to Baton Rouge, when we could have hired a contractor to do the same work for the cost of our trip? I've thought a lot about that, and have a few answers.

First, actually being there gives you a better appreciation for the problem, for the suffering, of those whom you are serving. Seeing pictures of New Orleans after Katrina, or Baton Rouge with water two feet high in the homes, doesn't have the same impact as driving down a street where all the houses are boarded up, or there is an 8' X 41' FEMA trailer in every yard. Also, meeting the people who need the help makes it a personal response.

Second, meeting the people you are serving makes a bigger impact on them than sending a check or a contractor. Part of the reason for mission is to

show that we as Christians love all our neighbors, whether they are in Delta or 1300 miles away. Actually showing up, grabbing a screwdriver, and climbing the ladder with the person you are helping is a concrete, direct way to show them your love. Writing a check is a loving act, but does not have the impact that being there, able to give them a hug and a smile, does.

Finally, on a personal level, there is some satisfaction in doing a job, physically, and being tired at the end of the day, knowing that in some small ways you have helped to bring God's Kingdom to someone else.

For all these reasons, and more, personal missions are an important part of our church.

Aaron Clay

TRUSTEES

The Church Trustees' June meeting has been canceled.

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT will be assembled on Wednesday, June 13th beginning at 8:30 a.m. Volunteers are needed and coffee and treats will be served.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee's next regular meeting is Tuesday, June 12th at 6:00 p.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

The Administrative Council will meet as needed during June and July and resume regular monthly meetings in August.

Bereavement Committee

The bereavement committee has identified two areas of need.

1) One more person is needed to serve on the committee. The responsibilities include helping plan and coordinate meals and receptions following the death of someone from our church family.

2) Clean-up – Often the people setting up and serving a reception will have been at the church for several hours. We are seeking names of individuals (men, women, youth) who would be willing to come and help following the reception with cleanup. This would include doing dishes, trash removal, vacuuming, etc.

Thanks for considering serving your church family through this church mission to others. If you are interested and have the time to help with these needs, please call Lana Kevan at 250-4862.

UMW

The Susanna Wesley 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, June 6th at 9:30 a.m. --*Thanks, Cindy*

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Come to the 2018 Ecumenical Vacation Bible School to experience the Marketplace and time of Moses. June 4 - 8, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at the Delta United Methodist Church. Children K-5th graders will travel

with their tribe throughout the morning to hear the stories, sing the songs, eat the food and create items in the Marketplace setting.

Volunteers young and old are needed to help make the week-long experience a success. Contact the church office 874-9501 or Carol Phelps 874-7310 today to volunteer!

Birthdays & Anniversaries

We wish you all a joyous day of celebration!

June Birthdays

Larry Condon	06/01	Dona Lee Cockroft	06/18
Wayne Moore	06/04	Chad Oeltjenbruns	06/23
Eddie Sanford	06/05	Theo Cockroft	06/24
Janeen Pullins	06/10	Don Townsend	06/25
Earl Dimmick	06/11	Dorothy Huff	06/27
Cynthia Herbison	06/11	Lorene Stone	06/27
Don Lucy	06/14	Sandy Thrasher	06/29
Hans Zukauskas	06/14		

June Anniversaries

Terry & Sue Hughes	06/06
Bob & Nelda Barnes	06/08
Bill & Sallie Sutton	06/15

Happenings/Announcements

PLAYGROUND COMPLETION DEDICATION AND POTLUCK

The celebration will be held on Sunday, June 24th during Fellowship Time. The children have requested a potluck for the occasion. All food is welcome, but they have asked for hot dogs, macaroni and cheese, pizza, cookies and donuts especially. We hope you can join us for this long-awaited event.

Janeen

REMINDER

All of the extra coffee supplies such as coffee, decaf coffee, filters, stir sticks, and creamers are located in the corner cupboard above the dishwashers. Janeen

JUNE 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 - 2nd Sunday after Pentecost  8:30am Contemporary Worship 10:45am Later Worship 3:00pm Spanish Congregation	4 Vacation Bible School in the AM	5 7:30am Men's Group C & J Café Vacation Bible School in the AM 4:45pm Girl Scouts	6 Vacation Bible School in the AM 9:30am UMW Board 7:00pm Emmaus Reunion	7 Vacation Bible School in the AM 7:30pm Spanish Congregation	8 Vacation Bible School in the AM	9
10 – 3rd Sunday after Pentecost 8:30am Contemporary Worship 10:45am Later Worship 3:00pm Spanish Congregation	11	12 7:30am Men's Group @ Fellowship Hall 4:45pm Girl Scouts 6:00pm Finance Committee	13	14 7:30pm Spanish Congregation	15 2:00pm & Overnight Fellowship Hall & Kitchen & Upstairs – Girl Scouts	16 9:30am Annex Reserved 11:00am – 1:30pm Fellowship Hall Reserved
17 - 4th Sunday after Pentecost Father's Day 8:30am Contemporary Worship 10:45am Later Worship 3:00pm Spanish Congregation	18	19 7:30am Men's Group @ Fellowship Hall 4:45pm Girl Scouts	20 6:30pm Community Choir In the Conference Room	21 9:30am Susanna Wesley Circle 7:30 pm Spanish Congregation	22	23
24 – 5th Sunday after Pentecost 8:30am Contemporary Worship 10:45am Later Worship 3:00pm Spanish Congregation	25	26 7:30pm Men's Group @ Fellowship Hall 4:45pm Girl Scouts	27	28 6:00pm – 7:30pm Girl Scout Leaders 6:30pm Esther Evening Circle 7:30pm Spanish Congregation	29	30