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# CONNECTION

DELTA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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

Rev. Tom Hazelwood



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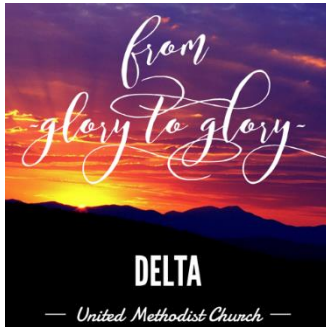
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## Pastor's Corner



I begin this month by taking time to say “Thank You!” The people of Delta United Methodist are so kind and generous! Stephanie, Robert and I feel so blessed to be a part of this community of faith. Your overwhelming expressions of love at Christmas just blew us away! Gifts of goodies and other gifts from the UMW as well as the monetary gift from the congregation were just amazing. You have shown life-giving love to us and we are blessed and strengthened by your outpouring. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

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There have been a myriad of words poured forth in the last few weeks, especially on social media, by those who have taken up the “one word challenge” for 2019. The idea behind this challenge is to choose a word that will be your focus for the coming year. Not really a “New Year’s Resolution” but a simple word that will keep your attention and shape who you are.

The hope is that the word will become the compass that directs your decisions and guides you throughout the year.

My word is “move”.

I want to move my body more. In the past couple years I have become increasingly sedentary. Yes, I walk my dog each day, but I want to do more. So as I think about all that I do, I will think of ways

that I can move more. Can I be ready to run the Apple Fest 5K in the Fall? I will if I move.

I want to move spiritually, to continue to grow, ever expanding my experience of the “now” and of the workings of God’s mysterious power in my life and the world around us. As I spend time in prayer and meditating on Holy writings, I never fail to be moved. May I learn to be more accepting and aware.

I pray that the Holy Spirit will move on the United Methodist Church when its General Conference meets February 23-26. I believe that God is moving, opening new understandings of the ways that God loves us. I believe that God loves all people and calls all stripes of individuals to be his voice and servants in the world. I pray that we as a denomination will have the will to sense what God is doing and the courage to vote in a way that will open our doors to all people. God is ever moving, Christ is moving, the Spirit is moving. Will we move with God? I pray we will.

God is moving all of us who are a part of Delta UMC. As I’ve had conversations with numerous people in our community of faith, I find that each one feels the movement. In the coming weeks and months, we as a church will be discerning where we are moving as we revisit the church’s vision and mission. What is God moving us toward? How do we focus in on the spiritual path the congregation is traveling?

Each of us is loved and claimed by our Creator God. Jesus the Christ came to show us the way of God’s love. Jesus was willing to die showing us the path. Are you moving? What is the spiritual path you are traveling? Are you aware? Are you awake? May you perceive the prevenient grace that has been wooing you since you were conceived.

May we move ever towards that grace, healing, and wholeness which is love. May we move together.

Rev. Tom Hazelwood

## **Missions: DUMC in Ministry in the World**

- **January 20<sup>th</sup> is Human Relations Day** This Special Sunday celebrates the connectional work of United Methodists Churches. It supports the Community Developers Program and United Methodist Voluntary Service, both of which are administered by Global Ministries, and the Youth Offender Rehabilitation Program administered by the General Board of Church and Society.
- A team returned to Baton Rouge in late November to continue to work on the home of Harry Henderson. Harry is one of many individuals whose homes were destroyed by the flood 3 years ago. Team members were Aaron Clay, Dwain Bush, Larry McCarty, Ray Smith, Jose Valdez, Ed and Cheryl Oljentbruns. Please continue to keep the people in Baton Rouge in your prayers as the work on homes is not yet complete and volunteer labor is decreasing.
- A special thank you to all who helped purchase gifts for the children of Families Plus. Over 70 families had a Merry Christmas with your help.
- A donation will be sent to Fairmile School in Nairobi, Kenya this month. Enrollment in the school continues to grow and they are planning to dig a well so the school will have adequate water during the dry season.

### **• Did You Know?**

Did you know that you are making a difference in Cambodia?  
Did you know by giving \$5.00 a year you change people's lives?

Did you know that **Kennedy Cruz is our own missionary**?  
Did you know Kennedy spoke at our church in Sept, 2017?  
Did you know that the CHAD program stands for Community Health and Agriculture Development?

Did you know that Dr. Sam Kevan has traveled to Cambodia twice to help with medical clinics?

Learn more at <https://www.umcmision.org/explore-our-work/missionaried-in-service/missionary-profiles/Cruz-Kennedy>

**Did you know that the month of February is the time to give to Kennedy Cruz in Cambodia?**

### **UMW**

UMW will be sending Valentines to college students and those serving in the military. Please give names and addresses to Joan Pfortmiller, 778-7317, or to the church office.

The Susanna Wesleyan Morning Circle meets the third Thursday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

The Esther Evening Circle will meet on January 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. at Daveto's Restaurant. Please contact Gayla Clay at 874-4957 if you would like to attend. All ladies are welcome.

There are platters and tablecloths in the back Sunday school room left from the Cookie Walk. If you are missing yours please pick them up.

*Cindy Warren*

**THE PRAYER SHAWL/QUILT MINISTRY** is continuing at DUMC. There is extra yarn that was donated to the church. If you would like to use it to create a quilt or shawl please contact Sue Hughes 874-5184 or Cindy Warren 275-8220.

**TUBING FUN ON THE GRAND MESA  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 27<sup>TH</sup>**

Meet at the church at 2:00 p.m. with your tubes.

**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

We wish you all a joyous day of celebration!

**January & February Birthdays**

Taina Saltysiak	01/12	Carol layton	01/28
Bob Barnes	01/17	Bill Sutton	02/08
Brittney Saltysiak	01/17	Amanda Clay	02/09
Francesca Saltysiak	01/17	Alisa Johnson	02/11
Larry Selman	01/17	George Layton	02/17
Sara Jurca	01/20	Paul Cross	02/18
Carol Phelps	01/21	Karen Selman	02/22
Stephanie Hazelwood	01/28	Ed Oeltjenbruns	02/27

**January & February Anniversaries**

Lee & Nita Casto 01/16  
Eddie & Barb Sanford 02/13  
Alan & Merle Bushman 02/28

**“SOUPER BOWL OF CARING**

The Education Committee will be collecting canned goods for the “Souper Bowl of Caring” on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Support your favorite team all the while helping the food bank stock up for the coming months.

The Education Committee is celebrating LOVE month. During fellowship on February 10<sup>th</sup>, please come enjoy some strawberry shortcake.

**TRUSTEES**

**CHURCH TOURS**

Some of you have expressed an interest in taking a guided tour of the church buildings. If you are interested in a detailed tour of the facilities contact Terry Hughes.

The next regular meeting of the Trustees is scheduled for Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

***WINTER RETREAT DAYS  
WHITEWATER BENEDICTINE  
COMMUNITY***

Saturday, February 9, 2019 - **YOGA RETREAT DAY**

**Presenter is Michelle Akcar**, a certified Yoga instructor and graduate of Benedictine Spiritual Formation Program. 8250 Kannah Creek Road 9:00am to 2:00pm – includes lunch. \$25.00 donation suggested – To register call 970-241-3847 or e-mail [amatkannahcreek@people.com](mailto:amatkannahcreek@people.com)

## FINANCE COMMITTEE


As of this newsletter I will begin giving a brief financial report in each newsletter to keep members apprised of our church's finances. Some members may have varying interest in this, but it is always good to be transparent when it comes to financial matters. The enclosed table labeled "Budget Worksheet 2018" is a concise summary of our monthly income and expenses. It is complete and accurate except for an additional approximately \$3,500 in connectional tithes that will be paid to the conference in January for the last 2 months of 2018. This will be added to total expenses and will make the difference between income and expenses nearly \$29,000. This is why we have initiated a Hope Chest fund with a goal of \$25,000 for members to give a one-time gift to make up most of the difference. I am happy to report that we currently have \$15,100 that has been contributed and we plan to extend this opportunity for a one-time gift until mid-February. As of December 31, 2018, our general fund checking account totaled \$17,413. Our total designated funds have \$24,358, and we have an endowment fund vested totaling \$36,167. The purpose of our Hope Chest fund is to replenish the general fund checking account which was drawn down during 2018. I am confident we can meet our goal of \$25,000. We are already over 60% there! I think we can feel proud that we have paid our full-time pastor with full benefits as well as fully fulfilled our connectional tithe to our conference in 2018.

The other great news is that our current pledges for 2019 exceed our 2018 pledges by over \$30,000. Our new budget will be a little higher with an increase in mandated benefits for the pastor, and anticipated increase in connectional tithe giving which is tied to a percentage of total contributions. Our 2019 budget is \$204,234. As you know, our fellowship hall mortgage was paid off a year ago with a generous bequest. Now we can devote our entire budget to actual ministry. I am excited about the new year! Together we can fill our Hope Chest and continue our vital ministry of Hope and Love to our community and the world. **"HOPE IS THE PICTURE OF ALL THAT GOD CAN ACCOMPLISH."**

Sam Kevan, Finance Committee Chairperson

## GREETERS

January 20	Gordon and Pat Cockroft
January 27	Ray and Kathy Smith
February 3	Sandy Thrasher and Earl Dimmick
February 10	Dot Huff
February 17	Terry and Sue Hughes
February 24	Jim and Betty Ebrecht

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>FEBRUARY 2019</b>					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</b>  <b>“Souper Bowl of Caring”</b> <b>8:30am</b> Contemporary Worship <b>9:30am</b> Sunday School <b>10:45am</b> Later Worship <b>2:00pm</b> Spanish Congregation Basement	<b>4</b> <b>4:00pm</b> – Tai Chi – Upper Room <b>5:30pm</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> Street	<b>5</b> <b>7:30am</b> Men’s Group C & J’s Café <b>6:00pm</b> Trustees	<b>6</b> <b>9:30am</b> – UMW Board <b>5:00pm</b> Chancel Chimes <b>6:00pm</b> Choir Practice <b>7:00pm</b> – Emmaus Reunion	<b>7</b> <b>4:00pm – 5:30pm</b> Girl Scouts - Basement <b>7:30pm</b> Spanish Congregation - Basement	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> <b>9:00am – Noon</b> PEO Fellowship Hall
<b>10 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</b> <b>Boy Scout Sunday</b> <b>8:30am</b> Contemporary Worship <b>9:30am</b> Sunday School <b>12:00pm</b> LOVE month fellowship <b>2:00pm</b> Spanish Congregation Basement	<b>11</b> <b>4:00pm</b> – Tai Chi – Upper Room <b>5:30pm</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> Street	<b>12</b> <b>7:30am</b> Men’s Group Fellowship Hall <b>6:00pm</b> – Finance Committee	<b>13</b> <b>5:00pm</b> Chancel Chimes <b>6:00pm</b> Choir Practice	<b>14</b> <b>4:00pm – 5:30pm</b> Girl Scouts - Basement <b>7:30pm</b> Spanish Congregation - Basement	<b>15</b> <b>3:00am – 6:00pm</b> Girl Scouts – Fellowship Hall	<b>16</b> <b>9:00am – 3:00pm</b> – UMW Next Steps – Fellowship Hall & Kitchen – Celebrate 150 years
<b>17 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</b> <b>8:30am</b> Contemporary Worship <b>9:30am</b> Sunday School <b>10:45am</b> Later Worship <b>2:00pm</b> Spanish Congregation Basement	<b>18</b> <b>4:00pm</b> – Tai Chi – Upper Room <b>5:30pm</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> Street <b>6:00pm</b> – Administrative Council	<b>19</b> <b>7:30am</b> Men’s Group - Fellowship Hall <b>3:00pm – 9:00pm</b> – Bunco for MS – Fellowship Hall	<b>20</b> <b>5:00pm</b> Chancel Chimes <b>6:00pm</b> Choir Practice	<b>21</b> <b>9:30am</b> Susanna Wesley Circle <b>4:00pm – 5:30pm</b> Girl Scouts - Basement <b>7:30pm</b> Spanish Congregation – Basement	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24 – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</b> <b>8:30am</b> Contemporary Worship <b>9:30am</b> Sunday School <b>10:45am</b> Later Worship <b>2:00pm</b> Spanish Congregation Basement	<b>25</b> <b>4:00pm</b> – Tai Chi – Upper Room <b>5:30pm</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> Street	<b>26</b> <b>7:30am</b> Men’s Group - Fellowship Hall	<b>27</b> <b>5:00pm</b> Chancel Chimes <b>6:00pm</b> Choir Practice	<b>27</b> <b>4:00pm – 7:30pm</b> Girl Scouts & Leader Basement <b>6:30pm</b> Esther Eve Circle <b>7:30pm</b> Spanish Congregation - Basement	<b>28</b>	