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Our Vision

*To make Christ known,
follow the Word of God,
serve others,
and win new disciples.*

Memorial Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

1001 Andrews Highway Midland, TX 79701

Staff

Rev. Terry Rothermich, Pastor
Ms. Regina Erwin, Director of Education and Family Ministries
Mrs. Margaret Parsley, Admin/Financial Secretary
Mr. Randy Stevens, Organist & Music Director
Mr. Salvador Ramirez, Custodian
Mrs. Jackie Forsyth, Board Chair

Sunday School Classes

Toddlers & Twos Room 4
Ages 3-4 Room 7
K-Grade 3 Room 7
JYF (Grades 4-5) ... Room 7
Fellowship Class Room 9
Discipleship Class.. Room 101

Scheduled Leaders for April 4, 2010

Elders
Offering Carolyn Dixon
Communion & Worship Steve Gandy

Deacons
Coordinator Beth Crawford
Sharon Boyd; Lyn Brown; Colton, David, Jared, & Terry Perry

Greeter Kay Hendon

PowerPoint Mike Landrum

Psalm Psalm 150

Scripture
..... 2 Corinthians 4:1, 6-11

Message
"I Need You"

Cascade of Crosses

On Easter Sunday we will celebrate the first anniversary of the "Cascade of Crosses." We began this project with 15 to 18 crosses. There are now 62.

This is an on-going project, so if you want to remember someone, honor someone, or celebrate an event, a donation of a cross is a special way to do this.

"Young At Heart" Road Trip

On Tuesday, April 6, the "Young At Heart" are planning a road trip to San Angelo to hear the Lone Star Brass, who will be the guest ensemble for Angelo State University's spring brass choir concert.

Departure is scheduled for 3 p.m. from MCC's parking lot and will return that evening after the performance. A restaurant will be selected for the group's dinner.

If interested please contact Regina before Noon April 2. Cost is \$10 per person plus the cost of the dinner.

Elders' Luncheon

April 7 • Noon • Fellowship Hall

Hosted by:

Carolyn Dixon & Martha Poss



Peanut Butter Sunday
April 4



Remember: There will be no Messenger the week after Easter.

Christmas In Action Approaches



Please mark your calendar for a rewarding day of service and fellowship. April 17 is the day we will gather to again participate in Christmas In Action. We will be working on the house of Geraldine Davis located at 3303 N Edwards. Our primary focus will be on painting the outside of the house. Disciples Men will prepare breakfast for us (8:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall—we'll leave by 8:30 a.m.), and Disciples Women will provide lunch for us (12 Noon in Fellowship Hall). No special skills are required and everyone is welcome to join in the fun and fellowship. See you on the 17th!

New Church School Class

Room 102. Begins April 11. Roundtable fellowship. All ages are welcome. Refreshments provided.

Prayer Vigil

The Prayer Vigil will begin at 7:30 p.m., after the Maundy Thursday service April 1 and end on April 2 before the Good Friday service at 6:30 p.m.



Office Angels for April 7
Betty Whitmire,
Virgie Lewis,
& Marian Mussett



Memorial's Memorable Person

Mike and Kathy Landrum joined MCC in 1980, shortly after they moved from Sweetwater. He especially enjoys working with computers, having taught computer science for 18 years at Midland High School. Mike's other hobbies are cooking, photography, travel, and helping care for his and Kathy's twin grandsons, Jaxon and Braxton.

Mike actively serves in the Food Pantry, helps prepare the PowerPoint presentations for worship services, helps cook for the Disciples Men's Breakfasts, chairs the Programs Ministry, and assists in decorating the church throughout the year. Mike has been an active Deacon and Elder in MCC, has taught Church School, has served as the chairman and a member of the Board, has chaired the Worship Ministry, and has worked in other outreach projects of the church.

Mike is active in the Midland Association of Retired School Personnel, serving as Co-First Vice-President with Kathy. Together, they maintain local and state records of nearly 400 members and create the annual membership directory. Mike developed and maintains both the association's and MCC's web sites.

He and Kathy enjoy antique shopping and traveling. Mike is particularly proud of the success of computer science contest teams he coached over the years. His teams won the district UIL contest 13 years in a row, advanced to regional contests, and competed in many state contests when he taught at Midland High School. Since his retirement after 30 years in the classroom, he has worked for the College Board, Midland College, and continues to create and maintain the advertising and website for the MISD Celebration of Lights Storytelling Festival.

Communion

The Worship Ministry team plans to offer communion by Intinction this Thursday evening, on Easter Sunday, and subsequently on the 1st Sunday of each month. Worshippers will come forward and receive the elements at the foot of the chancel steps. Those who wish to remain seated will be served where they are. Instead of bread, the thin, round wafers will be dipped into the chalices. The wish is to enhance the profundity of the communion experience.



Brenda & Doug Warren are pleased to announce the birth of their great-grandson Ryan Andrew on March 21, 2010. He weighed 8 lbs 10 oz and was born in Huntsville, Texas. His parents are Amy & Bobby Warren and he has a brother, Robert, who is 2 years old. Ryan is the ninth great-grandchild.

Please pray for...

- Apex 2000
- Shirley Ashley (friend of Lyn Brown)
- Billy Atchison (acquaintance of the Hendersons)
- Richard Barr (friend of the Groves)
- Grayson Braziel
- Kimber Brown
- Juanice & Ed Buie
- Rita Cox (friend of Marisa Hutchison)
- Mary Cross (cousin of Freda Kinsey & Lyn Brown)
- Pat Jo Dennis (friend of the Staileys)
- Roger Elliott
- Don Finkenbinder (friend of Martha & Delnor Poss)
- Mary Agnes Garcia (sister-in-law of Trinia Muegge)
- Jim Hamilton (cousin of Randy Stevens)
- Fran Hendrix (sister of Pat Spaw)
- Dewayne Hendrix (nephew of Pat Spaw)
- Linda Hughes (daughter of Altha Odom)
- Zo Landrum (mother of Michael Landrum)
- Peg Spring Nickerson (friend of Jackie Hendricks)
- Mary Beth Reddell (daughter of Patricia & Joe Hopkins)
- Nick Roman (friend of Jarvis Salmon)
- Doug Smith (brother of Tamara Schulz)
- James Stark (friend of the Staileys)
- Teen Challenge
- June Waters (mother of Paula Brooks)

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Elders

Offering Jerry Jones
 Communion & Worship.....Jackie Forsyth

Deacons

Coordinator Bob Williamson
 Betty & Cecil Odom; Jane Green; Trinia Rowland; Richard Smith; Ray Stailey

Greeter Freda Kinsey

PowerPoint Rebecca Bell

Psalm Psalm 118:26-29

Scripture John 20:24-25

Message

"Unless This... Unless That...!"

Rev. Tony L. Salisbury, Central Area Minister, www.central-area.org

Rev. Dani Cartwright, Southwest Regional Minister, www.ccsww.org

Rev. Sharon Watkins, General Minister & President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), www.disciples.org

Regina's Raves

Holy Week is a chance to live into the ongoing story that surrounds Easter. The story of the Kingdom of God is ongoing and alive. I hope that we as a congregation may begin to start living into that story. Our spiritual lives are not another thing to schedule in but they are a significant part of who we are as people. I hope you will join me in seeking the living breathing story out and learning more about the love and care that Jesus has for us as he had for his disciples.

Thank you! We were able to put together 60 Easter Baskets for the Food Pantry. We have also collected 324 shoes for Souls4Soles. We have surpassed our goal and are well onto quadrupling it. We will continue to collect shoes through April 11. If any would like to donate money, it will be used for shipping or buying new shoes. Way to reach beyond our doors and give to others!

If any one want to travel with the "Young At Heart" travelers, we are going to San Angelo on Tuesday, April 6. Lone Star Brass and the ASU Brass Choir will be performing together. We will be leaving at 3 p.m. from the MCC parking lot. Deadline is Friday, April 2 to sign up. There are 8 spots left in the van.

Camp Registration Sunday is April 11. Camp forms will be available and Terry Perry will be here to notarize forms for anyone who needs it.

LOGOS will be on April 18 at 3 p.m.

EMERGE will be on April 15 at 7 p.m. All those who would like to attend are welcome!

Regina

Thank you...

...to the Disciples Women and their helpers for planning and serving the amazing MCC lunch for the Holy Week gathering of us neighborhood churches this past Tuesday. Fantastic job, ladies! We always and forever appreciate your ministry in this way.

...to Lyn Brown and her "kitchen posse," who will prepare and serve the Easter Sunday breakfast here at MCC. Breakfast begins at 9:15 a.m. We also appreciate each of you so much!

Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday—6:30 p.m.

- musical offerings
- meditative moments
- "Bread" image
- communion by Intinction
- meditation of "Remembering"

Good Friday—6:30 p.m.

- distinctive readings
- reflective moments
- evocative atmosphere
- unique musical offerings
- "30 Years of His Life" presentation
- draping of chancel areas

Easter Sunday—10:50 a.m.

- jubilant songs
- undraping of chancel areas
- procession of the flowers
- baptism (Alex Boyd)
- resurrection celebration



You are invited to join

Mae Pearl Ernst

as she celebrates her

100th birthday

on Sunday, April 11.

*A reception will be hosted by her family
in the Wayne Moore Room of
Helen Greathouse Manor at 3 p.m.*

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Weekly Calendar of Events

Sunday, April 4: Easter

8:45 a.m. Active Elders' Get-Together
9:15 a.m. Easter Breakfast
9:40 a.m. Church School ☺
10:10 a.m. Egg Hunt
10:50 a.m. Worship ☺

Monday, April 5: Office Closed

Tuesday, April 6:

8:00 a.m. Food Pantry Truck

Wednesday, April 7: NO Messenger

Noon Elders' Luncheon/Meeting
1:00 p.m. Food Pantry
7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal

Thursday, April 8:

6:30 p.m. Education Ministry Meeting

Sunday, April 11: Camp Registration Sunday

9:40 a.m. Church School ☺
10:50 a.m. Worship ☺

Monday, April 12:

6:30 p.m. Programs Ministry Meeting

Tuesday, April 13:

6:45 p.m. Disciples Women's Meeting

Wednesday, April 14:

Noon MCCPT (Prayer Time)
1:00 p.m. Food Pantry

7:00 p.m. Santa Fe Opera Performance

Thursday, April 15:

7:00 p.m. EMERGE

Saturday, April 17: Christmas In Action Workday

8:00 a.m. Disciples Men's Breakfast for workers
Noon Disciples Women's Lunch for workers

Sunday, April 18:

9:40 a.m. Church School ☺
10:50 a.m. Worship ☺
3:00 p.m. LOGOS

☺ Child Care for 4 years and younger.

Lectionary for April 4

Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15:19-26
John 20:1-18

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**Breakfast—8:00 a.m.
April 17, 2010**