

MEADOWBROOK MESSENGER

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WELCOME: *Pastor Ginger Watson!*

The MUMC church family will be receiving our new pastor, Ginger Watson, and her family this Sunday at a come-and-go reception in the Parlor during the Sunday School hour. She has accepted an appointment effective July 1 to a two-point charge, which includes both Polytechnic UMC and Meadowbrook.

This means she will be relinquishing her current responsibilities as the Disaster Response Coordinator for the Central Texas Conference. Take a few minutes to read this personal information she provided; and, if at all possible, plan to be here for the reception July 1 and in worship next week, July 8, to hear her first message as our pastor.

I am so blessed and grateful to be a pastor in the United Methodist Church! I currently serve Polytechnic UMC, and I also coordinate disaster response for our Conference. Previously I served nine years as the associate pastor at Genesis UMC where I led our contemporary worship service and was the point person for pastoral care.



Prior to answering my call to ministry I was a labor lawyer in New York and Seattle. For many years I was senior labor negotiator for the City of Seattle, and then became Human Resources Director of the Seattle Fire Department. I have served as a mediator and worked to resolve conflict in many contexts, including supporting a group of Hutus and Tutsis from Burundi who wanted to move toward reconciliation after the genocide of 1994. Social justice and working for peace remain very important to me.

I returned home from Seattle to attend Perkins School of Theology, where I won the award for Outstanding Preaching and the award for Best Preaching in Internship.

My husband Steve and I have two daughters, Lola (11) and Ruby (8). We live in the bustling Fairmount neighborhood of Fort Worth. In 2014, we won the "Great Fort Worth Green-off" to be named the greenest family in the city. Stewardship of the earth is an important value for us, and we continue to look for ways to care for God's creation as a family. I love hanging out with family and friends, reading, listening to podcasts and planning family adventures.

SHARING PASTORS SPELLS CHANGE IN WORSHIP TIMES

While we're sorry to lose Pastor Marilyn, we're excited to welcome Rev. Ginger Watson, who officially comes on board as our senior minister on July 1. Since we'll be sharing her with Polytechnic UMC, we needed to make some adjustments in worship schedules so that Ginger can preach at both churches.



After surveying MUMC members individually, in Sunday School classes and during an open Leadership Team meeting Wednesday night, team members unanimously agreed to switch Meadowbrook's worship service to 9:30 a.m. beginning July 8. Sunday School will begin at 10:40 a.m., allowing classes more time for lessons, business and socializing without being late to church. Pastor

Denise Blakely will lead worship and deliver the sermon on July 1. Ginger will be in worship beginning on July 8. Her weekday hours at Meadowbrook and Poly will be posted in the office after she and Pastor Denise coordinate their schedules. Stay tuned for details.

Prayer ❖ Presence ❖ Gifts ❖ Service ❖ Witness

Church Members

Trish Christensen	Joyce Fry
Grace Johnston	Billie Beth Moore
Maria Romero	Claudia Roper
Ray Ross	Elaine Shumate
Penny Tanner	John Zacheus

Home and Care Centers

Dortha DeManche	Ruth Grimm
Jim Horton	Pat Kuhler
Hester Landers	Mary Reynolds
Doris Thomas	

Church Friends and Family

Nancy Carr (Daughter of Marjorie Williams)
Raymond Carr (Son-in-law of Marjorie Williams)
Tom Cassady (Friend of Mark Miller & Frank Ramirez)
Katie Daniel (Daughter of Laura Daniel)
Hugh Davidson (Father of Elaine Davidson)
Susie Doan (Friend of Debbie Martin)
Kinsey DuVall (Sister of Linsey DuVall)
Deke Gray (Relative of Joy Guthrie)
Tommy Haddix (Father of Pastor Marilyn)
Stella Hales (Great-niece of Laura Williamson)
Thomas Hurlbut (Nephew of Kay Hofer)
Margaret Joyce (Friend of Sharon Conger)
Denise Lamb (Friend of Sharon Conger)
Diana M. (Friend of Trish McDaniel)
Rita McDaniel (Mother of Rick McDaniel)
Allen Peloquin (Son-in-law of Llano Carlisle)
Edward Ramirez (Brother of Frank Ramirez)
Gloria Ramirez (Mother of Frank Ramirez)
Cara Reed (Cousin of Craig Maxwell)
Eugene Semana (Nephew of Mary-margaret Belota)
Charlie Tremayne (Nephew of Ron & Elaine Shumate)
Robert Walters (Cousin of Billie Beth Moore)
Chuck Weeth (Friend of Elaine Davidson)
Chris (Daughter of Wanda Hayat)
Project Transformation and the Summer Interns

Our prayers and sympathy are extended to family and friends of Clare Cameron, who died June 2. The service was held on Saturday, June 9 at Shannon Rose Hill Chapel.

We also extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Julia Johnson on her death, June 16, 2018. Her graveside service was Monday, June 25 at Moore Cemetery in Arlington.

NEWS ALERT

Wylma Blackburn was spotted at the First United Methodist Church of Waco with her daughter and son-in-law, Cheryl and Jim Turkett, on Tuesday evening of Annual Conference, June 12. They were there to celebrate the ordination of Elder in Full Connection Melissa Michelle Turkett, who is married to Wylma's grandson (and our former youth director), Patrick Turkett. Congratulations, Wylma and the entire Turkett family!

June 2018

Average Presence

Sunday School.....	54
Morning Worship.....	77

June Giving

Budget.....	\$16635
Communion.....	\$161
\$\$'s for Missions.....	\$500
Noisy Offering (Project Transformation)	\$177
Outreach.....	\$200
Second Century.....	\$550

MUMC Financial Insights

I love my church! It is one of the most important things in my life, and it is a place where I connect with a lot of wonderful friends. I know many of you in my church family feel the same way. It is for this reason that I wish to take you into my confidence and share some of my concerns about MUMC's financial status at this time.

Fact #1. As of the end of May, we should have collected 42 per cent (5/12) of the amount budgeted for 2018 receipts. Instead, we are at only 32 per cent. With summer upon us (a traditionally slow time for contributions), I am asking that everyone be sensitive to staying current with your pledge dollars and/or repetitive weekly/monthly donations even though you may be traveling. Your checks can be mailed to the church office and processed routinely in our weekly deposits. Another option that is available to you is the recurring monthly payment you can initiate on line. Call Debbie in the church office (817.534.1741) if you want to discuss implementing this option.

Fact #2. Many exciting upgrades and repairs have been made to our facility during the past couple of years, but capital expenditures already have exceeded the funds collected in our last Capital Campaign. Unfortunately, we still have the issue of repairing the ceiling tiles in the sanctuary. Please pray about the possibility of sending in "second mile" dollars over and above your pledged amount to assist with the funding of this project. If you are interested in helping in this way, your check should be notated "Capital - sanctuary repair." Should you want to discuss adopting some portion of this project, feel free to discuss it with Randy Gideon (Leadership Team Chair), Jim Nance (Trustees Chair) or Pastor Ginger after the first of the month.

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It's Time: Join the 2018 Birthday Club if you were born in July

Can you believe the month of July is already upon us? This means it's time for all you "July babies" to take advantage of another chance to help us raise money for Methodist ministries. All you need to do is send a check to the Church Office for the amount that equals the number of years you'll be celebrating, and write "Birthday Club" on the memo line of your check. You will become a Club member, and we will celebrate your generosity by printing your name in next month's newsletter! Here is a list of July's celebrants:

July Birthdays

7/04	Jim Nance
7/06	Mary Collins
7/08	Jane Cumbie
7/10	Marcie Roper
7/11	Roy LeGrand
7/14	Laura Williamson
7/26	LaNell Simpson
7/18	Beth Gideon
7/20	Jere Fletcher
7/27	Charles Ferguson
7/31	Stephanie Casburn

Happy Birthday, everybody! (Remember to send birthday greetings to your friends whose names are listed above. What an easy way to make him or her smile!)

By the way, it's not too late for anyone born in January, February, March, April, May or June to send in a donation and become a member of the 2018 Birthday Club. You must know that late donations are great donations, too, and will be extremely helpful in building up our Connectional Giving Fund! Please consider this "second mile" giving opportunity in recognition of your own birthday! You're the best!

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Fact #3. As you may recall, we borrowed \$125,000 from Texas Methodist Foundation to help us pay for the new \$500,000 air conditioning system for the church. At this time, a loan balance of \$96,000 is outstanding. I call this to your attention because when our loan renews at the end of this summer, we shall be facing an increased interest rate (the specific rate yet to be revealed). Perhaps you are like me and the thought of higher "debt service" makes you cringe! I have added an additional amount to my monthly pledge check and directed it to "Capital - loan principal." Please think and pray about what you, too, can do to help the church avoid additional interest expense.

Diane Griffin, Finance Chair

New Birthday Club Members Celebrated

Happy birthday and many thanks to new Birthday Club member:

Kay Hofer

Your gift is very much appreciated, Kay, and will be credited immediately to our Connectional Giving fund.

Also, it is good to know that we have identified two more birth dates that can be added to our computer records:

Mark Miller	05/27
Glen Lacy	06/22

In order for us to reach this year's Birthday Club goal of \$4,000, we estimate at least five people will need to join each month. Let's go, Church family, because at this point in time we are behind in our targeted participation! Won't you please consider joining the Club when your birthday month rolls around? We really need you!

Remember, too, that 2018 donors number 11 through 20 to the Birthday Club campaign will participate in a drawing for a \$30 Dixie House gift card!!



Pictured with Pastor Marilyn and UMW President Sharon Conger are two 2018 High School Graduates, Landon Bell and Aidan Ferrell.

UMW Burning of the Candle

It's time to think about the 2018 Burning of the Candle to support mission work with women, children, and youth. A gift of \$24.38 will burn the candle for ONE MINUTE in memory or in honor of someone. Please consider rounding up to \$30, \$35, \$40 or even more. We hope that those who have done this regularly and others will participate. Forms for Burning of the Candle are available from Sharon Conger and in the church office. Please make checks payable to Central Texas Conference United Methodist Women or CTC-UMW and give your check and form to Sharon Conger, Mary Stout or leave in the church office. The deadline is August 8, 2018.

Covenant Class News - Room 221

So this will be as short and sweet as I can make it. I hope everyone enjoyed the Max Lucado series we just finished, and I hope everyone made it to the reception for Pastor Marilyn, as we wish her well and send her on her way with our thanks, love, and prayers.

We have a real treat lined up for our new series beginning on July 1st, so please make every effort to attend. Eve Hamilton will be bringing us a six week study on Moses, and I am really looking forward to that.

The Lesson and Snack schedule for the next few weeks is as follows:

DATE	SNACKS	LESSON/TEACHER
July 1	James	Eve Hamilton – Moses
July 8	Nance	Eve Hamilton – Moses
July 15	Osmundson	Eve Hamilton – Moses
July 22	Reynolds	Eve Hamilton – Moses
July 29	Roper	Eve Hamilton – Moses
August 5	Shumate	Eve Hamilton – Moses

I hope to see all of you in class. Please keep each other, as well as our entire church and community, in your prayers.

~ Mary-margaret Belota

Wesleyan Class News - Room 112

We were sad to learn of the death of Julia Johnson on June 16. Recently, we have had a number of class members with health issues who need our prayers. Mary Reynolds is still in rehabilitation at Trinity. Billie Beth Moore has remaining heart problems. Jim Horton has returned to Brookdale after hospitalization for a severe infection. Marjorie Williams and Llano Carlisle also have been under the weather, with some good days and some not so good. If you haven't been able to attend class, please know you are missed, and we hope your health improves!

The Wesleyan class gathered for lunch together at Italy Pasta Pizza on June 10th and had a very good time. A number of class members have been participating in the Project Transformation Volunteers are always needed. Lois shared a picture of Terry McGuire's last day as Meadowbrook's principal. The children with good attendance had been allowed to duck tape her to the wall!

Don't forget the 2018 Birthday Club goal for 2018 was increased to \$4,000! Help make the new goal and join the club! Please keep each other, our class members, and our mission work in your prayers.

We are loved and blessed! Remember to Rejoice and be Glad in the day!

-- Kay Hofer

Koinonia Class News - Room 202

Watch for updated Koinonia Class News next month. In the meantime enjoy a few last pictures of Judah's baptism and her fairwell to Meadowbrook.



Communion Offering Benefits Project Transformation

No doubt you have encountered evidence in our hallways of the 70 to 80 elementary-age children who are spending their weekdays here in the church. These kids are having a grand time playing games, enjoying crafts, eating with friends, learning life skills from the interns who are shepherding them, and reading with adults every morning in our sanctuary. What a joyous experience for everyone involved, and how fortunate we are to have been selected a site church for the Tarrant County Project Transformation, a Methodist-sponsored reading camp (and more).

Along with the "good" comes a little "bad" in the form of some additional summer expenses. Our operating costs will be higher than usual, of course, because of the increased utility costs required to keep these youngsters, the interns, and our volunteers happy and healthy. This week's communion offering will go toward offsetting these added expenses beyond our normal levels. Anything you can give to this special offering will be helpful!

Your generosity will support not only a special summer of service here at MUMC, but a summer of untold blessings for all who are involved. Thank you for helping to make this ministry a success!

Outreach Committee



Project Transformation Going Strong WITH MORE READING AND FUN AHEAD

Three weeks into Meadowbrook's 2nd annual reading camp, our enrollment has topped out at 80 children. Our eight college interns took time out last week from the serious yet fun business of helping neighborhood students improve their reading skills to plan and host a luau-themed Family Fun Night in the Community Life Center.

Thanks to Trinity and McMillan UMC volunteers for preparing and serving homemade tacos and nachos while interns Mikala, Nate, Azeez, Tiara, Callie, Kaitlyn, Clarissa and Jenny played games and painted faces of the children while Meadowbrook volunteers interacted with their families. Volunteers from Poly, McMillan, MUMC and our 4-H members are back in the sanctuary this week reading 1-on-1 to 1st through 6th graders.



Mansfield UMC will send more readers in July and provide food for a July 19 Family Fun Night with a Texas Barbecue Picnic theme. We're giving our interns their own R & R with a casual dinner in the Loft after the kids go home on Thursday, June 28 and again on July 12.

If you'd like to read with the children, meet their families or interact with the interns before the camp wraps up July 26, contact Martha Deller at martha.deller@yahoo.com or 817-729-9567; Jane Cumbie at jecumbie@aol.com or 817-992-5159 or Pastor Denise Blakely in the church office, 817-534-1741.



Judah Receives Prayer Shawl Ministry Blanket

Meadowbrook UMC members who weren't able to witness the baptism of Judah Jones, in person or by live feed from the Central Texas Conference in Waco on Sunday, June 3 received a sneak preview Sunday morning when Pastor Denise blessed the handmade blanket presented by Prayer Shawl Ministry member Mary Strom to Judah and her Mom.

We're sorry we won't get to see Judah as often after Pastor Marilyn moves to her new assignment at Coutts Memorial UMC in Weatherford. But we pray that the blanket blesses her and her parents as much as the hands and hearts of the ladies who made it.



Olivia "Livy" Christine Casburn, daughter of Tyler and Kim and granddaughter of Tracey and Julie was baptized on Sunday, July 24th. Livy's big brother is Travis.

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Worship Opportunities

Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 10:45 a.m.
Rejuvenate Community Bible Study 4:00 p.m.

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.



Weekly Calendar

Sunday

9:30 a.m. Morning Worship
10:40 a.m. Sunday School
2:00 p.m. Karate (CLC)
4:00 p.m. Rejuvenate Bible Study (P)

Monday

12:00 p.m. Rotary (FH)
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop 12 (SH)

Tuesday

Wednesday

10:00 a.m. E.C.M. (L)
1:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry (P)
2:30 p.m. Games Day (113)
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (CR)

Thursday

Friday

6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts (SH)
6:30 p.m. Daisy Scouts (SH)

Saturday

Additional Dates

Sunday, July 1	Reception for Pastor Ginger
Wednesday, July 4	Independence Day - Church Office Closed
Thursday, July 12	Dinner for PT Interns
Thursday, July 19	PT Family Fun Night
Wednesday, July 25	Final Day: Project Transformation
Thursday, July 26	PT Banquet: FUMC Hurst 7 p.m.
Sunday, July 29	Noisy Offering Sunday



...for the supply of empty ink cartridges. Staples will be glad to see me again!

Newsletter
DEADLINE

Articles are appreciated by Wednesday, July 25.
The next newsletter will be published July 31 2018.
Thank you Diane & Martha!