



Ephesians 4:31-32

1 Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, **32** and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

In Matthew 22, a lawyer asks Jesus what is the greatest commandment and he answers by telling him that you should love God with everything that you have and are. Then he says that loving your neighbor is just as important and that the two are woven together. You cannot love God and not love your neighbor.

During the past week we have watched in horror and disbelief as eighteen souls have been murdered. We have prayed and lifted up those who were lost and their families. But as Christians it is time for us to move beyond thoughts and prayers.

No matter which side of the gun debate you fall on, as Christians we recognize that it is a sin for someone to take the life of another fellow human being. And this problem will not be solved with just one thing. This problem is bigger than just guns or mental health. The problem is a love problem. As a Christian it is hard for me to understand how someone can hate enough to take the life of another.

As Christians it is time for us to look at our communities and go out and do what needs to be done to turn hate into at the very least tolerance. At the most love. We cannot continue to sit in the four walls of our churches and speak about how sad and dark the world is. It is time for all of us to go out into that darkness and shine our light.

For some of us we may not know what to do but I'm going to suggest a few things that can be done and will go a long way to help spread light and love in our world. The first thing to do is to get to know our neighbors. I don't mean simply knowing their names. I mean going about building relationships with those people who are in our sphere of influence. I'm sad to say that too often in the places that I have lived I have not even known the names of those people who lived next door to me, much less been in relationship with them.

But I have seen neighbors who not only knew one another but were in relationship with each other. They had meals together. They took care of one another's children and when one need help and support they all rallied around each other to help. Those individuals loved their neighbors. They were doing the work that God has called us to do.

The time has come for Christians to step out and take the lead in this broken, dark and hurting world. We have been given the assignment to love God's people. To be the light and the example to the world.

We need to move beyond loving those in our congregations and begin to love those on our streets, in our towns and in our world. COVID-19 gave some of us a really good excuse to withdraw into our own world and sit back and depend on others to take care of loving God's people. But now is the time for us to make a commitment to going back "out" into the world. Some of us need to go old school and begin writing letters to our neighbors just to let them know that they are important. We need to go back to calling one another to just check up on people. We need to go back to a time when we were kind to one another. To the time when we held doors for each other, when we would lend a hand to someone not because we could get something out of it but just because it was the Christian thing to do.

We as Christians should not be willing to sit back in our homes and churches and simply accept that there are people in the world who hate and feel that they have the right to deal with that hate by inflicting violence in our world. If we go about loving the people of God I believe that the hate and divisiveness in our world will diminish. I believe that if we task ourselves with loving everyone we can, that we will learn to be tolerant of those who think differently than we do. We will be able to love each other even though we don't feel the same about issues.

God didn't ask us to all be the same and believe the same. He asked us to love one another. Let those of us who are Christians vow to do the work of the Creator and love the world. Let us live our lives as examples to the world of how it should be. Let us go about solving the love problem by spreading love.

Pastor Jackie

Prayer Chapel

Come to the Prayer Chapel
To pray during Holy Week

10am - 5pm



Easter Lilies



Due to the recent freeze, Easter Lilies are in short supply. The Worship Committee will have fresh cut flowers for the Easter Service. You may still make donations to honor or remember someone. Deadline is March 29!

Thank You!

A special thank you to the following church members who came out to help with a little maintenance and clean-up around the church.

Monica & Mark, Tom & Noah,
Jeanine, Sue, BJ and
Pastor Jackie



Easter Services

Maundy Thursday, April 1

7:00pm - Cuero FUMC

Good Friday, April 2

12:00pm - Cuero FUMC

Easter Sunday, April 4

10:30am - Cuero FUMC

NO - Easter Sunrise

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Church Office Closed

Monday, April 5

United Methodist Women



Meeting @ 6:30pm

Monday, April 19

(No meal)

DATE	LITURGIST
4/1/2021	Pastor Jackie
4/2/2021	Pastor Jackie
4/4/2021	Colette Barth
4/11/2021	Pastor Jackie
4/18/2021	Tom Cheatham
4/25/2021	Mildred Weldon



April Worship Volunteer Schedule

Dear Sisters and Brothers,
Bishop Schnase and the cabinet have asked me to take an appointment as pastor of St. Luke United Methodist Church in Austin. After much thought and prayer, I have accepted this position. I am truly grateful for all of your love and help in this unprecedented time. It was a year like no other. I have learned so much from my time here and Cuero will always remain in my memories. I look forward to the work that we have ahead of us. Blessings and peace to all.

Sincerely,

Pastor Jackie Freeman



Financial Information March 2021

Revenues:
\$6,237.00

Expenditures:
\$10,268.00

A sturdy bridge, prayer, connects me to you, God, and you are always first to celebrate my joys and first to weep at my troubles. It is in this sharing that love brings about its most miraculous ways and I am lifted above the trials and tribulations of life.
Thank you, Lord.



UMW BBQ Fundraiser May 8, 2021



The United Methodist Women's group of First United Methodist Church, Cuero will be having a BBQ fundraiser on May 8th, 2021.

We are selling tickets for pork loin (3.5 lb average) for \$20; a full rack of baby back ribs for \$25; pork sausage for \$6; ½ pint of homemade BBQ sauce for \$6 and a pint of homemade BBQ sauce for \$10.

Everything will be presale only.

BBQ pickup will be at the church (FUMC 211 N. Clinton, Cuero) from 10-12 on Saturday May 8. This would be a wonderful meal that mom wouldn't have to cook for Mother's Day and a great way for dad and the kids to show their love.

For tickets please contact FUMC church office at 361-275-5272 or text Colette Barth at 361-676-5484.

Deadline for ticket sale Friday, April 30.

This fundraiser is to support mission projects that we are involved in throughout the year.

We are hoping to make life easier for some fathers, brighter for some mothers and spread God's love.

Birthdays April



David Anthony Calliham	1 st
Wes Dukes	4 th
Monte Jacoby	4 th
Colette Barth	7 th
R.A. Van Wormer	12 th
Sarah Ritchea	17 th
Becky Van Wormer	20 th
Randy Burk	21 st
Rose Flores	21 st



Anniversaries

Mike & Shirley Simpson	18 th
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C.A.M.A.L. House
Collection for April:
Peanut Butter



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