



## I See You. I Hear You.

A couple of weeks ago I was in Austin attending a meeting at the Capital. In that meeting, there was a young woman that was not dressed like most of the people who were in meetings at the Capital. She was wearing flip-flops, shorts, and a sweatshirt. She seemed to be agitated somewhat and I thought that maybe she was with some of the other people who were attending the meeting. As the meeting progressed, this woman became more and more agitated. She began speaking out inappropriately during the presentation. Several of the people in the meeting would go and whisper to her to try to get her to stop. At one point, someone took her out to talk to her. However, she came back in and was just as agitated and began to cry silently. People watched her, stared at her but no one really was seeing or listening to her. They were simply trying to alleviate a distraction to the meeting. Once the meeting was over and people began to leave the woman began shouting and cussing and once again, the people just stared and went to get someone who could deal with her.

I think that for too many of us this is how we handle the broken people of the world. There are so many souls that are out there not dressed appropriately, agitated, sad, shouting out that they need something. And for many of us we simply stare and hope that someone else will take care of them. We just want them to stop being the distraction.

But I believe that these are the very people that Christ is calling us to minister to. These are the people that Jesus would have gone out of his way to be in relationship with. These are the people that he knew needed someone to see them and to listen to them. These are who he was talking about when he said love your neighbor. These are our neighbors.

When I saw what was going on with the woman at the Capital, I went over to her and in a soft voice I asked her what did she need. And she began to tell me her story. And breaking COVID-19 protocol I reached out my hand to her and said I'm listening and I see you. She broke down in tears and continued to tell me about how much she missed her mother that had died and some of the struggles that she was facing. She simply needed someone to acknowledge that she was seen and that someone, anyone was listening to her. I worked with one of the DPS officers to get her some help. But what could have been a confrontation became the opportunity for myself and the officer to help someone who was lost and struggling. The interaction did not cost me anything. It really did not take much time. But it helped one of God's beloved children be seen and heard.

How much better would our world be if we as Christians decided that we were going to make sure and see people? See the pain on their face and in their eyes. What if we listened to more than just the words when people spoke? What if we listened between the lines to hear the longing and pain? What if we simply loved them and began to build relationships with our fellow brothers and sisters? Imagine what our world would be like.

I have a friend that usually tells me at some time in almost every conversation that we have that he sees me, hears me. Those simple words can change a person's day. The action of listening and seeing someone as they are, not as they should be is life changing. Let us go out into the brokenness of the world and see and listen to God's beloved children. We see you and we are listening. Let us go in the Holy Spirit to change the world.

*Pastor Jackie*

## Day of Pentecost May 23, 2021



*Pentecost: Another high holy day of the Christian calendar. Called by many the birthday of the church, Pentecost represents a passing of the mantle of sorts—from the Incarnate Christ to the ever-present Spirit, the reminder of the God within, the sustainer, the teacher, the strengthener. Pentecost is a day of celebration for all that God has done and is doing within the life of the church.*

## Trinity Sunday May 30, 2021



**Holy, Holy, Holy,  
Merciful, Eternal, and Mighty,  
by your grace you have shown us  
who you are,  
One in Three, and Three in One.  
We glorify you as Trinity,  
even as we worship you in your  
Unity.  
Open our hearts to receive your  
word to us today,  
that not only in our worship  
but in our lives  
we may serve and reflect your  
Triune Love all our days.  
Amen.**



United  
Methodist  
Women

**Mother's Day  
UMW BBQ Fundraiser  
May 8, 2021  
10am – 12pm  
Cuero FUMC Fellowship Hall  
Only Presale tickets sold  
Deadline was April 30  
No sales on the day of the event**

*This will make a great meal for mom and will fund mission projects throughout the year.*

## Decoration Day

*Rabke United Methodist  
Church  
May 2, 2021*

*12:00pm*

*Picnic Lunch*

*(Bring your own picnic basket  
and a blanket or chairs)*

*2:00pm*

*Worship Service*



*Church Office Closed*  
*May 31, 2021*  
*Memorial Day*



**THANK YOU!**

**Church Workday**  
**May 15, 2021**  
**9:00am**



**Prayer Chapel**

Monday – Thursday  
10am – 5pm

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



**CONFIRMATION**

Classes starting soon.  
Contact the Church office for more information.

**Welcome Back**  
**Children's Sermon**

Starting in May



*Baccalaureate Sunday*

*May 30<sup>th</sup>*

*10:30am*



***Congratulations***  
***Reed Lemke***



Cuero High School  
Graduation  
June 4, 2021

**Financial Information**

**April 2021**

**Revenues:**

**\$6736.74**

**Expenditures:**

**\$8692.85**



# Birthdays

DeVonna Eldridge	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Leah Barth	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Lynn Jacoby	10 <sup>th</sup>
Desalyn Eldridge	13 <sup>th</sup>
Gage Lemke	19 <sup>th</sup>
Robert Barth	26 <sup>th</sup>
Levi Jones	31 <sup>st</sup>



# Anniversaries

David & Betty Farris	10 <sup>th</sup>
B.J. & Jackie Drehr	19 <sup>th</sup>
Monte & Lynn Jacoby	22 <sup>nd</sup>
Roy & Karen Zengerle	23 <sup>rd</sup>

*Happy Mother's Day  
May 9<sup>th</sup>*



**C.A.M.A.L.  
House  
Collection for  
May:  
Pancake Mix  
(Just add water)**



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