



# JULY 2021 NEWSLETTER



## OZONA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH STAFF

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### WHAT WE BELIEVE: COMMUNION

As it became clear that COVID19 was not going away anytime soon, the following question began popping up on social media and in clergy discussion groups of all denominations: “What are we going to do about communion?” Each denomination has its own understanding regarding communion. We at Ozona UMC developed our own process for distributing and receiving Holy Communion. As we move forward, we will continue to adapt our process as needed.

I have noticed a lot of discussion on social media and in the news regarding various denominational beliefs about communion. Here is what we, as United Methodists, believe:

#### **1. Methodists believe Communion is God’s gift, not the church’s gift.**

God’s gracious character revealed in Christ informs our understanding of communion. The sacrament of communion was created by GOD, not the church. Thus, we believe that all are welcome at GOD’s table. Our role is to receive the gift of communion and to help others receive.

#### **2. Methodists believe that in Communion God folds the past and future into the present.**

God’s nature is not dependent upon linear time and space. Therefore, GOD is present in the past, the present and the future – all at the same time. This presence is real! As Rev. Tom Fuerst states: “The God of all time has folded all moments into this moment and given us not symbolic presence but God’s active, passionate, attentive presence.” When we celebrate and receive communion, we are present with all those who have gone before us, those who are alive and those who are to come.

#### **3. Methodists believe the Table is open to everyone.**

There are no restrictions, no litmus test of worthiness. In reality, none of us are worthy to receive communion. This gracious gift is offered to us by GOD, and we receive it just as we are. At the Last Supper, despite knowing that Judas was about to betray him, Jesus washed the feet of Judas and received him at the Passover table. Who then are we to determine who can and cannot receive?

#### **4. Methodists believe Communion even works grace into the lives of non-Christians.**

Yes, all are welcome – Buddhist, Muslim, Atheist, Agnostics! At the Communion table, all are able to receive GOD’s grace through the tangible elements of bread and juice. The gift of communion has been created by GOD, given to us through Jesus Christ and is available to all.

*If you would like to learn more about what we believe about Communion, check out the information provided at: <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/the-meaning-of-holy-communion>*

See you at GOD’s table!

Blessings,

Pastor Leigh

## July's Communion Offering

Our communion offering for July will be designated for the H.O.P.E. Outreach ministry in Brackettville. This is a multi-faceted community outreach program which is designed to "Help Our People Excel". When writing a check, make it out to OUMC with 35147 on the memo line.

## June Worship

**HOLY COMMUNION:** On July 4<sup>th</sup> we will return to our regular practice of receiving the elements of Holy Communion. At both services, Pastor Leigh will distribute the bread directly. At 9 am we will be receiving the juice in small cups. At 11 am we will be receiving the juice using the trays of small cups. Servers will wear face coverings. *Please contact Pastor Leigh at 325-456-7053 or by email at [pastorleighlloyd@gmail.com](mailto:pastorleighlloyd@gmail.com) if you have any questions or concerns.*

**YOUR BONE AND FLESH:** On this day when we traditionally celebrate our nation's independence, we will consider what it means to be in a relationship with God, the creator of the universe. We will celebrate a vision of what we could be, and what we long to be. As Christians, we hope for more—justice for all, equality, and freedom. On July 4<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate who we are, even as we celebrate who we might become.

**July 4<sup>th</sup>** ....“Your Bone and Flesh” ....Mark 6:1-13 & 2nd Samuel 5:1-5 & 9-10

**GEARED UP FOR LIFE:** Our summer sermon series will focus on the book of Ephesians. Ephesians contains a clear explanation of what it means to have faith. Chapters 1-3 focus on the theological foundation of faith. Chapters 4-6 focus on the ethical dimensions of faith – how we live out our faith in our daily lives.

**July 11<sup>th</sup>** .....”Setting Our Hope”.....Ephesians 1:3-14 & Mark 6:14-29

**July 18<sup>th</sup>** ....“He is Our Peace”.....Ephesians 2:11-22 & Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

**July 25<sup>th</sup>** ....“Rooted & Grounded in Love”..Ephesians 3:14-21 & John 6:1-21

## CAMP AWESOMENESS 2021: GPS – God’s Positioning System



Come explore and learn how to find the WAY using your GPS (God’s Positioning System) as you discover new faith-filled FUN ways to Grow, Pray, and Study together as God guides you on your journey of faith EVERY DAY!



Camp Awesomeness 2021 for entering 4th - 6th graders (or those in that age group) is scheduled for August 4-7. Pastor Leigh is part of the leadership design team.

Camp will be held at Gruene UMC and will follow CDC guidelines for in-person children's camps. The registration link is now active. Space is limited.

If your child, or others you may know are interested, please check out the link below. *Feel free to call or email me if you have any questions.*

<http://www.tinyurl.com/campawesomeness2021>

## Summer Family Fun Gatherings

Fun fellowship activities for ALL ages have been scheduled throughout the summer. Check the dates below, put them on your summer calendar, and make plans to join the FUN! All activities will begin at 6 pm. All supplies will be provided by the Education committee. The Hospitality committee will provide snacks and drinks. ALL WE NEED IS YOU and YOUR FAMILY!!! Watch your email for more info!!!



### June 16th... "Chalk the Walk"

This fun group enjoyed "chalking the walk" in front of the parsonage. We have some great artists!



### June 27th... "VBS Replay Song Night+



### Wednesday, July 14th - WATER PLAY DAY

Come prepared to GET WET!!!!

We will meet outside the Fellowship Hall for water games  
And lots of Fun!!! YES! And we will have snacks!



### Sunday, July 18th - MOVIE NIGHT



Bring your blanket & pillows to the Fellowship Hall to watch a family friendly movie. Popcorn and snacks will be provided!!!

### Upcoming Summer Events:

Sunday, August 1st - OUMC Olympic

Wednesday, August 11th - Treasure Hunt



## OUMC Wesley Nurse... Niki Bishop, BSN, RN

### “Oh, My!”

One afternoon I was sitting in my office and heard “oh my, what are you up to Niki?” from the kitchen. Someone had opened the freezer and refrigerator and saw that I had packed both plum full of frozen chicken and dozens of eggs. It dawned on me that I have not been fully transparent with the congregation on the growth of my ministry. So, what have I been up to?

Kailey Scott, Crockett Co. AgriLife Extension Agent and I have hit the ground running in March with our new program called “Healthy Families”. Participants are encouraged to join Kailey and myself for a brief group discussion on various health topics. As an incentive participants leave with a bag full of food both perishable & non-perishable items. We are averaging 30 families per month. *(Food is always available for those in need here at OUMC, regardless if he/she participated in Healthy Families).*

We pick-up our order of food at the Concho Valley Regional Food Bank. We divide the order out amongst the number of registered families for that month. As an agency, OUMC pays a low fee of \$0.18 per pound of USDA products, some products are priced accordingly to the food bank’s policy, but some products are FREE! In the month of May I was able to get 1,377 pounds of food for \$132.90. That included poultry, ground meat, eggs, butter, cooking oil, canned goods and other non-perishable items.

Since the discovery of the large order of food items I receive from the food bank, I was generously donated a large freezer. A big thank you to the generous donor(s) of the freezer. Another big thank you to all of you and the community for the constant support and encouragement.

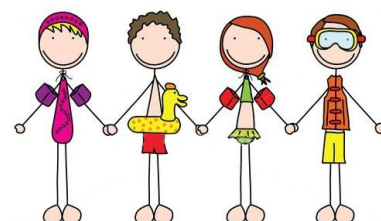




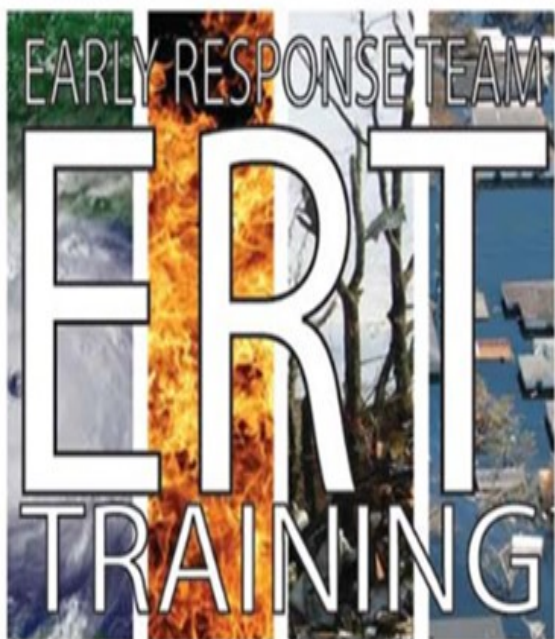


# Ozona Community Center

The children and staff at Ozona Community Center are having a great time both indoors and out this summer.







**ERT Basic Training at  
Sierra Vista UMC  
4522 College Hills Blvd, San Angelo  
on July 17<sup>th</sup> 2021  
from 8:30am to 4:30pm  
For more information or to register go to:  
<https://riotexasresponse.org/ert-basic>**

**“Are you Ready, Are you Able, Are you Willing?”  
There is something for everyone to do.**

**For questions or concerns, please contact Ginnie Street, Rio Texas Conference Disaster Response Training Coordinator at 512-203-7730 or [training@riotexasresponse.org](mailto:training@riotexasresponse.org)**



*Memorials  
In Loving Memory...*



*Lorelei Hankins  
By Will M & Vickie Black  
For the OUMC Advance Special Fund/  
Parlor Project*

*Patti Jones  
Lorelei Hankins  
David Williams  
By Bill & Susie Black  
For the OUMC Advance Special Fund/  
Parlor Project*

*David Williams  
By Rodney & Debbie Gamble*

*Tony Hall  
Lorelei Hankins  
By Billy & Judy Reagor  
For OUMC Building Fund/Hoyas*

*George Bunger  
Nancy Hale  
Polly Perner  
Lorelei Hankins  
Thomas DeHoyas  
By Billy Dell & Bobbie Renfroe  
And Family*



# OZONA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## JULY 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Sol Stokes	2  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Mark Childress Pastor Leigh	3  
4 Worship 9:00 & 11 S.S.—10:00  <b>Happy</b> 4th of July	5  <b>Office Closed</b> Today	6	7  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Danny Anderson Gabriel Fullingim	8  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Kelbie Tucker Jenna Marshall	9  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Grace Upham	10  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Audrey Upham
11 Worship 9:00 & 11 S.S.—10:00  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Avery Davidson Jody Upham	12  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Shirley Kirby	13	14  <b>Water Play</b> At 6:00pm Outside	15  	16 	17  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Susie Black Terry Crawford
18 Worship 9:00 & 11 S.S.—10:00  <b>Movie Night</b> At 6:00pm Fellowship Hall	19  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Billy Dell Renfroe	20	21  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Helen Bean Penny Meyer	22  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Wayne Smith	23 	24  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Arlene Clayton Spencer Knox
25 Worship 9:00 & 11 S.S.—10:00	26  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Aaron Hamilton	27 	28 	29 	30	31  <b>Happy Birthday</b> JoNel Stokes