

Faith news

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF FUMC-HENRIETTA | MAY/JUNE 2017



What is Your View?

by Dr. Keva Green

It is amazing that we can change the way we look at something and it can make such a big difference. For instance, if someone told us we had to do something that we really did not want to do then we might do what was requested, but we might have a lousy attitude about it and do just the minimum amount of work. Yet if we looked at that same action not as a chore or a burden, but as a ministry and an opportunity to serve, then we would probably do it with much more joy and energy.

Sometimes I think we look at church and Sunday as being spiritual, but everything else is just secular. We forget that God is in *all* things and that in everything that we do we can do it to honor God. *Whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. (1 Corinthians 10:31).*

Just because your salary may not come from the church, does not mean that your lifework is not serving the Lord. After all, God is the one who has given us the ability to work in the first place. If we view everything we do as an opportunity to serve the Lord and minister to others then we will probably try harder to do our best and in actuality we will enjoy doing it much more.

You know we only have one life to live so why would we not try to do our very best in all that we do, whether it is teaching a class or building a shed or sweeping a floor or working on a ranch or whatever. By doing our very best it is our way of giving a gift back to God to honor him. It also becomes our witness to others and our joy of a job well done.

I know it sounds like a little thing, but try for one day to view every activity that you do as a ministry and a way of honoring God and serving others. Changing how you view what you are doing and trying to see it as an offering to the Lord will not only bring you more personal joy, but also make a difference in your service to the Lord and to others. Give God your very best!

Church Events

- **June 3: 8:00 a.m. Church Work Day & cook-out for lunch**
- **June 4-6: UMC Annual Conference**
- **June 7: 6:00 p.m. First Wednesday Dinner hosted by the Young Adult Sunday School Class and Baby Shower for Lyric Ann Aylor, granddaughter of Dewayne & Andria Aylor**
- **June 15: 6:00 p.m. Fun Bunch at Kennard Groves house, 1315 N. Carroll, hotdogs and hamburgers will be served, please bring chips, dips, desserts and/or monetary donations.**
- **June 19-23: Children's Camp in Bridgeport**
- **June 26-30: VBS**

Thank you letter

Dear church family,

Since my knee surgery in February, I have been blessed with delicious meals, a beautiful bouquet of flowers and a mum plant, personal visits, rides to physical therapy and calls of concern. Your outpouring of generosity and kindness has warmed my heart and has truly been a blessing to me. I also appreciate your prayers as I continue to heal. I have recently been approved to begin driving to therapy. Each week my knee is showing signs of improvement. I hope to be able to return to church soon. I have missed you all.

Thank you,

Betty Jacobson

Outreach News

Clay County Outreach is a very important part of our community and they are in need of volunteers. During the month of June the inside is going to be closed for floor repairs except for the clothing ministry area. There will be a produce truck parked outside for those who want produce. Volunteers are needed to help with farmer's market vouchers and backpack sign-ups. They are also in need of monetary donations for the purchase of school supplies once they have the lists from the teachers as to what is needed. Please consider volunteering for this ministry, even if it is just for an hour it will be helpful. If you would like more information or would like to volunteer you can call Barbara at 940-538-4917.



In the same way, let your light shine before others,
that they may see your good deeds
and glorify your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:16

Thank you letter

Dear Church Family,

What a blessing you are to me! Thank you so much for your incredible kindness and love during my father's illness and death. He was a wonderful godly man and I will miss him dearly. I have incredible comfort that he is with the Lord and I am so thankful for all the years that I had him in my life.

You have helped ease the pain of his loss with your tender care for me. Thank you to those of you who called and texted and came by and sent flowers and cards and gave to the Memorial Fund and drove all the way to Abilene and Winters for the visitation and the service. I am humbled by your compassion. Each of you are so precious to me! Thank you for being Christ's love to me and my family.

Love you,
Keva

2017 CHILDREN'S SUMMER CAMP

BRIDGEPORT JUNE 19-23 (C-1)

Summer fun is just around the corner! I know every 3rd through 5th grader in church is ready to go to Bridgeport for summer camp. We hope to see each and every one of you there! The following have already signed up: Wyatt Elms, Ella Klyn, Callie Martin, and Jace Roberson.

For everyone that is already signed up and you can't wait to see what it is that summer camp will be like you can go to <http://www.bridgeportcamp.org/bridgeport-camp-photos> and look at all of the cool things going on in summer camp. Maybe you have already been to summer camp before.....well go check out the photos and maybe you can find yourself along with camp friends you forgot about or can't wait to see again. Also take a look below at some I found!

I know everyone is super excited about school getting out so if you are bored this summer you can also go to Camp Bridgeport's web site and look at the schedule for the week we will be at camp. There is a link for it right here. <http://www.bridgeportcamp.org/camp-schedule/daily-camp-schedule.htm>

If all of this hasn't sparked your interest in going to camp or checking out the web site just ask someone in the church that has already been. If any parents have questions you can call Ryan Elms to get those answered and don't forget about the car pool option.



Please keep Ryan and all of the kids listed above in your prayers that God will be doing a mighty thing in them and through them.

CAR POOL

Ryan Elms will be driving down to camp with the ability to give a ride to four other people. So if you don't have the time to drive down and back Ryan will be at camp all week so transportation there and back will not be an issue. Please let us know in advance if you plan on car pooling and we will make sure we save you a spot.

He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation."

Mark 16:15 (NIV)

Youth News

by Katie Eubank

It's almost summer!!!

Summer 2017 is coming up on us fast! That means graduations, end of the year parties, camp, VBS, and our Costa Rica Mission Trip! Here is what the next month looks like on the youth calendar.

- Wednesday, May 24 was our last Wednesday night Bible Study for the school year. We will start back up on August 23rd.
- Sunday, May 28 we celebrated our young adults during Senior Sunday with cake and punch. We presented two girls with Bibles this year: Amber Dillaman and Brittany Rogers. We would also like to congratulate Kayla Francisco, Madeline Koetter, Josh Lyde, Nicole Bell, Briana Swaney, and Chris Offield. We are so proud of these young men and women.



- Sunday, June 11 William Elms, Kayla Francisco, Madeline Koetter, R.W. Baker, and Katie Eubank will be leaving for Libreria, Costa Rica to lead VBS with local children, work on three local church members' homes, and complete a wing for youth and children's ministries. They will be returning on June 20 and request that you keep them in your prayers during this life changing trip.
- Monday, June 12 Waylon Elms, Connor Ulbig, Blaine Frost, and Sarah Klyn will be leaving for a week of fellowship and growth in Christ at Bridgeport Camp and Conference Center. Please keep these amazing junior high youth in your prayers as well.

We are so thankful and blessed to have the church congregation and community that we do. With your support we will be able to make this summer one full of discipleship and spiritual growth! We cannot thank you enough for your unending love and encouragement!

Preschool News

by Casey Cody

We finished our school year with a busy May. We had our Grandparent's Breakfast on May 10 and each one of our students had at least one grandparent with them, most had two or three. The students had been looking forward to them coming to eat breakfast with them at school and the grandparents seemed to enjoy visiting and watching the students sing. On May 12 we had our first St. Jude Trike-a-thon. This was such a fun day watching the students riding their bikes and showing off all they could do. We raised \$1500 to give the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. We were very pleased to have raised such a large amount. That amount will pay for one child's chemotherapy treatment.

Our Moving On Ceremony was Tuesday, May 23. We had a packed house with family and friends to celebrate the end of our preschool year. This year has truly been a blessing in so many ways. The growth and success of the preschool is astounding. This church family's support is a major component of our accomplishments. I am very excited about the enrollment for the new school year. We have one spot open in the 5-day class and two spots for the 3-day class. The summer break will be filled with reorganizing, cleaning out, professional development opportunities and of course a little relaxing.

Thank you again for all your support and encouragement. My prayer is that this preschool is a light in our community and that these children will know how much they are loved by us, but most importantly by Jesus!





Children
are a gift of God.
Psalms 127:3

Lend a Helping Hand

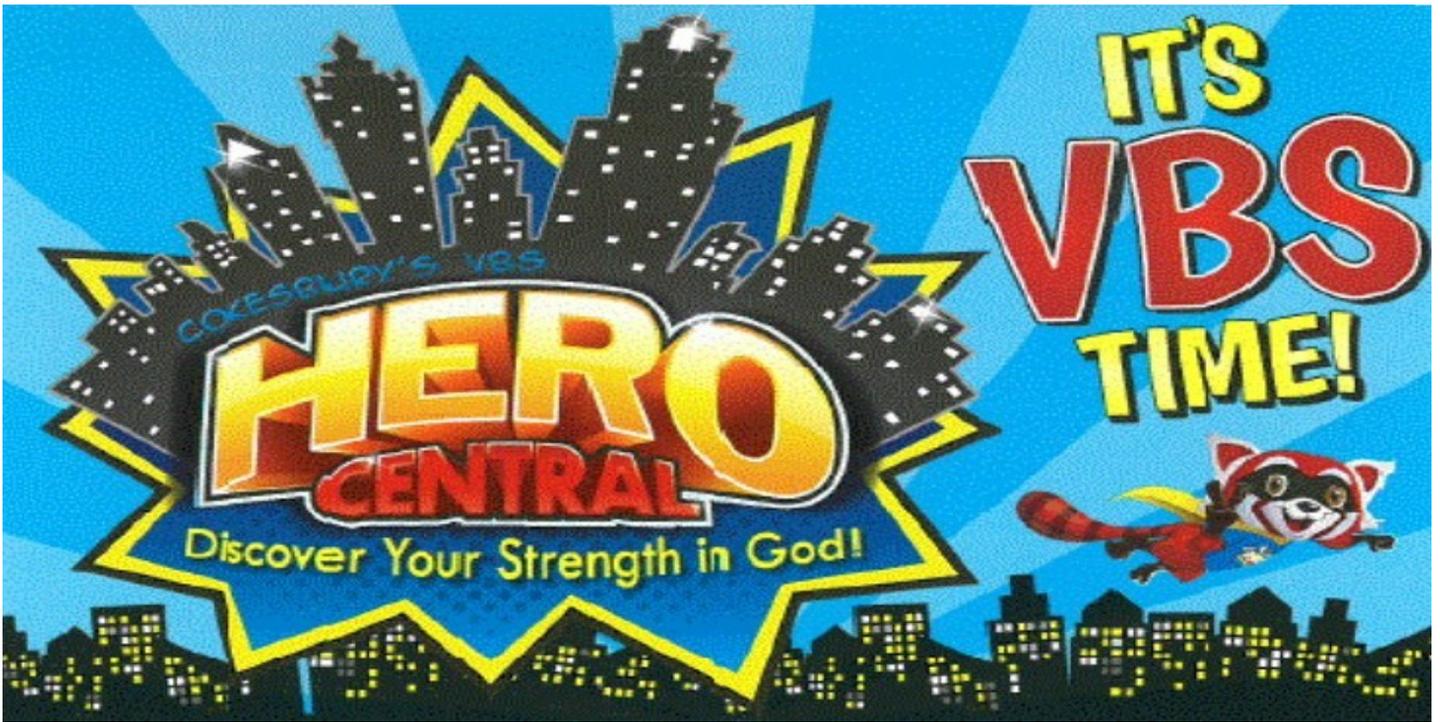
Church WORK DAY

Church Work Day

We will be having a work day on Saturday, June 3 to do clean-up and maintenance inside and outside our church building. Please come join us beginning around 8:00 a.m. and working through the morning with plans to grill hot dogs for lunch. Call the church office for details. A great way to serve the Lord and our church and have fun doing it!

If you have any of the following and would be willing to bring them with you it would be greatly appreciated: step ladders, pliers, drill/drill bits, screws, outdoor broom, scoop, or flat nose shovel.

If the weather is uncooperative we will work on the inside of the building.



Vacation Bible School is quickly approaching!! FUMC will be hosting VBS June 26—30 from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. daily. All children entering grades K through 5th are welcome. To register you can go to <http://2017.cokesburyvbs.com/henrietta> or you can fill out the attached registration form and return it to the church office.

We are also in need of helpers. If you would be interested in volunteering your time for the week or even one day to help us out with this fantastic event you can call Gandy in the church office at 940-538-4254 or Heather Dillard at 940-733-7970. We look forward to seeing you!

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Dewayne and Andria Aylor on the birth of their granddaughter, Lyric Ann Aylor.

Lyric was born March 28, 2017 at 2:13 a.m.

She weighted 1 lb 3.4 oz and was 12 inches long.

Please continue to keep Lyric in your prayers .



Congratulations!

Congratulations Joshua and Jana Beth Johnson on the birth of their son, Jet Zachary. Jet was also welcomed by big brother Jackson. Jet was born May 18, 2017 at 4:35 a.m.

He weighed 6 lbs. 11 oz and was 18 inches long.



Congratulations!

Congratulations to Ryan Elms who graduated from the UMC Licensing School. Ryan is presently serving on our staff as Pastor of Family Ministries. He is now a Licensed Local Pastor. You may refer to him as Rev. Elms.



Congratulations!

Congratulations to Eddie and Laura Hill and to Janet Cartlidge on their retirement from Henrietta ISD.



Memorials for April and May

In memory of Jakob Plummer from:

Jerry & Doris Payne

In memory of Inez Holman from:

Jerry & Doris Payne

In memory of Vinita Trevino from:

Jerry & Doris Payne

In memory of Donna Allen from:

Casey & Kimberly Allen

P.R. & T.G. McNabb

In memory of Patty Scheer from:

Lue Ann Meyers

Lynda Young

In memory of Wanda Brockman Brown from:

Bill Brown

In memory of Lee Harrison from:

R.W. & Donna Baker

Anonymous

Pam Schenk

Wayland & Allene Threadgill

Jerry & Doris Payne

Bob & Judy Davidson

Mike & Mary Wines

Jim & Nancy Lyde

Jeff & Sharon Fitts

Kent & Jan Neville

Donna Holman

FUMC Choir

O.J. & Jackie Murray

Winters HS Class of 1957

Pat & Marilyn Hamilton

The Edgetts

Rick & Jennifer Browning

George & Jan Slagle

Ocie & Gandy Willett

Billy & Connie Johnson

FUMC Fellowship Class

Bob & Karen Spearman

Chris Scheer

Don & Judy Morris

Rayford & Carla Pullen

Marpassa Kincaid

Hortense Ray

Danny & Jan Brock

Bob & Deborah Brown

Sue Murray

Gene & Rebecca Louder

Billy Ray & Melissa Roberson

Ryan & Deanna Elms

Jack & Ann Moore

Betty Berry

FUMC Young Adult Sunday School Class

Henrietta & Clay County Chamber of Commerce

In memory of Will Leaverton from:

Danny & Jan Brock

Bob & Deborah Brown

Nancy Newsom

Kent & Jan Neville

Sue Murray

James & Bobby Goen

Jan Brown

Keva Green

Jack & Ann Moore

Sally Gray

Patricia Retzlaff

Janet Neville Browne

Kerr Feed & Grain

Angela Neville

Joann Glassford

In memory of Jerry Lefevre from:

Kent & Jan Neville

Keva Green

Sue Murray

Danny & Jan Brock



We would like to welcome Eddie Angell to our congregation. Eddie joined our church on May 21, 2017 from Joy UMC. If you see Eddie, let him know how happy you are to have him as a part of our church family.

His Love

by Eddie Angell

His love covers over a multitude of sins,
So why do you keep walking on needles and pins?
His love is forgiving, He forgets all that you've done
You no longer have to reach for that gun.

He covers us up in His love like a cloak
He gave us His Son by the words that He spoke,
His love is enduring, forever it lasts
Your new life is waiting, so get out from the past.

His love is patient and His love is kind
Present your bodies to Him and renew your mind,

His love is a light and a lamp to your soul
It will lead you out if you fall in a hole.

His love is there for you, it's near and it's dear
His perfect love casts out all fear.

His love is wide and it is deep

He even loved the ones who put nails in His feet.

"Father, forgive them for they know not what they do"
Is what He cried when He died for me and you.



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is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for
the transformation of the world