



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Easter isn't over yet. Did you know that? In the life of the church, Easter is more than a single day.

It's a season. The Easter season, also referred to as Eastertide, lasts from Easter Sunday through Pentecost Sunday. So, this year, that means from April 17, 2022, through the end of May, with Pentecost being on June 5. With that in mind, I thought I share one of my favorite Easter-related stories about a little boy named Philip.

Born with Down's syndrome, Philip attended a third-grade Sunday School class with several eight-year-old boys and girls. Typical of that age, the children did not readily accept Philip with his differences. But because of a creative teacher, they began to care about Philip and accept him as part of the group, though not entirely. The Sunday after Easter, the teacher brought Legg's pantyhose containers, which look like large eggs. Each receiving one, the children were told to go outside on that lovely spring day, find some symbol for new life, and put it in the egg-like container. Back in the classroom, they would share their new-life symbols, opening the containers one by one in surprise fashion. After running about the church property in wild confusion, the students returned to the classroom and placed the containers on the table. Surrounded by the children, the teacher began to open them one by one. After each one, whether flower, butterfly, or leaf, the class would ooh and ahh. Then one was opened, revealing nothing inside. The children exclaimed, "That's stupid. That's not fair. Somebody didn't do their assignment." Philip spoke up, "That's mine." "Philip, you don't ever do things right!" the student retorted. "There's nothing there!" I did so do it," Philip insisted. "I did do it. It's empty. the tomb was empty!" Silence followed. From then on, Philip became a full member of the class.

He died shortly afterward from an infection most normal children would have shrugged off. At the funeral, this class of eight-year-olds marched up to the altar not with flowers, but with their Sunday school teacher, each to lay an empty pantyhose egg on it.

"It's empty. The tomb is empty! Jesus has risen from the dead. Happy Eastertide!

See you Sunday,

DAVID BRASHER

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### POTLUCK SUPPER

The May Potluck Supper will be **in the Family Life Center on Wednesday, May 11, at 6:00 pm.** May is the month when school is winding down and the kids get a summer break. We will be taking a summer break also, so after this, we will not meet for dinner again until September. May is graduation month for many. It is a reunion month for others. Bring your senior graduation picture to share. We will have prizes for the most recent grad and the long-time grad. Wearing school colors would be appropriate. If you have any questions, please contact Judy Donnelly at (281) 450-2300.

### MAY MISSION BARREL

TEXAS STAR RESCUE is a 501©3 non-profit charity for animals in kill shelters in East Texas and Western Louisiana. Many of the animals need medical care such as vaccinations, heartworm treatment, spaying, neutering, and other health concerns. Texas Star takes these animals from the kill shelters and places them in foster homes for a few weeks to a few months while they are receiving needed care and preparing for adoption. Donations this month will help support the foster families who do not receive payment for caring for the animals.

Many of the items are available at Walmart, Target, Pet stores, and online at Amazon or Chewy.

Wayne and Mary Kay Bailey have helped foster dogs for several years. If you have questions, please call Mary Kay at (253) 740-7666.

This list focuses on dogs, but we also accept items for cats if you prefer to shop for them.

- Food – IAMS Minichunk kibbles and IAMS pate canned dog food
- Treats- Greenies, biscuits, or any treat that your dog likes.
- Sporn dog harness or other brand collars – small or medium
- Dog bed small or medium
- Toys – Kong toys, Nyla bones, ropes, balls, or well-made chew toys or squeak toys.
- Training pads (pee pads) Sam's Club or other ARM & Hammer laundry detergent
- Pet shampoo or conditioner



- Old towels and blankets are needed for baths and beds. We can cut large blankets to fit the beds.

Thank you for helping to save the lives of abandoned animals.

## BOUNCE INTO SUMMER



**Sunday, May 29  
5:00-7:00 pm  
Bullard FUMC**

All kids and youth are invited to join us for a fun evening of bounce houses, water games, and supper to celebrate the beginning of summer! No cost,

everyone welcome! If you can help, please contact Deirdre or Katie.

The full church calendar can be viewed on our website at <http://bullardfumc.org/calendar-2>

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

### CHILDREN'S CORNER

In April Club 118 and Club M&M were able to work on a gardening project for the church. Take a look in the courtyard to see their handy work! Also, in April the children's ministry hosted our Easter EGG-SPLOSION! Thank you to everyone who came and everyone who helped cook breakfast, teach crafts, run the petting zoo, egg hunt, and the Easter story! Everyone heard the REAL story of Easter.

In May we are looking forward to the Bounce into Summer event on May 29! Also in May, we will continue preparations for VBS! Please make sure to mark your calendar for Vacation Bible School which will occur June 13-16 from 9:00 am to noon and let me know if you will be able to help out with this great event as well!

Blessings,  
Deirdre

### WEE CATS SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our greatest story ever continues...  
SHARE is our faith word this month. What do you share that shows Jesus' love? ....that brings joy to others? We will learn about Peter and John and how they shared.

Come join us – right down the hall from the donuts! Always room for visitors and cousins!

Pam Morton



Alex



Jax



Violet

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SWIM PARTY



Children's Ministry Pool Party! Join us as we celebrate the end of school and the beginning of summer! All kids are invited! **Saturday, May 14 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Vestal's home.** Please sign up to bring taco fixings with Deirdre at (903) 343-2857.

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## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Please make sure to mark your calendar for Vacation Bible School which will occur **June 13-16 from 9 am-noon!** All kids ages 4yr-6<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join us for a Monumental Adventure as we explore the vastness of God's power and the depth of His love for each of them! You can expect a week full of faith discoveries, memorable music, and epic adventures that help kids encounter God's power and love! Registration is now open; you can find the link at BullardFUMC.org under upcoming events or go to <https://vbspro.events/p/monumentalbullardfumc> to register online! If you would like to help at this event or if you have any questions, please contact Deirdre at (903) 343-2857.

## EASTER EGG-SPLOSION



## PALM SUNDAY



Encounter Worship Service

## STUDENT MINISTRIES

### SIGN UP TO BRING A MEAL FOR YOUTH

Please consider signing up to bring a meal to our youth group. Our youth greatly appreciate your service. Sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4caaac28aaf8c43-meal> or contact Katie or Jennifer Blakeney. Please know that because of safe sanctuary rules, we ask that at least one person stays for the duration of the youth group. Thank you!



## OTHER NEWS

### SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY 2022 MAY 22 DURING BOTH SERVICES

#### High School:

Brynn Allen, Brook Hill School  
Carter Paddock, Bullard High School  
Carley Pawlak, Bullard High School

#### College:

Reagan Brasher, UT Tyler

### TRADITIONAL SERVICE USHERS FOR MAY

Justin Morris  
Walter Morris  
Neal & Becky Thompson

### LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MAY

#### Sunday, May 1 – Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:1-6  
Psalm 30  
Revelation 5:11-14  
John 21:1-19

#### Sunday, May 8 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:36-43  
Psalm 23  
Revelation 7:9-17  
John 10:22-30

#### Sunday, May 15 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 11:1-18  
Psalm 148  
Revelation 21:1-6  
John 13:31-35

#### Sunday, May 22 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:9-15  
Psalm 67  
Revelations 21:10, 22-22:5  
John 17:20-26

#### Sunday, May 29 – Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:16-34  
Psalm 97  
Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21  
John 17:20-26

## BRIDAL SHOWER



## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The office of Bullard First United Methodist Church will be closed from Thursday, May 26 through Friday, June 3. Normal office hours will resume Monday, June 6.

## WELCOME TEAM

We need volunteers to serve on our Welcome Team each Sunday. This group of volunteers makes sure every person who comes through our doors is warmly welcomed and that our first-time guests are given a gift. You simply need to be at worship a few minutes early and wear a smile. If you would like to help, please contact the church office.

## NEED A NAME TAG?

Active members' and visitors' name tags are located on the shelf (alphabetical order) in the foyer. If you need a name tag, please put a note in the offering plate, or call Venus at the church office (903) 894-6762.



## METHODIST COFFEE CLUB



Everyone is invited to join the Methodist Coffee Club, which meets here in Bullard on **Friday mornings at 10:00 a.m. at Coffee Around the Corner**. This is a time of fellowship and coffee drinking. Everyone is welcome.

### DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES

The Vine deadline is **Sunday, May 15, at 4:30 pm** for the June 2022 newsletter. Email articles to [bullardfumc@bullardfumc.org](mailto:bullardfumc@bullardfumc.org)

### UNITED METHODIST MEN

The next meeting of the United Methodist Men will be on **Tuesday, May 24, at 6:00 pm at the Milano's in Bullard**. All the men of the church are invited to join us for food, fellowship, and ministry.

### UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The United Methodist Women will meet **Wednesday, May 4, 2022, at 9:30 am (note the time change) in the Parlor** to continue our study of Luke, Chapter 9:1-50, "Disciple Training: Stretched in Faith" using Ada Lum's Study Guide, [New Hope, New Joy](#). Martha Dinwiddie will lead the study; Mary Kay Bailey will give the devotional and prayer. All women of the church are welcome to attend our meetings and participate in the Bible study. Please come and bring a friend!

Bring your Lenten offering you collected during the 40 days of lent.

We will be assembling the Child Hygiene Bags as a service project. The items were collected in the mission barrel

during April. If you forgot to drop them off previously, bring the items with you.

After the meeting, members and guests are invited to attend a luncheon at Hidden Gardens. You are welcome to walk through the nursery afterward.

If you have any questions, please contact Judy Donnelly at (281) 450-2300.

### ALTAR FLOWERS: POLICY & PRICE

Altar flowers are a way of honoring a beloved person, remembering the deceased, or recognizing an anniversary or birthday.

To participate in this expression of your appreciation, complete an Altar Flower Form found either below the glass case in church entrance hall, below the glass case in Harper Hall near the children's wing, or go to our website, [bullardfumc.org](http://bullardfumc.org) and drop down the Online Giving tab. A payment of \$45.00 must accompany your request. To pay online, use a credit card. To pay by check, indicate on the subject line that it is for altar flowers and place the check with your request in the offering plate, or take it to the church office.

The next three months are listed below. Check the glass cases in Harper Hall or online for an entire year's calendar.

Month	Sunday	Name
May	1	reserved
	8	reserved
	15	
	22	
	29	
June	5	reserved
	12	reserved
	19	
	26	
July	3	
	10	
	17	
	24	
	31	

When you take the altar flowers home, please leave the green plastic containers at the church. These are reused each week.

### THOUGHTS OF A LAYMAN

#### Growing as a Christian

I marvel at athletes, musicians, actors, and others who do so well the things that most of us only dream of doing. Last week we attended a concert by "The Rhythm Brothers." All



four of them are certainly "World Class" musicians. Talented people have developed their talent because they enjoy what they do, over the years they have associated with others in their trade or craft, and practiced, practiced, practiced.

As practicing Christians, we are called to witness, teach, and prepare a place for those new to the faith, children, and even those whom we do not yet know. Some of us will be long gone before some of those for whom we prepare even arrive. It is by our faith we accept the call; we fellowship and share our lives with other Christians, and we practice, practice, and practice. By our faith, we are willing to sacrifice that others may know Christ, and accept his words when he said:

*Mark 16:15 "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. And in Matthew 28: 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

James wrote:

*James 2: 15-18 Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to him, "Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. But someone will say, "You have faith; I have deeds." Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by what I do."*

Practicing Christians work together, helping the less experienced, sharing with those in need, showing love and concern, praying, giving what we can when we can, showing our faith but being careful not to get so wrapped up in church work that we forget the work of the church.

Father in Heaven, when we pass by a brother who needs help without seeing his need, pinch us, or whatever we need to wake up to the needs of our neighbor. AMEN.

See you in church Sunday,

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES FOR MAY

- 1 Rickey & Jamie Leach  
Kelsey Thrasher
- 3 Carole Myers
- 4 Jack Florence  
Justin Rogers

- 5 Luan Smith
- 6 Emersyn Burns
- 9 Janet Burns
- 11 Matt Florence  
Larry Staten
- 12 Zaylee Zahirniak
- 13 Alison Walker
- 14 Dr. Meril & Melva Taylor
- 15 Piper Florence
- 16 Mary Kay Bailey  
Johnnie & Nancy Bishop  
Lucy Norlie
- 17 Sloan Willis
- 18 Steve & Debbie Bembenek
- 21 Dean & Hazel Mason
- 22 Ron Martin
- 24 Mike Walker
- 26 Alma McBride
- 28 Reggie & Luan Smith
- 29 Jason & Jennifer Blakeney  
Joe & Patti Maxwell
- 31 Larry & Nelda Perry

## OUR PRAYERS

Our Homebound – Side-Line Saints - Members & Friends:

Tommie Aulie  
Ruby Cables  
Velma Carson  
Steve Kimble  
James & Kathleen Kyles  
JoAnn Smith  
Emilie Stroble  
Ron & Dana Swanson  
Jean Weatherly

Active Military Personnel:

Benjamin Barbour, Bryton Blakeney, Jessica Roper, Tyler Scarborough, Victor B. Sheldon and his wife Katy Sheldon, Grant Troxell, and others

## OUR GIFTS

The Board of Stewards has authorized the Finance Committee to establish a new brokerage account for securities donated to the church. The purpose of this is to be able to accept donations of stocks and bonds and convert them to cash for use by the church as designated by the donor.

If you have securities you wish to donate to the church and avoid capital gains taxes, please consult with your financial advisor and then contact the Finance Secretary, Patti Maxwell, or the church office.



## Financial Results for March:

	March	Year-to-date
Contributions (Actual)	\$ 43,744.53	\$ 156,655.06
Contributions (Budgeted)	\$ 40,841.00	\$ 159,083.00
Expenses (Actual)	\$ 42,444.00	\$ 126,109.89
Expenses (Budgeted)	\$ 44,942.00	\$ 132,813.00

## SPECIAL GIFTS

(Gifts as of April 30, 2022)

### In Memory of Vince Simpson

Given by:

Richard & Martha Dinwiddie  
Dottie Rowell

## OUR PRESENCE

Average Attendance (includes In-person & Online):

March:	200
Year to date:	204

## CONTACT US

If you would like to know more about how to become a member of Bullard First United Methodist Church, contact our Pastor.

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Our Mission is to Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World.

*All members of the church are ministers of the Gospel, equipped for sharing the grace of God with the assistance of:*

### CLERGY

Pastor, Rev. David Brasher

### PROGRAMS

Student Ministries Director, Katie Gage  
Children's Director, Deirdre Leung  
Director of Connections, Jill Siler

### WORSHIP

Director of Traditional Music, Robert Boren  
Encounter Worship Leader, David Thrasher  
Pianist, Kerry Baham

### SUPPORT

Administrative Assistant, Venus Burns  
Financial Secretary, Patti Maxwell  
Nursery Supervisor, Kimberly Brasher  
Custodian, Louis White

### DISTRICT/CONFERENCE

District Superintendent, Rev. Charles Anderson  
Bishop, Rev. Dr. Scott Jones

