



Crosby United Methodist Church

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Meet Our New Administrative Assistant!

Ana is our new Administrative Assistant and will be getting to know us and vice versa as she brings her many talents to this position.

Ana is from Dayton, Texas and has a 7 year old son whose name is Isaac. She enjoys doing as many outdoor activities as she can with him. Ana was a legal assistant/paralegal in Houston for the past 7 years and is excited to now be a part of Crosby UMC.





Pastor's Pen

Greetings from the Parsonage Family,

I pray that all have had a great summer and that it has been safe as well. I hope that missing a newsletter or two this summer has not inconvenienced you too much but we have been busy around the Church catching up as well as helping our new Administrative Assistant Ana Rangel get settled in. If you have not had the pleasure of meeting Ana please make it a point and do so.

Anyone noticed any changes around the Church? If you have just know that everything we are doing is to enable our Church Staff work more smoothly together as well as help existing Ministries and newly developed Ministries have the room they need to grow. If you have not noticed any changes get ready as I am sure you will see some soon.

Do we change just for change sake? I would say no but rather we change to make sure we are able to respond to the growing needs and Ministries of a growing Church and that is what Crosby UMC is, a growing Church in a growing community. We will be using the Fall as a time to bring everyone up to speed on what is currently happening at the Church as well as what our long range visions for the Church seem to be. Please stay connected so that your input can help us grow into God's Preferred Future here in Crosby.

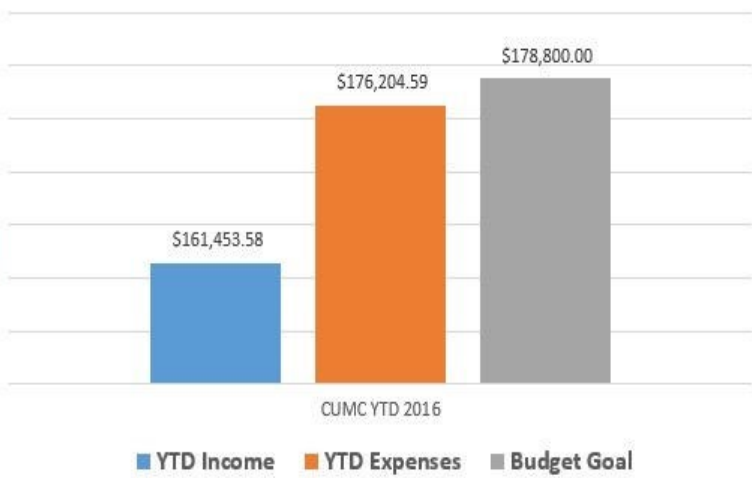
One of our greatest needs is in the area of communication. Communication takes on many forms, some of which come to mind quickly and others that seem to take time to come into focus. Everyone thinks of newsletters, emails, phone calls and such, but just as important is indoor signage to direct guest to areas of interest and areas of need. Outdoor signage can do the same as it can tell you what door to come into. Have you ever tried to tell someone unfamiliar with our Church what door to use to access the Sanctuary, Wesley Room, Fellowship Hall, Family Life Center, or Contemporary Worship just to name a few? Also have you ever thought about someone driving by our Church on a Wednesday night and seeing all the cars and not knowing what was going on or what part of the Church was being utilized? I know that to some long time members this seems silly but imagine yourselves driving up to the new High School for the first time and there being no signage to tell you where to park, to enter, or what activities may be going on.

You have been more than gracious in making the changes identified in Kandace and myself in our first few months of Ministry here in both the Church and the Parsonage, and I pray that you and I will continue to think like a guest and look for needed changes, improvements, and additions to the church. God Desires the Church to be a place of Open Hearts, Open Minds, and of Open Doors. It is up to us to make sure those open doors are identifiable to all whom God sends our way.

God's Peace

Pastor Jamie, Kandace, James, Kasondra & John, Frankie and Johnnie

CUMC Financials
01/01-07/01/2016



Our actual income so far this year is \$14,751 below our actual expenses.

Attendance

7/31/16 Contemporary: 26
Traditional: 103 (Total = 129)
8/7/16 Contemporary: 26
Traditional: 112 (Total = 138)
8/14/16 Contemporary: 24
Traditional: 104 Total = 128)
8/21/16 Contemporary 38
Traditional: 162 Total = 200)

We want to restart our ministry to college students. Please send contact information of any students attending college in the fall. It would also be nice to add the college name and major. Send to rodensd@earthlink.net or of course the church office.

Thanks! Sandy Roden

Volunteer Opportunity!

We are looking for a volunteer to join a team to help us count our offerings Monday mornings on monthly rotations. Contact Randy Hyde or the church office if you would be interested.

Pastor Jamie,

Please pass on our sincere expressions of gratitude to everyone who helped us make the Memorial Service for our mother, Dottie Houghton, beyond our expectation. I don't know the names of all that helped us, but Ana and Kim in the office, Randy Hyde, Paula Harrison, the ladies who hosted the reception, they lay leader Bobby Odom, and of course Irene Cook, (but we consider her family anyway). Mother had been a member since sometime in the early 40's, when she would walk my 3 brothers and I to the old wood frame church on 1st street. She always loved her church family and I'm sure was smiling down on Saturday. Please accept this small donation in mom's memory from Sandra and I, who both grew up at Crosby Methodist, and are members of Holy Covenant UMC in Katy. I'm sure there are others that I should be thanking, that I didn't know about. I hope that Sandra and I will have the opportunity soon (find someone to lead our Sunday School Class) to come home to Crosby and worship with you. God Bless –Robert Houghton.

September 2016



Kim Barnes – Youth Director
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Howdy!

I am super excited about so much going on. September 2nd marks my 3rd year anniversary as youth/children's director here at Crosby UMC. So much has happened in that time.

I have watched so many of young people follow Christ in a more intimate way. I have watched some stumble through bad choices, suffer the consequences, and come out even stronger in their faith. I have grieved with some and rejoiced with others. I have watched all kinds of games, concerts, and performances. We have shared many lessons, played lots of games, and ate tons of food. We have traveled near and far to share in food, fun, & fellowship with other youth groups from several different denominations.

No matter where we are, who we are with, or what we are doing, I have truly enjoyed each and every minute of life shared with all of you. God has brought together (and continues to bring) an amazing group of students. It is a joy and pleasure to get to help you in any way that we can to grow stronger in your faith and help to deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ.

I would also like to give a HUGE shout out to my ministry partners. Miss Anna, Mr. James, Ms. Mindy, Ms. Thresa (aka. Nana) have helped to make sure that we can continue to come together on Wednesday nights & various youth trips. Ms. Lois, Ms. Sandy, & Mr. Lloyd have always made sure that we had adults to go Lakeview, UMARY, & Big House. Without all of these people, we would not be able to do as much as we do. Be sure and let them know you appreciate them for their service to our ministry. We are also excited to have Ms. Lee & Ms. Kandace joining our group.

I am trying to keep something our youth are working on a secret, but it's getting hard! The excitement is building. Keep your eyes open for something coming soon!

To close, I am looking forward to growing even more with y'all. With God in control, our future will

DATES TO REMEMBER

October 22—Harvest Moon Festival (Youth are working the carnival)

November 27—Hanging of the Greens (Youth lead service) 6 pm. Open to anyone.




December 16-17— Holiday Hoopla \$25 per person. Includes food and Main Event.

December 26-January 1— Winter UMARMY \$275 per person. Must be registered by Sept. 28. The camp will be at Clear Lake UMC.

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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| <p>Wednesday Evening Meals—Every Wednesday from 5-6pm in the Family Life Center.</p> <p>Youth R.I.O.T.— Wednesday's 6-7:30pm and Sunday's at 9:00am</p> | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 Marian Nadler 's Memorial Service at 2pm |
| 4 | 5 <i>Happy Labor Day!!</i>  OFFICE CLOSED <i>Labor Day</i> | 6  Weekday School Begins Trustee's Meeting Rm. 110 @ 7pm | 7 UMW Meeting 11am Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm Handbells 5:30pm | 8 Contemporary Service Practice @ 6:30pm | 9 | 10 |
| 11  Grandparents Day Luncheon Rebellion Choir Rehearsal 11:30 Annual District Superintendent Circuit Meeting | 12 Sub Group Meeting @ 6:30 | 13 Admin Co. Meeting Rm. 110 @ 6:30pm | 14 Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm Handbells 5:30pm | 15 Contemporary Service Practice @ 6:30pm | 16 | 17 UMM Breakfast in the FLC @ 8am FLC set-up 10-2pm Eagle Scout Event 5-9pm |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm Handbells 5:30pm | 22 Contemporary Service Practice @ 6:30pm | 23  <u>Newsletter Deadline</u> | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 Finance Meeting Rm. 110 @ 6:30pm | 28 Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm Handbells 5:30pm | 29  SHUT-IN MEALS Contemporary Service Practice @ 6:30pm | 30 | |
| <p><i>Lifetouch Pictures 2-9pm in the FLC</i> →</p> | | | | | | |

FAMILY LIFE COMMITTEE

By: Sue Hernandez

I became a member of CUMC in 2007, while Dr. Harrelson was pastor. At that time, the Family Life Committee was limited to 5th Sunday Covered Dish luncheons, Grandparents Day Luncheon, and the Veterans Day Luncheon as a way to get parishioners to come together in fellowship outside of the worship services. Because there were 2 worship services, there wasn't a lot of interaction between the people who worshipped at the early service with the people who worshipped at the late service. Dr. Harrelson didn't know much about the committee before she arrived, only that Belinda Armstrong was the chair of the committee at that time. Sometime during Dr. Harrelson's time as Pastor, Carol Simonton became the chair. The Mother's Day brunch, Father's Day lunch, Grandparents' Day and Senior Recognition events were added, and Carol took on the responsibility of decorating for each event. Eventually, the 5th Sunday luncheon was eliminated from the committee's responsibilities. Carol Simonton had a real flair for decorating, and she used a lot of her own personal decorations to spice things up because she had a very small budget to work with. During her last year as chair, her budget was increased significantly which allowed for more creativity.

I joined the committee in 2013, during Carol's last year. I had no intention of being the chair, I just wanted to help. But when Carol passed away, a chair was needed, and Pastor Miller asked me to give it a try. This is now my third year as the chair and I think it is going pretty well. We celebrate Mother's Day, with the United Methodist Men cooking their wonderful quiches and homemade biscuits. This is the only meal that is not a covered dish, because we all know who does all the cooking of the covered dishes, right? The Moms. We celebrate Father's Day, Grandparents' Day and Veterans Day with covered dishes provided by the attendees, and purchase BBQ or chicken for an added entree. If anyone leaves one of these events hungry it's their own darned fault! The food is always awesome! Senior Recognition Sunday we provide a small reception with cake and sodas for our seniors who are graduating from high school and college. It's all a fun way of spending a little time outside of worship with our church family members.

In addition to the 5 events Family Life Committee is responsible for, we have been asked in the last couple of years to do the decorating for the United Methodist Men's Scout Sunday and Dessert Auction in February, we cook one night during the Big House and/or UM Army invasions of teenagers here for mission work in Crosby, a couple of times each year we will cook for Wednesday night meals, and have been asked to host the receptions after The Hanging of the Green ceremony and the bell choir Christmas concert.

The committee has lost a few members recently, mostly because other priorities have taken precedence in people's lives, and occasionally current members are unavailable. We could use some new blood and would welcome couples or single folks. With a larger committee, we could take turns alternating events or get done with the necessary tasks quicker. We could use a couple of men who are willing and able to set up and take down the tables and some of the occasional heavy lifting. We usually set up and decorate the day before an event, and take it all down and clean up afterwards. Our current members are Carol and Chuck Thompson, Bobby and Wanda Odom, Randy and Lynda Hyde, Lloyd and Linda Reeves, Barbara Towler, Joyce Boyles, Katy Vincent and Richard Pabst. We would love to have you join us.



Kids Hope

As the school year for 2016 drew to a close, the Kids Hope program celebrated another very successful year. Twenty-eight mentors worked with 31 students throughout the year each week. CUMC is getting to be very well known throughout the school district as a “giving” congregation willing to work outside of the church.

During 3 weeks of summer school, 14 readers filled 67 reading slots. The students and teachers both loved seeing a reader come into their classrooms. The readers were rewarded with lots of smiles and as many hugs as they wanted. Almost 2000 books were given to these students to take home at the end of their classes. Each Pre-K through 2nd grader received 10 free books and the 3rd-5th graders received 5 free chapter books. This was made possible from your caring contributions to the summer reading program. The kids had so much fun choosing their books and they cradled them in their arms lovingly as they left with them. Soon we will have a display of some of the thank you notes that were written. It is well worth your while to read some of them! The Cougar Camp t-shirts were once again a huge hit with the kids and they wore them proudly.

On the last day of summer school, the older students were treated to a video game challenge led by Dayton Berezoski. Dayton was the hero of the day!

New mentors are now being sought for the new school year! If you can give one hour each week to a child who needs someone to show them compassion, hope, trustworthiness, and guidance, please contact us. You will be rewarded far more than the child.

Special thanks to our summer school readers: David Williams, Sherry Arisman, Suzanne Day, Suzie Eppers, Karen Claunch, Sandy Roden, Linda Ritcheson, Irene Cook, Lisa Naasz, Cindy Mitcham, Joe Berezoski, Donny Sanders, Sabrina Sanders, and Sue Hernandez.

We are looking forward to our 5th year in the Kids Hope USA family!

In His Service with many thanks for all the help with this program,

Karen and Suzie

Reminder: Pictorial Directory Coming Soon!

Picture Dates: September 27th– October 1st

Time Availability: 2-9pm

Sign-Up sheets and more information to
come!

Men's Emmaus Walk #78 will take place on October 6th-9th. If you or someone you know would be interested in attending or would like more information, please contact Kim Barnes @281-787-7681 or James Malac @ 281-802-7121.