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You've Really Grown Up!

We held our Confirmation service this past Sunday and what a joy it was to see eight of our bright young people make their profession of faith. Several times, I heard someone say, "my, those kids sure grew up fast."

The older we get, the more we begin to measure time by looking at our children and grandchildren as we watch them grow. One day they're little kids and the next they're grown men and women.

I was blessed to visit with one of my former confirmation students, a young man named Cole, who came to worship with us on Sunday. As I confirmed the children from our current class, I couldn't help but reminisce about the day I confirmed Cole and his class. Back then, he was a little kid who ran around everywhere and his greatest joy was setting off fireworks, whether it was on an occasion to do so, or not. Now, he's well over 6ft. tall and has a beard. Kids sure grow up fast!

I felt blessed to be able to visit with Cole and to hear about what he's been doing with his life and to witness how much he has grown, not only physically, but also in his spiritual maturity. I'm very proud of Cole, just as I'm proud of all of our current and former confirmation students. Their maturity is a sign that as a church, we are doing our part to obey the Great Commission by *making disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I [Jesus] have commanded you.*

As we continue to grow in our faith and in the mission that God has set before us, let us also remember that even as we continue to grow up ... we'll never outgrow our need for the Lord because He is always moving us, motivating us and yes, even challenging us to take on new and exciting missions and projects all for the glory of His name and the furtherance of His Kingdom.

And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.
-Colossians 3:23-24

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Darrin

What's Happening in our neighborhood

Congratulations to Linda Conley who is now the Administrative Assistant at St. John's UCC. Suzanne Kessler retired May 28. Suzanne plans to continue teaching Sunday school, taking pictures during church services and keeping Sunday school records updated. She also plans on making more quilts and visiting quilt stores to search for more fabric.

Break Bread is returning on June 27. Thanks to Carlene and Mark Klaus for volunteering to do this. They could use some help, so please consider helping with preparations for Break Bread.

Recipients of the Glen & Dottie Schoeneberg Scholarship will be recognized on June 6 at 10 a.m. Those receiving the scholarships are: Carter Callahan, Kristin Dyes, Kelsey Ann Fehrle, Olivia Flores, Aerianna Lewis, Parker Mason, Stephen McGee, Jeremy Quinton, C J Smith, and Ben Zapalac.

Burton Bridge Ministry is selling meal tickets for a Bush's chicken meal. The meal tickets must be used June 24-26. You may purchase your tickets in the narthex on Sunday mornings. Later in the month, raffle tickets will be on sale, and the raffle drawing will be in July.

Graduation News:

Luke Lechler is graduating from kindergarten at First Baptist Church School in Brenham. His parents are Genna and Chad Lechler and his grandmother is Diana Glenz.

Bryanna Lehrmann graduated from Texas A & M.

Peyton Edward Johnston, grandson of Sue Johnston, graduated from Marbury High School in Alabama on June 3. He will be attending Auburn University in Montgomery, Alabama. Peyton plans to be a Special Education teacher. His parents are Joshua and Amanda Johnston.

Parker Mason, grandson of Kathy & Curtis Fuchs, graduated from Brenham High School He is the son of Courtney & Wes Mason. Parker plans to attend Angelina College in Lufkin, Texas to continue his academic studies and baseball career.

New Members:

We welcome **new members to St. John's**. Samantha Gandy and her children Eli, Ian and Payte joined our congregation on May 9, 2021. Welcome to St. John's.

Prayers:

We have joys to share from last month. Billy Dallmeyer and Ranell Knipstein Dacus are doing much better. London Gaskins is also improving, and Tom Angerame is home and out mowing the lawn! Tom still has to go back to M D Anderson in the future, so we are

continuing our prayers for Tom as well as Diane Boehenemann, Brian Chenault, Rhett Livingston, Bradley Locke, Nancy Maass, Darrell Meyer, Jack Millett, Pam Ptaesel, Sue Schwartz, Collin Smith, Sue Smith and Connie Watson. We continue prayers for those who are unable to attend church and those in our care facilities: Gerdine Fuchs and Lee Dell Krause. We are saddened at the loss of Linda Hall Goodridge who died May 20.

Dear God,

We come to You with thanksgiving for all the blessings You have given us. We thank You for filling our tanks and ponds so that our livestock may survive. We thank You for the beautiful May flowers and all the beauty of the earth provided by You. We pray that You will comfort those in need, those suffering from illness and those who have lost loved ones. We pray for Your guidance in all that we do. May we do on earth as it is done in heaven. In Your name we pray. **Amen.**

The Confirmation Class met on Wednesday, May 19 to go over the order of worship and practice for their confirmation on Pentecost Sunday. Afterwards, they served several members of the congregation in appreciation for all that the church members have done for the confirmands throughout their years at St. John's. The meal was awesome and the confirmation students served with gladness. Pictured in t shirts are: Devlin Douglas, Lawson Fritsch, Zoe Jaeger, Colton Broesche, Pastor Darrin, Landon Nugent, Bailee Prior, Corban Krolczyk and Michael Smith.



Pictured on Confirmation Sunday are front row: Devlin Douglas, Zoe Jaeger, Bailee Prior and Corban Krolczyk. On the back row is Lawson Fritsch, Colton Broesche, Pastor Darrin, Landon Nugent and Michael Smith.

St. John's UCC Council
Meeting Minutes – April 14, 2021

Individuals Present (20 total)

Council Members – Mike Clyde, Blake Emmitt, Dean Fuchs, Nikki Harmel, Sam Hodde, Jeff Krolczyk, Mark Klaus, Tracy Matthies, Christy Moran, Sue Schwartz

Individuals – Larry Winkelmann, Pastor Darrin Holub, Confirmation Students: Colton Broesche, Devlin Douglas, Lawson Fritsch, Zoe Jaeger, Corbin Krolczyk, Landon Nugent, Bailee Prior, and Michael Smith,

Not Present – Jodell Hodde and Barbara Saunders

Call to Order and Opening Prayer

The meeting was called to order by President Dean Fuchs at 6:00PM and prayer was given by Pastor Darrin Holub.

Minutes from Previous Meeting:

The following correction was made to the January 2021 minutes: "The 2020 financial statements were examined..." (not audited); see attached email from Bill Comiskey to Dean Fuchs, sent March 31, 2021.

Blake Emmitt made a motion to accept the March 2021 minutes as presented which was seconded by Nikki Harmel; no discussion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurers' Reports

Council members received copies of this financial reports via email prior to the meeting: Treasurer's Report (Operational, submitted by Ann Pape) and Treasurer's Report (Non-Operational, submitted by Larry Winkelmann). During the meeting Larry Winkelmann pointed out the following correction: 3/22/2021 ACH deposit for \$1,380.86 listed as "enveloped contribution" should have been listed as "GeoSouthern Royalty." Blake Emmitt made a motion to accept both Treasurers' reports as presented, seconded by Jeff Krolczyk; with no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Review of Reports Previously Submitted:

Worship Committee (submitted by Kathy Emmitt) – Pastor Darrin summarized the report which included the committee's suggestion for Praise Team to return to pre-COVID schedule and plans to restart Children's Church beginning in September. Darrin also mentioned a need for more assistance/helpers with Donna Shippey during Nursey (occurring during the 10am church services) due to the growing number of children attending.

Pastor's Report/Maintenance Report – Pastor Darrin asked for council's opinion regarding communication at Maundy Thursday and Easter which council agreed to continue "walk-up" communion along with offering pre-packaged elements. Pastor Darrin is now allowed to visit residents in care facilities (due to changing COVID-19 rules). Confirmation is scheduled for May 23. Regarding church maintenance, fire inspections are required due to the church's new insurance policy, one in which the kitchen did not pass inspection. Blake Emmitt made a motion to hire Knox Fire Protections to provide future fire inspection services, at the recommendation of Pastor Darrin, which was seconded by Christy Moran; no discussion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Christian Education – Christy Moran summarized the report she submitted including upcoming Adam's Angels Bike-A-Thon schedule for May 2, new Sunday School summer program/curriculum, and Vacation Bible School upcoming planning meeting Wednesday, May 26 with VBS scheduled for evenings July 25-28.

CCE (Continuing Church Education)

Council Committees – Not discussed; Dean encouraged council members to learn more about the areas. This included a brief discussion of Cemetery Policy.

Council Duty – Council members should share their preferences with Jeff Krolczyk (for scheduling); moving forward we will need to schedule 4 council members per service for 1st Sundays due to communion, with other Sundays needing only 2 council members per service.

Old Business

Church Secretary Position Posted – Dean provided job description which is posted on website; goal for hiring by mid-May.

Water Pressure Issues Resolved – No further discussion.

New Business

Burton Bridge Ministry Use of FLC (Family Life Center) – Burton Bridge Ministry requested to resume activities in the FLC. The idea of Bridge Ministry using paper goods already available in the church pantry for \$100 per month, rather than bring their own, was discussed. Blake Emmitt made a motion for Burton Bridge Ministry to resume Senior Fellowship Dine-In meals on May 7 with St. John's furnishing the paper goods (as a donation from St. John's to Bridge Ministry); this was seconded by Nikki Harmel; no discussion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Montgomery Estate – Carol Montgomery has generously bequeathed 24 percent of sale proceeds of her property to (32 acres) St. John's UCC.

Break Bread – Mark Klaus presented the need of more help in order to resume Break Bread (the meal occurring in the FLC following 10am services, last Sunday of month). After a brief discussion, Dean suggested that Mark Klaus and Mike Clyde present their recommendation at May council meeting.

Spiritual Reflection

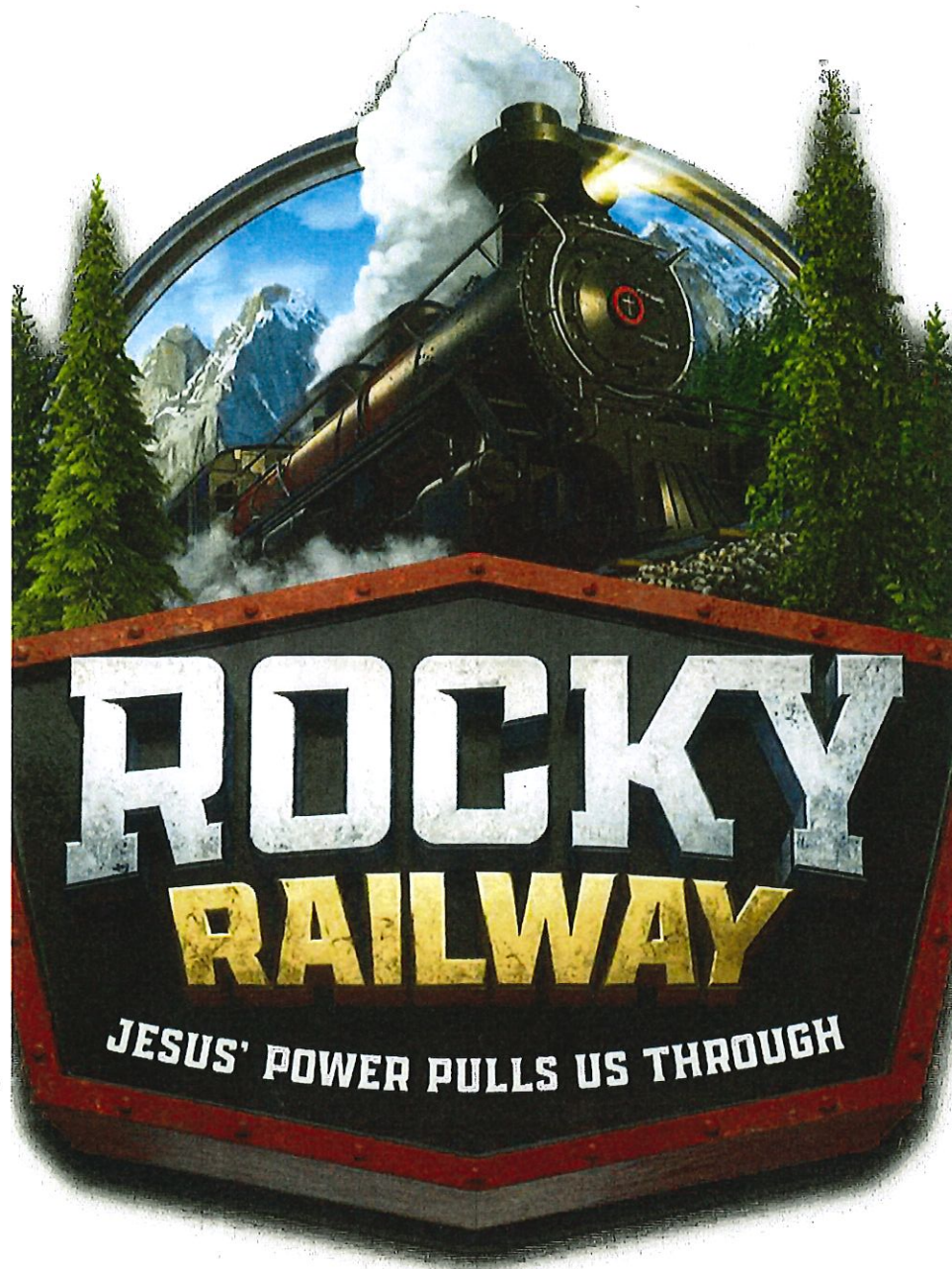
The Spiritual Reflection was provided by Confirmation Class led by Pastor Darrin. The council members and confirmands shared in informal discussion and questioning. Pastor Darrin complimented on the preparedness of this group of confirmations and used the teachable moment (confirmands attending the council meeting this evening) to explain church government, accountability, decision making, etc. during the meeting, all in efforts to "make the church work."

Adjournment and Prayer

A motion to adjourn was made by Nikki Harmel and seconded by Tracy Matthies; the motion passed unanimously, ending the meeting at 7:00PM. The meeting closed by reciting The Lord's Prayer.

Next Council Meeting: Wednesday, May 12, 2021

Respectfully submitted,
Tracy Matthies



Sunday, July 25 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Pool & Pizza Party @ Blue Bell Aquatic Center in Brenham

Monday, July 26 through Wednesday, July 28 Evenings, VBS @ St. John's, Times To Be Announced

Please contact Tracy Matthies or Joan Goebel for questions or to share ideas.

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June Birthdays

- 1 June Makowsky
Violet Janac
- 2 Shannon Knittel Sweatt
Jon Hodde
Elliott Jon Hodde
Norma Johnston
- 4 Brian Chenault
Logan Lange
- 6 Matthew Stolz
Bridgette Gail Jurica
Jennifer Klaus
Brock Peterson
- 8 Nina Dallmeyer
Gary Goebel
- 10 Henry Kessler
- 12 Karra Muehlbrad
- 14 Bruce Lehrmann
Kurt Jasinski
- 15 John Lee Makowsky
Lauren Hodde
- 16 Ray Felder
Kassie Van Woert
- 17 Larry Pape
Chris Harmel
- 18 Shirley Anderson
- 19 Betty Dallmeyer
Jerry Guelker
- 20 Jacob Emmett
- 21 Tanner Steenken
Jean Cooper
Lisa Hays
- 22 Sarah Ann Makowsky
Keith Schoenemann
- 23 Misty Lucherk
Robert Lehrmann Jr.
Bryana Lehrmann
- 24 Barbara Schoenemann
Gage Todd Gaskamp
- 25 Mackenzie Wilke
- 26 Pam Langston

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

June Anniversaries

- 4 Jolene & Jerry Wickel
- 5 Suzanne & Don Kessler
- 8 Nikki & Chris Harmel
Sheila & Glenn Bain
Micah & Garrison Goebel
- 9 Linda & Mark Conley
- 13 Kristi & Tyson Felder
- 17 Sandra & Mike Sommerlatte
- 20 Barbara & Keith Schoenemann
Karra & Cody Boeker
- 23 Debi & Lance Dallmeyer
- 24 Nan & Gene Fuelberg
- 27 Sue & Dale Schwartz
Myrt & Leonard Meinkowsky
Patricia & Matt Thaler
- 28 Kathy & Blake Emmett
Lauren & Jason Hodde
- 30 Linda & Mike Wilke

Observe Flag Day June 14



June Council Duty Roster

6	8:00	Barbara Saunders Mark Klaus	Nikki Harmel Mike Clyde
	10:00	Jodell Hodde Blake Emmett	Sam Hodde Dean Fuchs
13	8:00	Jeff Krolczyk	Sue Schwartz
	10:00	Tracy Matthies	Blake Emmett
20	8:00	Nikki Harmel	Mark Klaus
	10:00	Jodell Hodde	Christi Moran
27	8:00	Jeff Krolczyk	Sue Schwartz
	10:00	Tracy Matthies	Sam Hodde

June Flower Calendar

6th--Altar: In honor of Don & Suzanne Kessler's 45th wedding anniversary by the family

Piano: In memory of the wedding anniversary of Gene & Amy Clyde (Mike's parents) by Mike & Patricia Clyde

13th--Altar: OPEN

20th--Altar: In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Oscar Wolff by the family

27th--Altar: In memory of Franklin & LaVerne Fuchs' wedding anniversary by the family



June 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Yoga, 4:30 in garden Motivated Movers,5-6	2 Yoga, 7:30-8:30	3 Yoga, 4:30 in garden Motivated Movers,5-6	4 Sr. Day, 10-12 In the FLC	5
6 Communion, 8 & 10 LOFT Choir, 10 Recognition of Scholarship Winners, 10	7 A Capella Choir, 6	8 Yoga, 4:30 in garden Motivated Movers,5-6	9 Yoga, 7:30-8:30 Council, 6	10 Yoga, 4:30 in garden FLC occupied 8-12 Motivated Movers,5-6 Mary Martha Sewing, 1-5	11 Sr. Day, 10-12 In the FLC Sanctuary occupied, 6-8	12 Sanctuary occupied all day
13 Praise, 8 Traditional, 10 Children's Choir, 10	14 4H, 6	15 Yoga, 4:30 in garden Motivated Movers,5-6	16 Yoga, 7:30-8:30 Men's Group at Marvin Boeker's house	17 Yoga, 4:30 in garden Motivated Movers,5-6	18 Sr. Day, 10-12 In the FLC Food Pantry, 10-12	19
20 Services 8 & 10	21 Annual ice cream social and Gospel Night hosted by Circle 1, 7p.m.	22 Yoga, 4:30 in garden Motivated Movers,5-6	23 Yoga, 7:30-8:30	24 Yoga, 4:30 in garden Motivated Movers,5-6 Mary Martha Sewing, 1-5	25 Sr. Day, 10-12 In the FLC	26
27 Praise, 8 Traditional, 10 Men's Choir 10 Break Bread, 11:15 Newsletter deadline	28	29 Yoga, 4:30 in garden Motivated Movers,5-6	30 Yoga, 7:30-8:30 Newsletter workday, 9	<p>Don't miss Gospel Night and Ice Cream Social on June 21 at 7p.m. in the Family Life Center!</p> 		