



The Good News

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Photo: TMR

The GRR got their mini-split cooler system installed on May 31. Now the new office space can be cool when it's 95°F outside.

PHCC is a Hillcrest community church affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). It has been at the corner of Spruce and Hillcrest since 1927. Our email is lrphcc@gmail.com.

2018-2019 Board:

Interim Moderator to be elected

Acting Moderator, Chet Chaney (chetchaney@yahoo.com)

Treasurer, Angela Frazier (afraz17@yahoo.com)

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At-large: Evelyn Behrle (eabehrle@yahoo.com)

At-large: Rebecca Frazier (rfrazier@tomycpa.com)

At-large: Dr. John W. Graves (johnwgrav@aol.com)

2018-2019 Elder: Rebecca Frazier (rfrazier@tomycpa.com)

Minister: We are in Search and Call for our next minister.

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Fifteen Minutes

Rev. Carolyn Miles

One beautiful summer day many years ago, a group of friends and I took a USO tour bus from the base where we were stationed to the border town of Laredo, Texas. We were to spend time sightseeing and shopping in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico. We crossed a bridge over the Rio Grande as carefree as if walking over the Broadway Bridge to North Little Rock.

As we shopped, street vendors and storekeepers turned to me to act as an interpreter. I imagine they assumed I was Latina and spoke Spanish. It amused us. At the designated time, we headed back for the bus and took the opposite side of the bridge. A uniformed officer waived my friends on then held up a hand indicating for me to stop.



He spoke to me in Spanish, which I did not speak or understand. A passerby informed me that he wanted to see my identification. I gave him my military ID. The officers gathered together and appeared to study the photograph while looking back at me. It dawned on me that the card had been issued four years prior when I was in boot camp. My hair was longer. My skin was more deeply tanned. I had gained weight. I looked more like an older sister to the teen in that picture.

My friends stood only a stone's throw away. We continued to chat. To ease the tension, they began to tease me. "Have fun living in Mexico." "Don't forget to write." On the outside, I laughed and joked, "You guys better not leave me." On the inside, I was starting to feel vulnerable and afraid. My fate was not in my hands. I was at the mercy of the authorities to determine how long I remained and when I could go. After what felt like a very long time, but was likely about fifteen minutes, I was permitted to cross the border.

My very brief encounter at the border ended favorably for me. But the border issues dominating the news recently are far more serious and the consequences more severe. Many of our sisters and brothers, both immigrants and asylum seekers, are experiencing tremendous suffering. Stories and images of parents and children, who have been separated and don't know if or when they will be reunited, is not something that those of us who profess Christ can or should ignore.

While our attention is focused primarily on the southern border, the plight of immigrants, refugees and asylum seekers across the globe needs to be a matter of high priority.



This month, we as a nation celebrate our Independence. Lately, I've been giving a lot of thought to my own personal freedom. I had no control over the circumstances of my birth. My ancestry, like so many Americans, is greatly mixed and my origins extensive. As a woman, I am aware that there are many countries where I would have little to no control over my body, or other aspects of my life, based on gender. I chose to be a Christian. There are places in this world where the choice is forbidden and persecuted.

I know that I am greatly blessed. I thank God for individuals, faith communities and organizations that are making their voices heard on behalf of the "least of these." My prayer is that God grant me the wisdom, the courage and the stamina to work for justice, freedom and peace.

This month, I invite you to focus on the plight of those who are willing to risk everything, including their lives, to experience what you and I largely take for granted, freedom. You can start by reading to become better informed.

Spend time in concentrated prayer. Search for an organization you feel is making a difference and give a financial contribution. Donate requested items to churches or relief agencies. Raise awareness in your church or civic organizations by placing this issue on the agenda for discussion. Contact your representatives to voice your concerns. Do what you can. You can start with as little as fifteen minutes of your time.

(images: <http://www.nuevolaredocantina.com/gallery/> & <http://www.dohenystatebeach.org/event-items/4th-of-july-fireworks-extravaganza/>)

Upcoming Pulpit Schedule

July 1, 2018 — Dr. Scot Crenshaw
July 8, 2018 — Dr. Nadine Burton
July 15, 2018 — Rev. Marilou Coins
July 22, 2018 — Tom Ryan
July 29, 2018 — To be Announced

We Are Halfway Between Kentucky and Texas

Another opportunity to share our facility with the wider church came to us at the end of June, 2018. Two groups contacted the office asking for a place to sleep overnight. One group, from San Marcos, TX led by Rev. Cari Fowler, needed a place to lay their heads on the night of June 24 going up to Kentucky, and on the night of June 29 returning home. A second group, from Rowell, TX and Granbury, TX, led by Austin Staggs, needed accommodations while returning to Texas on the 29th.

We were happy to be able to let them stay at Pulaski Heights Christian. The trip was to Disciples Summer Mission: Youth #8 held at Lexington, KY. The event offered service and spiritual growth opportunities to roughly 200 Disciples youth (6-12 grade graduates) from FL, KY, TN & TX churches. Most came from Texas churches.

32 persons in all stayed overnight June 29th. This included the four band members from the Summer Mission: Nicholas Erickson, Chris Aleman, Jase Tucker & Trent Nelson-Paryag, shown in a video still. They left early for Houston, so the group photo below shows the other 28 adults and youngsters who were our guests. They left us a t-shirt from the meeting as well as a \$50 Kroger gift card.



Learn more at <https://disciplessummermission.wordpress.com/about-us/>

Photos: Tom Ryan

Pork and Slaw Sandwiches

Recipe for slow cooker!

Recipe by Oxmoor House

Yield 15 servings (serving size: 1 sandwich)

Pulled pork is an instant classic and slow-cooking it is simply genius.

Use packaged cabbage and carrot coleslaw to shave off prep time.

Ingredients

- 1 (3-pound) boneless pork loin roast, trimmed
- 1 cup water
- 1 3/4 cups barbecue sauce
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1 1/2 tablespoons hot sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 2 1/2 cups packaged cabbage-and-carrot coleslaw
- 1/4 cup canola mayonnaise
- 1 tablespoon white vinegar
- 1/4 teaspoon sugar
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 15 (2-ounce) hamburger buns

How to Make It

Step 1

Place pork and 1 cup water in a 3- to 4-quart electric slow cooker. Cover and cook on LOW for 7 hours or until meat is tender.

Step 2

Drain pork, discarding cooking liquid. Return pork to slow cooker; shred with 2 forks. Stir in barbecue sauce and next 3 ingredients (through pepper). Cover and cook on LOW for 1 hour.

Step 3

Combine coleslaw and next 4 ingredients (through salt) in a bowl; toss well. Place about 1/3 cup pork mixture and about 2 tablespoons slaw on bottom half of each bun; cover with bun tops.

Step 4

Quick Tip: Using packaged cabbage-and-carrot coleslaw shaves time off the prep. Long gone are the days when you'd have to shred your own.



Week of Compassion Season After Season

Each month you might spot the words, “the many who are still recovering from 2017 hurricanes” in the prayer requests on page 4. This is not an abstract suggestion for prayer. This month’s Week of Compassion newsletter features the work being done around the world on hurricane and typhoon relief. With all this going on, the article includes the dire words, “Now, the 2018 Atlantic Hurricane Season is upon us.” The image below is small in *The Good News*. [Click on this link](#) to see the original size in the newsletter on the Week of Compassion website.



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| 1 Texas, Hurricane Harvey Long-Term Recovery | 2 Florida, Hurricanes Matthew & Irma Long-Term Recovery |
| 3 Palestine, Emergency Medical Support | 4 Washington DC, Poverty Initiative |
| 5 Texas, Storm Relief | 6 North Carolina, Storm Relief |
| 7 West Timor, Indonesia Food Security | 8 Nicaragua, Women & Children Support and Empowerment |
| 9 Venezuela, Emergency Support | 10 Kenya, Flood Response |
| 11 Alabama, NW Florida, Storm Relief | 12 Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ebola Response |
| 13 Tanzania, Medical Support | 14 Iraq, Sustainable Development |
| 15 Haiti, Sustainable Development | 16 California, Emergency Relief |
| 17 Texas, Hurricane Harvey Recovery | 18 Oklahoma, Fire Recovery |
| 19 Guatemala, Emergency Volcanic Response | 20 Nicaragua, Emergency Support |
| 21 Darfur, Emergency Support | 22 Somalia, Drought/Floods |
| 23 Iraq, Internal Displaced Persons Support | 24 Syria, Conflict |

Graphics: Week of Compassion

The issue of damage in Puerto Rico is raised as well. The article tells us, “In Puerto Rico, where the damage from Hurricanes Irma and Maria is still extreme, and where electricity is still unreliable nine months after the storms, the congregations of the *Iglesia Cristiana (Discipulos de Cristo)* are combining recovery efforts with disaster preparedness. Last month, a group of Disciple pastors began designing and implementing a disaster communication network, which will connect congregations across the island in the event of an emergency.”

“Thank you for your faithful partnership and generous gifts, from season to season, storm upon storm, year after year.”

“When This Breaks, Just Buy a New One”

Nothing lasts forever. Sometimes that fact is disappointing when we learn it as children. Sometimes it is a relief when we are enduring something that approaches unbearable. So, sometimes the fact is a blessing, at other times a curse.

Appliances wear out. In 2017 the repairman who put a new inducer motor in our 2004 model Maytag refrigerator told us that if (when) that repair failed, just buy a new refrigerator.

We had to invoke his recommendation when the refrigerator failed on the afternoon of June 13, 2018. Its demise was discovered the next morning by a disappointed office assistant. But the gears were put into motion to get a new one. It was delivered on Tuesday June 26. We pray that it will last 14 years or longer!

You can't help but notice it when you're in the kitchen. It's a stainless-steel finish with clear coat to avoid fingerprinting. It matches the new stoves we got a few years ago.

Please Continue Prayers for:

Rev. Scot C.; Eric C's family; Lane B., Lydia K.; Angela's cousin Alania, Martha C., the Perry Family, Ron C., Jean H., Kim P., Lynda C., Keith R., Glenna S.; Wissam A.; our Church; the homeless of Little Rock; the Great River Region of the DoC; those struggling to do God's will; victims of shooters; refugees who are fleeing the violence of war. Pray for peace as global tensions rise, pray for the grieving, that they may be comforted; pray for those impacted by trade wars; those worldwide being persecuted for being 'different'; please pray for the wounded; the citizens and residents of the U.S.A., the many who are *still* recovering from 2017 hurricanes, and others God leads you to know of.

May 2018 Stewardship Report

May Budget Needs – \$8,125.00
May Offering – \$3,954.00
Other Income – \$3,392.00
Total May Actual Income – \$7,346.00

May Budgeted Expenses – \$8,912.08
May Actual Expenses – \$4,668.94
Net Result for May – \$ 2,677.06

Fiscal-Year-to-date through 5/31/18
Offering – \$71,995.17
Other Income – \$42,006.00
Total FYTD Income – \$114,001.17
Expenses FYTD – \$94,399.21
Net Result FYTD – \$19,601.96



Events in July 2018

– Birthdays in July 17 – Angela Frazier; 23 – Greg Pendleton; 24 – Alex Perry; 31 – Betty Jo Thibault.

– Events of note

1 – Fiscal Year 2019 begins; new Board takes office



image: Healing Flag Field- Paula Brewer freeimages.com

4 – Independence Day (Church office closed)

12 – Thursday, 6:00 pm scheduled Board Meeting

15 – Congregational Meeting.

15 – Potluck Luncheon

15 – Sign August birthday cards.

16 – Third Monday Meal is served; 2501 S. Arch St.

29 – Community Breakfast. 7:30 a.m. at Quapaw Quarter UMC, 1601 S. Louisiana St.

– Sunday School on Break for Summer



Events in August 2018

– Birthdays in August 18 – Bill Ward; 29 – Jeannie Cross.

– Events of note

19 – Sign September birthday cards.

20 – Third Monday Meal is served; 2501 S. Arch St.

– Sunday School on Break for Summer



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Rev. Susan G. Miller, Minister
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Office Assistant ~ Tom Ryan