

the Reminder

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | ROSE HILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH | NOVEMBER 2019

Pastor reports to Charge Conference

This year has been another fruitful year in the life and ministry of Rose Hill United Methodist Church. After a year of working with church leadership, we have created a fresh framework of ministry, while retaining our identity as an established, generational church. The ministry of the church is now being communicated via the following ministry areas: *Worship, Connect, Grow, Serve, and Give.*

Worship continues to be one of the

most important weekly experiences we enjoy as a body of believers. We currently offer two Traditional worship services on Sunday morning. This past year we also offered many special seasonal services centered around Advent and Lent, with the addition of services of healing and hope. This past summer we bumped up our second service time from 10:45 am to 11 am, in order to provide space for a new contemporary service.

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Special Advent *Silent Night* service on December 8 offers healing and hope.

Weekly Events

Sundays

- 8:30 am Worship Service & Communion
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship Service

Wednesdays

- 10:00 am Heart to Heart Women Bible Study
- 6:30 pm Grow Events
Children & Youth
Adult Choir Practice

Fridays

- 7:00 am Men Bible Study
- 9:30-11:30 am MOPS
(1st & 3rd Fridays)

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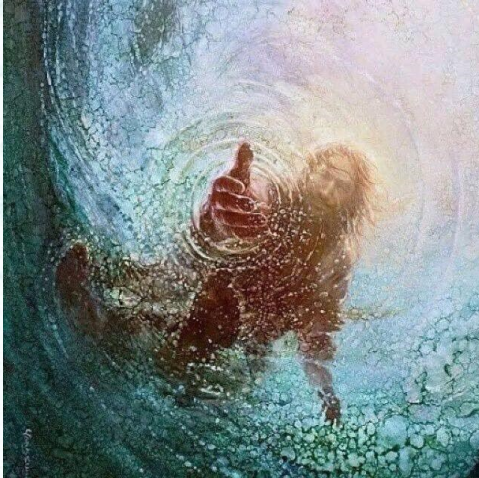
Don't let the Season drown you

People are drowning! I witness it all the time. As a pastor, not a day goes by when I don't see people wearing the stresses and strains of this fast-paced life on their faces, especially during this time of the year when we get caught up in the tsunami of the holiday season.

We should be smiling, right? After all, "It's the most wonderful time of the year," but instead, many of us are internally

focused, frequently frowning, and gasping for

air. We've become flooded by the turkey and stuffing, the ribbons and bows, the tinsel and lights, and the pa-

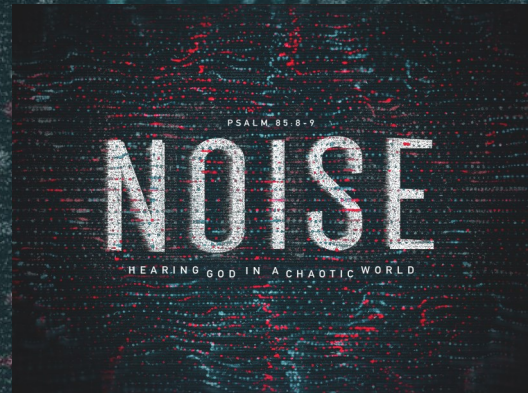


per and presents. It's not that these things are inherently harmful; in fact, they really are amoral objects. They can take on a suffocating component if we allow them to or they can actually bring about a lot of happiness and excitement. So, it's not really the seasonal stuff in and of themselves that causes us angst; it's the insatiable pursuit of these things and the immense pressure of finding the perfect gift that drives us mad and drowns our joy.

So, what's the solution to all this? It's obvious (maybe even too obvious to even take the time to write about). Then again, as Arthur Conan Doyle writes, "There is nothing more deceptive than an obvious fact." So here we go; let me state the obvious fact as a way of reminding us of the elementary (see what I did there?). The solution to thriving during this most chaotic time of the year, instead of just surviving, is easy... Connection with Christ.

So if you're drowning the next two months, or any other month for that matter, then do what Peter did when he began sinking to the bottom of the Sea when he took his eyes off of Jesus... look into the eyes of Christ and reach out to the One who is reaching out to you! Take Jesus' hand. Let Him pull you out whenever you find yourself sinking into the depths of this world.

Pastor Jason



In November, we kick off a brand new sermon series called, *Noise: Hearing God in a Chaotic World*.

Our world is very noisy. It's very difficult to go anywhere on any given day without being bombarded by the sound of traffic. Go into any restaurant and you'll likely hear music blaring in the background, political bickering on some news station, or commentary on the latest sports game. There's a lot of chatter in the workplace. Schools are filled with the sounds of slamming lockers.

Think you can escape noise at home? Good luck trying to prevent the neighbor's obnoxious dog from barking or stop your children or grandchildren from arguing. But, even if you were able to successfully block out the noise around you, and find a place for silence and solitude, chances are there are still those annoying voices in your head.

Let's see if we can learn how to silence them so we can become more attuned to the voice of God.

Christmas at RHUMC will be special—Save the dates!



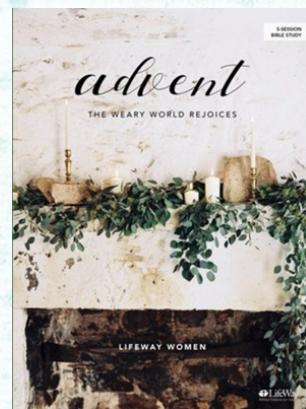
Join us Sunday, November 24, after the 11:00 am worship service to decorate for Advent. Lunch will be provided.

Heart to Heart women's Advent study begins November 6

Heart to Heart is a special group of women who come together every Wednesday morning for support and spiritual growth. We would love to have you join us!

We will be starting our Advent study, *Advent The Weary World Rejoices*, on Wednesday, November 6th from 10-11:30 am. This is a thoughtful look at the Christmas season, focusing on what Advent is and how it fuels our worship of Christ this time of year. This is a five-session study that dives into topics like hope, peace, joy, and love.

All women in the church and community are invited. Childcare will be provided as needed.



Silent Night Service
December 8th | 5:00 pm

Candles, Carols & Cookies
December 15th
5:00 pm Cantata
6:00 pm Reception & Nativity Museum

Christmas Eve Services Communion & Candlelighting
December 24
5:00 pm Traditional | 7:00 pm Contemporary | 9:00 pm Chapel

New Mission: Boots for Christ



Boots For Christ represents the ongoing efforts at Rose Hill UMC to put our servant's heart into action. It's helping one of our own church members or a neighbor in our community with a repair, a clean-up project, some special assistance in the home, or a hot meal, if home-bound.

If you would like to help with this special mission, or, if you or someone you know would like to request help with a project, please send an email to: missions@rosehillumc.org or call the church office, 281-351-5356.

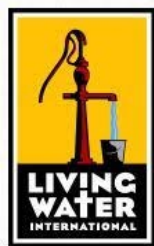


Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon on Nov. 17

Bring your favorite covered dish or dessert and enjoy a Thanksgiving lunch in the Fellowship Hall following our 11:00 am worship service. The meat will be provided by our United Methodist Women.

Welcome to Rose Hill UMC!

Please extend a warm Rose Hill welcome to our newest member, Dorothy Schmidt, who joined the church on September 22.



Water for Life in Jesus' Name

Rose Hill is taking a team of 6 men and women to Honduras in March of 2020. Their mission is twofold: drill a well in a community that has no clean water and share the love and message of Christ! If you'd like to financially contribute to this trip in any way, please see me for details.

WATER
FOR LIFE
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Can you help?

Our Rose Hill UMC Maintenance Team oversees the care and maintenance of all church property which includes the church grounds, buildings, and equipment. The team works to provide a pleasant and inviting environment in which to worship God and enjoy fellowship opportunities with one another. We are always in need of people who have the desire, talent, or skills for this service. If you have time and would like to volunteer, contact: John Engelking (jengelki@msn.com)

God loves a cheerful giver

This year we are experiencing an increase in the amount of designated giving! The church has received several large gifts, ranging from \$4,000 to \$20,000, which have been used to send 17 of our children and youth to camp this summer, has resurrected the Church Endowment Fund to be used for future ministry for generations to come, is affording us the opportunity to start a contemporary service, and will completely fund our mission trip to provide clean water and the Gospel to the people of Honduras. Let us praise God for these special gifts. Let us also praise God for all that is given through tithes and offerings (great or small) to support the ongoing life and ministry of Rose Hill United Methodist Church.

God loves a cheerful giver. -2 Corinthians 9:7



Children Ministry

Starting November 10th, Pre-K through 5th grade will get into the Advent season spirit by practicing Christmas songs during Children's Church. These songs will be sung at the 11:00 am service, starting December 1st until December 22nd. Music CD's will be provided starting December 1st.



Student Ministry



Join us for a concert King & Country at Berry Center - Cypress, TX | 11/16/2019 7:00 PM

Currently we have 8 tickets left. If those fill, we can purchase more tickets. Questions: Contact [Jessica McMullen](#)

Save the Date: Big House

June 10th — June 14th

Cost \$70.00

Completed 5th grade through 12th grade



54th Annual
Tomball Holiday Parade
Saturday, November 23rd

Brainstorming meeting November 5th, 6:00 pm
dinner will be provided.

Questions: Jessica McMullen 713-870-9804
jlmcmullen@gmail.com

Pastor presents annual report to Charge Conference

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Throughout the year our contemporary worship team has led us in a number of Sunday evening services called, *Night of Worship*. We are now ready to launch a regular Sunday morning service at 9:45 am in *The Hub*, starting on December 1st of this year. Though our average attendance throughout the year saw a minor decrease from that of 2018, our membership has increased. We believe that both attendance and membership will rise substantially with the addition of a contemporary service.

Connect Ministries is thriving. New member classes are offered almost biweekly. *The Table*, which is a 8-10 week, Wednesday evening opportunity for the church to dine and take communion together, has been an amazing fellowship time for us and has resulted in additional post-dinner Bible Study options for adults. Our annual events, such as *Chili Supper*, *Salad Luncheon*, and the *Fall Bazaar/Craft Show* saw an increase in participants and raised more funds than the previous year. We are also getting a group together to visit the Holy Land in January of 2021. This will be an amazing opportunity for members of the church to connect with each other and grow in their faith. This year we have partnered with HIS, a Biblically-based homeschool group. They utilize the *Fellowship Hall* and *The Hub* every Tuesday and Thursday. We are pleased that they have found a new home here and look forward to the relationships we build in this partnership. The same is true of FFPS. This soccer program uses our fields, seasonally, throughout the week, especially on Saturdays. Over 200 children and their families enjoy our beautiful grounds.



Annual summer campers at Lakeview

Grow Ministries has expanded this year. In addition to having key programs, such as Sunday School, women's and men's Bible Studies, Youth Group, Children's Church, MOPS, and VBS, we are currently looking to create home groups, dinner clubs, and other support groups in an effort to get more of our membership plugged into *Grow Ministries*.

Serve Ministries has also expanded. We have found new ways to support *TEAM* and *TOMAGWA*, above and beyond the financial support we provide them. We have also adopted more families this past year for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter, offering them food and gifts. The Missions Committee has recently formed a new ministry called *Boots for Christ*, which sends teams of people out to our members and neighbors who need help around their homes. We also serve our community via partnerships with Rosehill Elementary School, Waller Pregnancy Center, Houston Blood Bank, and HCA Tomball.

Giving is good. We have paid all our bills on time, have continued to build our savings, and have resurrected our Endowment Fund through the generosity of a member who gave a substantial gift. We have also created a new designated account, *Pastoral Vision and Development*, which is designed to support the addition of a contemporary worship service. This fund already has \$25k in it.

I'm also pleased to report that the staff continues to serve with excellence. They work faithfully and diligently to support the mission of the Church. Though we are still experiencing turnover within our Music Ministries, morale among the staff is high and we are excited about the future. The board voted to make the *Director of Youth and Children* position to full-time and we are exploring the idea of adding a *Director of Contemporary Worship and Outreach* position, quarter-time.

Finally, regarding my continuing education, I am currently pursuing a Ph.D. in theology with UNISA and am still a Polycarp community Jr. Fellow, studying under the tutorage of William J. Abraham of Perkin's School of Theology at SMU.

God continues to do great things through the people of RHUMC and I look forward to what God has in store for us in the coming year.

In Christ,
Rev. Jason J. Nelson
October 14, 2019



Special Connect opportunities for members and the community include *The Table*, *Chili Supper*, and annual *Salad Luncheon*.

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SUNDAY, NOV 3

All Saints Service 8:30, 11:00 am

WEDNESDAY, NOV 6

The Table (last gathering until Lent) 5:30 pm

THURSDAY, NOV 7

Council of Ministries & Marketing Meeting 6:00—7:30 pm

THURSDAY, NOV 14

United Methodist Women Meeting 7:00 pm

SUNDAY, NOV 17

Annual Thanksgiving Fellowship Luncheon 12:00 pm

THURSDAY, NOV 21

Church Board Meeting 6:30 pm

SUNDAY, NOV 24

Hanging of the Greens 12:00 pm

THURSDAY, NOV 28

Thanksgiving—Church Office Closed Thursday & Friday

3—Kay Collins, Cashton Franek
4—Dan Baggett
12—Donna Hawrylak
13—Bryan Russell
14—Carol Sue Podraza
20—Elly Barnett, Leigh-Ann Bowsher
21—Gwen Bailey
24—Ronnie McCray
28—David Kern
29—Suzy Kent
30—Davis Atkins



10—Terry & Mary Bice
14—Chris & Jennifer Nielsen
18—Richard & Linda Trimm
26—George & Penny Lucas
27—Grady & Eloise Boney
28—Bernie & Susan Turner Bolf

Save the Date

2020 Tomball Area Christian Women's Retreat

When

Friday, February 28, 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Saturday, February 29, 8:30 am - 2:30 pm

Where

Rose Hill United Methodist Church
21022 Rosehill Church Rd.
Tomball, 77377

Cost: \$35 per person

For more information

First Baptist Tomball 281-351-4997

Graceview Baptist, Tomball 281-543-1287

Rose Hill United Methodist Church 281-351-5356



Join a Rose Hill Dinner Club; connect with new friends

We are actively beginning to form new Dinner Clubs. Some of these will meet within a host home, others at a favorite restaurant of the group's choice. Dinner Clubs provide monthly (or quarterly) opportunities for the people of Rose Hill UMC to connect with each other over a meal and enjoy fellowship.

If you are interested in becoming a part of a dinner club near you, please visit the Get Connected corner in the Faith Center and fill out a Dinner Club card or log onto the church website and fill a form out under *Connect*.

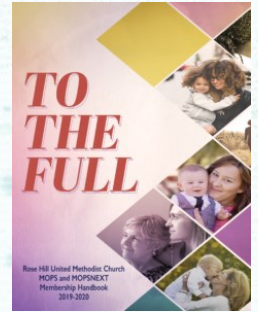


Interested in touring the Holy Land?

If you would like information on a tour being planned for January 2021, contact Pastor Jason at jjnelson@rosehillumc.org.

MOPS and MOMS Next offer moms special support

If you are a first-time mom or a "seasoned" mom, Rose Hill MOPS welcomes you to join us every 1st and 3rd Friday, 9:30 – 11:30 am. This year is about the full life, which means living grateful, joyful, and hopeful. Our time together includes fun, joy, refreshment, trust and rejuvenation, while our MOPS Kids and nursery offers special time for our little ones. We welcome women from all faith or non-faith backgrounds and beliefs. The vision of MOPS is to see no mom alone – because better moms make a better world.



A growing church serving a growing community

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Sunday Worship: 8:30 am & 11:00 am

Sunday School: 9:45 am

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