



Kelsey Memorial
United Methodist Church

MAKING DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST
FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE WORLD

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UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 2019

- MAR 6** **ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP**
WED The imposition of ashes is available in the sanctuary at 12pm and 7pm.
- MAR 9** **LENTEN FISH FRY**
SAT Join the effort to building relationships with our community.
- MAR 10** **GUEST PREACHER**
SUN The Reverend Anita Valles is scheduled to preach at Kelsey.
- MAR 13** **LENTEN FELLOWSHIP**
WED Wednesdays in Lent are for worship, fellowship and **Kelsey Stories!**
- MAR 20** **INTERNATIONAL EARTH DAY**
WED In the name of Christ, bring awareness to the need to care for God's world by joining a planned event throughout our community.
- MAR 23** **IGNITE THE FIRE**
SAT Men's Day Retreat in San Antonio.
- MAR 24** **UMW 150**
SUN We're celebrating our 150th anniversary! Join us during the worship service.
- MAR 31** **BLOOD DRIVE**
SUN The blood bank is hoping for 8 donors. Let's help them get more than that.

CHURCH LEADERS & STAFF

OFFICE INFO

Tony Aldaco, Custodian
Jenessa Carrizales, Office Manager
John Fletcher, Pastor
Linda Harrison, Outreach Chairperson

Henry Santana, Council Chairperson
John Marez, Lay Leader
Grace Marez, Nurture Chairperson

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MONTHLY SCHEDULE

Sun	10am Sunday School 11am Worship 6pm Bible Study	3rd Saturday (Mar 16) 4th Saturday (Mar 23) Last Sunday (Mar 31) Last Sunday (Mar 31)	8am Food Pantry 8am Men's Bible Study 9am Birthday Breakfast 5pm Kids for Christ
Wed	6pm Small Groups 8pm Online Bible Study	Bring your change (coins) to church on Mar 17th. Kelsey Kids receives the Noisy Offering to help support children's ministry.	

OUR BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

2	Lt. Colonel Andy Sanchez	19	Joe Garza, Del Gonzales,
4	James Robert Rodriguez		Ramiro Lopez, Elsa Lopez
5	Sylvia Saldivar	23	Cirilio N. Estrada
7	Oscar Jasso Jr.	24	Andrew & Lucy Carrizales
9	Jonathan E. Marez	25	Alvaro Sanchez, Sr.
15	Charles Dotson Jr.	26	A.J. Simmons, John Marez
16	Isabel Dotson, Bernice Saenz	27	Lisa Oliver, Jose & Zulema
17	Steve Rodriguez, Ella Rodriguez		Moncada
18	Diana Ramos, Ella Beth Rodriguez, John & Gina Marez	28	Justin Abel Garcia, Nathan Baca
		31	Minerva Canales

Did we miss a birthday or anniversary? Help us keep our list updated by sharing info with our office.

MONTHLY REPORT

BAPTISMS-0

The Great Commission is the call to make disciples

ATTENDANCE-110

Worship attendance is one sign of church growth. Our weekly worship average for the last 4 weeks.

FIRST-TIME GUEST CARDS-2

Our 1-st time guest cards are our way to make contact with people that visit our church.

COMMUNION OFFERING-\$197.60

Last month our Communion Offering was sent to
One Great Hour of Sharing.

HAVE TO MISS A SUNDAY?

Join our Facebook Group (Kelsey Methodist Congregation) to watch a live feed.

Use our online giving feature to make sure your gifts are received each week.

CONNECT WITH US ONLINE

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ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

Ash Wednesday is the start to the season of Lent. We mark the season by gathering for worship and remembering our need for a savior. One of the meaningful ways we do that is through the imposition of ashes, remembering that we are from dust and we will return to dust. Our Ash Wednesday service is scheduled for March 6th at 7pm. The sanctuary will be open from 12-1pm for the imposition of ashes as well.

A LENTEN FISH FRY

Several local churches are coming together to spend a morning with the people of our community. A Lenten Fish Fry is scheduled for Sat, Mar 9th, 11-2pm. The **free** event will be hosted at our church. We'll need Kelsey members & friends to be present to help prepare food, set up, greet, serve and clean up. Contact Linda Harrison if you'd like to participate. Let's have a good showing!

KELSEY STORIES

During Lent, we are gathering every Wednesday for fellowship and worship. The fellowship will center around a potluck dinner beginning at 6pm. Bring your favorite dinner and/or dessert. Come as early as you want, or right after work. We'll then join in worship by singing and hearing 5 of our Kelsey Stories. Kelsey Stories are the testimonies of the saints of our church. Come and listen to the faith stories of your church! It's going to be a blessing to hear from some of our sisters and brothers.

LIGHT THE FIRE

Our Rio Texas Annual Conference has scheduled a major men's event for Sat, Mar 23rd at University UMC in San Antonio. The event is intended to inspire men of our area to great faithfulness to God. Several workshops include: Ministering to Younger Men; Living as Intentional Life for Christ; Intentional Mentoring; Helping Families Through Disaster Recovery Ministry. We are expecting 300-400 men to be in attendance. Cost is \$60 for each participant and includes a brisket lunch. Men under the age of 30 attend for free!

BLOOD DRIVE GOAL

The Coastal Bend Blood Center will be at our church on Sunday, March 31, from 9-1pm. They have a goal of accepting 8 blood donors. Let's help them pass that goal by inviting a friend or neighbor to be present to give blood.

UMW 150

We're celebrating our 150th anniversary on Sun, March 24th with a skit during the worship service. This anniversary is an opportunity for us to celebrate, to renew connections, to marvel at what has been accomplished in a century and a half, and to make new commitments for the work ahead. Please join us during and after the service in the educational building for some delicious cake and tea.

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ANOTHER WORD FROM ANOTHER JOHN

By the time you read this, the special called session of General Conference, held in St. Louis, will be behind us. What's clear is that our denomination faces a challenge to its identity and mission. To be sure, this challenge has been long-standing. What's unclear is what, exactly, are the direct results of what has happened at this conference. The apostle Paul encouraged us to "be anxious for nothing." I can affirm and testify that taking that approach to life and ministry has done well for my soul over the years. I am hopeful you will adopt the same perspective.

I do not know what The United Methodist Church should expect in the coming months. I do, however, trust that we are still called by God to be in life-giving ministry. Perhaps this challenging time is a moment God will use to ignite a passion within us. Let's confess. By and large, we have been complacent. We've allowed what's comfortable and even enjoyable to us to be our ministry guide. The Holy Spirit of God moves differently, friends. The Spirit moves us closer to the places and people that are in need of hearing the gospel.

We'll figure out our challenges. We may stumble through, but, with God's help and with a constant refocusing on God's holy will, we can be evermore faithful to our Lord.

Blessed Beyond Belief,



CHRISTIAN ATHEISTS?

We'll modify our online Bible study during Lent. We'll stream a video study each week. Watch it as you're able, and we'll talk about it throughout the week. The title for this month's study is The Christian Atheist. If you want to get even more out of the study, make sure to order a participant copy of the study (same title) online.

LET US HELP YOU

If you're planning a ministry event or are in leadership of a ministry group, make sure to contact our office for scheduling and planning. We'll help you advertise and get the word out for your events—don't rely on Sunday announcements! There are almost a dozen ways we can help you communicate what your ministry is doing. How can we help you "announce"? Consider these options:

- Newsletter
- Weekly church email
- PowerPoint slides in worship
- Sunday School notes
- Video announcements
- Facebook posts
- Facebook events
- Instagram
- Phone tree
- Text messages
- Sunday announcements

Send us an email or give us a call, and we'll help your ministry...which is our ministry!

Text "Kelsey" to 39970

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