

The Windmill's Breeze

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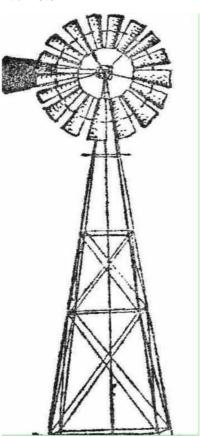
"De Colores Windmill Folks!

"De Colores se visten los campos en la primavera." "De Colores the fields love to dress in all during the springtime."

Springtime is here and how beautiful it is! All of creation is waking up and will soon display all the beautiful colors given by God. Look, see, feel, smell and enjoy the gift of this colorful springtime transition that wraps itself all around us. What a way to lift your spirits. Although winters in South Texas aren't bitterly cold and are not lengthy, we're able to see the transformation of the land and trees as they enter a winter slumber. The daily weather can be dull, dark, wet and just downright dreary. And we can find ourselves affected by the dreary days of winter. Especially if you like being outdoors a lot, like me. Too much time indoors causes cabin fever. Yuk! But, soon enough, just as if our Lord reaches for the master switch that says "Springtime," and flips it, the world and everything in it wakes up and we see new growth and new birth everywhere. What a wonderful way to lift your spirits.

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The wind blows where it wishes. and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit. John 3:8



GATHERING SCHEDULE

6:00 P.M.

Fellowship 6:30 P.M. Worship 7:30 P.M.

Board Meeting

March 15 – First United **Methodist Church - Beeville**

April 19 - Faith Lutheran -Beeville



Norm Sulaica

Community **Spiritual** Director

Grace and peace be unto you from our Savior, Jesus the Christ. Amen

"Never again", God says at the conclusion of Noah's ark, "will I curse the earth because of the sins of humankind, since their hearts are resolutely bent upon sin from their youth (Genesis 8:21)".

Our Creator makes a profound statement which really brings us to the importance of Lent – we are sinners. Early Christian and pastor, Ambrose of Milan, notes that we are eager to sin according to this testimony from God. Adam and Eve cursed us with original sin when they ate from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Yes, I know they did not intentionally say, "Hey, we should eat of this tree so that our children and their children will be cursed with sin." Their desire for the fruit overshadowed their thoughts and the reality that sin would plague humanity as we live upon the earth.

Our Lenten journey offers to us a "way" to address our sins. Early Christians called themselves the "Way", so Acts records. They believed that each day was a journey, that is a Way of faith. They followed the Way of Jesus. They followed the Way that our Savior taught and the Way that he walked.

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Richard Perry Beeville, TX

February 4th Day Speaker



Prayer List

Men's Walk #66 Ann Duggins

Joe Ray Loya Noe Pena

Allison Welder Joyce Matula

Monzeratt Silgero Benito Anaya

Francisco Diaz Christina Gonzalez

Women's Walk #67

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When you stop and think about it, we are immensely blessed as we're able to witness the event. During this time of year, I like to reference the Gospel of Mathew 6:25-34. In this chapter you can read how Jesus tells us not to worry about our lives, what we will eat and drink, what we will wear. He mentions how the birds of the air don't have anything stored away and still our Father feeds them and how we are more valuable than the birds. "And we are more valuable than birds." We are His, created in His image, and He is our God. Our God loves us so much that He created this world in which we live in and supplies it with everything we need to survive, and He gave it Beauty beyond belief. Each day we wake up we're able to take a breath of fresh air and witness His miracles over and over. I love that! Don't you? So let the beauty of God's springtime creation put you into the best spirits ever! Remember to give our Father thanks and praise for all our wonderful blessings, for we have many, and give thanks for all the beautiful colors of love He gives us. "Y por eso los grandes amores de muchos colores me gustan a mi!"

De Colores, Mark G. Garcia

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Paul writes to the people of Ephesus that the Christian Way of living is to imitate God, that is Jesus, the Christ. And so, the early Christians believed it is the Way of faith to follow God through the good and joy-filled days of life, but also it is the Way to follow Jesus through the dark and stormy days of life.

Interestingly, at the end of Noah's Captaincy on the ark, God gave hope. A rainbow offered to Noah and his family a promise from the Creator, that he would not flood the earth again. There too is a rainbow at the end of our Way with Jesus Christ. God's Son and our Savior is nailed to the cross. This cross becomes an altar upon which we lay our sins, darkness, and brokenness, so that our Savior can free us from this evil bondage. At the foot of the cross, Christ makes us a new creation through God's righteousness. This rainbow continues till Easter morning where our Risen Lord and Savior conquers death, and once again breaks the chains of the devil. No longer can the evil one lord death over us for the Lamb of God, Jesus, defeats death and gifts us with an inheritance of eternal life.

Emmaus offers to us and to future pilgrims the Way of Jesus. The Men's and Women's Walk gifts the pilgrims with the Way to return to the presence of God. As Jesus brings each of us out of exile from evil, the devil, and sin, our Savior seeks to do the same with each pilgrim. There are men and women in our communities in need of being in the presence of the Lord. They are in need of God's loving grace and forgiving mercy. They need Christ Jesus. Our God through the power of the Holy Spirit calls us and empowers us to find and invite these pilgrims to their Walk. Pray and meditate! Invite the Holy Spirit to guide each pilgrim, so that you can be the hands of Christ that bring them to the Lord, out of exile and into the presence of God. Amen.

Pastor Norm

Bruce Harbaugh Lay Director Walk # 66 April 12-15, 2018



Good day and God Bless.

We are looking forward to our next team meeting which will be held at the First United Methodist Church, Beeville, TX 78102 March the 17th. We will start the meeting at 8:30am. We will be prepared to listen to four talks filled by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

I am confident that we will find those pilgrims that God has chosen to go on His Walk #66. So far I have seen only two applications come in the mail.

Applications can be found at www.Windmillemmaus.org to download a printable PDF of the file. Call me, so that I may send you one. Time is drawing near.

Walk #66, will be held on April 12-15, 2018. We will be in need of at least 20 pilgrims before the last week of March. With the help of the Holy Spirit, I am confident that we will have a full walk.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the community in this capacity.

May God Bless, Bruce Harbaugh Lay Director Walk #66 2402 Bay Wind Drive Corpus Christi, TX 78414

Jessica Thomas

Lay Director

Walk #67

October 4-7, 2018



Wow! March is already here! Thank you to everyone that has turned in team applications. I am still in need of several more. I know we are all busy and time just gets away from us, but if you have that little nudge on your heart to serve, please be sure and get your team application in to me as soon as possible. Team selection will be this month. I am still needing many more applications to make this possible.

Please continue to pray, pray, pray...pray for the team and pray for the pilgrims! I know we don't know who they are yet, but God does!

Easter is right around the corner! It's the best time to celebrate the love we share for each other and our Lord Jesus Christ! I pray each one of you realize the love God has for you, an unconditional and eternal love!! Happy Easter to you and yours!!

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