



# San Saba First United Methodist Church May 2017 Newsletter

## Mobile Food Pantry Volunteers

At the next Mobile Food Pantry distribution on May 10th, Ronnie Ault from HCCAA will present information about the RSVP program which provides supplemental insurance for seniors involved in volunteer work. If you are interested, please arrive at the Civic Center at 9:00 a.m.



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## Seniors Being Honored May 21st

Raley Kirk, daughter of Reagan and Kim Kirk, and Ian Saint, son of John and Alexis Saint will be honored at a covered dish luncheon on Sunday, May 21st. The luncheon will be at the conclusion of the worship service.

Raley will be attending Texas A&M in the fall while Ian will head to Angelo State University to major in nursing.



## Second Sunday Covered Dish Moved to Third Sunday

The Second Sunday Covered Dish has been moved to May 21st due to Mother's Day. This is a time to come together for food, fellowship and to discuss the activities and business of our church. All are invited to participate. Please bring a covered dish, a healthy appetite and lots of good ideas. See you in the Fellowship Hall right after worship!!! We will also be honoring our seniors that day!



A crowd of about 75 people attended the Sunrise Service at David & Barbara Gilgers. Many thanks to them for once again hosting the Sunrise Service & breakfast.

## From the Pastor's Desk.....

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### *Jesus Christ is Alive*

*Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?*

*If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.*

Psalm 139:7-8

*You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name.*

*I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.*

John 15:16-17

At the very moment I am typing these words and at the very moment you read them, you and I are in the presence of the living Christ. Ponder that for a moment. We are constantly in the presence of God, and that is good news! The more we remember that, the more we are shaped by God's presence. Unfortunately, we often forget this truth and when we do, we easily fall prey to the troubles of the world.

God uses ordinary people like you and me to do extraordinary things. God takes our ordinary lives and our ordinary talents, and energizes them for God's divine purposes. I have to remind myself of this all the time. If I start to think that my tasks and projects in ministry are all up to me, I open myself up to feeling despair when things don't go well, and arrogance when things do go well. When I remember that we are not alone, but that "we live and move and have our being" in God, I remain full of hope (Acts 17:28). In Christ's presence and with his assistance, even the most simple and ordinary tasks can be useful, meaningful, and sacred. In Christ's presence the most simple and ordinary words and gestures can enlighten, comfort, heal, and direct those we meet.

Because the risen Christ is with us we have no need to fear the events of today or any day in the future. We live each day with the only One who is able to rescue, redeem, save, and keep us in this life and the next. But that does not mean we live lives free of pain and uncertainty; this world will always have more of those in store for us. What it does mean is that we do

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## Prayer Concerns

CeCi Rodriguez (friend of Tracey Thomas, health Concerns)  
 Amanda Jackson (Pecan Valley Nursing Home & Rehab)  
 Brad Reeves, Josh Thomas & Mark Owns (safety)  
 Joey Offield (Pat Johnson's family member who was in wreck & now at home doing physical therapy)  
 Sonya Hibler Ellis (cancer)  
 Nancy Bannister (health)  
 Peter Hald (praise that he is back in San Saba)  
 Lisa Wise, sister-in-law of Mark Wise (cancer)  
 Shannon Hampu (health concerns)  
 Deidra (Les'a's cousin with cancer and 6 children)  
 Robert (Mayra's son who is dealing with liver problems)  
 Our Military Men, Women & Families  
 Our Country

## Bulletin Bloopers

**The Ladies bible Study will meet Thursday at 10:00 a.m. All ladies are invited to the lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the B.S. is done.**

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not have to face pain and uncertainty alone. We have a Companion who gives us strength, wisdom, and guidance, as he travels through our experiences with us. Easter Sunday and every Sunday are reminders that we are not alone. Walking with Jesus makes our journey meaningful, joyful, and peaceful, no matter where it leads. Jesus Christ is alive and is reading these words with you.

Easter is not just one Sunday, but a fifty-day-long season of the church year, starting on Easter Sunday and ending on Pentecost – which means “the fiftieth” day. Throughout the remainder of this season of Easter I invite you to pray this prayer with me:

Ever-present God:  
I know that there is  
nothing  
that can separate me from your love.  
Help me to remember  
that your endless love and life  
go with me everywhere.  
By your grace  
help me live in your word  
that I may see you more clearly  
and follow you more closely  
now and forever.  
Amen.

Grace and peace,

Pastor John



Debbie Millican and Tracey Thomas add flowers to the cross.



The kids always have the most fun at game night. Ruby, Emma, Clara & Wiley are shown playing hungry hippo. Ruby was the proud winner of the Uno Game.

**No Game Night in May**

**Next Game Night will be  
Sunday, June 4th**

**5:30 p.m.**

**In The FUMC Backyard**

**Outside Games and Hamburgers**

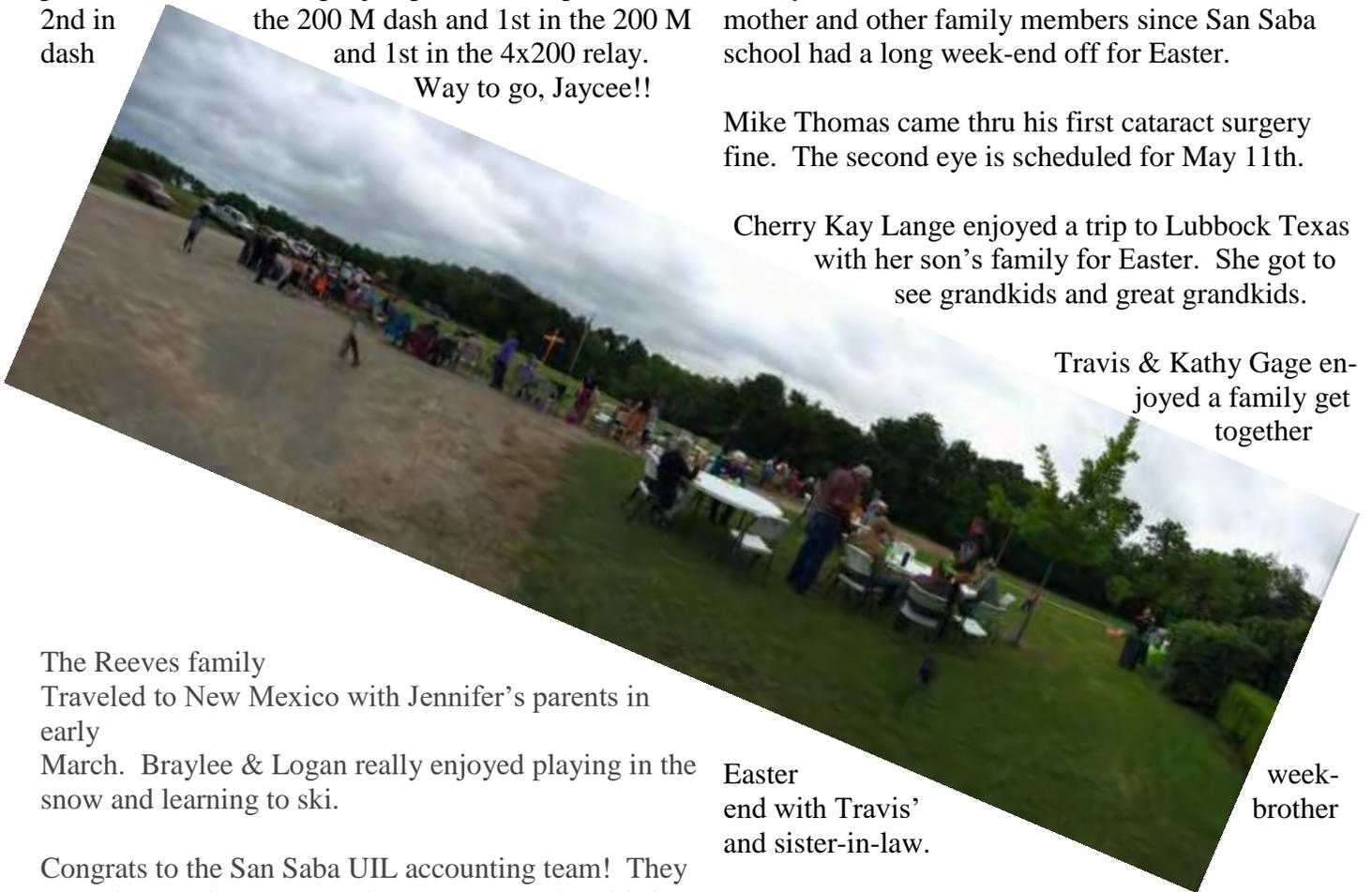


Boy Scout Troop 55 that FUMC sponsors participated in the local Camporee held at Risien Park. Troops from all over the state participated.

# Our Church Family

The end of the school year always brings lots of activities. Mike & Pat Johnson had a big week-end with a family wedding in Wahlburg. They went with family members and then came back and enjoyed a visit with their son.

Jaycee Everett had a great track meet. She placed 6th in the triple jump, 3rd in the pole vault, 2nd in the 200 M dash and 1st in the 200 M dash and 1st in the 4x200 relay. Way to go, Jaycee!!



The Reeves family Traveled to New Mexico with Jennifer's parents in early March. Braylee & Logan really enjoyed playing in the snow and learning to ski.

Congrats to the San Saba UIL accounting team! They were the 1st place team and our very own Read Saint was on the team.

Debbie Millican was mentioned in the Down Memory Lane column of the San Saba News & Star. She placed 1st in a twirling contest with Sharon Terry. I wonder how many years ago that was!

Madison & Gracen Shahan's pictures were in the paper with their basketball teams. Both teams had won their games.

Bettye McLaughlin enjoyed a birthday dinner with friends at Pepperbelly's. I believe Nettie Oma Ragsdale, Wahnee Stallings and Vickie Stevenson

Wahnee Stallings enjoyed eating lunch at a local restaurant the Saturday before Easter. The group included her daughter, son-in-law, two granddaughters, one grandson-in-law and 2 great granddaughters.

Nicole Millican Grant and Elise were in for the Easter holiday and enjoyed seeing her parents, Bob & Debbie Millican and her sister and brother-in-law, Monica & Kevin Shahan and family.

Tracey Thomas headed to Weatherford to see her mother and other family members since San Saba school had a long week-end off for Easter.

Mike Thomas came thru his first cataract surgery fine. The second eye is scheduled for May 11th.

Cherry Kay Lange enjoyed a trip to Lubbock Texas with her son's family for Easter. She got to see grandkids and great grandkids.

Travis & Kathy Gage enjoyed a family get together

Easter week-end with Travis' and sister-in-law.

Mike & Carolyn McDowell spent two weeks in Colorado helping their son, Jess with his Winter Park Ski & Music Festival.

Braylee Reeves has been working on her school musical, 101 Dalmatians, every Monday this school year during theater class. She is excited to play the part of an English boxer. The performances are in May at her school on Saturday, May 20th and Sunday, May 21st at 5:00 p.m.

Abby & Scott Snyder headed to Austin to spend some time with daughter Chelsea and son-in-law Danny Easter week-end.



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Raley Kirk is headed to the State UIL golf tournament May 15-16 at the Roy Kizer course in Austin. Good Luck Raley!! We are excited that you are getting to go!!!

David Gilger spent a couple of nights in the hospital in San Angelo. He was feeling much better but his doctors were keeping him for observation till Monday. This was what was reported at church on Sunday.

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## Mission Trip

Just in case you haven't heard the news, Christ United Methodist Church Plano has chosen San Saba for its annual summer mission trip June 19-23, 2017. They have made their 1st trip to San Saba to pick up applications, view the homes and visit with applicants and they are **REQUESTING MORE!!!**

They will be purchasing all construction materials in San Saba as well as groceries and dining.

It is our hope you are aware of households needing this gift of service. The applicant is available at the church office. To save time, the completed applications can be emailed or faxed directly to CUMC. Applicants can also drop them off to Cindy Hawkins at Hill country Community Action's Weatherization office. She will be happy to send them in for you. It's a short application so you can get them returned quickly.

If you would like more detailed information, please contact Rev. John Saint. Please share this information.



The Boy Scouts are having a hamburger lunch Sunday May 28th.