

# The Messenger



## CORNERSTONE/TRP Ministry

**JOIN US!**

**Fri. & Sat. ; 2/28 & 29th**

**The February 2020 Communion**

**Rail Offering will go to support the First UMC Cornerstone/Texas Ramp Project. CORNERSTONE MINISTRY is a ministry that has**



evolved over the past 26 years into one that serves primarily physically disabled individuals and their families with wheelchair ramps and other assistance.

In the last few years we have partnered with the *Texas Ramp (TRP) Project* in this ministry. We are excited about our partnership this brings to our ministry, church and surrounding communities. We successfully use their **model for building the ramps, tweaking it to meet our criteria. It makes it possible to build a ramp in 4 - 6 hours, depending on the length! TRP will give us matching funds for the supplies for the ramps we build.**

PLEASE mark your calendar to join us the morning of Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup> and/or Saturday, February 29<sup>th</sup>! There will be a Team Leader present to direct the build!

*There will be an Orientation and Planning Meeting to date TBA. If you are interested please go to our website and register, fill out a Registration Form that will be at church entrances, or call Susan Hellums, (956)648-8509.*

**We are Christians committed to serving GOD, in service to others.**

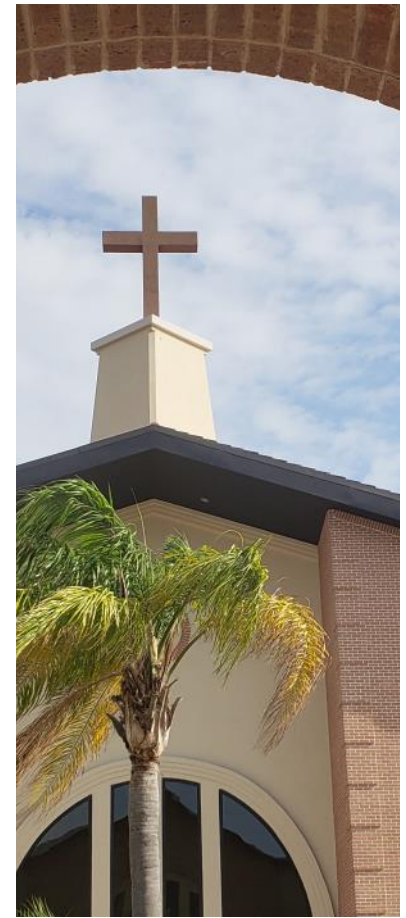
*"So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God." Ephesians 2:19-22*

## Pastor's Perspective

I'm looking forward to Confirmation Class 2020 starting this month. We'll meet most Wednesday evenings for the next three months. I'm always blessed to be part of faith development for a young person. We have amazing youth our church and community. We place high expectations on our confirmands for attendance and participation and they always come through.

Along with the confirmands, amazing adult mentors come alongside these young people and walk with them through the confirmation experience. These mentors are there right along with the youth. The mentors keep learning and growing in their own knowledge and in their faith-walk with God. In many ways, the mentors learn more than the confirmands and that is a great blessing for all.

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## Worship Information

- 8:30 am—Traditional Worship
- 10:45 am—Contemporary (Praise Band) Worship



## COFFEE TALKS

**The Woven Women Ministry is sponsoring "Coffee Talks" on three Saturdays for the purpose of learning from the experts regarding issues people face on the Texas border.**

## COFFEE TALK I: BORDER REALITIES

*Saturday, February 22 9:00—11:30 am  
In Social Room East*

*All are invited to join Ann Cass and the FUMC McAllen Woven Women for coffee and pastries in the Social Room. Ann Cass, Executive Director of Proyecto Azteca and an officer of RGV Equal Voice Network, has dedicated her adult life to creating literal spaces in which our most challenged families might thrive. She presents facts and history about the Rio Grande Valley and the Border Wall with its effect on our way of life regarding housing, health, education and other issues of the people of the Rio Grande Valley.*

*...Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.  
Hebrews 11:1*

### *Vacation Bible School Planning Meeting*

***Tues., February 11  
10:30am & 5:30 pm***

Families are making summer plans NOW! Join Lee Ann Clemons in Overflow Room East to begin planning a Vacation Bible School experience the children will NOT want to miss!

***Come Be a part of the FUMC Children's Ministry programs as we help kids to Love God, Share Jesus, and Grow in Faith!***



# CORNERSTONE 2020

Over the years we have wonderful memories of serving together while being blessed to build ramps for people who are mobility restricted in and around our community!



**To GOD be the  
GLORY!**

***Join us this year!  
Saturday and/or Sunday,  
2/28 and/or 2/29***



## **Important Dates**

**The Magic Valley**

**Men of Accord**

February 9th

**Vacation Bible School**

**Planning Meeting**

February 11

**Coffee Talk I:**

**Border Realities**

February 22

**Ash Wednesday**

February 26

**Cornerstone Texas**

**Ramp Project**

February 28-29

**Inside-Out Weekend**

March 28-29

**Confirmation Sunday**

April 26

**Mission Service Project**

June 14-20

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*Pastor's Perspective, cont'd.*

We eat together each week, share together in prayer our joys and concerns and even learn a bit about God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit and the church. The time passes quickly and before you know it Confirmation Sunday is here. This year that day is Sunday, April 26.

Please pray for all those involved in our Confirmation 2020 class. Thank you and God bless. See you in worship and around the community.

Grace and peace,  
Pastor Ricky

***In loving memory of Carol Lynn Rodriguez***

Words cannot express the feelings in our hearts. Thank you for being with us during this difficult time. Your thoughts, generosity and words of sympathy are greatly appreciated.

The Rodriguez- McComas Family



**Prayer Shawl Ministry**

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets the 4th Wednesday of every month from 10:00 am– 11:00 am in Conference Room. The meetings are informal and a time of fellowship. Don't worry if you don't knit or crochet, come and learn. The shawls are given to persons who are ill, have suffered a loss, or are in the midst of crisis.



*The Magic Valley Men of Accord*

Sunday, February 9th at 5:00 p.m.

*Acapella Barbershop Style – Oldies, Gospel and Patriotic Music*

\$5 donations support FUMC McAllen Youth Ministry