



REAL CONNECTIONS

WELCOME to our first edition of Real Connections—the Harker Heights United Methodist Church monthly newsletter. If you are new here, we hope this helps you connect with us and what we're about. If you've been here a long time, we hope this will help you get or stay plugged in.

Say What?

Often people use abbreviations to save time and space: ttyl - talk to you later; np - no problem; lmk - let me know; and others I won't mention. But sometimes those shortcuts can be confusing to new (and even not-so-new) people.

So I've created "Say What?" to help break the code. For this first edition, here are a few acronyms we use around here:

- UMC - United Methodist Church
- HHUMC - Harker Heights United Methodist Church
- UMW - United Methodist Women (our women's group)
- UMM - United Methodist Men (our men's group)
- CHAOS - Choosing Him As Our Savior (our youth group)
- BLAST - Bible Learning And Sharing Together (our Wed children's ministry)
- PTS (or PTSD) - a support group for people struggling with Post Traumatic Stress
- REAL - part of our vision to be Disciples of Jesus Christ who are **Restored Engaged Authentic & Living Christ's Love**

I hope this eliminates some confusion. If you have any questions about these terms or related ministries, please just ask. God bless, *Pastor Jannette Miller*

Church Events

- Mar 29 -Maundy Thursday Svc—6:30pm
- Mar 30 –Good Friday Svc—6:30pm
- Apr 1 – Easter Sunrise Svc & Breakfast—7am at Carl Levin Park
- Apr 1—Hope of Easter Traditional Worship—10:30am @ HHUMC
- Apr 8—Sack Lunches for the Homeless
- Apr 15—CHAOS Bible Bowl
- Apr 29—Coffee with the Pastor

Find additional events & info on our website
www.hhumc.org

Each month **REAL Connections** will feature a volunteer or staff member. This month is Mandy Manalang, Coordinator of Children's and Youth Ministries. Want to connect with Mandy? You can reach her at hhumc.youthmin@gmail.com or on her cell at (801) 360-3168.

Whom would you like to see featured? Email Pastor Jannette at hhumc.pastor@gmail.com.

John 3:16

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him won't perish but will have eternal life."

ASAP - Always Say A Prayer

Are you or someone you love in need of prayer? Would you like to join us in praying for each other, our community, and the world?

Subscribe to our Prayer Chain - you'll find a connection for that on our website.



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Meet Mandy!

Coordinator of Children's & Youth Ministries

Although Mandy has worked as a volunteer with children and youth for years, she officially became HHUMC's youth director in the fall of 2017. In February, Mandy took on her new role as "Coordinator of Children's and Youth Ministries." Mandy's primary role is to recruit, equip, and empower others to love and lead our children and youth in their journey of faith.

Mandy is from Indiana, where she and her brothers and sister all were raised in the United Methodist Church. She and husband Gerry have been married 14 years and have two kids, Myles (6) and Morgan (8). They also have five fur babies! She enjoys hiking, running, photography, gardening, and reading. She especially loves spending time outside with her boys and teaching them about caring for the environment as they pick up litter while they hike.

When asked why she belongs to the UMC, Mandy said, "I love the Methodist teaching that God's love is for everyone – that God loves all creation." She has been a member of HHUMC since 2010 and says she loves the sense of community and family she has found here.

Connect with anything youth or children related at HHUMC and you will find Mandy. But watch out, she'll probably recruit you to help!