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Hello all, here is my report for April 18 – May 17, 2016:

### Major events

May 3 Rosenberg City Council Prayer  
May 5 Falls Prevention  
May 8-20 Army Training

### Army Training

I feel a deep sense of gratitude that you empower my service as an Army Reserve Chaplain. That is a strong sign that St. John's United Church of Christ is willing to sacrifice some of their own spiritual support and "donate" it to our men and women in uniform. Persons in our pews have been in the trenches of past wars and y'all still dig in to help your battle buddies. Thanks!

### Bible Study

I suggest that Bible Study take a summer break. Instead we can do monthly events during the summer that do not require an ongoing commitment:

### June Event: Holocaust Museum

Out of conversations around the justice of God in Sunday School came the desire to plan a field trip to the Holocaust Museum in Houston. Let's go for it. I suggest a Tuesday night in June either the 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup>. Council, please pick one.

### July Event: Philippino Night

The Rev. Mirjam Haas-Melchior would like to host a Philippino night at St. John's United Church of Christ where she shares some of her experiences from her year as a missionary. As a young adult she worked in a center called "Kalauman" which means "from where you draw hope". This center supported and still supports children from the slums. This center cares for their physical, emotional, spiritual and educational wellbeing that one day the kids are able to support themselves to find a way out of the slums and poverty. This is a project worth supporting! You will not only listen to funny and informative stories, you are also invited to enjoy good Philippino food!

I suggest we invite her to do this presentation either on Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, or Thursday, July 21<sup>st</sup>. Council, please pick one.

If persons are interested in a preview, the event will also be held at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Needville, on May 26<sup>th</sup>, at 6 pm.

Come and worship with us:  
Sunday at 10:00 a. m.

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**August Event: Helping Hands**

August is one of our food drive months. And it is the more crucial one. Everybody is in a giving mood during the holiday season but the need for food is much greater during the summer because children do not get fed at school. For most that means they miss out on their major source of nutrition. We should go and volunteer with Helping Hands, sorting in the store, or wherever they may need us. We can plan details as we get closer.

**Vacation**

We will go on a family vacation and I plan to take time off Tuesday – Friday, July 26-29.

**Worship Attendance**

In April 2016 an average of 95.75 people attended church compared to 84 in April 2015. That is an increase of 11.75 persons.

**Looking Ahead**

- May 8 Pulpit Supply Leslie Jackson: Minister of Education for Cathedral of Hope-Houston UCC.
- May 15 Pulpit Supply Paul Longstreth: Pastorates and ecumenical service in Oklahoma and Louisiana, now retired
- May 22 Confirmation
- June 3-4 South Central Conference Annual Meeting in Houston
- June 27 – July 1 VBS Please register online:  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/vacation-bible-school-tickets-25172777455>

Blessings

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