

# HUMC Caller Summer 2021



## Congratulations to Pastor Diana!

### A message from Luisa Montero, Director Mid-County Regional Service Office

At last night's Mid County Citizens Advisory Board (MCCAB) meeting, [Pastor Diana was] nominated to receive the Board's annual **Outstanding Resident of the Year Award**.

The nomination came from Arquilla Ridgell who served with [her] on the Mid County COVID Committee, and the vote was unanimous. *It is a real pleasure to notify you about this recognition for the leadership you've provided and the work of the Hughes Church and Hub this past year. Congratulations! I have to say personally -- well deserved recognition!!*

Awardees are recognized at the Wheaton/Kensington Chamber of Commerce's annual awards banquet. This is a very nice event that recognizes community heroes.



Isaiah, Pastor Diana's son, and the family at his College Graduation



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## **Pastoral Letter by Rev. Diana Wingeier-Rayo**

### **GRATITUDE**

*“Hughes UMC saved my family.”*

Written above are the words of Maria Josefina, a mother of two from Salvador. She and her kids were facing eviction from their apartment. She lost her job for almost eight months as the kitchen assistant in a small local restaurant. She came to our church asking for help. Thanks to the donations made to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund, we were able to offer rent assistance. We also supported her with clothes and past-due utility bills.

Maria also exclaimed, *“Thank you to the people of Hughes UMC for their caring hearts and loving support to my family during this pandemic. Thanks to you, my kids and I didn't become homeless.”*

This is just one example among many on how much we have been serving our community. Your gifts have gone outside the walls to provide for many. Thank you for your generosity.

After almost eighteen months, we are starting to see the light at the end of the tunnel. Our church has been serving as a COVID-19 testing site as well as a vaccination site. We will continue serving as the Mid-County hub for the duration. The Montgomery County granted us a 2021-2022 grant of \$300,000 to expand our services to the community. These funds will be used to provide salaries for the hub staff, which includes hiring a new Grant Writer/Community Outreach person. In addition to this grant, we will be receiving a weekly grant of \$13,000 for food. Montgomery County has contracted with food companies where we order weekly staples, and the county pays them directly. Our church was also granted \$60,000 to help us to cover the gym use as well as utilities.

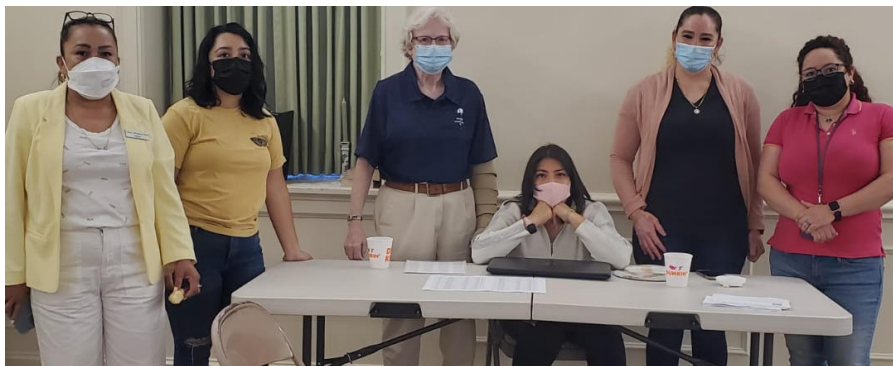
Our church is now open for in-person worship. Even though the CDC and the Montgomery County have new rules about social distancing and the use of masks, we will continue using the same safety protocols. We will request social distancing and people need to register every Sunday and sanitize their hands as they enter the sanctuary. Wearing a mask is mandatory and we request that all people be fully vaccinated. Our custodians will sanitize after each service. Members' and visitors' safety are our main priority.

On July 10-16 and 17-23, we will be receiving two groups of 30 teens from “The Praying Pelicans Mission.” The first group will do Vacation Bible School for a week and the second group will do church painting and repairs. In addition to this summer program, we will buy some picnic tables from the county funds for an outdoor space to offer lunch and Bible studies to seniors. Look for an update on this project in July. In August we will do baptism and new members classes. In September, we will host the International Fiesta and in October we will also celebrate a Family Fall Festival and December a Posada. Through our Friday special E-news we will keep you posted about these events.

As we continue praising God with our gifts and service to the community, I invite us all to keep praying for our church and it's plans, programs and events. Thank you for your prayers.

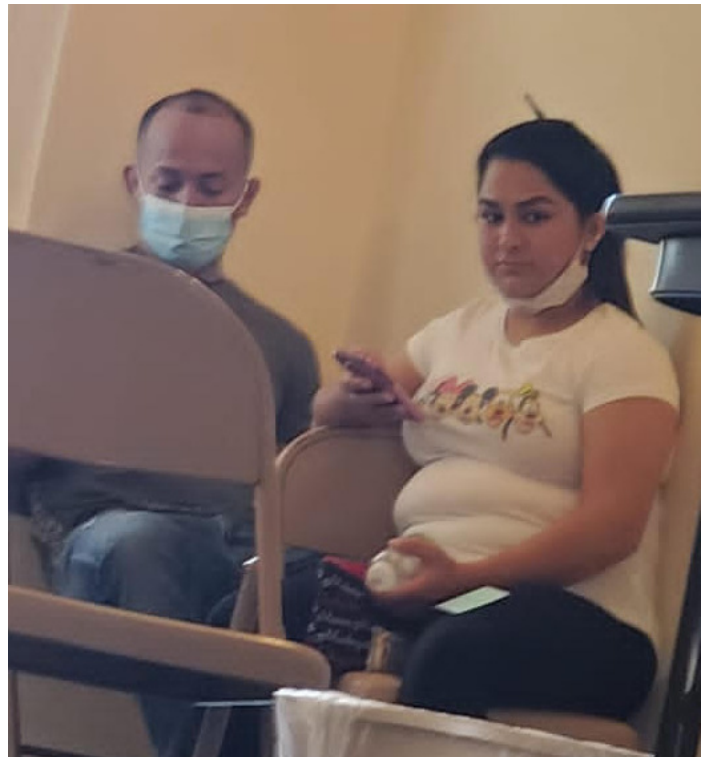
## **HUMC Hosted COVID Immunizations on May 15 and June 5**

Covid Vaccine was a success! We vaccinated 325 people for the first dose and 320 received the second dose.





### COVID Immunization Photos (Cont'd)





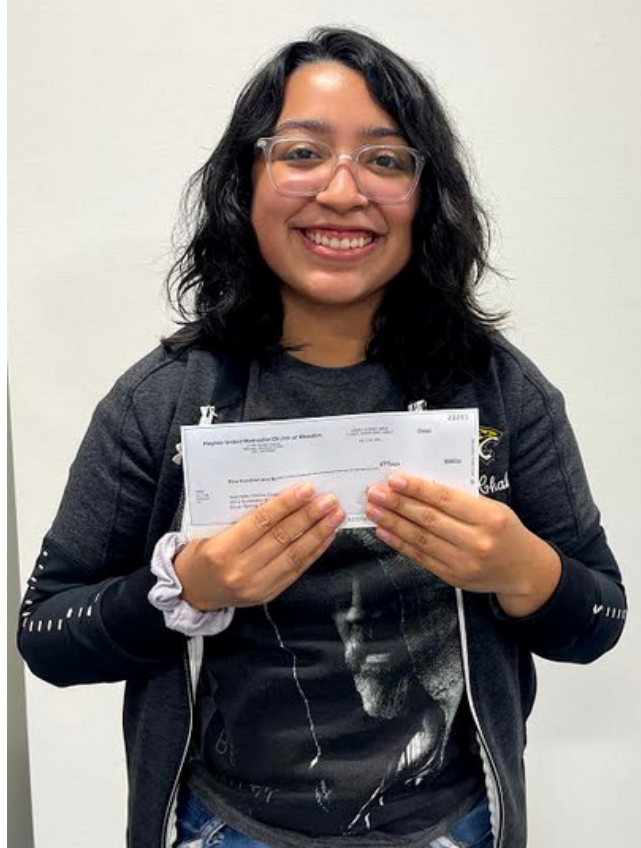
## HUMC Hosted a Power of Being a Woman Festival on May 2

At this Small Business Fair, all woman had the opportunity to sell their merchandise, show their products, make relationships, and exchange information, resources and growth opportunities with each other.





## **Aranza Gasca Chable Awarded Scholarship from HUMC**



When I first came to Hughes, I was immediately greeted with kindness and generosity. I have been at Hughes for ten years and have learned that kindness, generosity, and helping hands are at the core of who we are as a congregation.

Throughout every project and event, this shines through. This has been magnified by the work of our church during this last year, and as part of the hub team, I have been able to witness it every week. Navigating the education system, especially higher education, as a first-generation student is overwhelming. I am the daughter of immigrants and an immigrant myself.

There are always times when it gets lonely, and it becomes difficult to envision when you walk across a stage to receive a diploma. My support system has always been my family, but I am glad to also have my family of faith also with me. It is impossible to forget how great God's love is when it is reflected by through those around me.

Thank you for this gift that I will use to continue my undergrad in Elementary Education at Towson University.

## **Vacation Bible School (VBS) is Coming Soon!**

We will need persons/families to make & bring 35 sandwiches to the church on:

- Monday, July 12th.
- Wednesday, July 14th.
- Friday, July 16th.

If you would like to volunteer, please call Hughes Church Office at 301-949-8383.

The poster features a stylized illustration of an underwater scene with various sea creatures like fish, coral, and seaweed in shades of blue and purple. The text is overlaid on this background.

**MISSION:**  
**DEEP SEA**

**Vacation Bible School**  
Monday, July 12th - Thursday, July 15th  
9AM - 3:30PM

for children ages 5 - 12 | lunch is provided

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para niños de 5 a 12 años | almuerzo sera proveido

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To register for VBS, click on or type this link into the address bar: <https://bit.ly/deepseavbs>





In challenging times, our perspective can become clouded. What seems to be true might simply be the result of friction in our lives. God can help us to see clearly and provide direction as he guides us through the stress and the struggles.

Join us for our new sermon series as we learn to find God in times of friction and overcome the obstacles.



## Our Church Family

Dear Hughes Family,

Thank you for thinking of me with a prayer shawl. Each time I use it, I will think of my Hughes Family and how glad I am to be part of it.

Sincerely,  
*Bob Duvall*

**Birth:** Ashley Escobar



## Deaths

Joyce Burlas (Prayer Shawl Ministry) died January 16, 2021

Margaret Palmer (member) died January 26, 2021

Rick Ripley (member) died March 29, 2021

June Robertson (member) died May 17, 2021

Bob Brigham (member) died June 7, 2021

## Financial Picture

<b>Balance</b> <b>1/1/2021</b>	<b>Income Thru</b> <b>5/31/2021</b>	<b>Expenses Thru</b> <b>5/31/2021</b>	<b>Balance</b> <b>5/31/2021</b>
\$16,579	\$191,401	\$200,100	\$7,880

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