

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 2021

Pastor's Paragraphs



Do you remember a particular Easter, maybe from childhood, that stands out in your mind as one of the best ever? Quite frankly, I cannot. Most of us remember one special Christmas, or Christmas Eve, and perhaps a collection of Easter memories, but that's probably all. I cannot honestly say that there is one Easter, more than any other, that stands out in my mind as the very best. On the other hand, we probably all remember the Easter of 2020, last year's Easter, which was the Easter that *wasn't*. No in person worship, no Easter Egg Hunt at the church, no family gatherings. Nothing but the sun coming up to remind us that the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus does not depend on our traditional celebrations, however tied we are to those memories.

It may be that this Easter, in years to come, stands out in our memory as one of the best. And for one reason only. We can all come for worship (or watch it LIVE, which is almost the same!), the children will have an Easter Egg hunt outside in our beautiful orchard area, the sanctuary will be full of lilies, we will gather to flower the cross, and the music will be outstanding! We will almost have a normal, traditional Easter service. I hope you will join us, wherever you are!

It goes without saying that this past year has been difficult for all of us. But we can now see a glimmer of hope in our future. And we can say for sure, "'Tis grace has brought us safe thus far, and grace will lead us home." To that we can all respond, "Amen and Amen!"

Faithfully yours,

Dianne

APRIL CALENDAR

WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAY

10:00 a.m. Sunday School Class
11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary

MONDAY

6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts - Annex

WEDNESDAY

10:00 a.m. Card Ministry
6:00 p.m. Family Night Brown Bag Supper
6:30 p.m. Bible Study (in-person & Zoom)

THURSDAY

9:00 a.m. Angel Quilts

SPECIAL EVENTS

THURSDAY, April 1

6:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service

FRIDAY, APRIL 2

Good Friday

SUNDAY, April 4

Easter Sunday

9:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt

MONDAY, April 12

1:00 p.m. PW Coordinating Team Meeting -
Zoom

TUESDAY, April 13

10:00 a.m. Beck/Greisser Circle -
Fellowship Hall

5:15 p.m. Diaconate Meeting

THURSDAY, April 15

7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast

6:30 p.m. Zelle/Moore Circle - Zoom

THURSDAY, April 22

5:15 p.m. Session Meeting - Fellowship Hall

SATURDAY, April 29

7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast

*Congratulations Beth McHenry-Pope on her
retirement from Temple Memorial
Pediatric Center & working with children for
38 years!*

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1 Mark Fomby	22 Lauren Black
4 April Jackson	22 Sandra Holmes
6 Phillip Jackson	22 Edward Jackson
10 Ann Burke	25 Cole Jackson
10 Kathy Stewart	28 Jane Davitt
13 Margie Rhodes	30 Tom Wooten
13 Pat Willis	

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

2 Sherry & Larry Wilburn
7 Jane & Pat Davitt
25 Ruth & Buddy Bell



Presbyterian Women

April 2021

**PW Coordinating Team (Zoom): Monday, April 12,
at 1:00 p.m.**

**Beck/Greisser Circle (in-person and Zoom): Tuesday, April 13 at
10:00 a.m. - Fellowship Hall/**

Zelle/Moore Circle (Zoom): Thursday, April 15 at 6:30 p.m.

WELCOME HOME GIFT CARDS

As has been our habit lately, the Diaconate will once again be accepting donations for the \$50.00 Welcome Home Gift Cards to be given to those people moving from Randy Sams to a real home. We will be collecting donations through the month of May. Please help us give help to these people who are going out on their own!

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

This year we will begin Sunday School with some familiar faces.

Chuck Morgan will continue with the Adult One class. Margo Strickland will begin the Current Studies class; DeeDee Pope will begin the Young-at-Heart class but will rotate leadership within the class. Roy Thomas will begin our new special needs youth class and Molly Teague and Chris Walraven will teach our little ones. Thank you to our class leaders, we appreciate you so much.

If any one has a question or an idea for the class to study, please talk with the teachers. They will also need subs, especially during the summer. We are all so glad to be back in Sunday School.

FRESH FLOWERS FOR EASTER SUNDAY

Everyone is encouraged to bring fresh flowers to attach to our wire cross on Easter Sunday morning. The cross will be placed beside the sign in front of the sanctuary.



WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER AND BIBLE STUDY

Finally! We will be having some of our traditional activities on Wednesday night, beginning with a "bring your own sack supper and drink" at 6:00 followed by the Bible study at 6:30. We will observe social distancing, wearing masks except when eating, but still be able to gather in person to share a meal and a time of Bible study. We will be studying "The Seven Deadly Sins". Can you name them all? Please join us for this time of fellowship and study.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Bring your kids, grandkids, any kind of kids to our annual Easter Egg Hunt to kick off our first week back to Sunday School and to celebrate our Lord and Savior's resurrection!

WHEN: Sunday, April 4 (EASTER MORNING!)
TIME: 9:00 a.m.

WHERE: Labyrinth across the street from the Church in the orchard
(In the event of inclement weather, we will meet in the Choir Room)

We will share the Easter story, hunt eggs and decorate yummy sugar cookies!

Join us and have some fun !





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Why Are We Working on the Sunday School Building Roof?

The roof of the Sunday School building has had many recurring leaks over the past 10+ years. These leaks have been repaired numerous times, but since the roof is well beyond its reasonable life expectancy, the repairs never held. The solution was to replace the old rubber membrane and rock ballast roof with a modern style roofing material. Wright Brothers has cared for our roofs for many years and provided a competitive bid to perform this service. The expense we are incurring to complete this work will be covered by the money received from the sale of the ECHO building last year. Therefore, there is no debt being incurred. The next repair focus, once the roof is replaced, will be to address the cosmetic damage to ceilings and walls which were caused by the leaking roof. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.