

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 2021



Pastor's Paragraphs

A few years ago and well known preacher/evangelist, Tony Campolo, preached an Easter sermon entitled "*Friday's Here, But Sunday's Coming*". It was a wonderful way to talk about the crucifixion that took place on Good Friday and shattered the lives and hopes of the disciples, Jesus' family, and other followers. But we now know, and indeed celebrate, the dawn of that Easter morning which found the stone rolled away and the tomb empty.

Friday's here, but Sunday's coming. That's exactly how I feel about Easter this year. Not only will we celebrate the event that defines who we are as Christians, we will celebrate the reopening of the church and all our programs and ministries. We will once again gather, not only for worship on Sunday, but for committee meetings, Family Night Bible Study, the Card Ministry and Quilts, and other activities to which we were accustomed. It remains to be seen how, or even *if*, we can have Family Night Supper or choir practice. The same protocols that we have been practicing all these months will remain in place - masks will be required and social distancing strictly enforced. We will do everything possible to prevent the spread of the virus in our church family. For sure, the Friday of the last year's dark months of separation are almost over. The Sunday of our return to semi-normal participation is at our doorstep.

I hope and pray that many of you will feel comfortable in returning to all these opportunities of worship and ministry. But, as in the past, we most certainly understand and support everyone's decision to return as you feel comfortable. Your health and safety will continue to be of utmost importance to us.

Easter Sunday will mark and new beginning for our church. We will gather to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. And we will gather to celebrate being together. I hope to see you then!

Faithfully yours,
Dianne

MARCH CALENDAR

WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAY

10:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School Class - Fellowship Hall
 *11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary

MONDAY

6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts - Annex

WEDNESDAY

10:00 a.m. Card Ministry
 6:30 p.m. Bible Study-Zoom

THURSDAY

9:00 a.m. Angel Quilts

SPECIAL EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, March 3

5:30 p.m. C.E. Meeting - Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, March 7

*11:00 p.m. Worship/Communion - Sanctuary

MONDAY, March 8

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

TUESDAY, March 9

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

5:15 p.m. Diaconate Meeting - Zoom

THURSDAY, March 11

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

SATURDAY, March 13

10:00 a.m. Boy Scout Pinewood Derby - Fellowship Hall

10:00 a.m. Diaconate Training - Parlor

SUNDAY, March 14

Daylight Saving Time - Spring Forward

THURSDAY, March 18

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

SATURDAY, March 20

10:00 a.m. Elder Training - Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, March 28

Palm Sunday

(*Please enter the sanctuary from the main doors on Pecan Street or through the handicap door on 6th Street. The doors to the fellowship hall will be locked. We want to be sure only the sanctuary is used so it can be sanitized before next Sunday. Thank you for your understanding about our need to keep everyone safe.)

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

5 Claire McCasland	15 Hodge Thompson
7 Kevin Thompson	22 Ruth Penney Bell
8 Susan Morehead	23 Jordan Johns
8 Alex Sexton	26 Jeannie Sexton
13 Edna Upchurch	28 Kathy Boyles
14 Chuck Morgan	29 Don Johnson



In Loving Memory

Leoda Cobb Walker

March 17, 1922 - February 28, 2021

MARCH ANNIVERSARY

26 Karen & Marty Flowers



Presbyterian Women

March 2021

PW Coordinating Team: Monday, March 8, at 1:00 p.m. - Zoom

Beck/Greisser Circle (in-person and Zoom): Tuesday, March 9 at 10:00 a.m. - Fellowship Hall/Zoom

Zelle/Moore Circle: Thursday, March 11 at 6:30 p.m. - Zoom

Taylor Sexton is Seminary Bound!

Our own Taylor Sexton will soon enroll as a student at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Austin, Texas. In the last meeting of the Session, we unanimously voted to support Taylor in becoming an Inquirer for Ordination into the Ministry in the PC(USA). The Master of Divinity Program at the Seminary that Taylor is undertaking will be a three year course of study, as will the ordination track of the presbytery. After a year of Inquirer status, he will then become a Candidate for Ministry, a two year course in which he will be interviewed and examined for ordination. We are so proud of Taylor, a child of this church, and will support him with our prayers and encouragement in this decision to become one of many of our own who went into the ministry. Please congratulate Taylor when you see him!

Jan-Kay Ranch Christian Family Camp

Jan-Kay Ranch has been the home of our weekend Family Camp for many years. My kids and grand-kids look forward to it every year! Hopefully, our family camp will be held there this summer!

June 25-27, 2021

Betty Anthony

SAVE THE DATES

THURSDAY, April 1

6:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service

SATURDAY, April 3

Easter Egg Hunt - To Be Determined

SUNDAY, April 4

Easter Sunday





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Betty Anthony, Church Co-Treasurer

EASTER LILIES

If you are interested in donating Easter Lilies, please complete the information below. We ask that you return this form and a donation of \$10.00 per Easter Lily to the Church Office **NO LATER than MONDAY, MARCH 22, 2021**. The deadline lets us provide a more accurate account for lilies purchased by the church.

For more information, please contact the Church Office at (870) 774-6453.

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Name: _____ Date: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Quantity: _____

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Honorarium Designation: _____

Form of Donation: Cash: _____ Check: _____ Total:\$ _____

Signature: _____