

From under the Redbud Tree.....



The *Redbud*

The Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church
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Kind hearts are the gardens.

Kind thoughts are the roots.

Kind words are the flowers.

Kind deeds are the fruits.

Take care of your garden and keep out the weeds.

Fill it with sunshine, kind words and kind deeds.

From the Pastor's Desk

HELP WANTED: We are in need of finding another person to serve as Clerk of the Session. Mari Ruegsegger has resigned due to her need to focus her time and energies on her family and work. Michele Wells has been willing to step up and help with this position. We need to find someone else to help her with some of the responsibilities and duties that come with the position. It was suggested by the Presbytery that we could have two people assigned to the position. Michele is willing and able to take on some of the responsibilities but due to her family needs she is not able to be available all of the time. Some of the tasks are to be at monthly Session meetings to record minutes and post minutes to Session members; keep membership records current; complete necessary reports to the Presbytery as needed. If you are interested in considering helping with this position please see me, (Pastor Mike).

HELP WANTED: Help with Worship Committee responsibilities. Help needed to change parameters as the church seasons change; setting up Communion ware once a month on the first Thursday morning of the month.

Changes in doing church have so drastically changed since we began dealing with the Corona virus. It has been over a year since we have been able to worship in person. We miss each other, there is no question. I miss each and every one of you, more than you realize. The good news is the infection rates are starting to drop. Hospitalization, at least in our county is less and less each week. We are hoping that in the next month or two we might be able to again gather for worship in our church. When we do we will have to follow CDC guidelines for gathering in large groups. The Session this week decided to hold off for another month in re-opening. That decision is being made month by month.

There are good signs. We need to be very cautious when we gather again. Thank you for your patience. Be safe. Wear your masks. Wash your hands frequently. Keep your distance. Be at peace.

Pastor Mike



For the Month of March



March 5th– Jan Lawson

March 9th– Jim Lillis

March 13th– Frank Zortman

March 17th– Ed Andrews

March 20th– Lillian Euers

March 20th– Velma Shaw

March 22nd– Marilyn Seel



No anniversaries this month

March 2021 Special Days

World Day of Prayer– 3/5/21

Girl Scout Sunday– 3/7/21

**Daylight Savings Time Begins–
3/14/2021**

St. Patrick's Day– 3/17/2021

1st Day of Spring– 3/20/2021

Palm Sunday– 3/28/2021



FOR VIRTUAL SERVICES

March 7th— Ralph Gillespie

March 14th— Mary Smith

March 21st— Pam Guth

March 28th— Don Crapnell



For the Month of March

Suzanne Smyth

& Susan Kearns



"He's today's greeter."

Q: What do they call pastors in Germany?

A: German Shepherds



Church Matters



JANUARY SESSION MEETING

The Session met for their regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 19th at 1:00 pm via Zoom with all members present. The minutes for the January Session meeting were approved. The Session voted unanimously to again suspend “in person” worship for the month of February, with another vote to be held at the monthly meeting in February for the month of March. The Session, however, has been very encouraged by the county-wide decrease in the number of Covid-19 cases in Baxter County and surrounding areas. The video recordings of the virtual Sunday church services have been greatly improved by Mark Guth and “company”, and are successfully being posted each week on Saturday evenings.

FEBRUARY DEACONS' MEETING

The Deacons met for their regularly scheduled monthly meeting on February 16, 2021, 1:00 p m in our first Zoom meeting. Phone calls, notes and visits to members and friends were shared. A letter from Alpha House was read requesting personal cleaning supplies, such as hand sanitizers, soaps. E t c. This will be discussed at the March meeting.

-Janet Newman, Moderator

Financial Report for February 16th, 2021

DONATIONS- \$9,800.00

CLEARED CHECKS- \$7968.93

UNCLEARED CHECKS- 5,539.06

RECONCILED CHECKING BALANCE- \$22,579.62

TEXAS PRESBYTERY FUND BALANCE- \$302,241.63 (4TH Quarter Growth - \$32K+)

MONEY MARKET (FSB) BALANCE- \$64,682.42 (2021 Interest - \$14.62)

Respectfully Submitted, Nancy Priest, Bookkeeper/Treasurer



Scripture Readings For March

Sunday, March 7th

3rd Sunday in Lent

Exodus 20:1-17

Psalms 19

Corinthians 1:18-25

John 2:13-22

Sunday, March 14th

4th Sunday in Lent

Numbers 21:4-9

Psalms 107:1-3, 17-22

Ephesians: 2:1-10

John 3:14-21



Sunday, March 21st

5th Sunday in Lent

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalms 51:1-12

Hebrews 5:5-10

John 12:20-33



Sunday, March 28th

Palm/Passion Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalms 31: 9-16

Philippians 2:5-11

Mark 14:1-15:47

A very large crowd spread
their cloaks on the road,
and others cut branches
from the trees and
spread them on the road.

Matthew 21:8, NRSV



REDBUD CALENDAR MARCH 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 Church Service videotaping 10:30 am (Lay Reader— Ralph Gilles- pie)	5 	6
	7 Virtual Church Service w/ Holy Communion <i>3rd Sunday in Lent</i> www.fpcmh.net	8	9	10	11 Church Service videotaping 10:30 am (Lay Reader— Mary Smith)	12 
13	14 Virtual Church Service <i>4th Sunday in Lent</i> www.fpcmh.net DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS!!!!!!	15	16 10:00 AM- Deacons meet  1:00 PM  SESSION MEETS	17 HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY! 	18 Church Service videotaping 10:30 am (Lay Reader— Pam Guth)	19 
20	21 Virtual Church Service <i>5th Sunday in Lent</i> www.fpcmh.net	22 World Water Day	23	24	25 Church Service videotaping 10:30 am (Lay Reader— Don Crapnell)	26 
27	28 Virtual Worship Service <i>Palm/Passion Sunday</i> www.fpcmh.net  Palm Sunday	29	30	31 Church Service videotaping 10:30 am (Lay Reader— Kay Kunkel)	APRIL 1ST Videotaping 10:30 am (No Lay Reader) MAUNDY THURSDAY Virtual Wor- ship Service 5:30pm	2 Good Friday 
4 Easter Sunday Holy Communion Virtual Service Www.fpcmh.net			Rejoice! He Lives!			

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



**Church Office Hours
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. /Monday - Thursday**

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**Rev. Mike Clark,
Transitional Pastor**

**Adult Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.
Fellowship Coffee: 11:00 a.m.**

**Secretary: Kristi Nelson
Book keeper, Treasurer: Nancy Priest**