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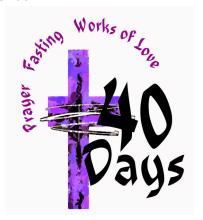
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### March, 2021



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 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 paraments 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

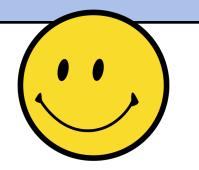
"He's today's greeter."



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

Q: What do they call pastors in Germany?A: German Shepherds





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

## 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 <u>March.</u> 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. Et c. This will be discussed at the March meeting. -Janet Newman, Moderator

#### Financial Report for February 16th, 2021



CLEARED CHECKS- \$7968.93 UNCLEARED CHECKS- 5,539.06

DONATIONS- \$9,800.00

RECONCILED CHECKING BALANCE- \$22,579.62

TEXAS PRESBYTERY FUND BALANCE- \$302,241.63 (4<sup>TH</sup> 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

Sunday, March 14th

Sunday, March 21st

Sunday, March 28th

3rd Sunday in Lent Exodus 20:1-17 Psalm 19 Corinthians 1:18-25 John 2:13-22

4th Sunday in Lent Numbers 21:4-9 Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 Ephesians: 2:1-10 John 3:14-21



5th Sunday in Lent Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalm 51:1-12 Hebrews 5:5-10 John 12:20-33

Palm/Passion Sunday Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 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
M	1 Arch	2	3	4 Church Service videotaping 10:30 am (Lay Reader– Ralph Gilles- pie)	5 Sorres CLO	6 We'R SEI
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 Sorrez CLO	13 <sup>WWE'RE</sup>
14 Virtual Church Service <i>4th Sunday in Lent</i> www.fpcmh.net DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS!!!!!!	15	16 10:00 AM- Deacons meet Deacons Meeting 1:00 PN SESSION MEETS	17 HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!	18 Church Service videotaping 10:30 am (Lay Reader– Pam Guth)	19 <i>Source</i>	20 <sup>9</sup> we'r SE1 27
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 Sorres CLO	<sup>#</sup> we <sup>r</sup> R SE[
28 Virtual Worship Service Palm/Passion Sunday www.fpcmh.net	29	30	31 Church Service videotaping 10:30 am (Lay Reader– Kay Kunkel)	APRIL 1ST Videotaping 10:30 am (No Lay Reader) <u>MAUNDY</u> THURSDAY Virtual Wor- ship Service 5:30pm	2 Good Friday Sorry CLOS	3 Verre E D
4 Easter Sunday Holy Communion Virtual Service Www.fpcmh.net	A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A	Rejoice! le 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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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