

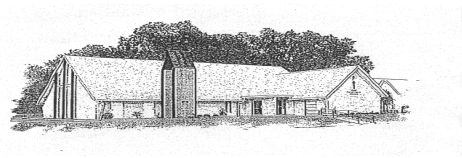
## DID YOU KNOW?

**Did you know that our local McDonald's Restaurant is no longer using Styrofoam coffee cups?**

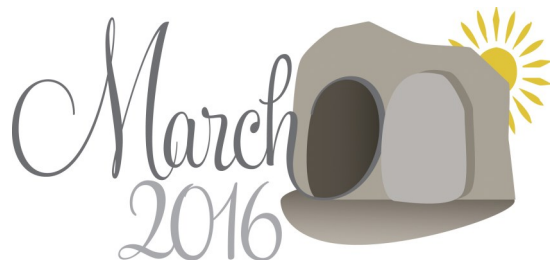
**They are now using more environmentally friendly paper cups. There are over 14,300 McDonald's in the United States and over 21,000 international McDonald's. This transition from foam to paper will make a huge impact upon landfills and the environment. Keep up the good work, McDonald's!**

**The Christian Education Green Team**

**P. S. There's still time to call 1-800-877-1777 and request a free recycle bin to be delivered to your home.**



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### *Shall We Preach?*

I heard a story about a guy who asked his neighbor if he was planning to attend worship this coming Easter morning. *"Probably not this year,"* the neighbor replied. *"I go every Easter, and the sermon always sounds the same to me."*

It's one of the challenges of preaching on the most important day of the entire church year – making the scripture story of Easter morning sound different than it did one year ago. I've had folks ask me why I don't just repeat a sermon from several Easters past. It's because I'm aware that some people only come that one Sunday morning, and I must try to reach them with God's Word for them.

So, this year, I will ask for your help. If you understand that preaching the Word is vital, if you recognize that preaching on Easter morning means preaching the life-changing *good news*, if you expect to hear the same message you heard last Easter, only different, then I need you to help me to preach it.

I found a blogger's information with some ideas. If you like them, then I'll ask you to implement them. This Sunday would be good. Every Sunday would be better. Easter Sunday would be outstanding! His name is Carey Nieuwhof, and here's what he says about the listeners (that would be you.)

"Critics. Got to love 'em. And we're all critics. And that's because somewhere along the way many of us have bought into the lie that we need to evaluate a church by what we get out of it. That's not Christianity. That's consumerism. You get out of a message what you put into a message.

Lean in. Listen. Look for God. Confess. Apply. If you can't find anything to apply in a message, it's because you didn't put in enough.

And remember that criticism is a form of lazy arrogance."

This year, Easter comes early. That means that Palm Sunday comes early. Holy Week comes early. And, ready or not, the Easter sermon on that Sunday morning needs to be ready, just like every Sunday, only different. So, I need you to listen. Not for my mistakes, though they may be many. Not for where I've fallen short, though I undoubtedly will. But lean in. Listen for the *good news*. Look for God. And, if you hear the message – even if you've heard it before – then apply it, like you've finally heard it for the very first time. Apply it, like it is vital to who you are. Apply it, like it's life changing.

Then, model a changed life. Not changed by me, not by my sermon. But by the story of Easter morning. A story you've already heard. But you *gulp it in* this year. And let the world know that Easter sermons are a tool that can be used to spread the Word. And your life can be a tool, too.

He is *risen!*

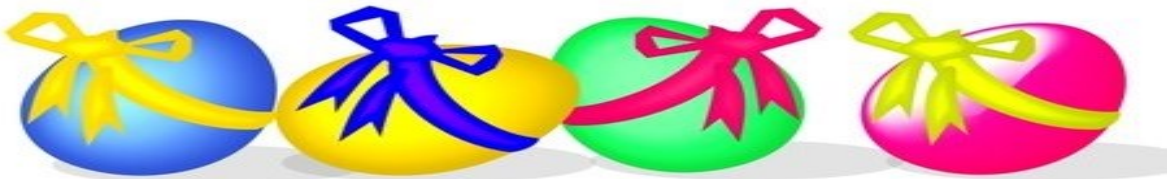
*Candice*

But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said."  
– Matthew 28:5-6

**COMMISSION RENOVATIONS REPORT**

I would like to report that Sanctuary renovations are nearing completion. Your Commission has worked very hard and been diligent spending the funds allotted for the Sanctuary renovations. In fact the work in the Narthex is being done due to the very judicious use of the funds made available to us for the Sanctuary renovations. The excess funds are being used for the Narthex renovations. The Commission has been approached by a member family wishing to donate the purchase of a new pulpit, Communion table, and Baptismal Font. There is discussion with regard to the possibility of new furniture in the Narthex. Personally I would like to see more handicap parking, outside the building, possibly a covered drive up and drop off option. All these improvements give me hope of the future of FPC Henderson. If you believe the renovations so far send a positive message & give you hope for the future of First Presbyterian Church in Henderson, Texas, I encourage you to make donations. Maybe you would like to see upgrades in the office, the parlor, or possibly the fellowship hall. We have a capital building fund but many believe it is a good idea to keep that in reserve. I believe we are very near the time to replace the roof, a major expense and air conditioners do not last generally over 15 years. As chair of the Building Commission I wish to extend my deepest gratitude and heart felt appreciation to the three families who made the Sanctuary & Narthex improvements possible! My prayer is that they & God are pleased with the work accomplished to date.

Building & Grounds Commission,  
Kathy Porter, Bill Stanley, Tom Laney, Rev. Candice Klein,  
Bob Schauwecker & John Tieken, chair



**FELLOWSHIP**

The Fellowship Committee will host breakfast following the Sunrise Service on Sunday, March 27, in the Fellowship Hall.

Fonta Conway



“Councilman Thomas Ward and City Manager Tim Kelty met with members of the FPC Outreach Committee to review the water build-up problem in the Delia and Yale Street neighborhood. Thanks to their personal interest in this problem, only days later the area was being excavated to remove the standing water. Thank you Councilman Ward and City Manager Kelty. The project continues but progress is being made.”



## **OUTREACH 2016--A GOOD START**

The outreach team got off to a good start for 2016. Team members are: Bert, Claudia, Kathy, Lynn and Mariella. The first event of the year in 2015 was the RCEC Chili cook-off. This year the event was cancelled by RCEC due to storm damage at the Expo Center but we will have chili on our minds in March 2017. Each entry is awarded \$200 towards our scholarship fund. In April, we will once again hear about the Rusk/Panola Children's Advocacy Center as we seek to bring awareness to victims of child abuse.

Adopt-a-block dates were set and are as follows: March 21, April 18, May 16, July 18, August 15, September 19, October 17, November 21 and December 19. If anyone would like to help walk the immediate neighborhood each month you are always welcome to join in! Because of our walks, there are times our neighbors ask for help improving their homes. Through Lynn's efforts on behalf of AAB, we have partnered with the South Main Church of Christ task force to help one of our neighbors with some painting and shingle work. Also, Kathy and Claudia contacted our city councilman, Thomas Ward about getting the intersection of Yale and Delia streets repaired. Work is already underway due to this contact. Thank you Lynn, Kathy and Claudia!

Besides the usual outreach projects, our team will be looking at new opportunities for this year and we will keep you informed as we reach out in 2016. Thanks for your support. If you have any questions or concerns or suggestions regarding our outreach endeavors, please do not hesitate to ask or talk to any member. If you desire to be on the team, it is never too late and we would love to have you.

Here's to reaching out!

Peace,  
Jan Pennal, chair



## **IT'S GOOD TO BE A PRESBYTERIAN WOMAN!**

Hello March; Hello Daylight Savings Time (3/13); Hello Spring (3/20); Hello Easter 3/27); Hello Friends! How time is "marching" by – new month full of new adventures. Our monthly group is ever-growing in number and in mind. Our February 22 meeting was simply glorious and included: Pastor Candice, Lynn Tieken, Jane Fahle, Carol Scoggins, Margaret Hillin, Pat Laney, Fonta Conway, Jan Mims, Claudia Morgan-Gray and Liz Buckner. We are thankful for each other and together we are energizing each other and ourselves. In addition to breaking bread together, Jane Fahle brought out the "Scrap & History Books" that she has maintained for our church for many years. These wonderful books walk you through the history and events of our church and its people over the years. It shows our love of God and each other in pictures, bulletins, news clippings, art work and writings. These memory books capture the way we say hello and the way we say goodbye. It tells the story of a journey not yet complete. These and other historic keepsakes will be displayed in the History Area of the church that is being put together through the Christian Education Committee. Our next glorious moment came as Carol Scoggins lead us through the avenues of our hearts by giving us a paper heart and asking us to write, within its boundaries, things we love. Not surprising that God, our church, family, friends, pets, life and laughter appeared on most everyone's list. However, we also included in our hearts the love for those struggling and those less fortunate than ourselves. It garnered wonderful discussion and memories for everyone. All in all, it was a happy heart day for Presbyterian Women. Please make note of some upcoming events for Presbyterian Women – we are providing lunch for the Rusk County Children's Advocacy Center's monthly meeting on March 9<sup>th</sup>; our March meeting will be March 28<sup>th</sup> where we ask everyone to bring a favorite Easter story or share a memorable Easter memory; and, a group tour field trip is being arranged to Son Shine Lighthouse on April 21<sup>st</sup>. So for today and every day, go forward and be nicer than you have to be and go out and make your piece of the world a more peaceful place.



## **WORSHIP TEAM**

“Christian Worship joyfully ascribes all praise and honor, glory and power to the triune God. In worship the people of God acknowledge God present in the world and in their lives. As they respond to God’s claim and redemptive action in Jesus Christ, believers are transformed and renewed. In worship the faithful offer themselves to God and are equipped for God’s service in the world.” Book of Order, PCUSA W-1.1001

Your Worship Team met on January 31<sup>st</sup> after Sunday worship. Members include Margaret Hillin, Sally Hosea, Kathy Porter, Steve Lowe, Fonta Conway, Lsha Stanley, Mark Reeves, Choir Director and Organist, our pastor, Rev. Candice Klein, and Lynn Tieken, Chair. We discussed our duties and assignments to keep our worship experience “decent and in order”, and occasionally diverse. Each of these people is dedicated to this church, to all of you, and to our Lord, Jesus Christ.

We made plans for Ash Wednesday, and began plans for our Holy Week services, including Palm Sunday (March 20) and Easter Sunday (March 27), Sunrise service and 11 AM Sunday service. First United Methodist Church will join with us on Maundy Thursday, and we will join with them on Good Friday, combining choirs again. Plan now for a meaningful and worshipful time together. We are continuing to bake homemade bread for Communion services. Would you like to sign up?

We now have a newly named Worship Design Team, Kathy and Lsha, who dutifully enhance our worship with tangible items to help us realize change of season of the church year, such as the current Lenten table in the Sanctuary.

March 6 is Gifts of Women Sunday, so be aware, ladies, that you may be called on for various duties that day...an all-women service.

Besides his duties as Choir Director and Organist, Mark Reeves has been assisting with lighting and sound. He has so many talents!

Bret Boren and Bill Stanley have also helped Fonta make certain we can all hear and enjoy the services.

Pianos will be tuned soon, and speaker repair for the organ is in progress.

We have an amazing dedicated team, and if you would like to be a part, please join us at our next meeting, Sunday, March 13, following worship, or call me (903) 836-2418.



## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (CE) MINISTRY – WHAT’S UP?**

What’s up In Christian Education? At First Presbyterian Church, Henderson, we’re up to learning—all the time!

We have learned from our Pastor and Teaching Elder, Rev. Candice Klein, the difference between a “disciple” and an “apostle.” Did you know that a “disciple” is a student? And that an “apostle” is one who is sent out to tell the gospel—a missionary carrying the Good News of the Redemption to others?

Perhaps you have never noticed (I know I hadn’t) that the names on the list of Jesus’s 12 disciples (students), vary from place to place in the New Testament accounts of Jesus’s short ministry on earth. So, Jesus must have had more than 12 disciples? Probably many more. Our Pastor recently pointed this out in our Lenten study, *Meeting God in Paul* by Rowan Williams.

Paul of Tarsus was an attorney, a student of the Law of Moses. He was also the first apostle chosen and sent out by Jesus to take the Good News of Redemption to the Gentiles (the non-Jews). We are learning just how important Paul was in the formation of the Christian religion.

Come learn with us as our Pastor leads us in this interesting and enlightening Lenten study. Both adult Sunday School classes are meeting together in the fellowship hall at 9:45 a.m. each Sunday until Easter. Together, let’s be faithful disciples and learn to be apostles of the risen Christ in our neighborhood and beyond.

May you have a blessed Lenten Season and a glorious Easter!

Bert Lowe

CE Team Leader

Christian Education Ministry Team

Members: Rev. Candice Klein, Juan Castro, Jimmy Chapman, Pat Laney, Tom Laney, Kathy Porter, and Claudia Morgan-Gray





Easter is almost here, but it is not too late to join the choir and participate in the events of Holy Week with us. The Chancel Choir will be singing for Worship on Palm Sunday, firstly. And, as in years past, we will be joined by singers from FUMC - Henderson for an anthem on Maundy Thursday Service here at FPC in the Sanctuary, and then on Good Friday, we will join with the FUMC choir at their Service at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary of FUMC. On Easter Sunday, the choir will sing an exciting arrangement of "Lift High the Cross" for our 11 am Worship.

We have been enjoying each other's company in our Choir rehearsals each Wednesday. Learning new songs and getting to know each other. We meet in the Sanctuary Wednesdays at 5:45 pm. Please join us if you can, and if you cannot, please keep us in your thoughts and especially your prayers as we work to serve and praise God in our music.

Blessings to all!  
Mark Reeves, CAGO  
Cell: 903-707-9614



*Please keep these dear ones in your prayers:*

**Members of the Congregation:** Jack Clark, Syble DeLoach, Tolly Dill, Jack Gray, Joyce Huggins, Billie Manck, Debbie Murphy, Cindy and Bob Ratliff, Ruling Elders serving on Session

**Connected Family:** Connor Bradshaw – Porter's grandson, Diane Dill and Mike Dill, Mary Medina – Tieken's granddaughter, serving as Presbyterian YAV

**Friends and Neighbors:** Dorothy Barry - former member, Martha Paul Bennett – friend of the congregation, Kids for God – staff and children, PNC at First Pres, Kilgore as they search for a pastor

Those loved ones known only to God



Prayer Companions - An Opportunity for Service

One of the greatest gifts we can give to one another is to pray for each other. Prayer has an impact far beyond what can be seen. It is a privilege and honor to pray for others, not only for those of our inner circle, but for those we do not know. Sometimes it is difficult to know what to pray, but Paul shows us very simply in Colossians 1: 9-12 how to pray for others whether we know them or not.

*9)For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. 10)And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, 11) being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully 12)giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light. (Colossians 1:9-12; NIV)*

The prayer ministry continues at FPC, Henderson. All who believe in the power of prayer are invited to join with this group of Prayer Companions to receive prayer requests, to offer prayer to God, and/or to alert our congregation of urgent needs, upcoming events, and yes, joys, including answers to prayer. We commit to confidentiality, if that is your request. Or, the church family can be notified of your prayer request, if you choose. Email and telephone will be used, as requested by you. Everyone can be a part. Please leave contact information on the list provided if you would like to be included, in any way.

Questions? Please contact:

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Lynn Tieken (903) 836-2418 Cell (903) 738-1621 [johnlynnt@eastex.net](mailto:johnlynnt@eastex.net)

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Website [www.fpchendersontx.org/prayer/html](http://www.fpchendersontx.org/prayer/html)

Prayer Ministry

☐ I would like to be on the team to offer prayers for members and their families.

☐ I would like to call Prayer Companion members re: concerns of the church.

☐ I would like to be notified re: illness, death of members, and/or their family.

Name

Phone number

E-Mail address



## FPC MISSION

Our first special offering for the year will be **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING (OGHS)**. This special offering helps with feeding the hungry through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, empowering the self development of the poor and oppressed, and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) which restores hope to those affected by natural disasters. The offering will run the month of March and through Easter. As usual we will extend the giving for an extra week to allow each member or church attendee to settle up with any accounting.

Most appropriately, John Tieken, will be the "champion" of OGHS this year. As many of you know, John is a member of PDA and has been called to serve during disaster assistance around the country. John will oversee this offering as "champion" so be on the lookout for educational reminders about giving to this very worthy cause.

Let us be ever mindful of our Lord's mission work!  
Jan Pennal, chair



- Palm Sunday - Worship Service @ 11:00am
- Maundy Thursday - Worship Service @ 6:30pm
- Good Friday - Worship Service at FUMC @ 6:30pm
- Easter Sunrise - Service at Fair Park @ 7:00am
- Easter Breakfast - Following Sunrise Service in Fellowship Hall
- Easter - Worship Service @ 11:00am with flowers on the cross
- Easter Monday - Church offices closed



The Fellowship Committee hosted its first Groundhog Day Pancake Supper, Tuesday, February 2, 2016. It was an event of fun and fellowship. In addition to 30 of our members, we also enjoyed the company of City Councilman Thomas Ward and several local firefighters.







## COUNCIL ACTIONS

February 13, 2016

- Met in day-long retreat at Henderson Civic Center
- Worshiped, prayed, read scripture, studied polity, discerned God's will for FPC, participated in Holy Communion
- Reviewed Ruling Elder leadership responsibilities at FPC
- Reviewed Committee tasks for each FPC committee
- Approved the Statistical Report for 2015
- Assigned duty elders for the year
- Assigned home communion elders for the year
- Set Council meetings for the third Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m.
- Approved the Pastor's Terms of Call
- Amended 2016 Budget
- Set a congregational meeting for February 28
- Appointed commissioners to March 5 Presbytery Meeting
- Approved request from Bldg. and Grounds Committee to use up to \$6500 from Capital Building Fund for building repairs and needs

## SPRING CLEANING TIME

Actually, it's a winter cleaning in order to be ready for spring (March 20) and Easter (March 27). Daylight Savings begins on March 13. Sanctuary and narthex renovations are just about finished and perhaps new carpet will be in place. The hallways and Fellowship Hall carpet needs attention with a thorough vacuuming and spot removal (if possible). Dusting and detailing is needed everywhere. The gutters for the middle entry will be ready to install. Stored items will be moved to a resting place until needed again; if no need is seen, they will be discarded.

Spring cleaning time for 8:30 a.m., March 12 is set. Write it on your calendar, the wall, and on your hearts. Those of you that are willing and able, let me know if you are coming so we can start getting supplies ready.

Tom Laney for Building & Grounds  
903-657-4706 or Laney305@suddenlink





# MARCH 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 <i>Choir Practice 5:45pm</i>	3 <i>Claudine Kennedy</i>	4 	5 <i>Grace Presbytery Meeting @ Austin College in Sherman</i>
6  <i>Celebrate the Gifts of Women</i>	7	8 <i>International Women's Day</i>	9 <i>Choir Practice 5:45pm</i>	10	11	12
13  <i>Worship Team Meeting 12:00</i> <i>Daylight saving time begins</i>	14	15	16 <i>Choir Practice 5:45pm</i>	17 <i>L.E.A.N. Mtg. 2pm Session Mtg. 6:30pm</i>	18	19
20  <i>John Bruce Hillin</i>	21	22	23 <i>Robbie Brooks</i> <i>Choir Practice 5:45pm</i>	24  <i>Service at 6:30pm</i>	25  <i>Service at 6:30pm @ FUMC</i>	26
27  <i>Easter Sunrise 7:00am Easter Worship 11:00am</i>	28 <i>Offices Closed for Easter Monday</i>  <i>Pipeline Deadline</i>	29	30 <i>Choir Practice 5:45pm</i>	31		<a href="http://WWW.SHININGMOM.COM">WWW.SHININGMOM.COM</a>