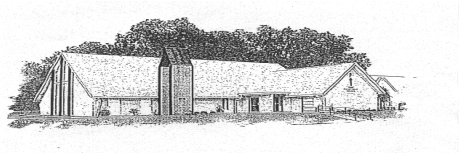


Thinking of you...

... as I often do.
I also pray for all of
my church family
I really miss you all
Billie
I'm so grateful for the
cards & news letters



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
P. O. BOX 773
HENDERSON, TEXAS 75653-0773



THE PRESBYTERIAN PIPELINE

A MONTHLY PUBLICATION OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - HENDERSON, TEXAS

Volume 48

April, 2016

Issue Four

What's Different Now?

Well, we made it through the season of Lent, through Holy Week, and Easter's Resurrection Sunday. Some people believe that I handle worship around here, and while I do a great deal, I don't do it all. Your Ruling Elders are always at my elbow, and they have such interesting ideas and new ways of thinking or presenting information to all of you, that I'm consistently grateful for their input.

Did the Easter season change you? Are you different this Easter than you were last? Are you different because of the resurrection account? Even though you've heard it before? I know that several of you signed a pledge on Ash Wednesday and agreed to pray for your Pastor – *daily*. I think that happened! I know that there were times in my work, in my journey, in my studies, that it seemed to go better than it has in years past. I think your prayers did that! And, I'm enormously grateful. Some of you agreed to read one Bible chapter each day. Some to invite an unchurched friend to worship. Some to phone ill members and home bound friends. Some to join the choir. I still have the forms you completed. So I'm aware of *who* signed up for *what*.

I think it makes a difference – when you function differently. I think you change. I think the spiritual work you do changes the church, the neighborhood, perhaps even the world. So, I wonder why we'd make a change for 40 days, and not see its good results enough to want to continue this new habit. Imagine what could happen if we changed something for 40 days, and continued that change for 40 more, and added an item or two – just to increase the change. Why, we could make a huge difference!

Wanna try? Wanna tell me about your experiences? Wanna share those changes with friends and church connections and challenge them to be challenged to change something in their lives? It's not ever completely up to me. I work here, yes, but you make the difference. You hear the Easter message – confusing as it still sounds, and you apply God's overwhelming love to your daily walk and *poof!* The world is a better place.

It is my honor to serve with you. It is my honor to watch to reach and strive. It is my honor to see God's light in your eyes, and God's smile in your service. You are awesome!

Peace,

Candice

“Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.”

– Isaiah 43: 19

OUTREACH NEWS

April is our time to reflect, pray and respond to the Rusk/Panola Children's Advocacy Center as we are reminded once again about our children who suffer abuse. Please plan to attend worship in April as we will devote two Sundays to being reminded of this worthy cause.

Two outreach projects are underway: 1) Our neighbor Rachel Garcia needed roof repairs. Lynn reached out to a workforce with South Main Church of Christ youth minister David Chenault. On our March 21 AAB walk we were unable to reach Rachel to follow up but we know some work, if not all, has been done. 2) The drainage and poor road conditions (at the corner of Yale and Delia Streets) repair work continues, but progress has been made as witnessed on our AAB walk. Much dirt work has been done and the drainage ditches have been somewhat cleared out. A big thanks to Kathy and Claudia who contacted Councilman Ward and City Manager Kelty.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Pennal, chair



COUNCIL ACTIONS
March 17, 2016

- Prayed and worshiped together
- Reviewed feedback on council retreat in February
- Discussed feedback on Congregational meeting of Feb. 28
- Heard a report from Commissioners to Grace Presbytery meeting March 5
- Reviewed presentation from Pakistani missionary
- Acknowledged FPC's re-certification as an Earth Care Congregation
- Discussed Holy Week worship services
- Heard a report from Finance regarding copier lease with Cannon
- Determined Shepherd Lists for 2016

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know the planet earth is getting warmer? The earth's temperature has risen one degree Fahrenheit over the past century, and the increase has accelerated over the past two decades, according to the Environmental Protection Agency. It's pretty clear that part of the most recent warming is attributable to human activities.



So what's wrong with having summer year-round? A lot, actually. Over time, a climate that's even a few degrees warmer can affect rainfall, sea levels, and air quality. It might cause drought in some areas and flooding in others. Some parts of the world, particularly hotter climates, are likely to be more affected than other areas. This may have significant impact on plants, wildlife, and humans. When climates change rapidly, ecosystems often can't adjust quickly enough to survive.

There are things that we all can do to help slow global warming. Simple steps like carpooling, keeping the car tuned up and tires properly inflated, turning off lights, shopping for energy efficient appliances, using compact fluorescent light bulbs, using our own shopping bags, recycling and buying recycled products are just some of the ways we can help to reduce global warming. Let's all do our part to help the future of our grandchildren and their children!

The Christian Education Green Team

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, Our grandchildren attending college

Friends and Neighbors: Martha Paul Bennett – friend of the congregation, Dr. David Craig – 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



CHOIR NEWS

We did it! Our first Easter together and I am so pleased with the choir members of FPC and I appreciate the extra efforts our members put forth toward these past Holy Week events. Combining with the FUMC choir of Henderson was a memorable experience and I'm sure we will have many more opportunities.



Now we march on and we re-focus on tasks at hand. I am discussing the possibility of hosting the Trinity Valley Community College Chamber Choir for a short concert. Tentatively that date will be Tuesday, April 19th, at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary...pending approval of the church leadership. Also, upcoming we will be meeting to plan our Summer Music Camp that will be hosted here at FPC.

Please keep the Music ministry in your thoughts and prayers as we continue to develop and grow. And, if you have a talent (musical or otherwise) I would like to know. We could always use guitar players, any instruments, and even masters of the kazoo...don't put your talent under a basket, let it shine!

Mark Reeves, CAGO

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE EXTENDS THE HAND OF HOSPITALITY

The week of Easter brought our congregation together on many levels and to share spiritually the journey from crucifixion to Resurrection. In addition to sharing the spirituality of the season, we also broke bread together after the Sunrise Service Easter morning. Special thanks to Lsha, Fonta, Lavonne, Bob, Judy, Kay, Claudia and Weldon.

We are working on a schedule for a Fellowship event every quarter. In addition, we are working with the Christian Education Committee to host an education focused seminar with lite-supper meal included.

It's a great opportunity
to unite Christians in
prayer to share
fellowship, scripture
and food.

QUOTEHD.COM

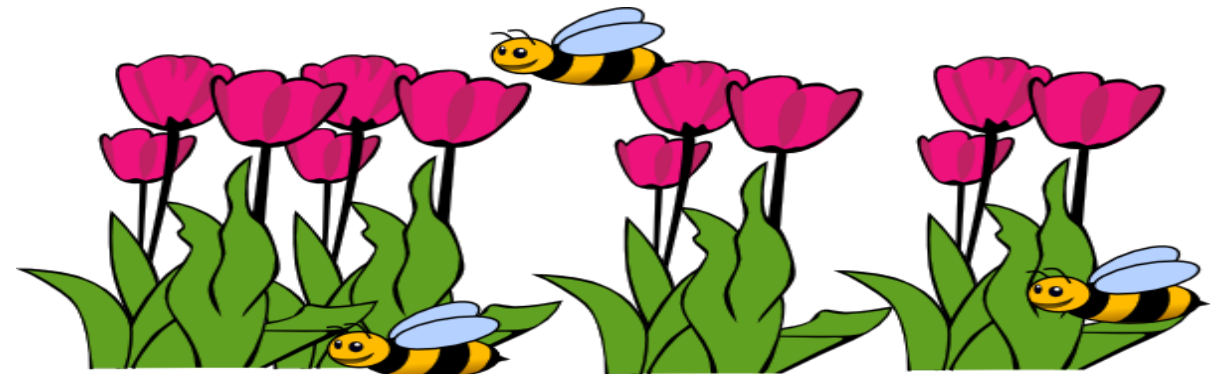
Rev. Angelo Arrando

IT'S GOOD TO BE A PRESBYTERIAN WOMAN!

With March almost a memory, and April just days away, it is hard to believe how fast the hands of time have moved. Our March meeting was a time of sharing some of our favorite Easter memories. It was such a treat to walk down memory lane with each other for a view into each other's past and a more informed glimpse at the women we are today. Joining us were: Lynn Tieken, Jane Fahle, Carol Scoggins, Pat Laney, Jan Mims, Kathy Porter, Bert Lowe and Claudia Morgan-Gray. In addition to sharing Easter stories, we also collected for our financial and spiritual commitment to the Son Shine Lighthouse. We will be taking a tour of the Son Shine Lighthouse facility on April 21st. If you would like to join us, please meet at the church that morning at 10:30 am for us to car pool to the Lighthouse. We are planning to have lunch at the New London Museum Tea Room after the tour. Should be a great day. We received a thank you card from the attendees of the Rusk County Children's Advocacy leadership team meeting for the lunch we provided. We will also be feeding this group again in May. Speaking of our May gathering, we will meet for a Salad Lunch on May 23 in the Fellowship Hall. In addition to all these upcoming events, several of us are also planning to attend the Spring Meeting of the regional Presbyterian Women on Saturday, April 9th in Tyler. If you are interested in attending with us, please contact Lynn Tieken or Claudia Morgan-Gray.

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.

Presbyterian
Women 



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

NEW INSIGHTS IN SPRINGTIME

Have you ever seen so many chocolate-covered eggs? Have you ever seen so many little legs running to be the first to find the most? Watching their delight in that simple pursuit was a favorite pastime this past Easter Sunday. Relaxing, actually. A break from the pursuit of other goals not quite so easily obtained.

Watching the little ones glorying over their finds stirred thoughts of precious insights that God is patiently waiting for us to find—often in easily accessible places, like our late afternoon walk or our favorite pew or the face of a child.

Still in the Easter Season, we look forward to **Sunday, April 3rd**, when our two adult Sunday School classes, our new members class on Presbyterianism—and anyone else who would like to come—will meet together in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45am to explore new insights about our **Confessions (Part 1 of our PCUSA Constitution)**. This will be a PowerPoint presentation by Tom Laney. Tom is working diligently toward a Certificate in Ministry through Austin Theological Seminary, where he taught this class early in March. Expect new insights!

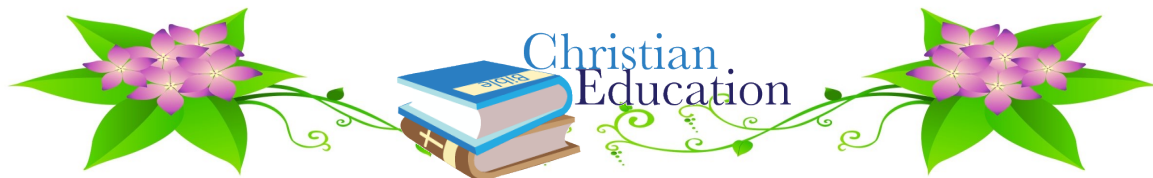
Later this spring, Tom will share with us new thinking in Christian education that he has discovered through his studies. We all benefit from the fact that Tom is a perpetual student.

We are thankful for all of our Christian Education (CE) Ministry Team members, who share with us new insights they are gaining about biblical truths and our “reformed and always reforming” heritage as Presbyterians.

Happy Springtime to All! All year through!

Bert Lowe, CE team leader

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



MISSION NEWS

Our **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING (OGHS)** special offering ran the month of March culminating on Easter Sunday. Through your generous donations we will be able to join Presbyterians everywhere in helping feed the hungry through the Presbyterian Hunger Program. We also will have our hand in empowering the self-development of the poor and oppressed around the world. If that is not enough, this offering helps us assist Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA). In other words, when people just like you and me are displaced from their homes due to flooding and other natural disasters, our money given to this special OGHS offering helps John Tieken, a PDA volunteer, help others who have been affected.

So, have you given yet? It is not too late. The giving deadline will be Monday, April 11. That will be the day our contribution will be sent in for this very "special" offering. Please consider what you can give as we come together as Christians, who happen to be Presbyterians, everywhere. Thanks be to God!

On Monday, March 14, the Mission and Christian Education committees spearheaded a wonderful night of mission education as we hosted the Superintendent of the Presbyterian Education Board in Pakistan, Veda Gill. The twenty-four attendees were treated to a power point presentation from Mrs. Gill about "what God is doing in Pakistan." It was very informative and learning how Muslims and Christians are working together for 6,000 children in Pakistan was great to hear.

The Mission team is pondering the best ways to spend our memorial mission funds. We will be getting a consensus shortly. Adding to this giving fund is the money we receive from the Kroger Community Rewards Program. We have 19 households who participate. Our first check of this new quarter is coming in this month for a total of \$77.86. This money, of course, is designated to mission needs.

Here's to a great mission start to 2016!

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Pennal, chair





Everyone enjoying Veda's presentation.



Rev. Candice Klein with Veda Gill and Dr. Sally Smith.



All smiles after a wonderful evening!



WORSHIP

Whew! What a Holy Week! The Worship Team has been busy lately, and I want to thank everyone who helped to present the story of Jesus; his entry into Jerusalem, the loving time with his disciples, his charge to them, his betrayal, his crucifixion, and then, both at Sunrise Service, and later Sunday service, his amazing resurrection. There were so many that contributed to the services, that I would be unable to name them all. Thank you, all who had a part, and all who came and witnessed to what our faith is all about, Jesus, the Christ. Let us go forth with joy, and peace to spread the Word!

Lynn, Worship Leader



STICKY DOOR LOCKS

Do you have problems unlocking the doors of the church? According to locksmith Scott Lee, the problem is with your key and not the locks. The chrome keys are not as precise as the brass ones. If your key is chrome, lift up on the key inserted in the lock and it will probably work the first try. If you would like a new key, order it through Lisa.

The bar equipped doors are working normally; moving parts have been lubricated. On exiting, the bar must be pushed all the way toward the glass, then allowed to spring back to the ready position. Do not assist opening by pushing on the door frame; use the bar only. The door must be allowed to close firmly in order to assure a lock.

Tom Laney
Building & Grounds





Grace Presbytery

GRACE PRESBYTERY STATED PRESBYTERY MEETING
SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 2016

Report to FPC Session--Thursday, March 17, 2016

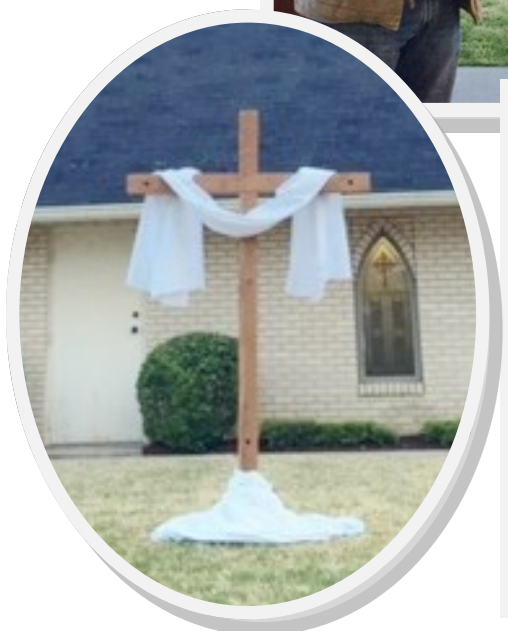
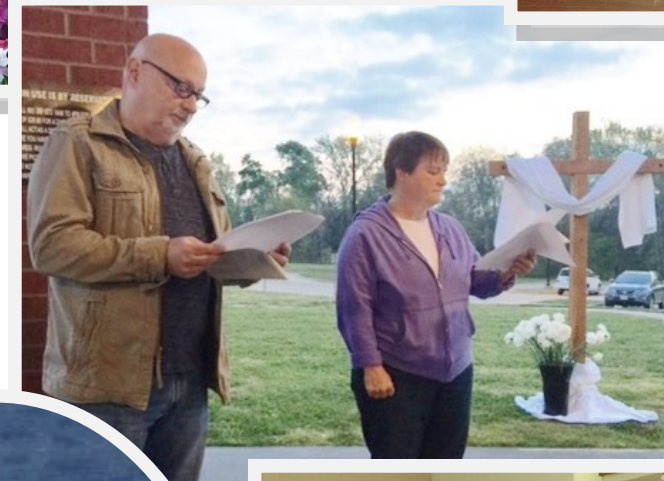
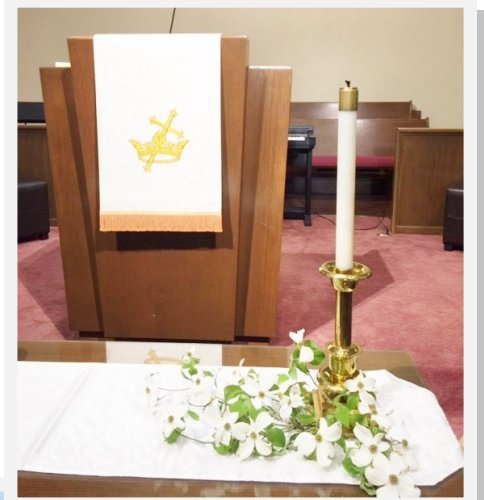
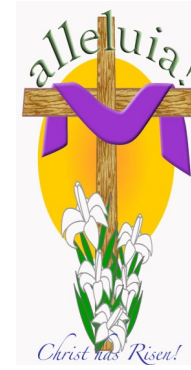
Commissioners Lynn Tieken and Jan Pennal along with Pastor Candice Klein and committee members Kathy Porter and Jimmy Chapman were in attendance.

The morning started out with worship where The Rev. Susan Bratt of Northridge Presbyterian Church of Dallas delivered the message "Sinking into Grace" based on Matthew 14:22-33. She iterated that as we sink into God's grace, we acknowledge, realize the significance, and rise up with hope and courage. Also very meaningful was a responsive reading and reflection reaffirming our Baptism followed by Communion. Nothing can surpass hearing the hymns sung and the responsive readings and prayer of some 300 Presbyterians in unison.

Of the many recognitions and reports of the day, the items of most interest were:

1. Mission opportunities for giving.
2. Jimmy's involvement as Administrative Commission Moderator and his report on the closing of FPC, Gladewater.
3. Our church being recognized as a 2016 Earth Care Congregation.
4. Presbyterian Committees and Services report on Grace Presbyterian Village, North Village and Faith Hospice.
5. Overtures to the 2016 General Assembly from the Presbytery of New York City brought to Grace Presbytery for concurrence "on responding to our sisters and brothers who are refugees or internally displaced" and "on upholding peoples and partners in the Middle East and in the United States" (and what was learned about church efforts in Grace Presbytery concerning help to refugees).

MISSION-- a report was given that reinforced our committee's thought of giving to Pan American prep school in Kingsville. The MoRanch report also touched on the fact that giving to MoRanch fund would help each student at the Pan America prep school attend MoRanch free of charge for one week per year. Also, our missionary to Thailand, Sharon Bryant, was mentioned. Her name came up a couple of years ago in our mission meeting. At our next mission meeting, we will





Presbyterian Women delivering food for the Rusk County Children's Advocacy Board meeting.



Rev. Candice Klein receiving certificate from Moderator of Grace Presbytery at March Presbytery Meeting.



take up these giving opportunities once again and see what we need to pursue. Our own Jimmy Chapman is Grace Presbytery's Administrative Commission Moderator. While the work Jimmy deals with involves church closings, we thought it note worthy to point out the important and very necessary work Jimmy is doing for our Presbytery. The First Presbyterian Church of Gladewater closed its doors due to dwindling membership. Much goes into this process and it is great to have someone like Jimmy at the helm!!

EARTH CARE-- Candice accepted a framed certificate on behalf of the work done by our own Kathy Porter in our church being designated an Earth Care Congregation. Again, thanks to Kathy's efforts, our church has responded and been recognized once again to General Assembly's "call to restore the creation."

GRACE PRESBYTERIAN VILLAGE, NORTH VILLAGE AND FAITH HOSPICE-- hearing about these wonderful places is special. Part of our mission giving goes to Grace Presbyterian Village, a retirement residence. North Village is a rehabilitation facility and Faith is a hospice. They are all located in the Dallas area. As we age or need other assistance, it is nice to know about these facilities and the link to our Presbytery.

REFUGEES--are distinguished from migrants in that refugees are seeking to escape violence and other threats to their well-being. During our lunch time, we heard what some churches in the Dallas area are doing to help refugees. It was interesting that these churches were taking direction from agencies in place to help refugees, namely the Texas Refugee Agency and the International Rescue Committee. These churches are "walking side by side" of families they are supporting. They are not giving them money, but rather they are partnering with these agencies to help these refugee families help themselves. ESL classes taught by English speaking teachers and teaching them how to shop in our grocery stores are two ways these churches in our Presbytery are helping. During the last part of our day's agenda, Presbytery voted to adopt both overtures mentioned above. Interestingly, there was opposition to both overtures but no one came to the microphones to voice their opposition.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Pennal and Lynn Tieken, Ruling Elder Commissioners



April 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Patsy Hays	2 Bill Snow
3 SS Class on Presbyterian Confessions 9:45am Communion	4	5	6 Kids For God 4:15pm	7 C. E. Meeting 2:00pm	8	9
10 Worship Team Meeting 12:00	11	12 V.B.S. Meeting 6:30pm	13 Tom Weaver Kids For God 4:15pm Choir Practice 5:45pm	14	15	16
17	18 Fonta Conway	19	20 Kids For God 4:15pm Choir Practice 5:45pm	21 Presbyterian Women - 11am (trip to Son Shine Lighthouse) L.E.A.N. Mtg. 2pm Session Mtg. 6:30pm	22	23
24 Earth Day Worship	25 Pipeline Deadline	26	27 Kids For God 4:15pm Choir Practice 5:45pm	28	29 Lavonne Schauwecker Sue Williams	30