

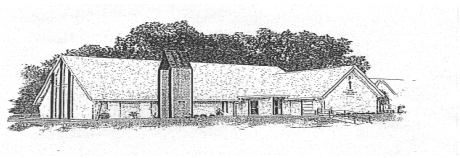


## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Christian Education Team met Thursday, February 7, in the church parlor. Team members Kathy Porter, Jimmy Chapman, Claudia Morgan-Gray, and Reverend Michele were there. The CE Team approved the date for a one-day Vacation Bible School this year: Saturday, July 20, 2019. The VBS leaders, theme and curriculum will be selected soon. We will serve as host church this year with First Christian Church and St. Matthew Episcopal Church.

Soon you will hear more about Earth Care Day, April 22, and Gun Safety Awareness Day, June 2. T-shirts for Earth Care Day are on order for publicity.

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## THE PRESBYTERIAN PIPELINE

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Hello Saints,

I've been reading lately about fear.

Fear prevents us from experiencing the blessing of intimate friendships and relationships. Fear drives us to defensive and aggressive behavior. Fear causes us to be anxious and suspicious of the world around us. Fear tricks us into seeing "strangers" when God would have us see neighbors. Fear keeps us from loving one another.

I am looking forward to our trip to the valley, but I also have some hesitations. I feel like this hesitance could grow into fear, if left unchecked. I try to think logically. I know that some from our church have gone before. I know that my task will be to welcome people into our country and assist them on their continuing journey. I know a few things about the logistics of how this will happen.

But I don't know anything about these people. They have been labeled everything from saint to sinner by people with a variety of self-interests to protect. Many people, I suspect, are categorizing them without knowing them. In my experience, people are only one dimensional until you've spent a few minutes talking to them. Then broad stroke titles don't seem to work as well. The more we learn about one another, the more we can understand each other. The more we come to see others as daughters and mothers, grandfathers and brothers, we discover that we all want more for the next generation than we had.

Part of loving our neighbors is learning to love ourselves. Presbyterian Disaster Agency, who helps coordinate our trips, advises that we "honor each other's vulnerability." As I look ahead at this week of mission, perhaps that is where my learning begins: with honoring my own vulnerability.

I trust that God is with the people we are welcoming, just as God has been with them on their journey. I know that God will be with us as we travel and do our best to offer a bit of respite at the border.

Peace to you,

Rev Michele



Fellowship Committee - Hospitality and Grace -- *For now and always, keep love in your heart, peace in your soul and joy in every action toward your fellow people.*

It's beginning to look a lot like.... March! And boy is this month turning out to be a full deal for us here at FPC. Exciting time.

Last month, we shared some save the dates- now for the rest of the story on the upcoming March events.

We do hope you will plan to join us for our Ash Wednesday Service on March 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. Prior to the service, we hope you will also honor us with your presence for a "Soup Supper" in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 5:30. We will have homemade soups and bread to help us prepare for the Ash Wednesday service.

On Sunday- March 17<sup>th</sup> (St. Patrick's Day), we will once again host our congregation in a now fan-favorite Corned Beef & Cabbage lunch immediately following the morning worship service. (NOTE: this had originally been planned as an evening event but we've moved it to a luncheon after service.) And, as we wind down from shared meal and time, those that would like are invited to remain for an extension of the celebration of life of our beloved Bob Schauwecker. Many of us in the church were helping for the reception after Bob's service and were not able to be in the service and others were out of town—but Lavonne has graciously offered to share the recorded service and the pictures that were taken during the service for us to hear and feel the ceremony. We are planning to do that at the end of the Corned Beef lunch. Everyone is invited to stay for this tribute as well.

The installation ceremony for Rev. Michele will take place at 4:00 pm on Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. Following her installation, the church will be hosting a reception celebrating her installation and giving us all time to welcome her, her special guests and members of our extended community. Please plan to attend this important day for our Pastor and our church.

We will also be having our after Sunrise Service Brunch on Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> after the sunrise service. Set your reminder now!

You are all always welcome at the Fellowship table --Claudia Morgan-Gray, Jan Mims, Lavonne Schauwecker; Katie Hurst, Judy Andrasko, Weldon Gray and Rev. Michele.

## DID YOU KNOW?

**Did you know that there are alternatives to drinking with plastic straws?**

Plastic straws are made of petroleum bi-product polypropylene, a particularly harmful form of plastic. Plastic straws take up to 200 years to degrade, but will never be fully off the Earth as plastics are not biodegradable. To make matters worse, the degrading of plastic releases chemicals that are toxic to wildlife and the environment. Americans use about 500 million straws every single day. Most are not recyclable and end up in landfills. Many, many straws end up in the oceans and seas. If plastic straws end up in the digestive systems of sea animals, it is usually fatal. We use straws for around twenty minutes before we toss them away. This is an astonishingly quick lifespan for an item that will be on the planet forever.

Cafes and restaurants are becomingly increasingly conscious of environmental issues and requesting biodegradable straws. There are currently on the market straws made of paper, bamboo, grains, metal, and glass. One of the most recent biodegradable straws is made by a company called Biofase in Mexico whose straws are made from avocado pits. Avocado seeds pile up in Mexico like nowhere else in the world as Mexico produces about 50% of the world's supply.

The Biofase bioplastic products manufactured by this company biodegrade after 240 days of being exposed to the elements or buried in the ground.

Biofase was started by Scott Munguia, a chemical engineering student who researched sources to make biodegradable plastic and had his process patented in 2013 and founded his company. In his Biofase plant in Morelia, Mexico, the monthly yield of biodegradable plastic products is 130 tons, 40% which are straws. Eighty percent of the plant's production is exported to the United States, Canada, Costa Rica, Colombia, and Peru. Its daily consumption amounts to 15 tons of avocado seeds, which it gets from the United States based food company Simplot. Currently, the principal customers of the avocado pit straw are chain restaurants such as Fiesta Americana, P.F. Chang's China Bistro, and Chili's Grill & Bar rather than consumers.

**May we all become environmentally conscious!**

**The Christian Education Green Team**



## Worship Committee News

Your Worship Team is planning for several upcoming special services. March 3<sup>rd</sup> is Transfiguration of Our Lord/Gifts of Women Sunday. We hope to have women participating in all facets of the worship service, which includes communion. On Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm, we will have an Ash Wednesday service. We will include “My Lenten Decision” in the bulletin, giving ideas of additional ways to serve our Lord during Lent. On St. Patrick’s Day, Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, Jimmy Chapman, CLP, will bring God’s message to us, as Rev. Goff will be out. March 31<sup>st</sup>, besides our regular 11am service, Rev. Michele Goff will be installed as our pastor by Grace Presbytery, at a 4 pm service. You will not want to miss this service!

Planning for Easter services are ongoing and all of the Holy Week services are to be held at our church this year, with the exception of Easter Sunrise Service at the Fair Park Pavilion. More information on Easter in the next Pipeline. Stay tuned!

Scott Hurst has joined the Worship Team! Other members include: Jimmy Chapman, Jan Mims, Kelly Weaver, Margaret Hillin, Cindy Ratliff, Kathy Porter, Rev. Michele Goff, Joshua Allen, and Lynn Tieken, Chair. It is a pleasure to serve this congregation!



### Remembrance and Praise, “Bob Schauwecker”

The Celebration of Life for Bob Schauwecker was recorded in audio and since some of us were unable to be present, we will have a time of remembrance to listen to the recording. This will take place following the St. Patrick’s Day meal on Sunday, March 17th. There are also pictures recording his life that was shown, so we plan to play that as well. Anyone who would like to join the group at this time, even if you were able to be there at the time, is welcome to come and remember this special man, sharing in our midst for many a year. We are blessed to have known him!!

## ASHES “TO GO”

On Wednesday morning, March 6, from 8:30 am to 9:30 am, Rev Michele Goff will be accompanied by her colleague Rev Will Wilson from First Pres Kilgore as they take ministry out of the sanctuary and into the street.

We will be near the doors of the Henderson Walmart Supercenter imposing ashes for anyone who would like to receive them and answering questions for the curious.

We understand that not everyone has the opportunity to attend church in the middle of the week. We know for some this blessing may be a forgotten practice of their childhood. Most importantly, we realize that our lives are short and that God’s love is what makes our living worthwhile. Even though we are dust, God loves our dust! The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is for the dust that is you and me.

This is the blessing of the ashes that marks the beginning of Lent: “Remember, child of God, that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”  
*Gen 3:19*

If you are unable to attend worship at 6:30 pm Wednesday evening in the Fellowship Hall, then stop by Walmart. We will be happy to impose your ashes “to go.”

## JOIN THE **BLUE OUT!**

### WEAR YOUR BLUE ON MARCH 10!

March 10<sup>th</sup>, the first Sunday in Lent is designated as Blue Out - Wear your Blue t-shirt to Church Sunday. This is a visible way and reminder that the special offering *One Great Hour of Sharing* makes a difference to disaster survivors.

The mantra for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is “Out of chaos, Hope.” As a congregation, we are standing in the GAP – (Give/Act/Pray) with our support of PDA – and they are asking and urging us to participate with them in this “Blue Out.” So please join and support this ministry by wearing something blue clothing, hat, or wear blue flowers to church, to lunch all day on March 10<sup>th</sup>.

Let’s be part of this joyful manifestation of hope. Help us remind ourselves and others that gifts to the One Great Hour of Sharing support disaster recovery efforts in the United States and around the world. Together let’s bring hope out of chaos.



**PRESBYTERIAN  
DISASTER ASSISTANCE**  
OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE



## FPC-Henderson-Again Hustling Kindness for Refugees & Asylum Seekers

As we shared last month, a group from our congregation travelled to McAllen, TX on February 24<sup>th</sup> for a week assisting refugees and asylum seekers coming to the Catholic Charities Humanitarian Respite Center. Led by our PDA representative John Tieken and our new pastor, Rev. Michele Goff, the team included : Kathy Porter, Claudia Morgan-Gray, Tom Laney and Scott Hurst. We anticipated a journey full of both great joy and heavy heartbreak. We believe we are being called to help serve our neighbors and God's children. Your thoughts, prayers and support of our journey were greatly appreciated.

HUSTLE KINDNESS



We have received memorials in February in memory of:

Bob Schauwecker  
Joyce Henneke

**DUTY ELDER FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH:**  
**Claudia Morgan-Gray**

### Liturgists for March:

03/03 Claudia Morgan-Gray  
03/10 Carol Scoggins  
03/17 Jan Pennal  
03/24 Kelly Weaver  
03/31 Kathy Porter



**Our bell ringer's  
new haircut**



**Pastor Michele  
being welcomed  
and received at  
Grace Presbytery  
meeting**



**An updated Mission Statement!**

## OUTREACH AND MISSION

**"One Great Hour of Sharing" offerings begin Sunday, March 3rd.**

Pastor Michele joined members of our Outreach Team on our "Adopt-A-Block" church neighborhood walk Monday, February 11, at 4 p.m. These visits to our church neighborhood are scheduled at 4 p.m. on the second Monday of every other month. Our next A-A-B walk will be Monday, April 8. We meet in the "Joy" Room to prepare our small gifts for our neighbors. We'd love to have you join us.



The  
Season  
of  
Lent



### THE SEASON OF LENT AT FPC

The Season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6. Ash Wednesday will begin with a light meal of soup and bread at 5:30 p.m., followed by worship with communion and imposition of ashes at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

As we journey through the 40 days of Lent, we use this time to grow through prayer, spiritual discipline and self-examination until we reach the commemoration of Christ's death and resurrection. Two study groups will be offered:

Beginning on March 10, a combined Sunday School Class will be led by Pastor Michele at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday mornings. The book that will be used is *Holy Solitude: Lenten Reflections with Saints, Hermits, Prophets, and Rebels* by Heidi Haverkamp.

A Wednesday Brown Bag Lunch in the Fellowship Hall will begin March 13<sup>th</sup> at Noon. This group will use *Awakening to God's Beauty: A Lenten Invitation to Pray with Art* published by *Presbyterians Today*. Discussion will be led by Jimmy Chapman.

Both of these studies invite participants to daily meditations that begin on Ash Wednesday. The group meetings on Sunday morning and Wednesday lunch will provide occasion for communal reflection, encouragement and accountability. The *Holy Solitude* group especially will provide deeper insight on the week's meditations. These studies are complimentary, and may even be done simultaneously.

Books will be available in the narthex beginning March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

May we use these learning opportunities to grow together as we make more room for God in our lives.

**NURSERY HELP NEEDED.** Our Church family has an opening for just the right person—we are looking for someone to tend and help minister to the youngest and cutest in, of and/or visiting First Presbyterian Church- Henderson, Texas. This part-time position (~ 4 hours each Sunday and some special event dates primarily through Lent/Holy Week and Christmas) comes with lots of benefits: most weekdays off; a loving work environment; Sunday morning coffee and snacks usually provided; educational and creative materials for use with children; cute and well-behaved (always cute, mostly behaved!) class members. You may be just who we are looking to hire for this important position.

If interested, please call the church office between 9:00 am – Noon, Tuesday through Thursday at 903-657-2529.

### Blessings & Best Wishes

In conjunction with the corned beef and cabbage luncheon on March 17<sup>th</sup>, we will have some special time with Marty before she leaves on her new adventure in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

*Please keep these dear ones in your prayers:*

**Members of the Congregation:** Debbie Castro, Syble DeLoach, Jack Gray, Joyce Huggins, Billie Manck, Aaron Ramberg, Cindy and Bob Ratliff, Patsy Snelgrove, Kay Warren, Debbie Wasson, Sue Williams, Tim Wasson and family on the loss of Bill his brother-in-law.

**Connected Family:** Billy Tapley (Bert's brother)

*All who need our prayers*







SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div><b>HELP US TO LET PEOPLE KNOW WE ARE HERE! LIKE US ON FACEBOOK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HENDERSON, TX.</b></div>			<b>****Reminder****</b> <i>Bring H.I.M. donations the First Sunday of every month</i>		<b>1</b> <i>Meals On Wheels</i> <i>Outreach Trip to McAllen 2/24 - 3/1</i>	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> <i>- Communion</i> <i>- Transfiguration of the Lord</i> <i>- Gifts of Women Sunday</i> <i>- Pick up your Lenten study book</i>  Claudine Kennedy	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <i>Theology on Tap series in Longview 6:00pm</i>  <i>Choir Practice 6:00pm</i>	<b>6</b> <i>- Ashes to Go 8:30am</i> <i>- Soup Supper 5:30pm</i> <i>- Ash Wednesday Service 6:30pm</i>	<b>7</b> <i>Christian Education Meeting 10:00am</i>	<b>8</b> <i>Meals On Wheels</i>	<b>9</b>  Jake Mims
<b>10</b> <i>- Lenten Study 9:45am</i> <i>- Daylight savings time begins</i> <i>- P.D.A. Blue T-shirt Sunday</i> <i>- Worship Team Meeting following service</i>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>  <i>Choir Practice 6:00pm</i>	<b>13</b>  <i>Brown Bag Study at Noon</i>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <i>Meals On Wheels</i>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> <i>- Lenten Study 9:45am</i> <i>- Corned Beef &amp; Cabbage Luncheon following service</i>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>  <i>Choir Practice 6:00pm</i>	<b>20</b>  <i>Brown Bag Study at Noon</i>  John Bruce Hillin	<b>21</b> <i>L.E.A.N. Meeting 2:00pm</i> <i>Session Meeting 6:30pm</i>	<b>22</b> <i>Meals On Wheels</i>	<b>23</b>  Robbie Brooks
<b>24</b> <i>Lenten Study 9:45am</i>  <i>- Lenten Study 9:45am</i> <i>- Rev. Goff Installation 4:00pm</i>	<b>25</b>  <i>Pipeline Deadline</i>	<b>26</b>  <i>Choir Practice 6:00pm</i>	<b>27</b>  <i>Brown Bag Study at Noon</i>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <i>Meals On Wheels</i>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b>						