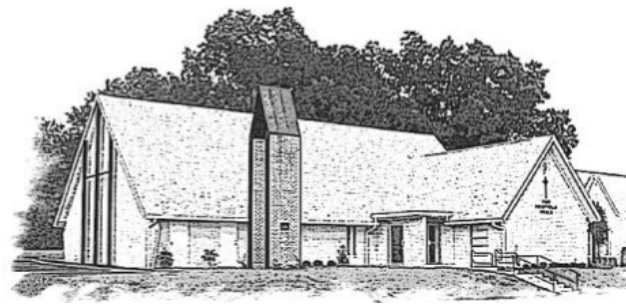




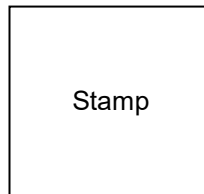
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*From Good Friday to Easter Sunday*

*"<sup>1</sup> But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. <sup>2</sup> They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup> but when they went in, they did not find the body... <sup>9</sup> and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest." Luke 24:1-3, 9*

Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary mother of James, and the other women are returning to the tomb where Jesus was placed on the day of preparation after his crucifixion. At the end of that horrifying day, they stood by him and made sure his body was laid to rest. As they return to finish the rituals of burial, they discover he is not there.

Do they understand that Jesus is resurrected? Does this realization dawn on them gradually? Or do they remain in a state of perplexed amazement until Jesus reveals himself to the group of disciples, showing the wounds in his hands and feet?

Jesus is the Son of God, fully human and fully divine and his death does not mark the end of a single life. In God's amazing way, this one death is the beginning of new life for all humanity. Jesus' resurrection is the beginning of life after death. Death does not have the final word. Now we know that there is more to life than the frustrations and pleasures of this world because the gates to heaven are thrown open and God's intimate love for us is revealed. We are beloved, our lives matter, and God wants more for us than birth and death.

Without the terrible and earth-shattering event of Christ's crucifixion and death, there is no Easter resurrection. To get to the brightest sunrise, we must endure the darkest night. Our Lenten journey is nearly over and Easter is almost upon us. May we take the rest of this time to prepare ourselves, to gather our spices so that our Easter joy will be complete.

*Rev Michele*



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Prayer  
Request

The family of Travis Reynolds for their loss

Tom and Pat who have health issues

Amy who has health issues

The People of Ukraine and others who find themselves in war-torn places

## Did You Know?

Did you know that due to climate change with higher temperatures, pesticide usage (particularly those with neonicotinoids), and habitat loss, bees are disappearing all over the world, which has been termed Colony Collapse Disorder. It is estimated that over 30% of all honeybee colonies across the United States have vanished.

What can we do to help the bees?

- Avoid using pesticides in your yard or garden
- Put a small basin of fresh water with a rock or twig in the yard or garden for the bees
- Buy local and organic food
- Understand that bees aren't out to get you
- Plant pollinator-friendly flowers such as sunflowers, lilac, marigolds, cornflowers, poppies, and black-eyed Susans
- Plant pollinator-friendly herbs such as mint, rosemary, fennel, basil, oregano, cilantro, thyme, marjoram, and catnip
- Encourage others to plant bee-friendly gardens and to avoid pesticides
- Let Congress know what you think about harmful neonicotinoids which have been banned in other countries

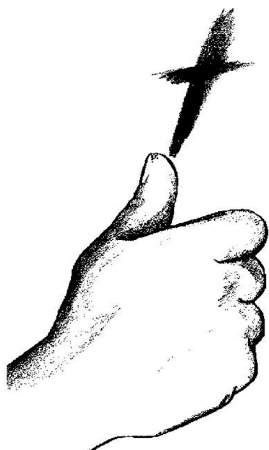


Even more important, though, we all need to be aware that it is a real issue for us and our world and take action. Bees play such an important role in our world by pollinating 85% of cultivated crops along with the majority of flowers and flowering plants. What would losing the bees look like? Among other things, it would mean that without bees, you would never be able to enjoy some of your favorite foods such as: apples, oranges, lemons, limes, almonds, avocados, carrots, cucumbers, blueberries, cranberries, strawberries, cherries, raspberries, onions, broccoli, cantaloupe, cashews, cauliflower, watermelon, Brussel sprouts, pumpkins, zucchini, coffee, mangos, apricots, plums, peaches, nectarines, pears ...and so much more. If one of your favorites is on this list, you should consider becoming a bee activist!

The national bee population crisis mirrors similar problems the world over and could soon indicate a global agricultural decline. We have within our means to help the bees! Let's do some planting this Spring!

**Christian Education Green Team**





## Spend your Holy Week with us!

- ♦ Sunday, **April 10** at 11 am in the Sanctuary – Liturgy of the Palms/ Passion of our Lord
- ♦ Thursday, **April 14** at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall – Combined Maundy Thursday/Good Friday Service including elements of washing, reflections on the cross, communion, and silence.
- ♦ Easter Sunday, **April 17** at 10 am Breakfast Tacos in the Fellowship Hall
- ♦ Easter Sunday, **April 17** at 11 am in the Sanctuary - We will rejoice in the resurrection with worship and joyful singing.



You are welcome to be a part of our Holy Week!

Join us in person at 311 S. High Street, across from Fair Park, or on Facebook.

May the joy of our resurrected Savior be yours.

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Roses are red

Violets are blue


Spring is here

Bring on the cheer

Well, I don't pretend to be a poet  
but it's plain to see that spring has  
arrived. The building and grounds  
committee would like to extend  
our wishes for a happy spring.

Since we're back in the church  
building take a look around the  
next time you come for worship  
and see some of mother nature's  
beauty in bloom in front of the  
church. God's beauty has no  
bounds!

**Building and Grounds  
Committee**



**This is My Song**

This is my song, O God of all the nations,  
A song of peace for lands afar and mine.

This is my home, the country where my heart is;  
Here are my hopes, my dreams, my sacred shrine.

But other hearts in other lands are beating  
With hope and dreams as true and high as mine.

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,  
And sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine.

But other lands have sunlight too and clover.  
And skies are everywhere as blue as mine.

O hear my song, O God of all the nations,  
A song of peace for their land and for mine.

May truth and freedom come to every nation  
May peace abound where strife has raged so long


That each may seek to love and build together  
A world united, righting every wrong.

A world united in its love for freedom,  
Proclaiming peace together in one song.

*Lloyd Stone, Georgia Harkness*

**How can we sum up “Loving our Neighbors?”**

*Loving our neighbors mean “doing.”*  
*Loving our neighbors means helping all sorts of people,*  
*everywhere, in practical ways.*  
*Loving our neighbors means practicing courtesy, forgiveness,*  
*mercy, and giving*  
*Loving our neighbors means ministering to both*  
*spiritual and material needs.*  
*Loving our neighbors begins in our families,*  
*then reaches out to touch our community, state, nation, and world.*  
*Loving our neighbors means ministering to others in the same ways*  
*we'd minister to Jesus.*



1 Corinthians 12:25-27 - **“So that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another.** And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it. Now you are Christ's body, and individually members of it.”

We are so blessed to have such a caring congregation .

If you would like to join Member Care, please contact anyone on the committee. We want to wish everyone a happy and healthy Easter and Spring.

**Your Member Care Team :**

Mary - Chair, John T. - Vice Chair, Chris, Lynn, Carolyn, Claudia, and Kathy



Easter Joy

Jesus came to earth,  
To show us how to live,  
How to put others first,  
How to love and how to give.

Then He set about His work,  
That God sent Him to do;  
He took our punishment on Himself;  
He made us clean and new.

He could have saved Himself,  
Calling angels from above,  
But He chose to pay our price for sin;  
He paid it out of love.

Our Lord died on Good Friday,  
But the cross did not destroy  
His resurrection on Easter morn  
That fills our hearts with joy.

Now we know our earthly death,  
Like His, is just a rest.  
We'll be forever with Him  
In heaven, where life is best.

So we live our lives for Jesus,  
Think of Him in all we do.  
Thank you  
Savior; Thank  
you Lord.  
Help us love  
like you!

By Joanna Fuchs



As we continue the Lenten Season, here are some dates to remember:

4/03 - Communion

4/04 - Home Communion

4/10 - Palm Sunday

4/14 - Maundy Thursday/Good Friday combined service in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30

4/17 - Breakfast Tacos at 10:00 in the Fellowship Hall, and Easter Service at 11:00

4/24 - Jimmy Chapman will fill our pulpit

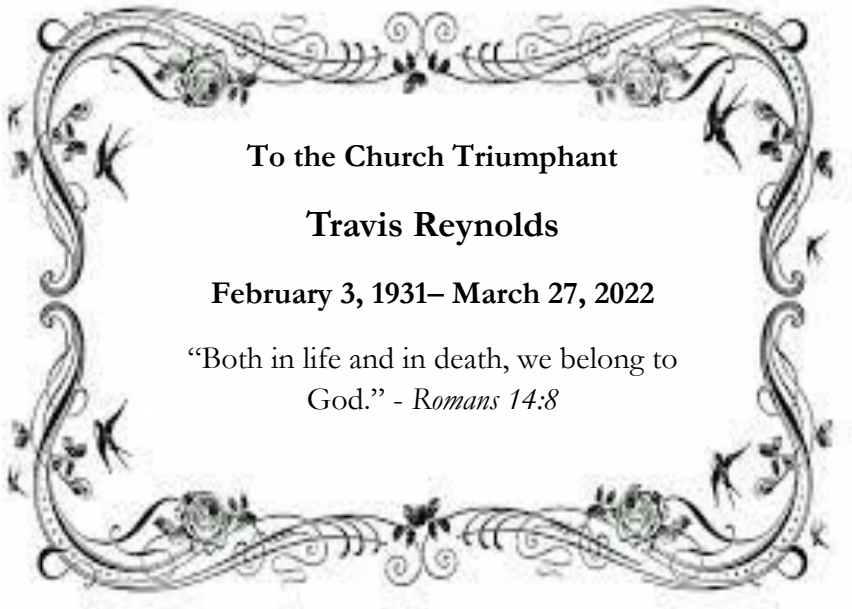
We hope everyone has a blessed April and Easter

The **Worship Committee** consists of:  
  
Mary - Chair, Tom-second chair, Rev. Michele, Jimmy, Joshua, Kathy, and Lynn



Council Actions

March 17, 2022

- Worshiped and prayed together
- Determined dates for Holy Week Services
- Determined that the plate will be passed again during worship
- Received information about Houses of Hope
- Moderator reviewed Elder Responsibilities
- Clerk reported on status of FPC Membership Roll
- Discussed and prayed for the people of Ukraine



# April 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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					Meals on Wheels	
<b>3</b> 9:45 Lenten Study 11:00 Sanctuary Worship/ FB Live/Communion CE Meeting <b>HIM Donation Day</b>	<b>4</b> Home Communion	<b>5</b> 10:30 CPS Meeting 6:00 Theology on Tap	<b>6</b> 6:00 Radical Welcome	<b>7</b> 10:30 CPS Meeting	<b>8</b> Meals on Wheels	<b>9</b>
<b>10 Palm Sunday</b> 9:45 Lenten Study 11:00 Sanctuary Worship/ FB Live Worship Meeting	<b>11</b> 4:00 Adopt-a-Block	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 6:00 Radical Welcome	<b>14 Maundy Thursday</b> 5:30 Worship/ Communion Fellowship Hall	<b>15</b> <b>Good Friday</b>	<b>16</b> <b>Holy Saturday</b>
<b>17 Easter Sunday</b> 10:00 Breakfast 11:00 Sanctuary Worship/ FB Live/ <b>One Great Hour of Sharing</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 2:30 LEAN Meeting	<b>22</b>  Meals on Wheels	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Sanctuary Worship/FB Live Building & Grounds Mtg.	<b>25</b> Pipeline Deadline	<b>26</b> 10:30 CPS Meeting	<b>27</b> 6:00 Radical Welcome	<b>28</b> 10:30 CPS Meeting 6:00 Session meeting	<b>29</b> Meals on Wheels	<b>30</b>

<u><b>Duty Elder for April</b></u> John T. <u><b>Liturgists for April</b></u> 4/3 John T. 4/10 Claudia 4/17 Jimmy 4/24 John H.
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<b>April Birthdays</b> 4/2 Bill S. 4/13 Tom W. 4/15 Larry G. 4/17 Jetty F. 4/29 Lavonne S.
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