

Council Actions

February 19, 2024

- ◇ Prayed together and shared joys and concerns
- ◇ Listened to options for the future of the church presented by COM Representative
- ◇ Elected Commissioner to Presbytery meeting February 22 in Ft. Worth
- ◇ Selected Home Communion Elders for March
- ◇ Noted the services for Holy Week—Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday at 5:30, and Easter



PRIMARY ELECTION

Tuesday, March 5, 2024



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FINANCE AT A GLANCE



January 2024:			
IN	OUT	BALANCE	
\$8,577	\$9,583	-\$1,006	
December 2023:			
IN	OUT	BALANCE	
\$11,994	\$17,018	-\$5,024	
Year to Date:			
IN	OUT	BALANCE	
\$8,577	\$9,583	-\$1,006	

The **Christian Education Committee** has not officially met; however, they have been in communication with each other. The Lenten Study will be a discussion study of the book **A Way Other Than Our Own** by Walter Brueggemann -- a thought-provoking author. This study will guide and lead us as we go through the season of Lent. We will conclude our discussion study on Palm Sunday, March 24th. We will not have a Sunday Study Session on Easter Sunday, March 31st. If you'd like to join in the study discussion, please join us in the church parlor on Sunday mornings at 9:45.



The **CE Green Team** has filed the report and paperwork to receive our annual Certified Green Congregation designation. We anticipate receiving our official certificate of continued designation this month. Remember to recycle and reuse!

Jimmy, Steve, Lynn, Kathy & Claudia

DID YOU KNOW?

How long until it breaks down
(part 1)

			
BANANA PEEL 1 month	PAPER AND CARDBOARD 2-5 months	WOOL SOCKS 1-5 years	MILK CARTON 5 years
			
LEATHER SHOES 25-40 years	ALUMINUM CAN 80-100 years	STYROFOAM CUP Forever	



Greetings from the **Building & Grounds Committee!**

Hello March --- we are so glad to greet you. You are going to be a busy month.

Remember to “spring” forward by turning your clocks forward on March 10th when Daylight Savings Time begins. (NOTE: move your clocks forward when you go to bed Saturday night as the time change happens at 2:00 am). This is also a good time to check and change the batteries in your smoke alarms. Your fire departments recommend and appreciate it!

On March 19th, we escort in the first day of Spring. The gardeners will be chomping at the bit to get into the soil and plant... Just remember, Easter is sometimes the benchmark for the last freeze!

We are looking forward to Spring weather where we can enjoy the outdoors and enjoy watching God’s beauty unfold.



See you around the Building and Grounds,

Steve, John T., Tom, Charlie, Weldon, Kathy, Michael & Claudia

NEW COMMITTEE LEADERS

Building & Grounds	Steve, Chair	John, 2 nd Chair
Christian Education	Jimmy, Chair	Steve, 2 nd Chair
Communications	Liz, Chair	Claudia, 2 nd Chair
Fellowship/Member Care	Mary, Co-Chair	Claudia, Co-Chair
Stewardship/Finance	Tom, Chair	Steve, Liaison
Outreach	Claudia, Chair	Liz, 2 nd Chair
Personnel	Claudia, Chair	Lynn, 2 nd Chair
Worship	Mary, Chair	Jimmy, 2 nd Chair
Clerk of Session	Kathy	Jimmy, Vice Clerk

We invite you to join one of these Committees –
There are many ways to share your time and talents with us.
Thank you.

Guest Pastors in February:

Rev. Jerry Carpenter (right)

Kathy welcomed Louise to membership in the FPC

Rev. David Reeder (bottom right)

Rev. Kenny Rigoulot (bottom left)



The first day of Spring will greet us on Tuesday, March 19th. This welcome event will follow the start of Daylight Savings Time (Spring forward) on Sunday, March 10th and the celebration of St. Patrick's Day on Sunday, March 17th. All this before Holy Week where, we as Presbyterians, will observe Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and then celebrate Easter.

Please mark your calendar and plan to share in our traditional Corned Beef and Cabbage lunch after service on March 17th.

In addition, the Fellowship Team is working with the Worship Team to provide the Agape Meal for the joint Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Service we will observe together on Thursday, March 28 at 5:30 pm.

Always know, that each of you are with us always in mind, body and spirit even when we're not together in person.

The Fellowship and Member Care Team: Claudia, Mary, Lynn, Kathy, Chris, Suzanne



Communications

Weekly your Communication Committee posts the church service bulletin to the website, assists with the streaming of the worship service, and posts songs used in the worship service to license companies as required by copyright laws. Also, we have continued to keep the church website updated and the Facebook page active with current postings. Monthly we collect newsletter submissions, conduct multiple proofreads of the newsletter draft, and sign off on the newsletter for publication and distribution. With many responsibilities, our committee members keep busy and meet multiple times per month by telephone, text, face-to-face, and e-mail doing what they do best - "communicating."

If you have something to include in the newsletter, the submission deadline is the third Friday of each month. Please e-mail submissions to Liz and Claudia. We remain resolute, excited, devoted, and honored to serve the congregation.

Team Members are Liz, Claudia, Weldon, and Kathy.



March 2024



Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

					1 Meals on Wheels	2
3 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship/ Communion with Jerry Carpenter Home Communion	4	5 	6	7	8 Meals on Wheels	9 
10 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship with Brendan McLean Adopt-a-Block	11	12	13	14	15 Meals on Wheels Connections Deadline	16
17 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship with David Reeder, Corned Beef & Cabbage Luncheon	18	19 	20	21 2:30-LEAN Meeting 6:00 Session Meeting	22 Meals on Wheels	23
24 Palm Sunday 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship with Sharon Templeman	25	26	27	28 Mauudy Thursday 5:30 Curated Holy Thursday and Good Friday combined Service	29 Good Friday Meals on Wheels	30 Easter Vigil
31 Easter Sunday 11:00 Worship with Jimmy Chapman						

Duty Elder for March:

Jimmy

Liturgists for March:

3-Kathy

10-Steve

17-Stefen

24-Suzanne

31-Claudia

March Birthdays:

20-John H.

23-Robbie

27-Debbi

