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MARCH 2018



LOVE 2.1.0 WEEKEND RECAP



MARCH MADNESS AND EASTER SUNDAY

REV. DR. BOB FULLER

What happens when the biggest weekend in college basketball falls on the biggest weekend of the Christian year? Opportunity!

This year, the NCAA final four will be played right here in San Antonio on Easter weekend in the Alamo Dome. The San Antonio Local Organizing Committee (SALOC) estimates the local economy will receive a boost of \$135 million as a result of hosting the championship and predicts an influx of 71,000 out-of-town visitors to the San Antonio area.

For both the teams and the organizers of the event, the Final Four is the culmination of weeks, months, and even years of preparation. “We have been working for years as a community to prepare for this historic event — the first Final Four in San Antonio in 10 years, during our tricentennial,” said Pat Frost, chair of the San Antonio Local Organizing Committee.”

Now it is time for us to prepare. As the world looks toward San Antonio, we are preparing to lift up Jesus Christ and his kingdom vision, and it all comes together during Holy Week (March 25-April 1).

On Sunday morning, March 25, we will begin with our Palm Sunday services here at Fourth and Alamo. On Sunday evening, the entire FPC family will go “on the road” and host an evening of worship and community at the Pearl Stables. This will be an outreach event designed to introduce neighbors, friends and residents of the downtown area to our vision to Love Jesus Christ, Love One Another, and Love the City. This is an event you won’t want to miss.

On Thursday evening, we will hold our Maundy Thursday worship service. This is a night of reflection and communion as we explore the depth of Christ’s passion.

On Friday at noon, we will hold our Good Friday observance. That evening, our Sanctuary Music Ministry will present “The Seven Last Words of Christ” by composer Michael John Trotta.

Saturday is all about service. On Saturday our re-born Loaves and Fishes ministry will again team up with Faith Based Institute/Church in the Streets to share the Love of Jesus Christ and our love for the City with our homeless neighbors.

Easter morning (April 1) is our championship game, and we already know that Jesus Christ has won the victory. To celebrate that victory, we will have four services (6:45, 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 AM). Our Easter services are always special, but this will be a memorable Sunday because God will be bringing the mission field to our door. Easter is proof that God loves us and He has the power to make a difference in our lives now and forever. As the largest church in downtown San Antonio, we will be in prime position to share the saving news of the resurrection with people from around the world.

God has placed First Presbyterian Church of San Antonio right here in the center of the city. We are surrounded by hotels. We are surrounded by great parking. We are close to the Riverwalk, the Alamo and Hemisfair. And for Easter weekend, he has also placed us at the center of the college basketball world. By bringing the Final Four and Holy week together, God has given us a great opportunity to give both tourists and neighbors glimpse of the Kingdom vision He is giving us.

How can we use this as an opportunity to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with visitors? How can we use this as an opportunity to lift up Christ’s Kingdom vision for the residents of our own community? How can we use this weekend to draw attention to the needs of our city and shine a light on the heart of San Antonio?

“AT THE FOOT OF THE CROSS – INSPIRING MUSIC ON GOOD FRIDAY EVENING”

THE 13TH ANNUAL MARY JEAN ROGERS MEMORIAL CONCERT

FRIDAY, MARCH 30 AT 7:30 PM

Join us on Friday evening, March 30, at 7:30 PM. in the sanctuary as we experience Good Friday through the music of Verdi, Bach and the American composer, Michael John Trotta. This year, our Sanctuary Choir will be joined by a chamber orchestra and tenor soloist, Eric Schmidt, to present three profound and diverse works that encapsulate the sacrificial love and passion of Christ as he died on the cross. This one hour performance will begin with the famous tenor aria ‘Ingemisco’ from the Verdi ‘Requiem,’ which recounts our own guilt and desire to be alongside Jesus as he paid the ultimate price for our sin. We will then move to a newly composed work that recalls the words of Christ from the cross. Musical settings of Christ’s final words on the cross exist as far back as the sixteenth century, with notable compositions by Haydn and later Gounod, Franck, and Dubois. As a postlude to these profound last words, we will conclude the concert by singing the chorus ‘Ruft Wohl – Rest Well,’ drawn from the monumental setting of the Passion According to St. John by J.S. Bach.

This concert offering is made possible through the Mary Jean Rogers Choral Endowment of First Presbyterian Church and each year honors the memory of Mary Jean Rogers, the mother of our own Jean Rogers Winchell, and their shared love of the church and great choral music. We hope you will join us for this one hour concert as we direct our hearts and minds to the suffering and death of Christ on the cross.

Ruft Wohl – Rest Well from the St. John Passion by J.S. Bach

Rest in peace, you sacred limbs,
I shall weep for you no more,
rest in peace, and bring me also to rest.
The grave that is allotted to you
and contains no further suffering,
opens heaven for me and shuts off hell.

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SAVE THE DATE



HOLY WEEK AT FIRST PRES

We are pleased to hold a number of events during Holy Week:

Palm Sunday, March 25
9:30/11:00 AM • FPC Sanctuary
Traditional Services with palms

Special Event:
6:00 PM • Pearl Brewery Stables
Evening Contemporary Service
(No Contemporary that morning)

Maundy Thursday, March 29
6:30 PM • FPC Sanctuary
Maundy Thursday Service

Good Friday, March 30
12:00 PM • FPC Sanctuary
Good Friday Service

7:30 PM • FPC Sanctuary
Sanctuary Choir Concert

Saturday, March 31
10:00 AM • Westminster Hall
Children's Easter Program

Loaves and Fishes
(watch your Sunday bulletin
for more details)

Easter Sunday, April 1
6:45 AM • FPC Courtyard
Contemporary Sunrise Service

8:00/9:30/11:00 AM •
FPC Sanctuary
Traditional Services

We hope to see you this Easter, and encourage you to bring a friend!

47TH ANNUAL WILLIAM C (BILL) HALL PIPE ORGAN COMPETITION

MARCH 3 • 8:30 AM – 12:15 PM • FPC SANCTUARY

We invite you to join us for a day of brilliant organ performances offered by undergraduate and graduate students drawn from colleges and universities across the state of Texas. Feel free to enter and exit the sanctuary at your leisure during this day of competition.

LITERATURE CIRCLE

MARCH 13 • 1:00 PM • MCCULLOUGH ROOM

A novel described as one of the best historical fiction books of 2016 and 2017, "The Hamilton Affair," by Elizabeth Cobb, is also described as the "juiciest" novel to read! If that doesn't pique your interest, consider that Hamilton was born out of wedlock and an orphan who became one of the American Revolution's most dashing and improbable heroes—a controversial leader of the new nation. The novel is a true story of Alexander Hamilton and Elizabeth Schuyler's passionate romance. From opposite sides of the social spectrum, together as a married couple, they braved war, seduction, infidelity and partisanship.

Jane Hansen, a SAC English teacher, will review this book relating the fervor of the character's and the history of the period. Join the FPC Literature Circle on Tuesday, March 13, in the McCullough Room at 1:00 PM for a social half hour followed by the review at 1:30 PM.

CHILDREN'S EASTER PROGRAM

MARCH 31 • 10:00–11:00 AM • WESTMINSTER HALL

Children ages 2 years old to 5th grade are invited, with their families, to join the FPC Children's Ministry for music, food, an egg hunt, and hear the story of Jesus' resurrection. Bring a friend and a basket for a fun morning!

SPRING FLING

APRIL 7 • 6:00–10:00 PM

Spring Fling is a fun, grown-up evening of food, wine, music, and fellowship — all for a good cause. Enjoy a delicious dinner, and two drink tickets with your \$50 per person purchase. Additional drink tickets and wonderful auction items will be available for purchase at the event. All proceeds will benefit the FPC Children's Center. Thank you for your support! This event will be held at the home of Rick and Lellen Lane. Go to www.fpcsanantonio.org/childrens-center and click on the "Spring Fling" tab to get your ticket!

WOC SPRING LUNCHEON

"Abiding in His Love" with Emily Scates
Monday, April 9, 2018
11:30 AM (Doors Open at 11:00)
Westminster Hall • Lunch \$20
Your Check is Your Reservation
Deadline is April 2
Suzanne Thomas: suzannethomas54@gmail.com
209 Lamont, SATX 78209 • (210) 846-3240

PROJECT 300!

MAY 6

Mark your calendars for Sunday, May 6, for this year's Project 300 event with Habitat for Humanity. This year promises to be special, as we officially partner with 300 San Antonio's Tricentennial Celebration on Military Appreciation Day for this event, constructing frames for houses in the FPC parking lot. The event has become one of the most popular and supported mission events at First Pres, and we're excited to take it to this next level! Look for more information during the coming weeks.

CHILDREN'S DAY OUT

"Children's Day Out is a community of believers filled with a love for young children and a desire to lead them to Jesus. Whether through Bible stories and crafts, songs, learned, or simple love and kindness shown, the theme of leading them to Jesus is preeminent. What a blessing it is to have others endeavoring alongside us in planting those first precious seeds of faith! We are forever grateful for its influence in our family's life and for its ministry here in the city!" – Melissa Sherod. Enrollment is now open for next fall's Children's Day Out program! For more information or to register, contact Kitty Lange at kittylange@satx.rr.com.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Are you headed to or continuing college for the 2018-2019 school year? A native of Texas? In need of financial assistance? Then you may qualify for a Campbell, Jones, or Holland scholarship. To obtain an application and for more information, check out our website at www.fpcsanantonio.org/scholarships-2018. You may also contact Lindsay Selli at lindsays@fpcsat.org or 210-271-2758. The deadline to submit an application is April 15, 2018. The guidelines for eligibility and the required document submission is noted on the Scholarship form.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY REQUEST

Children's Ministry has a Request from FPC Members! Our Christmas Pageant Three Kings' Robes have been returned to their owner and we are now in the process of rebuilding!

We have three versions of the same request:

1. We would love capes/robes from Fiesta that a member would like to permanently donate to Children's Ministry, or
2. Donations of specific fabrics and decorative trim, or
3. Individuals with a gift for sewing who would be willing to donate their time to create new costumes. In the likely event that we must create from scratch, we would like to have materials purchased by the end of May with the hope of beginning sewing in June. Thank you!

If you have questions, please contact Betsy Zachry at betsyz@swbell.net or Becky Prichard.

LOVE 2.1.0. WEEKEND RECAP

“LOVED BY GOD...SERVING OUR NEIGHBORS...LOVING THE CITY.”

“I now realize that ministry in the city is about more than giving clothes, some of my extra things, or doing a one time project. Ministry is about relationship, deeply investing yourself in people, a place, and a neighborhood. For years I have seen ministry in the city as a project and for the first time I think I see it for more of what the Lord intends it to be... and I am praying for Him to help me see where to invest.”

A long-standing covenant partner of FPC spoke these words after his participation in Love 2.1.0. weekend and his testimony does not stand alone. The Lord worked in and through many covenant partners as over 270 folks from First Presbyterian



Church participated in twelve different ministry sites on Saturday morning, February 10. The Lord worked in us but also through us, touching thousands of lives in our city with His love.

The clearest picture of the Lord's presence during the weekend was our joint Sunday school class, as well as our Loaves and Fishes lunch co-hosted with F.B.I. (Faith Based Institute). During the lunch our parking lot was filled with food, new friends, formative fellowship, festive balloons, and fun as our hearts were filled with joy, hope, and love. The power of the presence of the Lord was tangible as more than 550 lunched together. Our joint Sunday school class had almost 200 covenant partners hearing from two of our ministry partners, F.B.I and South Texas Alliance for Orphans (STAFO). The momentum for partnership between our congregation and what the Lord is doing through these ministries was tangible.

Love changes life and we pray Love 2.1.0. connects FPC more deeply with the love Christ has for us and for the city. Love does not allow harmful realities to continue,



and for this reason the love of Christ frees His people from the power and penalty of sin, and frees us for loving Him with all we have and to love our neighbors as ourselves. Love sets us free to begin to authentically love God and others, and our prayer is for our congregation to have a deeper participation in God's work of the redemptive restoration of San Antonio, compelled by the love of God to participate in the work of God outside of our parking lot and in relationship with partners, people, and investing in places.

—Rev. A. Mitchell Moore



“Just wanted to say, what a wonderful opportunity for our Church to partner with the Street Ministry to share God's love for His Homeless Children! I learned so much from people like, Darrell, who lives at Haven. He has moved around a bit, but every place he goes, he likes to volunteer. It nourishes his soul. He came in for a shower and a couple items of clothing, but was wanting to help. He really is a gentle, kind soul. I hope he comes back for Church!

So many people with terrible pasts, but Spirit-held futures! Mary Elizabeth (love the name) was telling Pam Ray and I how she became addicted to pain-killers at 29 when she had cancer. Her own mother had died at 29 and while she was in surgery with doctors trying to save her, her family was planning her funeral. They assumed it would be the same outcome. She had three young children! She nearly lost them in the ensuing years through jail time and homelessness. But God restores the years the locust has eaten--she has a relationship with her children and she has talked with them about addiction and she said they want no part of drugs! She herself is a walking testimony to God's grace!

Thank you for helping all of us “see” the beauty in other people's stories. It truly was a day of blessings, more for FPC members than for those we sought to help.

— Betsy Zachry



“Saturday was a special one for me as I was reminded of previous opportunities for service which I have engaged in with the FPC congregation over the past 30 years. I assisted with the SA Heals packing, and then went outside to assist with the luncheon. I was able to greet everyone at each table, and reconnect with some church members who I have served with in the past. I met new people who were there to enjoy the time of fellowship, and others who were there to serve. I am thankful that we are able to reach out to those in our church neighborhood and show them the love of Jesus in our lives.

There was a middle-aged man who stood at the end of the parking area and never sat at a table or connected to any of the other participants. I went over to him to extend greetings, invite him to have something to eat, and gave him a gift bag to take with him. It touched me to see him standing there all alone. He told me that his name is Eric. I will be praying for Eric, that God will bring healing and wholeness to his life, and that he will come to know Christ in a personal way.

I want to commend the work of Debra Sirakos, Hunter Verheul and both of his parents, Holly Youngquist, and Pat Johnson. They stepped in to give great direction to the tasks at hand. The Verheuls, did anything and everything to see that the work was completed. What talent and generosity!

— Judi Trotti



“Somehow this card-carrying introvert ended up as the sole greeter/gate keeper for all those who needed showers. And there was about an hour or so while things were being set up when it was just me and those we were serving waiting in line (if anyone thinks God doesn’t have a sense of humor...).

The Holy Spirit enabled me to try to connect with anyone who was willing to talk to me, and the stories people shared were incredible:

The PhD whose retirement just doesn’t cover his rent anymore; the college student who was part of the foster system her entire childhood and now wants to become a social worker, if she can just get her life together; the man whose wallet and laptop was stolen and that, combined with a large medical bill, put him on the streets. It was so humbling to hear how precarious life can be and how just one misstep can turn your life upside down.

During and after lunch, I prayed over a half-dozen people, and again, the Holy Spirit overrode my discomfort and insecurity that usually comes when I pray out loud.

Anyway, long way of saying, I think today had a deeper impact on me than on any of the recipients of our services. Much thanks to you and everyone else who organized the event.”

— Jessica Fritz



WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

PAT BRODEEN, PRESIDENT

As we continue to observe the season of Lent with prayer, service, and reflection, we also experience a sense of renewal as spring brings new life to God's world around us. Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday will all lead us to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday, April 1st. Circle 20, our Circle of Service, will be assisting with the snacks for the Children's Easter Egg Hunt and program on Saturday, March 31st. This is always a fun day for family fellowship and service. Easter Sunday will be filled with joy, celebration, and praise for God so loved us that he sacrificed his son so that we will live eternally with Him.

Reservations are being taken for the much anticipated Spring Luncheon on April 9, 2018, featuring Emily Scates as our speaker. Emily is the daughter of Rev. Dr. Ron Scates and his wife Anne. Emily is the youngest of the Scates children, and Michael's twin. She graduated from Texas Tech University in 2013, is currently the Pastoral Resident at Highland Park Presbyterian Church in Dallas, and is working on her Master's Degrees in both Christian Counseling and Theological Studies. She states that her life plan is "just to seek God and obediently proclaim Him on whatever platform he places me on." Emily's topic for us is "Abiding in His Love."

You won't want to miss getting to know this energetic young woman. More information can be found in the Save the Date section of this newsletter.

Galatians 5:22-23 "But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control."

1 Timothy 16 "...that in me Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience for an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life"

This month we focus on being patient with others and ourselves as we strive to focus on Christ.



WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

CIRCLE MEETINGS

CIRCLE 1/12 BIBLE CIRCLE

Monday, March 19 • 10:30 AM • FPC Geneva Room
Lunch (optional): \$8.00
Chair: Suzanne Thomas
(210-820-3245/suzannethomas54@gmail.com)
Moderator: Grace Labatt
Study: *Women of the Bible* by Ann Spangler and Jean E. Syswerda

CIRCLE 2/4 BIBLE CIRCLE

Monday, March 19 • 1:30 PM • FPC Room 226
Chair: Char-An Witten, 210-341-1856
Moderator: Members of Circle 2/4
Study: *Women of the Bible* by Ann Spangler and Jean E. Syswerda

CIRCLE 5 SHAWL MINISTRY

No meeting in March due to Spring Break
Chairs: Jane Ann Temple (210-828-7542/jatemple@att.net);
Kay Weber (210-288-5290/kayweber276@gmail.com)

CIRCLE 6 BIBLE CIRCLE

Tuesday, March 20 • 1:30 PM • FPC Geneva Room
Chair: Mimi Hart (210-822-0809/mimihart@me.com)
Moderators: Jane Buchek, Kay Case, June Eubank, Barbara Winship
Study: *Intersections of Grace* by Susan Kerr, "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound," Ch. 2: "The Touch of Grace," Ch. 35: "The Kaleidoscope"

CIRCLE 7 BIBLE CIRCLE

Tuesday, March 20 • 11:30 AM
Hostess: Kay Laird (725 Canterbury Hill 78209)
Bring Sack Lunch
Chair: Caren Redkey (210-531-6366/clredkey@gmail.com)
Moderators: Members of Circle 7
Study: *Intersections of Grace* by Susan Kerr, "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound," Ch. 2: "The Touch of Grace," Ch. 35: "The Kaleidoscope"

CIRCLE 8 MOMS' GROUP

No Daytime Meetings
Contact Circle Chairs for Moms' Night Out Information
Chairs: Sara Parish (210-394-0865/sara23sc@hotmail.com)
Lilly Gretzinger (210-601-0575/lilly@bunnngroup.com)
Meg Walker (210-601-7745/meg@aladdinleans.com)

CIRCLE 9 BIBLE CIRCLE

Tuesday, March 20 • 10:00 AM • FPC Geneva Room
Chairs: Jan Magnus (210-829-5866/jmagnus3@mac.com)

Frances Warrick (210-408-1775/fwarrick@sbcglobal.net)
Moderators: Members of Circle 9
Study: *Intersections of Grace* by Susan Kerr, "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound," Ch. 2: "The Touch of Grace," Ch. 35: "The Kaleidoscope"

CIRCLE 11 BIBLE CIRCLE

Monday, March 26 • 6:30 PM
Hostess: Nancy Beeson (12803 Kings Forest St. 78230)
Chair: Karin Gabrielson
(210-843-2475/karin_gabrielson@hotmail.com)
Moderators: Members of Circle 11
Study: *Intersections of Grace* by Susan Kerr, "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound," Ch. 2: "The Touch of Grace," Ch. 35: "The Kaleidoscope"

CIRCLE 13 CHRISTIANITY AND LITERATURE CIRCLE

Tuesday, March 13 • 1:00 PM • FPC McCullough Room
Chair: Jan Magnus (210-829-5866/jmagnus3@mac.com)
Book: *The Hamilton Affair* by Elizabeth Cobb
Reviewer: Jane Hansen

CIRCLE 14 BIBLE CIRCLE

Monday, March 19 • 12:00 PM • FPC St. Andrew's Room
Chair: Marilyn Etheredge
(210-862-4314/morris.etheredge@yahoo.com)
Study: *Women of the Bible* by Ann Spangler and Jean E. Syswerda

CIRCLE 16 MARJORIE MCLERNON SEWING CIRCLE

Wednesday, March 21 • 9:30 AM • FPC Room 228
Chair: Lee Pressley (210-735-0978)

CIRCLE 17 - EDNA RALSTON SEWING CIRCLE

Wednesday, March 14 • 9:30 AM • FPC Room 309
Chair: Jeanne Baker (210-494-0972/
rbaker127@sbcglobal.net); Gigi Duke (210-695-4363)

CIRCLE 18 - CARE AND CONCERN CIRCLE

No meetings
Chairs: Char-An Witten (210-341-1856)
Georgia Heath (210-695-9511/gkhymheath@earthlink.net)

CIRCLE 19 - WHITE CROSS CIRCLE

Wednesday, March 7 • 9:30 AM • FPC Room 309
Chair: Janet Beauch (210-673-3251/tabeauch@flash.net)

CIRCLE 20 CIRCLE OF SERVICE

No meetings
Chair: Bunkie Shed (210-445-0724/bshed@grandecom.net)

GLOBAL MISSIONS

SPREADING GOD’S WORD
IN MODERN CAMBODIA

Today’s Cambodia is like a coin with two sides. In many ways the country is starting to emulate the success of its neighbors—Thailand and Vietnam. Hurling forward by big brother China, many young Cambodians are experiencing unprecedented opportunities and hope for the future. New roads, nicer buildings, and even iPhones stand as signs of the times in the capital Phnom Penh. That’s the heads side of the coin.

Then there’s the tails side of the coin. Behind the newly painted facades lies a world very much the same. Under pressure from ministries like IJM, the trafficking industry is changing from a tourist attraction to a decentralized underground network. In downtown Phnom Penh, the government displaces whole communities from their homes in the name of progress. Just outside the city, families struggling to live on one dollar a day face malnutrition, poor education, and murky prospects for the future. Without hope, some are desperate enough to consider their children as revenue generators. Poorly run orphanages are shuttering to make way for a new foster care system experiencing growing pains. In every alleyway, the marginalized are falling through the cracks. In the village, people are protesting the destruction of their land by international companies taking advantage of illegal land consignments. The list goes on and on.

Spiritually, the church in Cambodia limps forward at under 1% of the population. And even within the church many remain uneducated, uncommitted and undisciplined. The rest of the population struggles to make sense of a highly religious past, filled with folk Buddhism and idol worship, and a new consumer reality.

Within all of this, there lies a great opportunity for the gospel. As the country lurches forward, new openings are forming in caring for the least of these and building the church in Cambodia. 1 John 2:8 says, “...darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining.” That is why we are here, and that is what we hope for in this country!

— Jesse and Sarah Blaine
Global Mission Partners

KEYS

JOE MOORE, OLDER ADULTS DIRECTOR

Rick Cavender brought music to our house to kick off Rodeo week in February, even the balloons were swaying to the tunes. Marcia Waldgeir opened our eyes to the heartbreaking truths about Teen Trafficking. We enjoyed a great Valentine Lunch at the Menger Hotel and Clarence Thompson and his team of Buffalo Soldiers helped us to understand a piece of important history.

Looking into March, get ready for the best Burgers in town and the movie, Hidden Figures. Next, we will hear from our own Jim and Grace Clouse’s daughter Eleanor Half who is on the board of Directors for Gold Star Teen Adventures. Our March Birthday Lunch will be at Magnolia Pancake House, they are working on a Brunch Menu for us. Doug McNeel and The Sons of Maverick will close out the month for us and we will be filling Easter Eggs for Children’s Ministry.

MARCH EVENTS

MARCH 2:

HAMBURGER AND A MOVIE (HIDDEN FIGURES)
As the United States raced against Russia to put a man in space, NASA found untapped talent in a group of African-American female mathematicians that served as the brains behind one of the greatest operations in U.S. history.

KEYS LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

MARCH 9:

GOLD STAR TEEN ADVENTURES—ELEANOR HALFF
Gold Star Teen Adventures provides unique summer adventure opportunities for Gold Star Youth.



The purpose of the program is to provide healing, mentorship, development, and opportunity to the children of special operations Service Members who lost their lives in the line of duty.

BRIDGE AND MAH JONGG

MARCH 16:

MARCH BIRTHDAY LUNCH AT THE MAGNOLIA PANCAKE HAUS

The Magnolia Pancake Haus offers the highest quality foods made from scratch every day in an atmosphere reminiscent of your grandma’s kitchen by an unparalleled staff. With consistency being a core value, the flavor and freshness of their pancakes, waffles, omelets, soups, sandwiches and salads is what makes you want to keep coming back for more. When you eat at Magnolia Pancake Haus, you’ll be reminded of the wholesome food your grandmother used to make.

MARCH 23:

DOUG MCNEEL

Doug and his band, Sons of Maverick, will join us for a special musical presentation. We have always enjoyed their music. There may be a special mystery guest performer you will not want to miss!!!

FILLING EASTER EGGS

After lunch we will serve together filling Easter Eggs for FPC’s Children’s Program Easter Egg Hunt. We will be collecting candy to fill the eggs for the whole month of March.

MARCH 30:

GOOD FRIDAY (NO KEYS)

COMING IN APRIL:

APRIL 6:

MOBILITY WORLDWIDE

KEYS LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

APRIL 13:

BILL COGBURN AND JACK WRIGHT BRIDGE AND MAH JONGG

APRIL 14:

RAIN TO DRAIN TOUR

The Rain to Drain Experience field is a trip for adults. During this day-long expedition, you will travel to places few people have ever visited. You will explore an Edwards Aquifer recharge cave, experience the inner workings of a SAWS water production facility and tour a water recycling plant. The field trip, lasting from 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM is free to Bexar County residents 18 years and older. Lunch is provided. KEYS has reserved 20 spots for this tour on Saturday, April 14.

APRIL 20:

FIESTA

APRIL 27:

NO KEYS FIESTA PARADE

DON’T FORGET!

COLLECTING CANDY FOR EASTER EGGS

Throughout March we will be collecting candy to fill Easter Eggs for the Children’s Ministry department. To accommodate for nut allergies it is requested that we collect NUT FREE Candy.

KEEP MOVING FITNESS

Linda Osborne is our own personal trainer and provides an ability appropriate class on Fridays before KEYS meetings. These classes begin at 9:35 AM and are free! All you have to do is show up.




FIRST CUP READINGS MARCH, 2018

Dear Family in Christ,

First Cup is designed to assist you in the habit of daily Bible reading and prayer. The name is to remind you that as you reach for your first cup of morning coffee or tea, reach also for your Bible and prayer list. The prayers at the beginning of each week are taken from hymns, sometimes found in obscure hymnals in our libraries. They are intended to be read as your beginning prayer, to focus your mind on the daily readings that follow. May this spiritual discipline strengthen you as you face each day.

Blessings and love in Christ, Sandy Sturch and Claire Averyt

A photograph of a white ceramic cup filled with coffee and latte art, sitting on a matching white saucer. A silver spoon is placed horizontally next to the saucer. The background is plain white.

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Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul.— Psalm 143:8

- 1 Mark 4:35-41; 2 Samuel 22; Psalm 65
- 2 Mark 5:1-20; Matthew 4:23-24; 8:16-17; Acts 19:11-20; Revelation 20:1-10
- 3 Mark 5:21-43; Psalm 103

Savior, like a Shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care; In thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our us Thy folds prepare: Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be; Thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free: Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still; Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still. (The Hymnbook, No. 380)

- 4 Mark 6:1-29; Luke 9:7-9; 14:25-33; Acts 21:10-14
5 Mark 6:30-56; Ephesians 3:20-21; Psalm 37
6 Mark 7:1-23; Jeremiah 17:9; Micah 6; James 1:21-27
7 Mark 7:24-8:10; Colossians 1:15-23; Ephesians 1:2-23
8 Mark 8:11-38; John 10
9 Mark 9:1-13; Malachi 4:5-6; Matthew 11:7-15; 17:1-13
10 Mark 9:14-29; James 5:13-20; Philippians 4:6-7;
Ephesians 6:18

Work, for the night is coming, Work through the morning hours; Work while the dew is sparkling, Work mid springing flowers; Work when the day grows brighter, Work in the glowing sun; Work, for the night is coming, when man's work is done. Work, for the night is coming, under the sunset skies; while their bright tints are glowing, work for the daylight flies. Work till the last beam fadeth, fadeth to shine no more; Work while the night is darkening, when man's work is o'er. (The Hymnbook, No. 297)

- 11 Mark 9:30-41; Numbers 11:26-30; Matthew 18:1-9
12 Mark 9:42-50; 1 Corinthians 5; 1 Peter 1:13-25
13 Genesis 2:18-25; Mark 10:1-16; 1 Corinthians 7;
1 John 1:9-10
14 Mark 10:17-31; 2 Chronicles 1:1-12; Proverbs 11:24-28;
1 Timothy 6:17
15 Mark 10:32-45; Philippians 2:1-18; John 13:1-17
16 Mark 10:46-52; Hebrews 11:6; Matthew 7:7-12;
Luke 19:1-10; Psalm 27
17 Mark 11:1-19; Jeremiah 7; Romans 12:12; Colossians 4:2

Saviour, teach me, day by day, Love's sweet lesson, to

obey; Sweeter lesson cannot be, Loving Him who first loved me. With a child's glad heart of love, at Thy bidding may I move, Prompt to serve and follow Thee, Loving Him who first loved me. Teach me thus Thy steps to trace, strong to follow in Thy grace, Learning how to love from Thee, Loving Him who first loved me. (The Hymnbook, No. 457)

- 18 Mark 11:20-33; Luke 17:1-4; Matthew 5:21-24;
Matthew 18:21-35
- 19 Mark 12; Proverbs 25:14; Matthew 6:1-4;
Psalm 37:25-26; 112; Proverbs 11:25
- 20 Matthew 23; Proverbs 6:16-19; Micah 6:8
- 21 Mark 13; Isaiah 13:9-11; Revelation 6:12-17
- 22 Matthew 24; Revelation 16:15
- 23 Matthew 25
- 24 1 Thessalonians 4-5:11


All glory, laud, and honor, To Thee, Redeemer, King, To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring! The people of the Hebrews with palms before Thee went; Our praise and prayer and anthems before Thee we present. Thou art the king of Israel, Thou David's royal Son, Who in the Lord's name comest, The King and blessed One! To Thee, before Thy Passion, they sang their hymns of praise; To Thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise. All glory, laud and honor to Thee, Redeemer, King, To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring! (The Hymnbook, No. 187)

- 25 John 10
26 John 11
27 John 12:1-19; Deuteronomy 15:1-11
28 Matthew 21:1-17; John 12:12-19
29 John 12:20-13:18
30 Mark 14:1-42; John 17; Mark 14:43-72
31 Mark 15

I know that my Redeemer lives! What joy the blest assurance gives! He lives, He lives, who once was dead; He lives, my everlasting Head! He lives to bless me with His love; He lives, to plead for me above; He lives, my hungry soul to feed; He lives, to help in time of need. He lives, all glory to His name; He lives, my Savior, still the same; What joy, the blest assurance gives; I know that my Redeemer lives! (The Methodist Hymnal, No. 445)

FIRST CUP PRAYER LIST

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