

# Our Daily Bread

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF  
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## MARCH 2020

### A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

God promises us that he will be with us through the bad times as well as the good times. Sometimes it doesn't feel like He is there. Bad times can be overwhelming. In times of illness, grief, or disaster it can feel as if God has turned away. We can feel alone and confused. But God is there.

Scripture assures us that God is our refuge and our strength. God is in the midst of the wind, storm, war, famine, and all other disasters. God's presence is no guarantee that bad things will never happen to you, but it is a guarantee that you will never go through them alone. Never forget God is with you in all things.

Janet

### LITURGIST SCHEDULE FOR MARCH

1. March 1 - Pat Nash
2. March 8 - Pat Nash
3. March 15 - Bill Gast
4. March 22 - Julie Ciuro
5. March 29 - Pat Nash

### MARCH GOSPEL READINGS

- March 1 - Matthew 4:1-11  
March 8 - John 3:1-17  
March 15 - John 4:5-42  
March 22 - John 9:1-41  
March 29 - John 11:1-45

### SIGN UP FOR EASTER LILIES

There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board across from the kitchen for those wishing to purchase Easter lilies for the sanctuary. Price is \$10 each. Deadline to sign-up is March 29.

Thank you - Pat Nash

### STATED SESSION MEETING

Our next Stated Session Meeting is scheduled for March 22, 2020 at 12:15 p.m. If you cannot make it, please let Lori Gast know – (214) 218-7784

### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Church Life celebrates members and friends birthdays on the first Sunday of each month.

- March 2 Benny Yuhanna  
March 6 Irmagene Mitchell  
March 10 Ransome Kanu  
March 16 Phyllis Speck  
March 17 Joan Christy  
March 22 Nancy Hollingsworth

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

I am acknowledging those of you who participate in the Worship Service each month. We would love to have everyone who worships here be a part of the Worship Service. Talk to Barry Krueger if you would like to volunteer for a specific task, or just sign up on the sheets across from the sanctuary kitchen.

Special thanks in February go to:

1. The liturgists –Pat Nash and Bill Gast
2. The greeters – Elizabeth Price and Lori Gast
3. The acolytes – Michelle and Tiffany Kalu
4. Those who brought snacks for after worship –Pat Nash, Julie Ciuro, and Nina Swaney
5. Those who brought flowers –
6. Joan Christy for being the Gatekeeper
7. Lori Gast for filling the candles with oil
8. Pat Nash hosts the after worship refreshment time with help from Church Life
9. Bryan Booth Krueger for preparing the communion, and picking up the attendance sheets after the services.
10. Elders serving communion: Joan Christy and Lori Gast
11. Julie Ciuro for making the Communion Bread

## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

### SPECIAL OFFERINGS

#### HUNGER-DISASTER-DEVELOPMENT

Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing – Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People – all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

Received during the season of Lent (February 26-April 12), each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations. The Offering provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need. **In fact, OGHS is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world.**

*One Great Hour of Sharing makes a difference in the world.*

- **PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE (PDA)**
  - Works alongside communities as they recover and find hope after the devastation of natural or human-caused disasters, and support for refugees.
  - Receives 32% of funds raised
- **PRESBYTERIAN HUNGER PROGRAM (PHP)**
  - Takes action to alleviate hunger, care for creation, and the systematic causes of poverty so all may be fed.
  - Receives 36% of funds raised
- **SELF-DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE (SDOP)**
  - Invests in communities responding to their experiences of oppression, poverty and injustice and educates Presbyterians about the impact of these issues.
  - Receives 32% of funds raised.

#### **BRING IN BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION!**

It's easy to find BOX TOPS; you may have some in your home right now. You can find them on hundreds of different products, from cereal as well as other kinds of food, to storage products, household products and school supplies. Look for a sample of one in the Opportunity Corner. Each BOX TOP is worth \$.10, so imagine how quickly they can add up! There is a write-up about this with a heartfelt thank you from the Goodland Academy on the bulletin board.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

January 2020:

Income	\$4,293
Expenses	\$7,637

Year-to-Date:

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Expenses	\$7,637

Our usable funds are about \$5000 less than last month. The Texas Presbyterian Foundation is showing a good return of 7.21%. From 12-31-14 to 12-31-19 we had a return of \$16,412 on our investment.

Please continue to support the church with your giving of time, treasure, and talent, and your faithful attendance in church. Also continue to pray for the church.

If you have any questions or comments, just call me at 972-223-3631. Thank You, Joan Christy, Treasurer.

### CLOTHES FOR THE NEEDY

Our thoughts are with the homeless, so we are collecting clothing for the needy. Especially needed are men's clothing, and socks in dark colors in all sizes. Please bring these items to the church and place them in the laundry basket located in the Opportunity Corner.

### PRAYER CONCERNS

Our leaders, our Presbytery, our church, the Session, our troops, Lorrinda and Joe Alexander, Margie Sonntag, Millie Allen, Tom Price, Bill and Nina Swaney, Sue Fitch, continued prayers for Cameroon, Makia and Mireille Epie, Irmagene Mitchell, Karla Krueger, Sonia Wills, Truman and Martha Brashear, Diane Sharp, Ransome Kanu was accepted into North Texas University and he needs our continued prayers, travel mercies for all our members traveling, Aurelia's son Joshua Coleman, Janet's friend Chris, Julie's daughter's parents-in-law, Nina and Julie are both suffering with sciatica, Barry Krueger, family and friends of Matt McKowen, Craig and Nora McNeil, Manfred Enoch, the people and animals in Australia, Debra Reel passed away, Julie is having back surgery, everyone impacted by the weather, Manfred's mother-in-law is in Africa prayers for her safe return, Jeff Freeman, Zac Tucker, Jennifer Swan

### CELEBRATIONS

Craig McNeil and Julie Ciuro both had successful surgeries, Irmagene Mitchell is moving to the Village, Phyllis was here visiting, Lori celebrated Bill's birthday, Bill got a promotion at work, Joan is celebrating her friend Anne Bowman being here and playing the organ for us, Pat's grandson Spenser turned 16, Mireille's cousin is here and she thanks Mireille and Makia for taking her and her son in, Spenser came home safely from New York where he got to meet one of the producers of a Broadway play, Nina is happy to see some visitors.

# MARCH 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 9:15 AM Choir 10:30 AM Bible Study 11:00 AM Worship Service with communion	<b>2</b> 6:00 PM Cub Pack 789 Bears 7:00 PM Boy Scout 109	<b>3</b> 10:30 AM Tuesday Morning Group	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 10:00 AM Art Group	<b>6</b>  <i>World Day of Prayer</i>	<b>7</b>
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<b>15</b> 9:15 AM Choir 10:30 AM Bible Study 11:00 AM Worship Service	<b>16</b> 6:00 PM Cub Pack 789 Bears 7:00 PM Boy Scout 109	<b>17</b> 10:30 AM Worship Committee Meeting	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 10:00 AM Art Group	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 9:15 AM Choir 10:30 AM Bible Study 11:00 AM Worship Service 12:15 PM Stated Session Meeting	<b>23</b> 6:00 PM Cub Pack 789 Bears 7:00 PM Boy Scout 109	<b>24</b> 10:30 AM Tuesday Morning Group	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 10:00 AM Art Group	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 9:15 AM Choir 10:30 AM Bible Study 11:00 AM Worship Service	<b>30</b> 6:00 PM Cub Pack 789 Bears 7:00 PM Boy Scout 109	<b>31</b> 10:30 AM Tuesday Morning Group	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 10:00 AM Art Group	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>