

# Our Daily Bread

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF  
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## MARCH 2024

### A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Lent is a time of reflection. In the past people chose to give up something for Lent. The idea of giving up something was to embrace and experience the suffering of Christ. You gave up something you loved for the 40 day period of Lent so that you could suffer as Christ suffered.

The concept of suffering is not embraced as much today. The reality is nothing we can give up will make us suffer as Christ did on the cross. Jesus never asked us to suffer with Him. He asked us to follow and love God.

Jesus suffered died, and was raised from the dead, so we can live with Him eternally. For us, Lent is a time of preparation for Easter. It is a time to reflect on our faith. As we prepare for this Easter celebration, let each of us look back on our faith journey and embrace the love that Christ has for us. Let us share it with all mankind.

Janet

### **STATED SESSION MEETING**

Our next Stated Session Meeting is scheduled for April 21, 2024 at 12:15 p.m. in the Rainbow Room. Ivan Yuhanna is going to lead the devotional and opening prayer. If you cannot make it, please let Lori Gast know – (214) 218-7784.

### **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 January go to:

1. The liturgists –Thomas Boyanton
2. The greeters – Elizabeth Price, Lori Gast and Joan Christy
3. Those who brought snacks for after worship – Pat Nash, Elizabeth Price, and Joan Christy
4. Joan Christy for being the Gatekeeper
5. Pat Nash for filling the candles with oil
6. Joan Christy and Elizabeth Price host the after worship refreshment time with help from Church Life and Steve Perry
7. Bryan Booth Krueger for preparing the communion
8. William Boyanton for helping clear off the communion table and taking the used dishes to the kitchen.
9. Elders serving communion: Pat Nash and Lori Gast
10. The Ushers – Bill Gast, Ivan Yuhanna and Okoro Kalu
11. Barry Krueger and the choir for our Anthems
12. William Boyanton for being the acolyte

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Our leaders, our Presbytery, our church, the Session, our troops, Lorrinda and Joe Alexander, Makia and Mireille Epie, Martha Brashear, Thomas Alexander, continued prayers for Bryson, the church and nation of Ukraine, Makia's people in Cameroon, Gene Knox and Jewell Victorino, DeSoto Food Pantry, Max Jewell is at home, but needs continued prayers, the natural disasters that just keep coming – prayers for the people affected by them, immigrants at the borders, travel mercies for all our members traveling. Chikezie is very weak, Christians in Pakistan, the Hamas-Israel War, prayers for those who are hungry and cold, Eric Bartels is teaching in Nigeria, Clyde Lockhart is in rehab, Tony who is a friend of Joe's was found unresponsive and is now in assisted living, Bryan's team lead Kimberly Mitchell had a mass removed from her brain and is expected to go home soon.

## CELEBRATIONS

There's going to be a memorial service for Sue Fitch on April 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am, Spencer joined an A Capello choir, Brayden is still deciding what college to attend, Elizabeth turned 96!

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

March	2	Benny Yuhanna
March	10	Ransome Kanu
March	16	Phyllis Speck
March	17	Joan Christy

## TREASURER'S REPORT

The following is the Old treasurer's report, with a correction:

### January 2024

Bank balance	\$59,887
Expenses	\$7,008
Dedicated Funds	\$18,392
Available Funds	\$41,495

Plus there are investments totaling \$70,675 not immediately available to us and are volatile. The figure to hang our hats on is the **available funds**.

The available income was a little higher this month than it was last month. That, in addition to the increase in the TPF fund, is a positive. However, we continue to lose giving units which is not good. Pledges for 2024 increased over 2023.

Please continue to support the church with the 3 T's – Time, Talent, and Treasure.

Thank you,

Respectfully submitted,

Joan M. Christy, Treasurer.

## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

For 75 years, One Great Hour Sharing has partnered with others to take action to share God's love.

Through these three life-saving programs we are there to advance the causes of justice, resilience and sustainability.

- Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
  - Restores Streets to Live in
- Presbyterian Hunger Program
  - Share Bread with the Hungry
- Self-Development of People
  - Loose the Bonds of Injustice

Please give what you can on Easter Sunday.

*If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot!*

# MARCH 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>3</b> 09:30 AM Choir Practice 10:30 AM Bible Study 11:00 AM Worship Service w/ communion	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 10:30 AM Tuesday Morning Group	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 10:00 AM Art Group	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 09:30 AM Choir Practice 10:30 AM Bible Study 11:00 AM Worship Service Daylight Savings Time begins	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 10:30 AM Tuesday Morning Group	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 10:00 AM Art Group	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 09:30 AM Choir Practice 10:30 AM Bible Study 11:00 AM Worship Service	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 10:30 AM Tuesday Morning Group	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 10:00 AM Art Group	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 09:30 AM Choir Practice 10:30 AM Bible Study 11:00 AM Worship Service <b>PALM SUNDAY</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 10:30 AM Tuesday Morning Group	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 10:00 AM Art Group <b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b>	<b>29</b> <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> 09:30 AM Choir Practice 10:30 AM Bible Study 11:00 AM Worship Service <b>EASTER</b>						