

First Presbyterian Church Smithville Newsletter

March
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Pastor's Remarks:

From Rev. Kris Brown

Many of us have grown up in faith traditions that do not take into account a liturgical calendar. Of course, this is okay. If we Christians have always observed holy days (holidays) like Christmas and Easter, the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, and Pentecost developed over the church's first three hundred years. Over a thousand years later, during the Reformation, some fledgling Protestant groups Maybe when you come to church this time of year, you wonder about Lent?

felt that because liturgical seasons are not mentioned in the bible, they should not be respected. As silly (though sadly, also deadly serious) lines were drawn among Christian denominations, the practice of paying attention to the liturgical calendar became more and more connected with other, sometimes awful and bloody arguments.

Yet discarding the seasons of Advent, Epiphany, Lent and Pentecost, various branches of Christianity lost a gentle opportunity to represent in our everyday lives that God's time is not the same as our time. The flow of the liturgical year intends to pull us up out of ourselves, to make us think about our lives from a perspective not our own. When we remember how Jesus himself respected and took part in Jewish festivals and seasons such as Sukkot, First Fruits, and the Passover, we may feel more comfortable seeing how liturgical seasons might fit into our faith life. For me, Advent, Epiphany, Lent and Pentecost deepen my Christian experience and help remind me to look for God in places and ways I might not easily see God.

Lent especially. Lent matters because Easter is our central holiday. When we run quickly by the cross to get to Easter Sunday, we risk missing the importance of the cross in our own lives. Walking through Lent, thinking about what we have done and what we have left undone, remembering the Israelites wandering in the wilderness and Jesus's forty days in the desert, we better prepare ourselves to take in the wonder and glory of the Resurrection. The season of Lent prepares us for Easter, allows Easter to become more personal.

This Wednesday, we will begin Lent together. I hope, in April when we arrive at Easter, we will be thankful for the time we have had to get ready.

[Click here to register](#) or scan QR code below:



5K - APRIL 9, 2022

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First Presbyterian Church in Smithville presents the 2022 5K Fun Bunny Run! Join us for a morning of fun at 9:00 AM on April 9th as we hop into Easter and raise funds for Diabetes Education through the Smithville Lions Club. Participants of all ages are welcome to walk, run, or jog through historic Smithville, TX!

The event will begin and end at the First Presbyterian Church in Smithville - 300 Burleson St, Smithville, TX 78957, where you can join us for light snacks after the race!

Church Leadership

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Session Members: Harleigh Altmeyer, Jane Istre, Kathy Ford, Lilly Willenberg, Lisa Maresh, Monica Miller, Barbara Maresh

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Church Administration - Jane Istre

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Web site - www.fpcsmithville.org, Facebook, Newsletter - Kathy Ford - kathrynford@austin.rr.com

Sunday Schedules

We are open for 11 am worship. We will continue our Face Book Live option also.

EXCEPTION: On Sunday, March 6 we will meet at the Brown Farm at 11 for our Hymn sing and Letting Go Service, followed by a covered dish luncheon. No Facebook Live for this Sunday, PLEASE come in person:

Directions to the Brown's farm on 1335 old Hwy 20 McDade:

From Smithville: Head north on 2014, turn left (west) on 290, turn right onto Scenic Farms road. Turn right at dead end on old Hwy 20, travel 1/3 of a mile, farm is on left

From Bastrop: Head north on 21, left (west) on 290, turn right onto Scenic Farms road, right at dead end on old Hwy 20, travel 1/3 of a mile, farm is on the left.

The Following are Now Meeting:

Sunday School -10 am new study starts March 13th

Women's Bible Study – 2nd Tuesday from Sept to May at 10 a.m.

Next meeting March 8th

Please check the website for changes in schedule dates and times.



March Birthdays

- 03/11 - Jan Rinehart
- 03/11 - Jim Patterson
- 03/27 - Scott Saunders



March Anniversaries

- 03/11 - Jeni & Jordan Bell

March 6th Communion Schedule

Lilly is in charge of Communion for March. She will prepare the communion table, pick up the glasses at the end of the service, wash and put away the service trays. Monica Miller has volunteered to bring the bread and juice for ALL communion services. Thank you, Monica! If you cannot be at church when it is your turn to be in charge of the preparation for communion, please ask one of the other Elders to serve in your place.

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Cookbooks are ready to purchase for \$20. They are available at the church and the Smithville Library. Contact Monica Miller for additional info.

Bricks with your name, initials, or verse, are available for purchase. They will be laid to form a remembrance of our 150th anniversary when we see how many we have. The information is in the Narthex and the order form and pricing information at www.fpcsmithville.org

Food Pantry Report - February 2022

Date	Families	Fam. Mem.	New Clients
2/2/2022	101	243	2
2/0/2022	104	217	2
2/16/2022	101	233	0
2/23/2022	107	240	0

Remember to bring your donations for the food pantry on First Sunday. There are envelopes if you prefer to give money. Actually, The Food Pantry can purchase food from the Capital Area Food Bank more economically than you can purchase it at the store.

Get Ready to Leap Forward

Daylight saving time STARTS on March 13 - set your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday night, March 12 so you won't be late to Church.



NEWS FROM SUSAN GUEDRY

Adult Sunday School - Beginning March 5, we will do a six-week Lenten study, "What Wondrous Love is This." It is Holy Week in Word and Art. We will look at Jesus' last week through the art of John August Swanson. The class starts at 10:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited.

The Women's Bible Study group will meet Tuesday, March 8 at 10:00. This month the study will be on Mary.

Born Again Emporium is open Friday and Saturday from 9-2. Donations are taken only on Friday and Saturday from 9-2.

Mark your Calendars for Upcoming Events:

Wednesday, March 2nd - Ash Wednesday Service at 6 pm. - imposition of ashes by Pastor Kris

Sunday, March 6th - First Sunday in Lent. Letting Go Hymn Sing at the Brown's Farm, weather permitting



[Click here to register](#)

April 9th at 9 a.m. 5k run, walk, jog. Starts and ends at the church. Register by April 8th.



March 2022						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
		1	2 Ash Wednesday Service at 6 pm	3	4 <i>World Day of Prayer</i>	5
6 1st Sunday in Lent Worship Service 11 a.m with Communion at the Brown Farm (no FB Live) <i>PDA Blue T-Shirt Sunday Celebrate the Gifts of Women</i>	7	8 Women's Bible Study 10am <i>International Women's Day</i>	9	10	11	12
13 2nd Sunday in Lent Worship Service 11 a.m - In the building and on Facebook Live Session Meeting <i>Self-Development of People Sunday</i> Daylight saving time begins	14		16	17	18	19
20 3rd Sunday in Lent Worship Service 11 a.m - In the building and on Facebook Live <i>Mr. Rogers Day</i>	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 4th Sunday in Lent Worship Service 11 a.m. - In the building and on Facebook Live <i>Matthew 25: Building Vital Congregations Sunday</i>	28					