

PIPE CREEK PIPELINE

News, notes, and updates about our church family at Pipe Creek Presbyterian Church

From the Pastor's Pen

April 2021 begins on Maundy Thursday when we will gather to experience God's covenant with His people. Jesus was with His disciples in the Upper Room and he shared what we know as the Last Supper with them. We will also gather for worship on Good Friday as we hear "the Seven Last Words of Jesus" as he is crucified.

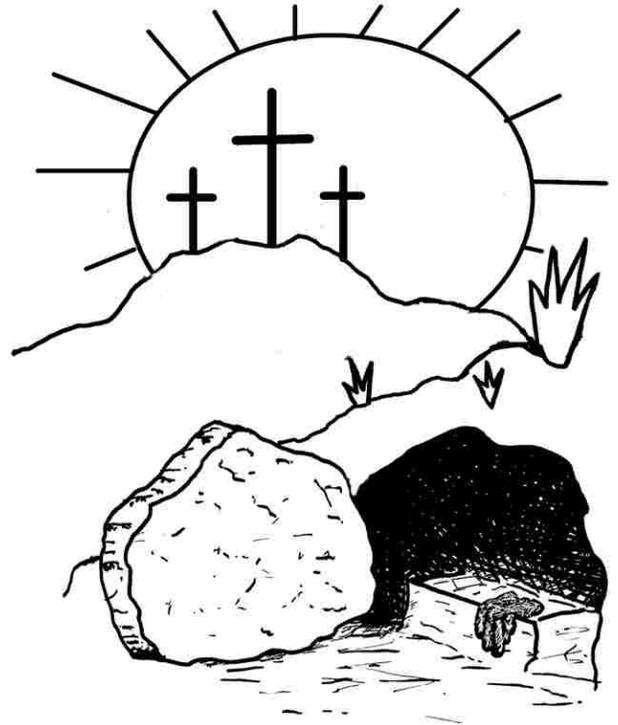
We will return to worship on Easter, April 4th, Resurrection Day as we find the tomb is empty. Jesus has conquered sin and death and has fulfilled God's plan of our salvation through His steadfast love!

We will also gather with Marcelette's family on Saturday, April 10th as we celebrate her life.

We will continue our routine of fellowship, Bible Study and worship throughout the month.

Wednesday, April 28th will be the conclusion of Little Rock Café before our summer break.

Come and participate in the many opportunities to live as Easter people as we follow, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



May we share the Love of God with each other, our friends and neighbors.

May God be with you and your family always!

Duane Manning

The Mission of Pipe Creek Presbyterian Church is to share the joy and the comfort of God's love and His message of reconciliation through Jesus Christ.

April Scripture Passages

April 4 Psalm 118: 1 – 2, 14 - 24;
 Mark 16: 1 - 8

April 11 Psalm 133;
 John 20: 19 - 31

April 18 Psalm 4;
 Luke 24: 36 - 48

April 25 Psalm 23;
 John 10: 11 - 18

opportunity to live as the 23rd Psalm describes, “surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the House of the Lord forever.”

Let us worship God together this month!
Peace & Blessings.

Duane Manning

You are invited to Tuesday morning Bible Study when on the Tuesday prior to sermon Sunday we get together to discuss the scripture readings on which the sermon is based. Join us at 11 a,m, and bring a lunch for fellowship afterwards.

Theme for the Month:

The Easter Season

April begins with the Resurrection and we worship in the Easter season. Our scripture readings are all very familiar and invite us to believe the good news of the Risen Christ. Jesus invites the disciples to replace their doubts and fears with seeing and believing. Jesus reminds them of all He taught them previously, that now the prophecy is being fulfilled through His resurrection. Jesus is truly our Good Shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep. This Easter Season offers us the

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April Birthday Celebrations

4/5 Chris Kelley
 4/7 Rhonda Smith
 4/14 Kirk Price
 4/23 Kevin Johnson
 4/23 David Radicke

April Wedding Anniversaries

4/30 Deb & Robert MacDonald

Write to Ralph and Ruth!

Ralph and Ruth Woodhull have moved to Cibolo House at Menger Springs. They have a new address and phone number:

1000 Grand Blvd #2213

Boerne TX 78006

Home Phone: 830-816-7823

Ruth Cell – 830-688-6026

Ralph Cell – 830-688-2642

They would greatly appreciate your prayers and thoughts. Please feel free to send them a card or note.

April Events

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| Thurs. Apr 1 | Maundy Thursday Service |
| Fri. Apr 2 | Good Friday Service 7p |
| Su. Apr 4 | Palm Sunday Celebration Sunday Quilting Ministry |
| Mon. Apr 5 | 11 a.m. Bible Study |
| Tues. Apr 6 | Little Rock Cafe, 5:30 |
| Wed. Apr 7 | 7 p.m. Bible Study |
| Sun. Apr 11 | Sun. Taco Sunday Session Meeting Quilting Ministry |
| Mon. Apr 12 | 11 a.m. Bible Study |
| Tues. Apr 13 | St. Patty'S Day at Little Rock Cafe, 5:00 |
| Wed. Apr 14 | 7 p.m. Bible Study |
| Sun. Apr 18 | Soup Sunday |
| Mon. Apr 19 | Quilting Ministry |
| Tues. Apr 20 | 11 a.m. Bible Study |
| Wed. Apr 21 | Little Rock Cafe, 5:30 7 p.m. Bible Study |
| Sun. Apr 25 | Pot Luck Sunday |
| Mon. Apr 26 | Quilting Ministry |
| Tues. Apr 27 | 11 a.m. Bible Study |
| Wed. Apr 28 | Little Rock Cafe, 5:30 7 p.m. Bible Study |

GOD IN THE NOTES

Written by Esther Benedict

Forgiven

Dark clouds billowing above. The rumble of thunder and flashes of lighting are all around. Here at the hill of Golgotha we are about to see Jesus the Son of God crucified.

What if *we* were the one who held the nail to the hand of Christ? What if *we* held the hammer in our hand? In the midst of this horrible act of nailing Him to the cross, Jesus looks over at you and whispers, "You are forgiven!" Oh, for me that brings tears and relief. I am taking this man's life and He says with compassion, "You are forgiven." Would that not make you fall to your knees in relief and repentance?

If we were Peter the night before, we might have denied Him. What pain that would bring when we saw what happened to Him the next day! Even with this, He says we are forgiven.

We pass through the Easter season each year. We enjoy the hymns, the egg hunts, and the family gatherings. But do we ever really stop to think that Jesus sincerely and without hesitation says, "Whatever you have done, I have forgiven you." All we have to do in return is *believe*.

Such grace, such a blessing, and such love! It is hard to fathom the depth of this love. As humans, we experience human love.

And while that is wonderful, it is very shallow in comparison to the love of Jesus Christ—God made flesh Who came to walk among us, teach us, and heal us. Then when there was no other way to show the depth of His incredible amazing love for us, He sacrificed Himself on our behalf.

Just slow down and consider this truth! He sacrificed *Himself* for us. He bought our sin, anger, self-loathing, depression, sadness, loneliness, and worry, our darkness, jealousy, despair, ills, and so much more. When you really step back from the familiarity of this story, and focus on the Offering we have been given, it is beyond comprehension."

The one who held the nail—FORGIVEN!

Forgiven!
We are free!
Say goodbye to every sin!

Your amazing Grace
I fall to my knees with a hammer in my hand.
You look at me with arms wide open.
Forgiven.

Dead man walking
Who could believe? Forgiven.
You love me when I don't deserve it.

Say goodbye to every sin. No weight will hold God's people. We are forgiven!

Lyrics to Forgiven by Crowder June 18, 2016

I'm the one who held the nail
It was cold between my fingertips
I've hidden in the garden
I've denied you with my very lips
God, I fall down to my knees
With a hammer in my hand
You look at me, arms open

Forgiven, Forgiven
Child, There is freedom from all of it
Say goodbye to every sin
You are forgiven...

I have done things I wish I hadn't done
I've seen things I wish I hadn't seen
Just the thought of your amazing grace
And I cry Jesus, forgive me
God, I Fall down to my knees
With a hammer in my hand
You look at me, arms open

Forgiven, Forgiven
Child, There is freedom from all of it
Say goodbye to every sin
You are forgiven

I could've been six feet under
I could've been lost forever
Yeah, I should be in that fire
But now there's fire inside of me
Here I am, a dead man walking
No grave gonna hold God's people
All the weight of all our evil
Lifted away, Forever free
Who could believe?
Who could believe

Forgiven, Forgiven
You love me even when I don't deserve it
Forgiven, I'm Forgiven
Jesus, your blood makes me innocent
So I will say goodbye to every sin
I am forgiven
Woah
I am forgiven

Session Highlights

Session approved Life Line Screening's request to use PCPC's Fellowship Hall on June 15 for its community outreach screening opportunity. This was very much a success last year for both Life Line and PCPC. Watch for further updates about participating as the date nears.

Regarding attendance and what we can do about it, Bill Schultz, Elder for Evangelism and Outreach, has asked Brenda to make up flyers that he will put up on community bulletin boards announcing information about PCPC, times of worship, Sunday school, nursery availability, etc. While masks are optional, they are still encouraged and some attendees still feel cautious about getting out in groups. Until things open up more, we may not see a resurgence in worship attendance.

Soup's On!

The third Sunday of each month finds great pots of soup in the Fellowship Hall following Sunday service. Whether your fav is beans or meat, veggie or occasionally even cold fruit, your hospitality hostesses provide a variety of sumptuous hot and cold concoctions guaranteed to tickle your fancy. Please come and share the bounty!

Remembering Marcelette

It was a tremendous loss for our congregation when Marcelette Broussard passed away last month. She was one of the founders of our Quilting Group and in her honor we've added a new program where we are making and praying over Pocket Quilt Squares to distribute to guests who attend funerals and memorial services at Pipe Creek Presbyterian Church.

Marcelette's favorite meal was a juicy burger, and don't hold back on the dessert! Join us on Saturday, March 10 at noon for a great burger and at 1:30 in the church for stories, love and laughter. We'll be remembering Marcelette.



Goin' Quilting!

Our PCPC Quilting Ministry continues to receive feedback from Prayer Quilt recipients. We want to invite everyone to participate in the ministry, from making the quilts, to doing some hand finishing work, to making the pocket quilt squares, to taking or giving lessons on how to quilt (perfect summer activity for grandkids and adults alike).

Here are some "thank you's" from people who have received one of our precious quilts.

Friends,

Thank you so much for the quilt you sent in Jim's memory. His death was very sudden but he had been going downhill for about 6 months.

Then Mom died on December 16th. She lived to be 99 and went in her sleep.

I will think of you and Jim every time I curl up with the quilt.

Thank you with love, Robbie Jean

Dear Prayer Warriors.

Johnny and I greatly appreciate your prayers. The beautiful prayer quilt is amazing! It warms my heart to know that you are praying for us, people who don't even know Johnny lifting him in prayer! God has blessed us beyond measure and we see His loving hands guiding us through this journey.

Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus.

Johnny and Marla Warren

Friends,

Thank you for the beautiful train quilt that was requested by Brenda Archilla. So kind and thoughtful for you who took the time. Thank you for your kindness and prayers.

Bill Lastovica

A BALANCED LIFE IS A HEALTHY LIFE

by Barbara Maxwell

Spring is here! Did you think it would never come? Well, it has, and with its arrival all our excuses for not being more active are gone! So, let's get moving! According to the World Health Organization, falls are the second-biggest cause of accidental death after traffic accidents. Of course, there are several reasons for people falling, some of which just cannot be avoided. But, there ARE some things that we all can do to help us keep from "falling" victim to injuries related to falls.

Hibernation is a good thing for bears, but not so much for humans. You may have noticed that you are not quite as strong as you were even a few months ago.

Sedentary living can accelerate age-related muscle loss. And of course, then there are those extra pounds we might have put on over the holidays – they don't help either, but let's not go there just now! Suffice it to say, that with more weight and weaker muscles we are at risk for another bodily change: a loss of balance.

News flash: Most of us take our good balance for granted! Balance is a frequently-neglected aspect of health. As we, hopefully, begin to get back to the more normal active lifestyle that we are used to, let's be careful in getting back to our regular routines. And to help us do that, the AARP magazine has a few suggested exercises we can add to our routine to help restore and strengthen our balance.

Try these, if you feel able, taking your time – remember, Rome wasn't built in a day!

When you first start out with these exercises, do them while holding onto an immovable counter or chair throughout the exercise

Heel-Toe Walk

- Stand beside an immovable object (a kitchen counter would work), close enough that you can touch it to help you with balance.
- Lift the foot that is farthest from the counter and place it directly in front of your other foot, so your front foot's heel barely touches your back foot's toes. Balance this way without moving.
- When you feel comfortable, try walking slowly forward, heel to toe, next to the counter. When you reach the end of the counter, turn around and walk back in the same way.

Single-Leg Stand

- Stand behind a sturdy chair or facing a kitchen counter, keeping both feet on the floor, hip-width apart. Hold onto the chair or counter for stability.
- Raise one leg behind you. Next, let go of the chair and stay balanced in this position for 10 -15 seconds.
- Lower your leg, then grab the chair again and repeat the exercise using the opposite leg. As your balance improves, you can make the drill more challenging by closing your eyes while you balance.

(Adapted from AARP, The Magazine, February- March, 2021)