

First Presbyterian
Church

Devotion for April

Forgive As God Does

Let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.

Isaiah 55:7-8

When people hurt us, we often keep our distance from them. Or worse, we try to get back at them. We hardly ever do something nice for them in return! Yet God does just that when he forgives our sins. God doesn't always do what makes sense to us. God does what's loving and merciful instead, even when we do something wrong. We didn't earn his love, but God gives it to us freely anyway. God gave us Jesus as well, who gave us his whole life—not because we deserved it, but because we needed it.

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A message from our pastor Bill Proctor

Sanctuary repairs near completion

After nine months of worshipping in the Wood Fellowship Hall the time is nearing when we will finally return to the Sanctuary. The plan – barring any further delays – is for us to move back into the Sanctuary in time for Easter. Easter is April 24th this year, which gives us nearly a month to complete all of the final details. One of the biggest tasks still ahead is cleaning the Sanctuary. At present it is covered in all manner of dust and will require at least two thorough cleanings before the pews can be put back into place, the sound system moved from the gym and reinstalled in the Sanctuary, and the organ unwrapped and brought back into tune after so many months of silence. These are just a few of the many details that still lay ahead.

In the meantime, at its February meeting, the Session made the following decisions relating to our return to the Sanctuary:

1. At the recommendation of the Music and Worship Committee, the Elders voted to continue holding a single service through the end of summer. The rationale for this decision is that since the congregation moves to a single service during the summer, and our return to the Sanctuary will not take place until Easter Sunday – at the earliest – to return to both worship hours for only a month or two does not offer much benefit.
2. On the three Sundays following Easter; May 1, May 8, and May 15, you, the members of the congregation, will have the opportunity to vote your preference for either a return to both worship hours or to continue as we have done these past nine months – with a single service that alternates each week between a contemporary and a traditional style of worship.
3. The Session will then count your votes and make their decision concerning our worship style and time/s before the beginning of the school-year schedule in September.

By way of information, you may be surprised to learn that the Elders are given the responsibility for when we worship, our style of worship, as well as how often we celebrate the Lord's Supper and even when we may schedule baptisms. What this means, for example, is that you, the members of the congregation, may vote to continue worshipping at 10:30 a.m. each week, with alternating styles of worship – but the Elders may, after prayerful consideration, decide to return to our former worship schedule of an 8:30 a.m. Contemporary and an 11:00 a.m. Traditional worship hours.

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God wants us to forgive one another, just as God forgives us. Think about somebody you need to forgive. Can you ask God for help to forgive that person?

Loving God, help me to forgive as you do.

Shaped by Love Daily Family Devotions for Lent

Karla Manternach



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It may appear that Kary and I are responsible for these decisions, but we are not. Your elected Elders are given, by the **Book of Order**, the responsibility for overseeing the worship-life of this congregation. And, in case you did not know, there are only two things the Elders may not do regarding worship. The first is telling Kary or me what Scripture passage to preach, and the second (surprisingly enough) what hymns to sing on Sunday morning. Those two decisions are strictly up to Kary and me – hopefully under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Kary and I are given the responsibility of selecting the hymns we sing because the hymns are to undergird and support the Scripture texts we choose to preach.

As we look forward to the completion of the repairs to the Sanctuary I want to thank you, the congregation, for your patience, your understanding, and your willingness to adjust to worshipping in the church gym for these many months. I truthfully have not heard one word of complaint. Your good spirit about our situation, and your flexibility on Sunday mornings, has been a rich blessing. All of us have had to make adjustments, especially our Chancel Choir, Praise Team, Handbells, sound technicians, ushers – and you.

Presbyterians are not known for embracing change, and you have done so with much grace and good humor. When I have shared with other colleagues in ministry what we have been experiencing these past nine months the first question is always, “How has your congregation reacted?” When I tell them that it has actually been fun to move into the gym the reaction I receive is always the same – and that reaction is great surprise.

You are a marvelous congregation. It is a joy and a privilege to serve among you as your pastor. As Easter approaches I look forward to the glad celebration that awaits us.

Holy Week at FPC

Maundy Thursday Service and Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper, April 21, 6:00 p.m., Chancel Choir.

Good Friday Service of Darkness, April 22, 8:00 p.m., Chamber singers who will sing especially for this service.

Easter Sunday

- 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service at the Lake Lodge
- 8:30 a.m. Music provided by the Praise Team in the Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service
- 10:30 a.m. Music provided by organ and brass for early arrivals
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service with organ and brass



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| 4/2 | Christopher Lauer | 4/13 | Chris Williams, Clay Junell |
| 4/3 | Courtney Nagel,
Madalyn Brown,
Lane Puckitt | 4/15 | Jeff Harrison |
| 4/4 | David Kappelmann | 4/16 | Dwight Byrd, Buck Kilman |
| 4/5 | Lauren Heare,
Libby Ferguson,
Sarah Hardwicke | 4/20 | Nancy Hooker, Maggie Francks,
Matthew Lara |
| 4/6 | Milt Johnson | 4/21 | Katie Halbert |
| 4/7 | Gladys Dempsey,
Dorothy Thiele | 4/22 | Jim Lee |
| 4/8 | Sam Edwards, Susan Brooks | 4/23 | Sara Hooker |
| 4/9 | Colin Early | 4/24 | Phyllis Crews |
| 4/10 | Wanda Cook | 4/25 | Ann Hindman |
| 4/11 | Danielle Duke, Susan Little | 4/26 | Denay Hooks |
| 4/12 | Lee Ann Erwin, Reagan McQueen,
Ryan Smrkovsky | 4/27 | Kristin Hale, Lorraine Kemp, Barbara Hesse |
| | | 4/28 | Clint Symes, Steve Boster, Morgan Fielder |
| | | 4/29 | Will Gober, Jack Blakely |

APRIL

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
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3 GUEST SPEAKER 9:30 Sunday Sch 10:30 Combined Ser 12:00 Sr. Banquet 3:30 M/S Youth 5:30 Sr Hi Youth 6:00 New Member Class Dinner /Q&A with Rabbi Rudin—Commons	4 9:00 AA 12:00 CE Mtg CR 1:30 Celebration Co Bill's ofc	5 9:00 Staff 12:00 WOW - 107	6 6:45 MBS - 210 9:00 AA 5:15 Confirm Class- YC 7:00 Chancel Choir Sr. Hi B/S	7	8	9	
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17 PALM SUNDAY 9:30 Sunday Sch 10:30 Combined Ser (New Mem & Confirm. Received & Reception 3:30 Youth Sun. Reh	18 9:00 AA 5:15 Steward—CR Youth Co - 107	19 9:00 Staff 12:00 WOW - 107 5:15 Session - 210	20 6:45 MBS - 210 9:00 AA 7:00 Chancel Choir Sr. Hi B/S	21 MAUNDY THURS 6:00 Maundy Serv.	22 GOOD FRIDAY NO SCHOOL 8:00 Service	23 Angel Food Dist.	
24 EASTER 6:30 Sunrise Serv. 9:00 Cont. Serv. 11:00 Trad. Serv.	25 OFFICE CLOSED Soup Kitchen 9:00 AA	26 12:00 WOW - 107	27 6:45 MBS - 210 9:00 AA 11:00 Cons. Co - 41 7:00 Youth Sun. Reh	28 10:30 WID - 107	29	30	



God gave you a gift of 86,400 seconds today. Have you used one to say, "thank you?"

William A. Ward

Please keep our adopted school of Lamar Elementary in your prayers. Especially pray for the teachers and students as they prepare for upcoming TAKS tests. Thank you to our many volunteers who tend to the needs of Lamar Elementary! If you'd like to volunteer, call the church office FMI.

Thankful Hearts

Dear Pastor Bill, Church Staff,
Family & Friends,

You will never know how much you all mean to me. You always brighten my days with visits to my door. Drop by my new abode at the Rio Concho Manor any time. Love to all of FPC members.

Most Sincerely,
Doris Goodson

Dear Church Family,

Thank you very much for cards and calls and flowers from Sunday worship as we have dealt in recent weeks with the illness, then passing, of my sister Susan Stahl. Your loving concern and the knowledge that she is forever cancer-free are special blessings.

Affectionately,
Ellen Brown

Dear Friends,

Yes, there are angels among us! I am so grateful for the delicious casserole and dessert brought to me by Carolyn and Troy Bradley, acting on behalf of the Board of Deacons. I feel so blessed to be in a Christian community of caring people who serve the Lord every day. Thank you all. May God bless you in every way.

Sincerely,
Martha Williams

Dear FPC,

The family of Ella C. Schneemann will forever remember with deep gratitude your loving expression of sympathy. Thanks so much for the food you brought.

Family of Ella Schneemann

Dear FPC members,

Thank you! Thank you! For sharing the beautiful flowers with me and my family. And, thank you Georgia Edwards for bringing them and visiting with us.

Thelma McMurtrey



Summer Arts Conservatory is looking for scraps of fabric, buttons, yarn, filler, etc; We will be collecting these items in the Commons area.





The Work of Our Hands—A Fiber Art Exhibit

In the Commons Area on the following Sundays: May 8, 15, & 22
 We need the work of YOUR hands—The work of THEIR hands

Do you have an heirloom quilt hiding in a cedar chest or stowed away on a closet shelf? Did your grandmother make quilts of ‘chicken linen’ (printed, colored feed sacks) or did she make string quilts with whatever scraps she had left from the clothes she sewed for her family? Perhaps you have a Victorian crazy-quilt lavishly embellished with hand stitchery, beads, and ribbon? In anticipation of the 2011 Summer Arts Conservatory, which is highlighting the textile arts, FPC is having a Quilt Show in the church Commons **May 8 and 15**. If you have one of your grandmother’s or even your great-great-great grandmother’s quilts and are willing to share your treasure with others, please contact Ann Barker at 944-2069 or eabark@msn.com by **Sunday, May 1**.



ALERT! ALL FIBER ARTISTS! The Summer Arts Conservatory is in June and will focus on working in fiber arts, yarns, threads and fabric. To highlight this fact a display of fiber arts created by church members and friends is planned for **Sunday, May 22**. If you have created something, fabric collage (appliqué), needlepoint, crewel, knitting, crochet, painted fabric, weaving or other forms of fiber art and are willing to share it with us for a short while it will be lovingly cared for. We

will need to have them by **Wednesday, May 18**, so that they may be arranged and displayed/hung by Friday. If you have something you have done or that you own done by someone else please generously share it with us for that short while. IF you have any questions or if you would like more information or if you just want to let us know we can count on you, please contact Margaret Mallard, 949-4880, or, email: scarlett113@verizon.net.





New Bridge
FAMILY SHELTER

MSO adopts local ministry

Continue to remember those ...who are mis-treated as if you yourselves were suffering.

Hebrews 13:3



During the month of April the Mission Service and Outreach Committee, with the approval of Session, has adopted the New Bridge Family Shelter as a local ministry to support as Easter draws near. Located less than a block north of First Presbyterian, New Bridge serves as a place of refuge and support for women and children seeking to escape abusive situations.

In describing their mission New Bridge states:

“Our goal is not just to provide a safe haven, but also to be the “bridge” between a life of abuse and a life that is free of violence. Last year we served over 365 residents in the emergency shelter. Mothers often arrive with their children after fleeing dangerous situations and only have the clothes on their back. The 10,162 overnight stays would have cost over \$500,000 at the average of \$50 a night motel stay. The resources needed to provide food, clothing, personal items, transportation, as well as counseling and training for these clients are enormous.”

During the month of April we will be collecting the following items:

For Women

Clothing of all sizes
Blankets
Pillows
Sheets
Towels
Toilet paper
Laundry soap
Trash bags
Undergarments
Toiletries of all kinds –
toothpaste, toothbrushes,
shampoo, deodorant, femi-
nine items, soap

For Children

Clothing of all sizes
Shoes
Underwear
Sweaters
Coats
Pajamas

Simply bring whatever items you wish to donate to the Church Commons where tables will be set with laundry baskets in order to receive your gifts to the New Bridge Family Shelter.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR VBS 2011

PandaMania, *Where God is Wild about You!* That's this year's theme for Vacation Bible School 2011. The "pandamania" will begin Sunday evening, June 5 with a family get together at the Lake Lodge and then continue Monday, June 6 through Thursday, June 9 at the main church campus from 9:00 a.m. till noon each morning.

We need volunteers to help make this the most awesome VBS ever! **Louellen** and **Bill** are already on board for the music station! **Janet Phillips** and **Sarah Hardwicke** have signed on to lead Wild Bible Adventures, **Ruth Hunt** and **Nancy Granaghan** are leading Treetop Treats, **Mykaela Lara** and **Brandt Bates** are leading Bamboo Blast Games and all we need now is you! Leaders for the following stations are needed: Chadder's Movie Mania, and Crazy Crafts & Missions.

Youth volunteers are urgently needed to be Crew Leaders, or to assist Station Leaders. It's a great way for youth to get any required volunteer hours completed all while helping spread the Gospel.

It would be such a blessing if someone would avail themselves to coordinate VBS for our pre-school age children. Pray about your participation and then if you feel called to become a part of something fun, energizing and all about bringing the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ to children of our community, call Susan Gober at church, 655-5694, for more information.



Volunteers needed for

Summer Arts Conservatory!

Help with: •Live Lunch •Registration

•Set-Up •Teaching Assistants are needed •Escorts

Contact Janet Phillips if you're interested in helping:

949-4350 or janetbphillips@suddenlink.net

SAVE THE DATE!
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**SUMMER ARTS
CONSERVATORY 2011**

A New Spin • June 13 ~ 17

This year we're celebrating
TEXTILE ARTS and more ... For ALL Ages: Children - Adults

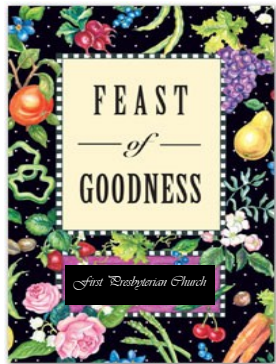
Art: Felting & Weaving, Painting on Fabrics ...
Dance: Contemporary Dance, Creative Movement, Pilates ...
Drama: Filmtastic Movie-making Magic ...
Music: Class Voice Lessons, Song and Movement, Songwriting Workshop ...

See April edition for details



To
Terry & Richard
Rigdon and family
on the loss of Terry's
mother, Gwen Merka,
who passed into
eternal life on
March 3, 2011

The family of
Roberta Reynolds
who passed into
eternal life on
March 20, 2011



There are still copies of the church
cookbook, *Feast of Goodness*,
that was published in late 2009.
The price has been reduced from
\$20 to \$12. They make lovely
gifts! This month's featured re-
cipe is *Veva's Chocolate Pound
Cake* contributed by Jasper



McClellan.
Veva was
Jasper's
mom. The
cake is
scrumptious!

Food for the month of
April
Peanut butter, cereal,
canned tuna & macaroni
& cheese.

Please place
your dona-
tions in the
basket in the
Commons.



USHERS

10:30 a.m. Service
4/3

Penny Roberts, Shirley Sherrill,
Sutton Page, Randy Brooks,
Sam Rawlings

4/10

Suzanne & Richard Dorris, Evalie
& Neal Grigg, Sam Rawlings

4/17 Palm Sunday

Victor Probandt, Ken Newman,
Jean & Jim Johnson, Sam

Rawlings

4/24

Easter

To Be Announced

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April Flower Delivery

4/3

Colette Mull, Lane Puckitt

4/10

Gabriela Spraggins, Lane Allison

4/17

Verna Morse, Noma Perrine

4/24

Kathleen Pfluger, Fran Early