



FHPC NEWSLETTER

April 2017



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Dear Friends,

I love this time of year. Sure I could do without the oak pollen and the annual spring trip to the doctor. But runny nose and itchy eyes are a small (-ish) price to pay for the beautiful vision of nature being brought back to life again. For me, it is a constant reminder of God's promise of the resurrection coming to us again and again.

A theologian friend of mine recently talked about how his constant study of God and the history of scripture often made him a target for people to point out his inconsistencies. One such time came when a person asked if he affirmed the Orthodox teaching of the resurrection. He answered:

Without equivocation or hesitation I fully and completely admit that I deny the resurrection of Christ. This is something that anyone who knows me could tell you, and I am not afraid to say it publicly, no matter what some people may think...I deny the resurrection of Christ every time I do not serve at the feet of the oppressed, each day that I turn my back on the poor; I deny the resurrection of Christ when I close my ears to the cries of the downtrodden and lend my support to an unjust and corrupt system.

However, there are moments when I affirm that resurrection, few and far between as they are. I affirm it when I stand up for those who are forced to live on their knees, when I speak for those who have had their tongues torn out, when I cry for those who have no more tears left to shed.

As we journey towards the cross, and the truth of Easter Sunday, may we remember that our affirmation of the resurrection goes beyond just word or thought. Let us affirm our faith in our actions, in the movement of our hands and feet. Let us be the ones that bring the promise of new life to all those around us.

Blessings,
Reuben

April Newsletter Deadline

Submit articles for the May newsletter
no later than **April 20th**.



April Worship



Ushers: Clay Dullnig & Judy Grant

Greeters: Kay Griffin & Blossom Jeter

Liturgists:

Apr. 2	Paul Vinton
Apr. 9	Conor McCary
Apr. 16	Lydia McCary
Apr. 23	Nancy Fuller
Apr. 30	Chuck Vinton

ENCOUNTER

LOVE. WORSHIP. GROW.

April 2 **COMMUNION SUNDAY**
Ezekiel 37:1-14
John 11:17-35
Can These Bones Live?

April 9 **PALM SUNDAY**
Matthew 21:1-11
Phillipians 2:5-11
It's Not What It Looks Like

April 13 **MAUNDY THURSDAY**
John 6:60-71
John 12:4-6
John 13
John 18:2-5

April 16 **EASTER SUNDAY**
Exodus 12:1-23
Matthew 28:1-10
Celebration of Life

April 23 **SAMARITAN SUNDAY**
Deuteronomy 30:11-20
Luke 10:25-37

April 30 **ELDER INSTALLATION**
Acts 7

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Calendar for April

Sunday, Apr 2 - Youth Group, 5-7pm

Sunday, Apr 16 – Easter Sunday (Easter Egg Hunt after worship)

Wednesday, Apr 19 - Cornyval Festival Meeting, 7pm

Sunday Apr 30 - Youth Sunday @ St. Mark's Presbyterian



YOUTH in ACTION



Forest Hills is blessed to have a number of committed and gifted youth engaged in their schools and the local community. Here is a glimpse of what some of them recently accomplished.

Lauryn Moos received 10th place showing her pig at the San Antonio Livestock Show & Rodeo

Conor McCary and the O'Connor H.S. Marching Band went to Disney World and marched on Main Street as headliner band during Spring Break.

Nathaniel Galvan received Honorable Mention at Regional Science Fair

Marissa Hunter also placed 2nd in the chemistry category at Regional Science Fair





The Faith Builders adult Sunday school class continues their study of Revelations, one of the most puzzling but rewarding books of the New Testament. This unveiling of the end of our age and of God's triumph stretches your mind, imagination and faith. Doug Stewart leads the discussion using a Life Guide study workbook. Faith Builders meet every Sunday in the Conference Room from 9-10 am. Visitors are welcome. They will not meet Easter Sunday, April 16.

Sunday April 9

Palm Sunday

10:30 am Worship Service with Children & Youth
Palm Procession

Thursday April 13

Maundy Thursday

7:00pm CNN Lenten Series Service

Friday April 14

Good Friday

11:00am - 1:00pm Sanctuary Open for Prayer

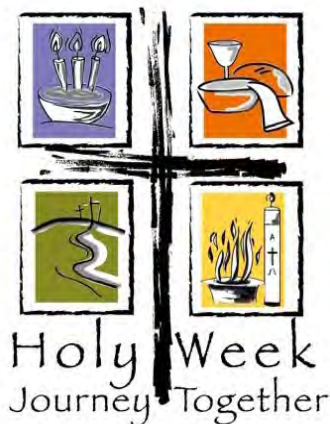
Sunday April 16

Easter Sunday

9:00am Easter Breakfast

10:30am Resurrection Service with
Holy Communion

11:30am Children's Easter Egg Hunt



Faith Happens

Children's Ministry

Sundays @ 5pm

If you have a child or grandchild currently in k-5th grade they are welcome to join us every Sunday evening.

Fellowship at Forest Hills

DON'T BLINK! As hard as it is to believe, Easter is just around the corner and summer is not that far behind. Here at FHPC we have had a wonderful start to our year. We were blessed to have a wonderful installation service to officially welcome Rev. Reuben Lashley and his family (Lisa, Ethan, and Abi) to our congregation.

We also had a wonderful Ash Wednesday Service where we all began the season of Lent together in our journey towards the cross and the celebration of life on Easter Sunday. On Wednesday evenings we have had a wonderful time of dinner and study at our Community Nurture Nights as Pastor Reuben has led us in a series on the unexpected people at the table. This series will conclude with our Maundy Thursday Service on April 13th at 7:00pm.



EASTER breakfast



Easter Morning
9:00 am

Holy Rollers Game Day: Thursday, April 20

Join us for fun & games at 11:30 am.



The 55 year and older Holy Rollers meet every 3rd Thursday in the Family Life Center conference room for game day. Bring your brown bag lunch for the 11:30 start time.



Fiesta Lunch Sunday - April 23

Our Annual Fiesta Lunch, sponsored by the Fellowship & Church Growth Committee, will feature a taco and tamale bar with all the fixings, chips, salsa, fruit and desserts. Join your Forest Hills Family as we celebrate Fiesta!

Good Samaritan Fund Silent Auction – On Sunday, April 23rd during the Fiesta Lunch, we will have our mission/service related silent auction where people will pledge their services or handmade creations for the congregation to bid on. Monies raised will help fund our Samaritan Fund that is used to help church members who are in need. For more information, please contact Christina Long at 695-3123.



Holy Smoke!

Sunday May 7, 5:30pm
Covenant Presbyterian Church



Coming Soon

Saturday April 8
Church Work Day

Saturday April 15
New Elder Orientation/
Elder Training

Sunday April 16
Easter Sunday

Tuesday April 18
Stated Session Meeting

Sunday April 23
Samaritan Sunday
Fiesta Lunch & Silent Auction

Sunday April 30
Elder Installation

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	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 Women's Walk to Em-
2		4 10am Prayer Ministry 12pm Staff Meeting	5 8am Quilt Ministry 12pm CNN Lent Series	6 7am Men's Fellowship 6 pm Worship Committee	7 Office Closed	8 8 am All-Church Work Day 2pm Deborah's Circle (women's group)
9:00am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 11:45am Missions Mtg. 5pm Faith Happens 5pm Youth Group (combined)		6:30pm Fellowship & Church	6pm CNN Lent Series	6 pm Worship Committee		
9 Palm Sunday	10	11	12	13 Maundy Thursday	14 Good Friday	15
9:00am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 11:30am Fellowship Time 5pm Faith Happens 5pm Youth Group (split) 6pm Choir rehearsal	6:30pm CE/Youth	6:30pm Admin. Com.	8am Quilt Ministry	7am Men's Fellowship	Office Closed	9 am Elder Training
16 Easter Sunday	17	18	19	20	21	22
9:00am Breakfast (No Sunday School) 10:30am Worship 11:45am Children's Easter Egg Hunt		10am Prayer Ministry 6:30pm Session mtg.	8am Quilt Ministry	7am Men's Fellowship 11:30 Holy Rollers' Game Day	Office Closed	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
9:00am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 11:45am Fiesta Lunch & Samaritan Fund Silent Auc-			8am Quilt Ministry 11:30am Ladies' Lunch @ Olive Garden	7am Men's Fellowship 7pm Worship Team	Office Closed	
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9:00am Sunday School 10:30am Worship with Installation of Elders						