



Forest Hills Presbyterian Church

The Branch

APRIL 2022

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PASTOR'S CORNER

We read this poetic prayer at our staff meeting a few weeks ago and it has stuck with me. We often see Lent as a time of fasting from what distracts us from our faith, but I love too, how this prayer invites us into feasting in our faith. After what has seemed liked an endless season of fasting in this pandemic, I am ready to feast! I am ready to see faces! I am ready for the world to wake up from our sickness and slumber and live into being God's good creation. I am ready for a fiesta!

Wherever you find yourself in this prayer, fasting or feasting, may you feel God's presence in it all. May we enter this Spring season ready to feast on faith.

Grace & Peace, Pastor Katy

The Fast Life

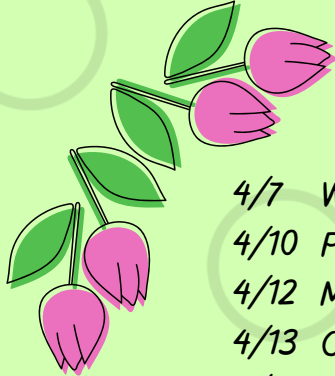
Fast from judging others;
Feast on Christ dwelling in them.
Fast from fear of illness;
Feast on the healing power of God.
Fast from words that pollute;
Feast on speech that purifies.
Fast from discontent;
Feast on gratitude.
Fast from anger;
Feast on patience.
Fast from pessimism;
Feast on hope.
Fast from negatives;
Feast on encouragement.
Fast from bitterness;
Feast on forgiveness.
Fast from self-concern;
Feast on compassion.
Fast from suspicion;
Feast on truth.
Fast from gossip;
Feast on purposeful silence.
Fast from problems that overwhelm;
Feast on prayer that sustains.
Fast from anxiety;
Feast on faith.
- Author Unknown



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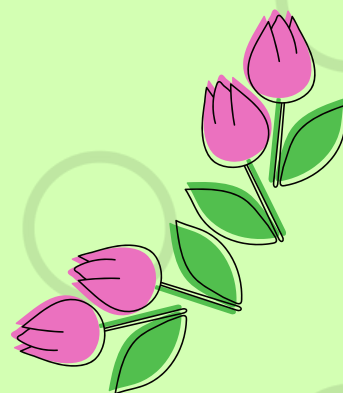
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April Calendar

- 4/7 WORSHIP COMMITTEE (6P)
- 4/10 PALM SUNDAY
- 4/12 MISSION, OUTREACH & SERVICE (6:30P)
- 4/13 CHRISTIAN ED/YOUTH (6:30P)
- 4/14 MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE (7P)
- 4/15 GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
- 4/17 EASTER SUNDAY
 - SUNRISE SERVICE (7A)
 - FELLOWSHIP TIME (9:30A)
 - WORSHIP (10:30A)
 - EASTER EGG HUNT
- 4/19 SESSION MEETING (6:30P)
- 4/22 FOSTER PARENT NIGHT OUT (6PM)
- 4/26 FELLOWSHIP/CHURCH GROWTH (6:30P)
- 4/27 LADIES' LUNCH OUT (11:30A)
- 4/28- 5/1 HELOTES CORNYVAL



Service Day at the Texas Diaper Bank



March Session Highlights

The Session met by Zoom on March 15 18th at 6:30 pm. Highlights included:

1. Rev. Walters offered an opening prayer and we welcomed our new Committee on Ministry Liasion from Mission Presbytery, the Rev. Dhawn Martin, who serves as the SoL Center Director and at University Presbyterian Church, San Antonio. She shared about her role as our liasion and offered some ideas on how FHPC can utilize the resources offered by Presbytery.
2. Committees offered the following updates:
 - a. ADMINISTRATION:
 - Any painting or refurbishing of buildings on FHPC campus needs to come before the Committee for approval.
 - Clean Up days are taking place Tuesdays and Thursdays frmo 9-11 am on the campus.
 - b. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
 - Candy/Toy filled eggs are being collected for the Easter Egg Hunt on April 17th.
 - c. MISSION, OUTREACH, & SERVICE
 - The One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering is being collected through Easter Sunday on April 17th. Special envelopes are in the pews.
 - We continue to collect donations for the Afghan Refugee Community.
 - d. WORSHIP
 - Holy Week is right around the corner! See the Bulletin/Happenings/Newsletter for more information. Don't forget to order a lily or two!
3. In the Pastor's Report, Rev. Walters shared she will be on vacation April 26-May 8. Worship Committee is working on acquiring leadership for worship the Sunday's she is gone. Rev. Walters also shared she completed the "Prepare and Enrich: A Premarital and Marriage Assessment Tool" training this quarter as part of her Continuing Education.
4. A motion was made to restructure the Administration Committee into two seperate committees; one would focus on Building/Grounds and the other, Personnell and Finance, with a timeline of completion being June 2022. The motion passed unanimously.
5. We will welcome our new elders at our April meeting, April 19, and will have a hybrid meeting.
6. Elder of the Month: March - Kay McCloskey, April/May - Janai Lawson
7. Covenant concerns were shared and Kay McCloskey closed the meeting in prayer.

Meet Our New Elders:

Linda Rose Klar

Linda is excited to serve as a newly ordained Elder here at FHPC. She was baptized at Forest Hills and then went to college in Austin and still lives there with her husband, Joe, their chickens and their cats. She spends part of her week in San Antonio and worships with her mother, Joyce Klar, here on Sundays. When asked about serving as an Elder, Linda says, "I figure when God calls, I should pick up the phone." Welcome, Linda!



Luke Rountree

Luke is serving a one year term as our FHPC Youth Elder. A Junior at John Marshall High School, Luke plays trombone in the Ram Band and also serves on the Mission Presbytery Youth Leadership Team. He is an active member of FHPC's Youth Group, loves John Knox Ranch, and is big brother to Sam, Caroline, and Anna. He loves being a birthday buddy with Pastor Katy!

*Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. Katy Walters*

Meet Our New Elders (Continued)

Saundra Davis



I am Saundra Davis. I have been a member of Forest Hills for about 18 years. My husband and I have 4 children and 8 grandchildren. My mom, Edith Denley, is a member of this congregation. My daughter, Janai and her family also attend this church. I feel called to serve because I feel led by the Holy Spirit. God wants this church to serve this community and the world, to spread His love and His Word and with His guidance, I'd like to help us do this.

Kathleen (Kay) McCloskey



In about 1948 I joined the First Presbyterian Church in Freeport, Texas. As a member of Wasatch Presbyterian Church in Salt Lake City, Utah I was ordained a ruling elder. When we moved to Grey Forest in 2007, Forest Hills became my church home where I've served on the Worship, Mission and Administration Committees. For several years I've served on the Mission Outreach and Justice Committee of Mission Presbytery.

I'm a retired medical librarian, having worked for 20 years at the Spencer S. Eccles Health Sciences Library at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City. My husband (Jim, deceased 2017) and I have 4 children, Lydia, Gus, Madeline and Alec. Lydia, husband Phil, daughter Ciara and son Conor live in Helotes and belong to Forest Hills. Gus and wife Hisayo live in Salt Lake City. Madeline and Alec live in Grey Forest very near me. Madeline teaches 7th grade Texas history. Alec has two children, Rebecca and Andrew, who live in Victoria, BC, Canada. My calling to serve on session came about at a time when I felt my strengths and experience were needed on session in a leadership position. Previous pastors have been influential in mentoring and strengthening my faith and commitment to continue serving Christ at Forest Hills in a leadership position.

Finance Update

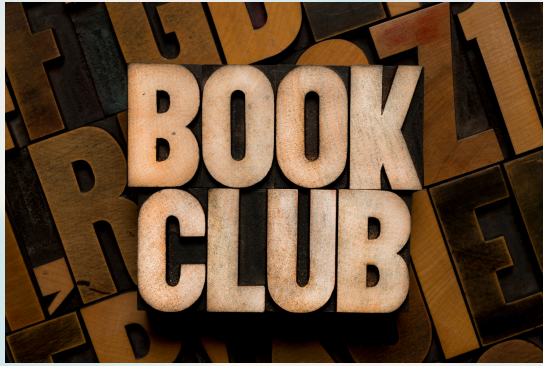
	INCOME	EXPENSES	DIFFERENCE
January 2022	\$24,223.11	\$23,721.69	+501.42
February 2022	19,391.15	22,061.09	-2,669.94
Total	\$43,614.26	\$45,782.78	-2,168.52
Budgeted	\$33,417.00	\$43,103.50	

Interpreting a single Sunday's or even a single month's finances can be difficult. Some of our expenses are billed monthly while others occur quarterly or just once per year. Our income (pledges, offering, gifts, facility use fees/rentals, and investments) comes at varying intervals, also. Some members make contributions weekly while others give monthly or even just once per year. To our left is a glance of recent numbers to let you know how we are doing. Thus far, our income is greater than we expected, and we have spent more than we expected.

While the budget is a tool to help us plan, we have predicted a deficit budget this year. We hope to reduce that deficit, if possible, by careful stewardship. It is important to look at the actual income and expense numbers to evaluate how we are doing at that task. Conclusion: FHPC is doing "okay" thus far. We need to continue to monitor the details of our finances. Session and the Administrative Committee have planned a careful analysis half-way through the year. Continue to keep FHPC's stewardship needs in your prayers.

Thank you, Judy Grant, Administration Elder

Fellowship Opportunities



Our next meeting will be May 1st at 2:30 pm in the FLC conference room. We will be discussing The Midnight Library by Matt Haig.

In June, we'll be reading Wish You Were Here by Judi Picoult. All are welcome!

Questions? Contact Nancy Collins

upcoming youth activities

FHPC Scavenger Hunt

Sunday, April 10, 3-5 pm

How much do you know about FHPC? Our history? The buildings? The ghosts? (kiddddd. There's only the Holy Ghost here.) Join us for a fun afternoon exploring the ins and outs of Forest Hills, full of twists and turns and some surprises!

Youth Sunday Lock-In

Saturday May 21, 8:00 pm through Sunday (May 22) Morning Worship

A night of fun, fellowship, food, and...worship planning? You bet! All youth are welcome as we play and plan and then help lead worship on Sunday Morning.

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Ladies Lunch Out

**WEDNESDAY,
APRIL 27TH
AT 11:30 AM
FIRST WATCH**

9110 N Loop 1604 W, Ste. 101
(In the HEB Plus
Shopping Center)

COFFEE WITH THE PASTOR

ON SITE AT FHPC
Tuesdays @ 10:30 am

Coffee with the Pastor is springing into something new! We're on campus at Forest Hills. We'll still have coffee and nibbles for all as we gather at the picnic tables out in front of the CWNC (weather permitting).

In the case of inclement weather, we'll be under the porch in front of the sanctuary.
We hope to see you there!

WHAT DO YOU CALL THE EASTER BUNNY
THE MONDAY AFTER EASTER?
EGGS-HAUSTED.



STAFF SHOUT OUT

Our very own **Benjamin Farrar** serves as the Sound and Projection Designer at Woodlawn Theater where they just put on an amazing production of **Hairspray**. Ben did an amazing job setting the scene of Baltimore

in the sixties with his projections. My (Pastor Katy) favorite moment was during the song, "I Know Where I've Been" when images of headlines from the Civil Rights movement flashed on the screens. Combined with the power of the song and singer, it was a

poignant moment remembering the hate of racism but too, the courage of so many marching, protesting, praying and working for a better future. If you have an opportunity to see Ben at work at Woodlawn, I highly recommend it! He did an awesome job! Way to go, Ben! We're glad you're a part of our team here at FHPC!



Lent & Easter Special Offering:



03.02.22-
04.17.22



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

Providing **RELIEF**
from natural disasters,
FOOD for the hungry,
and **SUPPORT** for
the poor and oppressed.



MATTHEW 25

ORDER TODAY!



Easter Lilies

EASTER LILIES WILL BE USED AS DECORATIONS IN THE SANCTUARY ON EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 17, AND CAN BE TAKEN HOME IMMEDIATELY AFTER OUR WORSHIP SERVICE. WE WILL PUBLISH YOUR MEMORIAL OR CELEBRATION IN THE EASTER SUNDAY BULLETIN. THERE ARE ORDER FORMS IN THE NARTHEX AND IN OUR WEEKLY HAPPENINGS EMAIL.

COST IS \$10.00 & ORDER BY APRIL 10TH.



Junior High Jubilee
@ Mo-Ranch
JULY 3-7TH
COST \$275

A week-long conference where students ages 6th-8th grade can come out and worship, make friends, and spend time doing fun recreational activities!



Youth Celebration @
Mo-Ranch
June 19-24TH
COST \$275

A conference for high school age students to explore their faith, make friends, and do some fun recreational activities!



holy week

Palm Sunday

SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 10:30 AM

Join us as we sing "Hosannas" and wave palms in honor of the One who comes in the name of the Lord, Jesus!

Maundy Thursday

THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 7:00 PM

We begin this night at the table, partaking in the Holy Meal of Communion, as Jesus shared with his disciples. We end the night in darkness, remembering the betrayal of Judas and Jesus' journey to the cross. Join us for this night of remembrance.

Good Friday

FRIDAY, APRIL 15, FOUND ON OUR YOUTUBE PAGE

This online only service is named, "tenebrae" which means "darkness" in Latin. It is the given name for this somber service as we journey to the cross with our Savior.

Easter Sunday

SUNDAY, APRIL 17

SUNRISE SERVICE AT 7:00 AM & WORSHIP AT 10:30 AM

9:30 AM EASTER BRUNCH & FELLOWSHIP TIME

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Come and worship the Risen Lord at the Sunrise Service at 7 am on the Lawn, or in the Sanctuary at 10:30 am. There will also be an Egg Hunt for Children following worship. Don't forget to bring your flowers as we flower the cross!



MR. ROGER'S SUNDAY

"THERE ARE THREE WAYS TO ULTIMATE SUCCESS: THE FIRST WAY IS TO BE KIND. THE SECOND WAY IS TO BE KIND. THE THIRD WAY IS TO BE KIND."

ON MARCH 20TH, OUR WORSHIP INCLUDED A TIME OF PRAYER WHERE WE ENGAGED IN A VARIETY WAYS OF PRAYING. HERE ARE SOME IMAGES FROM OUR WORSHIP THAT DAY.





JOIN THE MUSIC MINISTRY AT FOREST HILLS!

REHEARSALS ARE WEDNESDAYS
AT 6PM IN THE CHOIR ROOM.
ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US!

*Shout for joy to the Lord,
all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.*

-Psalm 100: 1-2



FOSTER PARENT NIGHT OUT

APRIL 22, 2022

6:00 – 9:00 pm

Volunteers are needed to
help in the kitchen and
with the children. Please
contact Kelli Hart at
(210) 273-0881 for more
information and to sign up.



*Our theme for the
night is
Earth Day!*