



FHPC Newsletter

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"After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people, and language, standing before the throne and before the lamb. They were wearing white robes and holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried in a loud voice, 'Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the lamb'" Revelation 7:9-10

Dear Church Family,

I saw an interview this week with Aaron Rodgers, quarterback for the Green Bay Packers. In it he discussed his personal struggle with faith, particularly as it related to the beliefs of his parents. He referenced the contradiction that God's love is for everyone, yet some believe that only 144,000 will go to heaven.

The idea of the 144,000 is an interesting one to be sure. Some denominations take a literal interpretation of the passage in the book of Revelations that speaks about it. The number is taken by saying that the Apostle John saw in a vision 12,000 people from each of the 12 tribes of Israel standing before the throne of God. Many people who like that passage seem to stop reading before they get to the verses listed above.

As the passage concludes John states that there is an ever greater multitude from all nations also standing there with them. I think that is a beautiful picture because it speaks to the greater family of God that we all belong to.

It can be easy, I think, to get so caught up in our own daily struggles that we forget about how we are part of a greater story, a greater family, a greater church. The Greek word for church is actually "ekklesia" which translates to mean "community." While the kingdom of God is made up of little communities everywhere, they are also part of a greater community that makes up the universal church.

At Forest Hills our community has a great story, and it is made up of great people, who have accomplished great things. But that is not the story in its entirety. Our story and our community is made up of people who may have never walked into our sanctuary or worshiped with us. It is made up of people who attend AA, play in our gym, or serve in the Boy Scouts.

Over the course of the next couple of months we are going to be participating in a denominational process called Vital Congregations that will help us see how we can play a relevant role in the greater community around us. In doing so we will hopefully see how God's kingdom and our "ekklesia" reaches farther out than we could possibly imagine. In the weeks ahead as we discuss more ways to participate in this process, I hope that you will join us to speak, listen, and act in ways that benefit the entire Kingdom of God.

Blessings,
Pastor Reuben

March Newsletter Deadline

Submit articles for the March
newsletter no later than
February 21st.



February Worship

Ushers: Clay Dullnig, John Denison, & Judy Grant

Greeters: Ed & Paulette Fleming

Liturgists:

Feb. 2	Kelly Mantle
Feb. 89	Bela Alguacil & Sam Rountree
Feb. 16	Jill Feig
Feb. 23	Scott Williams



February 2
Why We Gather: Servant Leadership
 Exodus 16: 2-15
 Matthew 20: 1-16

February 9
Why We Gather: Worship
 Isaiah 29: 13-16
 Mark 11: 12-24

February 16
Why We Gather: Relationships
 Psalm 148
 John 13: 21-38

February 23
Why We Gather: The Greater Church
 Psalm 19: 1-6
 1 Corinthians 12: 12-31

February 26 ASH WEDNESDAY
Tearing Down and Building Up
 Isaiah 58: 1-12
 2 Corinthians 5: 17-6: 2

YOUTH MINISTRY

UPCOMING EVENTS

- February 2 - Youth Super Bowl Party (Baker Residence)
February 9 - Lunch after Worship, then *Beauty & the Beast*
at Churchill H.S. (2:30pm)
February 16 - Youth Group (5-6:30pm)
February 23 - Youth Group (5-6:30pm)



**All youth are invited to the Baker's
house for a Super Bowl Party!**

Sunday, February 2, 5-7:30pm

**Please bring an appetizer, chips & dip
or a dessert.**

**Parents are welcome to stay
and enjoy the fun!**

Beauty and **the Beast**

Churchill High School

Sunday, Feb. 9, 2:30pm

*Come to the show and see our
own budding star!*





What does it mean to be a Christian in today's world? In the past, we may have seen a Christian as someone who goes to church, or perhaps a person who believes a certain set of ideas. In the reformed tradition we believe that being a Christian means being engaged in the world around us. Presbyterian theologian Karl Barth once said that the job of the Christian preacher is to stand with the Bible in one hand and the newspaper in the other. The PC(USA) is undergoing a new initiative called Vital Congregations that shows us how we can better stand with the world and our beliefs together. Our Sunday School classes are all looking at what this means at an individual level in terms of our relationships, our worship, and our role in the larger church. Each Sunday School class will still approach this from either Bible Study, current events, or by age. We hope you will join us at 9:00am this month for one of our many offerings.

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY CLASS

Cami Pace and Ed Fleming - FLC Conference Room

COFFEE & CONVERSATIONS

Pastor Reuben - CWNC

THE WIRED WORD

Saundra Davis and Valerie Williams - FLC Quilting Room

Forest Hills Book Club

February 9th at 2:30pm

Are you looking for a place to explore new books and exchange insights? Then make plans to join our book club! This month we are reading Educated by Tara Westover. We will meet on February 9th at 2:30 pm in the FLC conference room. Our book for March is The Only Woman in the Room by Marie Benedict. Our book for April is Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens.



Please join us for what promises to be a fun and entertaining book discussion!

Souper Bowl of Caring– Sunday, February 2

During the month of January, youth groups in Mission Presbytery were collecting canned goods for Souper Bowl of Caring. Each church youth group is competing to see who can collect the most and be crowned this year's winner!

Bring canned goods and other non-perishable foods with you to church Super Bowl Sunday, February 2, to support the food pantry at Forest Hills. Help our youth be the Souper Bowl Smackdown 2020 champions and help our neighbors in need!



Souper Bowl of Caring Luncheon - After worship on February 2 we will have our annual soup lunch, where we will have fun games and activities to get us ready for the big game later that day. We are asking folks to bring soups, breads and desserts. We will be awarding prizes to the top three soups and the best vegetarian soup. So, we encourage all who are interested to bring their greatest soup creations.



Help us Tackle Hunger in Our Community!

Every year the cluster of Presbyterian churches in the San Antonio area comes together and builds a house for Habitat for Humanity. This year will be the 25th! To celebrate we are offering t-shirts for \$10 each. All the proceeds will go to the build. The t-shirt order form is in the narthex or you can call the church office to place your order at (210) 695-3123.



Forest Hills is scheduled to provide lunch on Saturday, March 7 and help with the build on Saturday, March 14. If you can help on either of those days please let us know. They also need builders on other Saturdays from February 8th- April 4th. Contact the church office for more information.



Some Highlights of Christmas 2019 at Forest Hills



HELOTES AREA COMMUNITY BAND
CHRISTMAS CONCERT



11 YOUTH CONFIRMED



4 BAPTISMS



ANGEL TREE



HELOTES COWBOY
CHRISTMAS PARADE



PASTORAL SIGHTINGS



LADIES' LUNCH & ORNAMENT EXCHANGE



CHRISTMAS EVE
CANDLELIGHT
SERVICE



Moments from our Children's Christmas Pageant





Coming Soon

Sunday, March 1

Chili Cook-Off

Friday, March 6-

Saturday, March 7

Presbytery Meeting (Austin)

Saturday, March 7

Habitat Volunteer Lunch

Saturday, March 14

Habitat Build Day

Sunday, March 22

Youth Sunday

February 2020

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1
2 9:00am Sunday School All Ages 10:30am Worship 11:45am Souper Bowl of Luncheon 5:00pm Youth Super Bowl Party	3 2pm Pickleball	4 10:00am Prayer Ministry 6:30pm Fellowship & Church	5 8am Quilt Ministry 5pm Walking Group 6pm Music Ministry	6 2pm Pickleball 6:00pm Worship Com.	7 Office Closed 7am Men's Fellowship	8 9:30am Presbyterian Women 11:am Healthy Temple Ministries
9 9:00am Sunday School All Ages 10:30am Worship 11:45am Fellowship Time 12pm CE/Youth Committee 12pm Missions Committee Youth Group Lunch & Show	10 2pm Pickleball	11	12 8am Quilt Ministry 9:30am Mornings w/ Mommy 5pm Walking Group 6pm Music Ministry	13 9:30am Mornings w/ Mommy 2pm Pickleball 6:30pm Admin. Com.	14 Office Closed 7am Men's Fellowship	15
16 9:00am Sunday School All Ages 10:30am Worship 5:00pm Youth Group	17 2pm Pickleball	18 10:00am Prayer Ministry 11:00am Staff Meeting	19 8am Quilt Ministry 5pm Walking Group	20 11:30am Game Day 2pm Pickleball	21 Office Closed 7am Men's Fellowship	22
23 9:00am Sunday School All Ages 10:30am Worship 5:00pm Youth Group	24 2pm Pickleball	25	26 Ash Wednesday 8am Quilt Ministry 9:30am Mornings w/ Mommy 11:30am Ladies' Lunch 5pm Walking Group 6pm Music Ministry 7pm Ash Wednesday Service	27 9:30am Mornings w/ Mommy 2pm Pickleball	28 7am Men's Fellowship	29