



"The Grapevine" March 2022



Calendar Items:

**1st Sun. of Lent/ Communion Sunday/
Deacons Offering/ Fellowship Time**
Sun., March 6

"Feasting on the Word" Bible Study
Every Sun. during Lent @ 11:30am

Daylight Saving Time Begins – March 13

Grapevine Newsletter Deadline – March 15

Men's Breakfast (Four Corner's Restaurant)
Sat., March 19 @ 8am **(3rd Sat. of each mo.)**

Presbyterian Women Zoom Gathering
Thurs., March 24 @ 1pm

contact Sharon: ssmillercre@gmail.com

Presbyterian Foundation Day of Learning
Tues., March 29



UPCOMING EVENTS & DATES:

* **T.I.M Annual Dinner & Auction** @ St. Bernard's
Father Fleming Hall, April 10 @ 5pm, \$50/Person
For tickets: <https://app.donorview.com/9jbGz>

* **Justice Conference** @ Zephyr Point
Presbyterian Conference Center May 2- 4

* **Zephyr Point Family Camp:** August 7-12



Happy Birthday:

- 1- Onalee Koster
- 2- David Edwards
- 6- Daisy Hamilton
Lynda Mendoza
- 16- Robert Opie
Cheri Harries
- 18- Rick Hanson
- 21- Tricia Winkler
- 23- Shirley Gahm
- 28- Steven Payne
- 30- Char Bisbee
Justin Patterson

Happy Anniversary:

- 20- Carolyn & Larry Gamino



**DON'T FORGET TO "SPRING FORWARD",
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS SUN., MARCH 13**



SET YOUR CLOCKS 1 HOUR AHEAD

Pastor's Page:

Dear Brothers & Sisters of FPCT,

Thank you for your very warm and accepting spirit that you all have shown me these past three months! It is a joy and an honor to serve with you, fellowship with you, and to worship our Risen Lord with you!



Lent is the season of the church year in which we journey with Jesus to the triumphal entry into Jerusalem, share a meal, and have our feet washed, and are given a new commandment to love one another as Jesus loves each of us.. We then watch and realize that the Lord of the universe is among us and died on a wooden cross for the salvation of every human being! In Jesus death he bore the sins of all human creation upon His shoulders to reconcile us to our creator and given the gift of new life and freedom from the burden of our sin! Jesus was then buried in a borrowed tomb. He laid there for three days but on the third day He rose in glory and power to show us that death could not tie Him down. That death was defeated and conquered by the resurrection power! Christ Has Risen!! We no longer worship a dead savior but a risen Lord who is our Savior and Lord! Our lives are testimony to the love of God and the mighty power of Resurrection! This is the final result of our lives not death!

Lent is the season we go through in preparation for Jesus' death and resurrection. God so loved the world ...God gave all of us Jesus to dwell in our hearts for eternity! Blessings to each of you !

In Jesus' Love & Peace,

Pastor David

MARCH SCRIPTURES / SERMON TITLES

March 6: Deuteronomy 26: 1-11; Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4: 1-13 – *“Grace Under Pressure”*

March 13: Genesis 15:1-12, 17, 18; Philippians 3:17 – 4:1; Luke 13:31-35 – *“Longview – Long hall”*

March 20: Exodus 3:1-15; I Corinthians 10: 1-13; Luke 13:1-9 – *“Jesus Loves Us As We Are and More”*

March 27: Joshua 5: 9-12; II Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 – *“Ambassadors for Christ- Agents of Reconciliation”*

During Lent:

1) We will spend time each day in focused prayer. 2) We will join or participate in a Bible Study here in our church community. 3) We will commit to giving our time to benefit the wider community. 4) We will forgive those who have wronged us. 5) We will seek forgiveness from those whom we have wronged.

Committee Updates....



BUILDING & GROUNDS:

The battery pack (Black & Decker) for the weed whacker is missing, so if anyone knows where that is, please contact David Flanigan. Also, we had some roof repairs that we didn't anticipate, therefore weren't budgeted for, so if anyone would like to help donate to the roof or future B & G repairs, it would be greatly appreciated. Make sure to place your donation in a **pink** building fund envelope or write "B & G" in the **memo**. Thank you for your support.

- **David Flanigan, Chair**

FELLOWSHIP:

We will be starting fellowship again in Grant Hall beginning, Sunday, March 6th after worship. If anyone is interested in joining the Fellowship Committee or bringing goodies, please contact Reiko by text or email.

- **Reiko Flanigan, Chair**



FINANCE:

The Budget for 2022 was completed by last year's Finance Committee, presented to last year's Session in December, and approved according to our by-laws. I would like to thank the Finance Committee of 2021: Shirley Gahm, Paul McCormick, Pat Brandes, and Jeanne Weisenberger for their service. My feelings about budget is that they are not based on faith, but on facts...and history of how people handle their giving and projected costs. Budgets are not written in stone, and they will be amended if need be. Budgets are our guidelines to how well we are doing.

If anyone has questions about the budget, I am here to help you understand. I am excited about this year's Finance Committee: Vice-Chair, Lynda Mendoza, Financial Secretary, Shirley Gahm, Bob Opie, Jeanne Weisenberger, Pastor David Hill, advisor, and myself as Chair. Thank-you all for accepting my invite to join this committee!

- **Roy Patterson, Chair**



“Session Activities”

At its meeting on February 15th, the Session received the letters of resignation from four currently serving officers, three Session members and one Deacon.

Dale and Pat Brandes both resigned from Session, and Pat resigned from serving as Church Treasurer as well. The Brandes joined the congregation in 1997, and it was with deep regret that Session accepted their resignation. In addition to being ordained as Ruling Elders, both are ordained as Deacons. Each year our church’s Presbyterian Women group awards an Honorary Life Membership to someone in the congregation. Pat has been honored, and so has Dale, one of only a very few men to be so recognized. The Brandes have been leading the Youth Group for several years and have been instrumental in the church’s involvement in Tracy’s Feed the Hungry program. With all they have done over the years their resignation will be deeply felt. Mitra and Manuel Juarez joined the congregation in June of 2020 and quickly became involved. In November of 2020 Mitra became a member of Session and Manuel a Deacon. It is with regret that Session accepted the resignations of Pat, Dale, Mitra, and Manuel. They go with our prayers and best wishes as they follow where Christ is leading them.

Sunday, February 27th, is the date that will see the congregation beginning to emerge from the grips of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Christian Education Committee plans to start an adult and youth Sunday School. The curriculum will be, “*Feasting on the Word*”, and will be a discussion exploring the themes presented in that day’s sermon. The Sunday School will meet in the Agnes Lea Lounge shortly after the conclusion of the worship service.

During the worship service on February 27th will be a service of ordination and installation of officers that have been elected to ordered ministry (Ruling Elder or Deacon) but have not yet been ordained or installed to the current term of office.

The Session considered two proposals for repairs to sections of the church roof and voted to accepted one with a not-to -exceed limit of \$7,000.00. Postponing the repair is not an option. If anyone would be willing to support this work, contributions in any amount would be welcome.

“Deacons Update”

New Deacons have been elected and installed. Along with the returning Deacons, we are excited to help the people in the congregation and in the community. Current Deacons: Sandi

Clarke, Lynda McCormick, Bonny McCreary, Colleen Colenso, Marie Patterson, Sandra Devos, Marietta McLellan, Darline Pineda, Nancy Rusch, Lem and Micaela Vergara. Lynda and Bonny are Co-Moderators. If you have any needs, please contact one of the Deacons, Pastor David Hill revdhill49@yahoo.com, or the church office 209-835-32

Treasurer's Report

| GENERAL FUND | <u>January 2022</u> | <u>To Date</u> | <u>Balance</u> |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Balance Fwd | | \$ 676.16 | |
| Matching Challenge | | \$35,000.00 | |
| Monthly Income | \$ 10,472.36 | \$10,472.36 | |
| Monthly expenses | \$ 10,906.53 | \$10,906.53 | |
| Balance | | | \$35,241.99 |
| Special Fund | | | \$14,014.25 |
| IN-and-OUT | | | \$10,844.51 |
| Memorial Fund | | | |
| Undesignated | | \$ 5,775.00 | |
| Designated | \$12,747.90 | | |
| Balance | | | \$18,522.90 |
| Synod Savings Account | | | |
| Youth Reserve | | \$1,097.47 | |
| Demand Account | | \$144,251.82 | |
| Julia Stutervant Fund | | \$5,502.59 | |
| Balance | | | \$ 150,851.88 |