

Our Daily Bread

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF
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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Easter is just around the corner. Our time of preparation is almost over. Living in a world of uncertainty it is often hard to find times of quiet to reflect upon the sacrifice of Jesus. But that is what we are called to do during Lent.

Together, we experience Jesus' last days on earth. On Palm Sunday, we see His triumphant entry into Jerusalem. And on Easter, we celebrate the risen, living Christ.

We need to take time out of our busy lives to really contemplate the gift of Jesus' resurrection. For us, God sent His only son. And for us Jesus lived, died, and rose victorious to live again forever. Through Christ's life, death and resurrection we too have eternal life.

Even as we live in uncertain times we have the certainty of life eternal with our God. There can be no greater gift.

He is risen!

Janet

STATED SESSION MEETING

Our next Stated Session Meeting is scheduled for May 4, 2025 at 12:15 p.m. in the Rainbow Room. Ivan Yuhanna is going to lead the devotional and opening prayer. If you cannot make it, please let Lori Gast know – (214) 218-7784.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

I am acknowledging those of you who participate in the Worship Service each month. We would love to have everyone who worships here be a part of the Worship Service. Talk to Heidi Yuhanna or Pat Nash if you would like to volunteer for a specific task, or just sign up on the sheets across from the sanctuary kitchen.

Special thanks in February go to:

1. The liturgist –Pat Nash
2. The greeters – Elizabeth Price and Lori Gast
3. Those who brought snacks for after worship –Pat Nash, Elizabeth Price, Steve and Alice Anne Perry
4. Lori Gast for being the Gatekeeper
5. Lori Gast for filling the candles with oil
6. The after worship refreshment time is hosted by Church Life with help from Steve Perry and Pat Nash
7. Pat Nash for preparing the communion
8. William Boyanton for helping clear off the communion table and taking the dirty dishes to the kitchen.
9. Elders serving communion: Pat Nash and Lori Gast
10. The Ushers –Ivan Yuhanna, Okoro Kalu and Thomas Boyanton
11. Heidi Yuhanna for our music, and for leading the choir for our Anthems
12. William Boyanton for being the acolyte

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our leaders, our Presbytery, our church, the Session, our troops, Lorrinda and Joe Alexander, Makia and Mireille Epie, Martha Brashear, Thomas Alexander, the church and nation of Ukraine, Makia's people in Cameroon, DeSoto Food Pantry, the natural disasters that just keep coming – prayers for the people affected by them, immigrants at the borders, travel mercies for all our members traveling. Chikezie is very weak, Christians in Pakistan, prayers for those who are hungry, Janet Boyanton, Joan Christy, Lorrinda Alexander, Eliana Grace, Doris Potteet (Devynne's grandmother) had a heart attack during surgery and has a very long recovery, Pope Frances is very ill, all those in our congregation who are ill, Makia just came back from Cameroon please pray for Richard Johnson, Debby Thornton is in rehab and she fell and broke her elbow, Cheryl Fernandez is going through chemo and is not doing well, Cori Laws is doing better but still not well yet.

CELEBRATIONS

Elizabeth celebrated her 97th birthday, and Joan Christy celebrated her 95th birthday, Mike and Jo Keffer surprised Joan and visited from El Paso, Benny Yuhanna celebrated his 23 birthday, Joan Christy is out of the hospital and is back at Five Points.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

April 5 Nathan Alexander
April 10 Tiffany Kalu
April 11 Alice Anne Perry
April 11 Duke Burgess
April 17 Steve Perry

TREASURER'S REPORT

The following is the new treasurer's report.

February

Bank balance	\$29,503
Expenses	\$5,918
Dedicated Funds	\$9,851
Available Funds	\$19,652

Plus there are investments totaling \$80,439 not immediately available to us and are volatile. The figure to hang our hats on is the **available funds**.

Please continue to support the church with the 3 T's – Time, Talent, and Treasure. Thank you,
Respectfully submitted,
Lori Gast, Treasurer.

SIGN UP SHEET FOR EASTER LILIES

There is a sign-up sheet for Easter Lilies in the Opportunity Corner. The last day to sign-up for them will be on Palm Sunday, April 13th.

EASTER LUNCH

We are going to have a Pot-Luck Easter Luncheon on April 20th following the worship service. We understand some of you will be celebrating Easter with your families, but for those who don't have prior commitments, we would love to have you join us. Bring a dish to share, and let's celebrate this glorious day together.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 10:30 AM Tuesday Morning Group FIA Planning meeting	2	3	4	5
6 10:30 AM Bible Study 11:00 AM Worship Service w/ communion	7	8 10:30 AM Tuesday Morning Group Write Easter Cards	9	10 10:00 AM Art Group	11	12
13 10:30 AM Bible Study 11:00 AM Worship Service Palm Sunday	14	15 10:30 AM Tuesday Morning Group Bible Study Lesson 3	16	17 10:00 AM Art Group Maundy Thursday	18 Good Friday	19
20 10:30 AM Bible Study 11:00 AM Worship Service Easter Sunday	21	22 10:30 AM Tuesday Morning Group No Meeting	23	24 10:00 AM Art Group	25	26
27 10:30 AM Bible Study 11:00 AM Worship Service	28	29 10:30 AM Tuesday Morning Group Take down Easter decorations and put up Patriotic decorations	30			