

Presbyterian Trumpet



February 2018



February 14th is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Season of Lent. Originally the word Lent came from the Anglo-Saxon word “Lengten”, which means “Spring” the time of year when the daylight begins to lengthen and the darkness begins to shorten. The Season of Lent addresses the reality of our broken humanity and recognition that the world is not as it should be. The lengthening of the days points us to the end of the story – Easter Sunday, and the restoration of all creation.

This year our Scripture for Ash Wednesday will be Mark 9.14-29 and focus on verse 29 “This kind can come out only through prayer.” We will once again have the imposition of ashes and Communion shared by Intinction. The service will be at 7:00 P.M. in the Sanctuary and I hope to see you there!



Sunday Coffee with Pastor Dave – Adult Sunday School at 9:00 A.M. in Karrick Hall

The Season of Lent in recent years has become overly focused on our self-denial of “things” and less about the examination of self and returning prayer to the heart of our everyday lives.

With Ash Wednesday reflecting on Jesus casting the evil spirit out of the boy through prayer, I thought it would be good to look at “prayer” as our Lenten theme for Sunday Coffee with Pastor Dave.

So, we will be following Tim Keller and David Bisgrove as they examine prayer as it relates to “Confession, Seeking, Thirst, Rest, World, King and Security.” We will begin on February 18th the first Sunday in Lent and end on Easter morning, April 1st.

Blessings, and see you on the 18th and bring a friend! Pastor Dave



The **Evening Angels Circle** will meet on **Monday, February 5th**, at the **First Presbyterian Church** at 6:30 P. M. Carol Willmann will be leading the lesson.

The **Ethel Circle and Faith Circle** will meet jointly on **Tuesday, February 6th**, at the **First Presbyterian Church**. **Patty Grones** will be the hostess and **Diane Paterson** will lead the lesson.

Tuesday, February 27th – **PW Council meeting** will meet at **9:30 A.M.** in the **FPC choir room**.



First Presbyterian Church Address Change

Effective Friday, February 2, 2018, our new mail box address will be 1121 East Walnut Street, Seguin, Texas 78155. We will physically move our mailbox from the parking lot around to East Walnut.

Our Post Office Box 870, Seguin, Texas 78156 will remain the same. If you are mailing checks to the church, we recommend you mail them to the post office box. It's more secure. Finally, if you want to know how we came up with 1121 East Walnut Street, check out Acts 11:21.



Souper Bowl of Caring

It will be held on Sunday, February 4th. More than 25 years ago, Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group: *“Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat.”* Since that day, more than \$100 million has been raised for local charities across the country through Souper Bowl of Caring.

During the Souper Bowl of Caring, we will be collecting money immediately following the worship service. The money raised will be donated to the Christian Cupboard, which is in great need of donations at this time. There will be two large soup pots (**Philadelphia Eagles and New England Patriots**) so you can donate to the team you think will win Super Bowl LII. Hopefully, the team who collects the most money will also be the winner.

Continuing the Souper Bowl theme, join your fellow church members for a cup(s) of soup and some fun Trivia time during fellowship after the worship service in Karrick Hall. The soup will be available for a free will donation of can(s) of soup or money. This will be combined with the other money collected to help the Christian Cupboard.

We will need volunteers to make soup for the gathering. Please sign up in Karrick Hall if you are able to make a pot of soup. Also, please sign up if you will be eating with us so we will know how much soup to make. We hope to see you there!

Thank you, Fellowship Committee



IN NEED
OF PRAYER

Meet to Pray

Please join us on Tuesday, February 6th, at 11:00 A.M. in the FPC Blue Room as well as praying daily. Pray for the Holy Spirit’s guidance for what God expects of us as a congregation. Pray for our homebound members – Al Berry, Carrie Davenport, and Sue Guenther. Pray for our nursing/rehabilitation facility member – Doris Hammock at Windsor Nursing. Pray for our members – Esther Cuellar, Melanie Wright, Jim Tuten, Landa King, Dustin Hegwer, Allison Williamson (Tome & Claire Walters daughter), and f Linden Williamson (Tome & Claire Walters granddaughter), or healing graces and continued recovery. Remember Doris Rodgers in pray who whose husband, Curtis, died recently and Tom Wright whose wife, Joyce, died recently. Pray for missionaries in Zambia: Liezl and Arthur Pienaar, Charles and Melissa Johnson, Rev. Dr. Dustin and Sherri Ellington. Pray for Rev. Lovemore Nyirenda. Pray for God’s guidance for Christian work in Zambia.



January 13, 2018 - Session Retreat

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church, Seguin, Texas met on Saturday, January 21, 2017, at 8:30. The Clerk of Session is to be determined later. Tome Walters was elected as the Treasurer. The assistant treasurer is to be determined later. The Session reviewed and discussed committee selections, had communion, were dismissed with prayer.

Committees Chairs were assigned as follows:

Administration & Personnel: Gail Streun (Liz Taft, Jennifer Wilson)

Building & Grounds: Tome Walters (Aubry Foster, Mike Taft, Dan Willmann, Bradley Ware)

Christian Education: Elizabeth Anderson (Liz Taft, Lorrell Wright)

Fellowship: Rochelle Carter (Liz Taft, Bettye Tuten, Sue Bierman)mm,**Mission:** Melanie Wright

Nominating: Rochelle Carter, Lloyd Wilson, (Claire Walters, Mel Grones, Lorrell Wright)

Outreach: Callan Carter (Travis Anderson, Sue Bierman, Mel Grones)

Stewardship: Callan Carter

Worship: Carol Willmann (Lindsay Ackels, Cristina Castro, Mildred Finch, Melanie Wright, Liz Taft)



January 21, 2018 – Stated Meeting of the Session

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church, Seguin, Texas met for its regular monthly meeting on Sunday, January 21, 2018, at 12:00 noon in the choir room. The Moderator, the Reverend David V. Dierksen, declared a quorum present and opened the meeting with prayer.

Elders present: Elizabeth Anderson, Rochelle Carter, Carol Willmann, Melanie Wright, Lloyd Wilson, Gail Streun and William Dwyer. Excused absences: Callan Carter.

Item approved by Session:

- William Dwyer made a motion, seconded by Elizabeth Anderson to have Session agree that Building and Grounds will not exceed the amount of \$22,000 when purchasing the digital sign, building the stand, obtaining city permits, and installing utilities. Currently \$15,000 is allocated from private donations and the remainder will come from the Building Fund. Session approved the motion.

Pastor's Report:

- Please make sure to thank Jennifer Wilson, Sue Bierman and Tome Walters for their service to the Lord.
- A concern to be shared is the job of finding a replacement for Clerk and Treasurer and for volunteers in general.
- Joys for the beginning of 2018 and the Strategy Team ideas to start work on the sign and reading program.

Christian Education – Elizabeth reported:

- Lorrell Wright has accepted the position of Youth/Young Adult leader.
- The Youth are participating in Mid-Winters at Mo-Ranch on January 19th – 21st.
- Claire Walters has been working with the preschool and elementary children to host a children's choir. They performed in church on Sunday, January 21, 2018.
- Need to find time to meet to discuss the Strategy Teams proposals.
- Adult Sunday school: Tim Keller's video series on Lent. •Following the video series Paul Jamison will then lead the Adult Sunday school lesson on Ruth.

The report was received by common consent.

The next session meeting will be February 18, 2018 at 12:00 Noon.



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- Adult Sunday School: Tim Keller's video series on Lent.
- Following the video series Paul Jamison will then lead the Adult Sunday school lesson on Ruth.
- **Anyone wishing to help out on the Christian Education committee to implement the two reading program proposals by the Strategy Teams please contact Elizabeth Anderson: 830-660-7822 or tcovs2006@gmail.com**



Administration/Personnel Committee

The Administration/Personnel team consisting of Gail Streun (Chair), Liz Taft, and Jennifer Wilson, will meet February 13th at 3:00 P. M. at the church. The Team will review its progress and plans to achieve our goals for the year.



Worship Committee

The Worship Committee is gearing up for the Easter activities and would like to invite you to join our little group. We are in need of your service and ideas! We meet the fourth Sunday of each month.

Easter Events schedule:

- February 14 – ASH WEDNESDAY (Blessing of ashes and communion) at the 7:00 P.M. service
- February 18 – 1st Sunday in Lent
- March 25 – PALM SUNDAY - HOLY WEEK
- March 29 – MAUNDY THURSDAY at the 7:00 P.M. service
- March 30 – GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE and breakfast at the 7:00 A.M.
- April 1 – EASTER (Please observe silence when entering the sanctuary.)

Please sign up in Karrick Hall to greet, usher, or to serve communion.

Gratefully, your Worship Team "Serving God by serving others".

Christian Cupboard and Family Violence Shelter



We are still asking for monthly donations to the Christian Cupboard and the Family Violence Shelter. Suggested donations for the Christian Cupboard are nonperishable foods (particularly oatmeal, dried beans, jelly, and ramen noodles), checks, cash, empty egg cartons, and empty plastic bags. You may bring donations any time, but the first Sunday is our big push to help the Christian Cupboard meet their demands. The Family Violence Shelter can always use our help with cleaning supplies, personal hygiene items, paper towels, anything women and children might need if they leave their home in a hurry. Please look for the tubs to place your items in the narthex or the hallway next to Karrick Hall. Your donations are always appreciated.



...Our thoughts and prayers are with our homebound parishioners: **Sue Guenther and Tom Stevenson** and our nursing/rehabilitation resident, **Doris Hammock**, at Windsor Nursing and Rehabilitation who is still recovering from a bad fall.

...Our thoughts and prayers are with **Mary Ann Koebig, Sue Bierman, Esther Cuellar, Landa King, Cloma Dodd, Paul Jamison, Ron Colunga, Lloyd Wilson, Carol Willmann, Jim Tuten, Al Berry, Dustin Hegwer, Carrie Davenport, Kristin Mueller, Sharon Durbin, Rochelle Carter, Linden Williamson, Doris Rodgers, Katherine Hughes, and Peggy Gossett** for healing graces.

...Our thoughts and prayers are with **Lloyd Wilson** who is recovering from knee surgery and **Afton Carter** who is recovering after his motorcycle accident.

...Our thoughts and prayers are with **Mike DeLeon and Tom Wright** after the loss of their beloved spouses.

...Our thoughts and prayers **Dan Willmann** for his upcoming surgery on January 29th and **Melanie Wright** for her upcoming surgery on February 7th.

...Our thoughts and prayers are with all members of our church family who are having health difficulties.



Hello everyone and thank you again for volunteering to be a liturgist and helping to lead worship. Here is the scheduled Sundays. Again, if it's a problem, you can switch with someone else, just let Viola know for the bulletin... Blessings, Dave

Lay Leaders for February 4 thru April 8, 2018

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| Melanie Wright – 2/4/2018 | Bob Sebesta – 3/11/2018 |
| Katie McLean – 2/11/2018 | Robin Dwyer – 3/18/2018 |
| Travis Anderson – 2/18/2018 | Claribel Sebesta – 3/25/2018 |
| David Cook – 2/25/2018 | Rochelle Carter – 4/1/2018 |
| Paul Jamison – 3/4/2018 | Claire Walters – 4/8/2018 |