



Celtic Cross

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Dear FPC Denton Church Family,

Our Lenten devotional this year is "The Joy of Salvation". It does have inspirational quotes from the writings of Henri J. M. Nouwen. I found this particular devotional to be very relevant---and I hope you do as well. One reading lifts up this thought: "Sometimes our seemingly ordinary lives, and our place in God's plans, seem insignificant. You may not recognize the unique and important ways that you have been a blessing for the faith and life of others through the years. But God knows. And that's all that matters. As you continue to let the Word of Christ fill your heart and mind and life with the riches of his grace, the Holy Spirit will help you realize that your seemingly ordinary life is, in fact, a sacred life that is playing a necessary and important role in the fulfillment of God's plans and promises." Words to ponder!

May your walk with God in Christ be a blessed one—not only in this season---but always!

Blessings!
Debbie

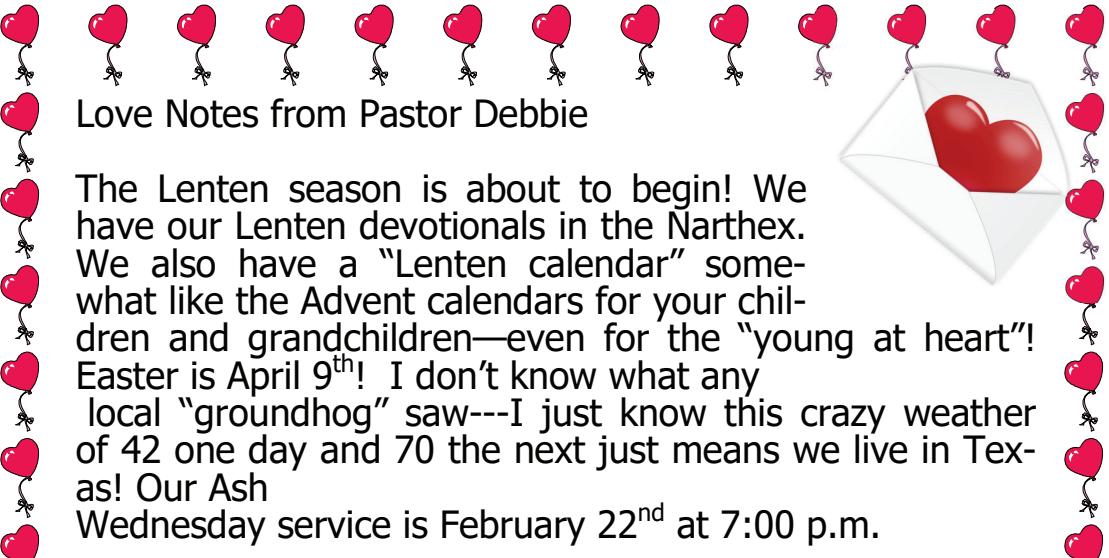


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Daylight Savings Time Begins
Sunday March 12th





Love Notes from Pastor Debbie

The Lenten season is about to begin! We have our Lenten devotionals in the Narthex. We also have a "Lenten calendar" somewhat like the Advent calendars for your children and grandchildren—even for the "young at heart"! Easter is April 9th! I don't know what any local "groundhog" saw---I just know this crazy weather of 42 one day and 70 the next just means we live in Texas! Our Ash Wednesday service is February 22nd at 7:00 p.m.

Here are the readings for March:

March 5, 2023: 2nd Sunday in Lent. COMMUNION. Psalm 121, Genesis 12: 1-4a, John 3: 1-17, Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17. Sermon Title: "Faith, Part 1" Theme: Faith. Texts: Psalm 121, Genesis 12, John 3, Romans 4.

March 12, 2023: 3rd Sunday in Lent. Psalm 95, Exodus 17: 1-7, John 4: 5-42, Romans 5: 1-11. Sermon Title: "Faith, Part 2" Theme: Faith. Texts: Exodus 17, John 4.

March 19, 2023: 4th Sunday in Lent. Psalm 23, 1 Samuel 16: 1-13, John 9: 1-41, Ephesians 5: 8-14. Sermon Title: "The 23rd Psalm" Theme: Healing Text: Psalm 23.

March 26, 2023: 5th Sunday in Lent. Psalm 130, Ezekiel 37: 1-14, John 11: 1-45, Romans 8: 6-11. Sermon Title: "Is There Life?" Theme: New Life. Texts: Ezekiel 37, John 11, Romans 8.

Notes from the Mission Committee

This has been another busy month for the mission committee!

The shopping bags which will serve as an outreach tool for F.P.C. have been designed and are ready to be ordered. Before long, you will be able to purchase yours.

The Little Food Pantry remains a busy place, with many people receiving and donating food supplies. Contributions are always needed. I have received countless words of thanks from those using the pantry. We will now be placing bibles in the pantry. Those bibles that have been placed have been selected by people using the pantry. We will continue to provide diapers when we have them available. Large packages are divided into smaller ones. Diapers and other baby supplies can be placed on the bottom shelf of the pantry.

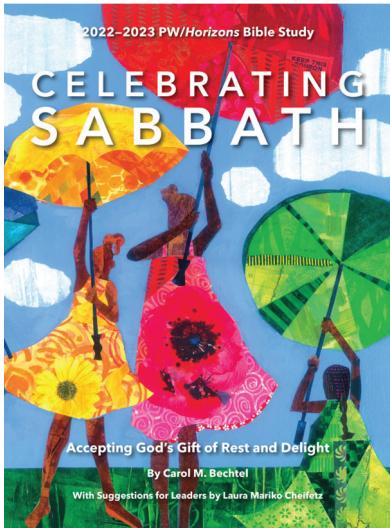


The Little Free Pantry has suffered repeated damage- some from weather and general use, and some from abuse. We will research other pantry locations to see what they are doing to assist with this problem.

Direction 61:3 (formerly Zoie's Place) has opened a home for former foster children in Denton. They will be having a fundraiser soon. Direction 61:3 is one of the agencies supported by First Presbyterian Church.

Many thanks for your contributions and continued support of the projects of the mission committee.

Judy Royal



Women of the Church

On Tuesday, March 7 2023

Celebrating the Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight, at 10:30 AM in the Conference Room at the church.

Lesson: Seven

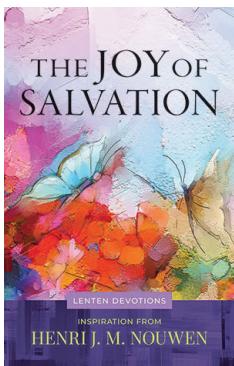
Sabbath and Self-Care

Luke 13: 10-21

Leader:

Carol Nance

In preparation of Lent. *The Joy of Salvation* by Henri Nouwen devotional is available in the Narthex along with 40 Days and 40 Nights activity book.



February 22nd Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00 PM—
Imposition of Ashes

1st Sunday in Lent—February 26th

Palm Sunday—April 2nd

Maundy Thursday—April 6th Service at 7:00 PM

Good Friday—April 7th Service at Noon

Easter—April 9th two services—

Early at 9:00 AM then traditional at 11:AM

March 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Bible Study and Prayer 10:00 AM	2	3	4
5 Disciples Class 9:30 AM Worship 11 AM Birthday: Larry Harber- son 	6	7 Women of the Church 10:00 AM	8 Birthday: Linn Welborn Bible Study and Prayer 10:00 AM	9	10 Birthday: Chandler Hall	11
12 Disciples Class 9:30 AM Worship 11 AM Mission 12:15 PM 	13	14	15 Birthday: Kimberly Tate Bible Study and Prayer 10:00 AM	16	17 	18 Birthday: Morgan Minear
19 Disciples Class 9:30 AM Worship 11 AM Birthday: Hal Reed	20	21 Birthday: Martha Meeks Session 7 PM	22 Bible Study and Prayer 10:00 AM	23	24 Birthday: Kaitlyn White	25 Birthday: Keely Briggs
26 Disciples Class 9:30 AM Deacons 10:30 AM Worship 11 AM Celtic Cross Deadline Birthday: William Briggs	27	28	29 Bible Study and Prayer 10:00 AM	30	31	



thank you!

Souper Bowl of Caring—\$86.89 in monetary contributions and, 112 soup cans plus everyone favorite 36 boxes of Mac & Cheese.

The next *Celtic Cross* deadline is March 26. Send your news and articles to newsletter@fpcdenton.org. Please call if you have questions or need to make sure an article gets published.

The **Disciples Class** helps members grow in faith and become better disciples of Christ in their everyday lives. We are currently studying "Meeting Jesus," a thirteen lesson study, using the Life Guide Bible Study series. Study Guides will be available. Classes meet every Sunday morning from 9:30 AM until 10:30 AM. (Conference Room)

Session

Class of 2023	Class of 2024	Class of 2025
Jim Welborn	Terry Nobles (T)	Beverly Hoch
Larry Harberson (T)	Vacant	Carol Nance (T)

Diaconate

Carolyn Smith	Linn Welborn	Marlene Nobles (M)
(T) Trustee	Diana Shenberger	(M) Moderator

In the Kitchen

In 2002, Presbyterian Women at First Presbyterian Church published the revised edition of "In the Kitchen," their favorite recipes. The first edition was published in 1993. The ladies of the church, and some men, provided their favorite recipes.

I hope you enjoy looking back at these glimpses of times past.

Eileen Wilson's Glazed Lemon Bread (page 181)

$\frac{1}{2}$	c. butter, melted
$1\frac{1}{4}$	c. sugar
2	eggs
$\frac{1}{4}$	tsp. almond extract
$1\frac{1}{2}$	c. flour
1	tsp. baking powder
$\frac{1}{2}$	tsp. salt
$\frac{1}{2}$	c. milk
1	Tbsp. grated lemon peel
$\frac{1}{2}$	c. chopped nuts
3	Tbsp. fresh lemon juice



Bled well the butter and 1 c. sugar. Beat in eggs (one at a time). Add lemon extract. Sift together dry ingredients; add to egg mixture alternately with milk. Blend just enough to mix. Fold in peel and nuts. Turn into a greased $8\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{2}$ inch ovenproof glass loaf pan. Bake in a slow oven at 325° about 70 minutes or until loaf tests done in center.

Mix lemon juice and other $\frac{1}{4}$ c. sugar. Pour over hot loaf. Cool 10 minutes. Remove from pan; cool on rack. Do not cut for 24 hours.

Alyce Specht

Households for Prayer

Let us continue to uphold our households in prayer with these members for

March 2023

Irene Rodriguez
Terry Ronning
Judy Royal
Tim Sanchez
B.K. Schlesinger
Diana and Ron Shenberger
Carolyn and Steve Smith
Debbie Spangler

Committee Meetings

Mission Meeting
March 12
12:15 PM

Session
March 21
7:00 PM

Deacons
March 26
10:30 AM

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FPC Presbyterian Women: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/PWDentonFPC/>

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Prayer Concerns

Health Concerns: Gerald B, Helen B, Lynda E, Gene F, Pat H, Louise K, Pat M., Don R, Pat R, Diana S, Michael S, Price and Margaret B, Brenda C, Sam C, Mike C, Sherman C, Connie D, Bob I, Kathy K, Sandy L, Jackie S, Tammy S, Ann S, Robin and Alana, Annemarie V., Lydia W, Craig White

Sympathy Family of Nadine Hoch

Safety DCP Children, military personnel and first responders

March Birthdays

- 5 Larry Harberson
- 8 Linn Welborn
- 10 Chandler Hall
- 15 Kimberly Tate
- 18 Morgan Minear
- 19 Hal Reed
- 21 Martha Meeks
- 24 Kaitlyn White
- 25 Keely Briggs
- 26 William Briggs



Anniversaries

No Anniversaries



Communion—
Sunday
March 5th



Daylight Savings
Time Begins
Sunday March 12th

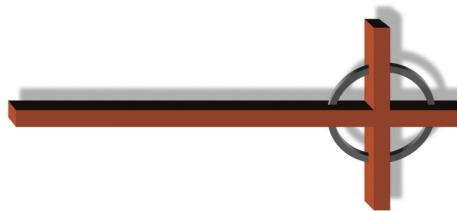
Bible Readings March 2023

- 1 John 2:23–3:15
- 2 John 3:16–21
- 3 John 3:22–36
- 4 John 4:1–26
- 5 Mark 3:31–4:9
- 6 John 4:27–42
- 7 John 4:43–54
- 8 John 5:1–18
- 9 John 5:19–29
- 10 John 5:30–47
- 11 John 7:1–13
- 12 Mark 5:1–20
- 13 John 7:14–36
- 14 John 7:37–52
- 15 John 8:12–20
- 16 John 8:21–32
- 17 John 8:33–47
- 18 John 8:47–59
- 19 Mark 8:11–21
- 20 John 6:1–15
- 21 John 6:16–27
- 22 John 6:27–40
- 23 John 6:41–51
- 24 John 6:52–59
- 25 John 6:60–71
- 26 Mark 8:31–9:1
- 27 John 9:1–17
- 28 John 9:18–41
- 29 John 10:1–18
- 30 John 10:19–42
- 31 John 11:1–27

Source: PC(USA) Common
Lectionary

Aerobics
Monday, Wednesday, Friday
Erwin Hall - 8:30 am

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