

Celtic Cross

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Dear FPC Denton Church Family,

If you include scientific words, there are over one million words in the English language. The average person knows about twenty thousand words and speaks about sixteen thousand words a day. Your words matter. However, what matters most is not the number of words you speak but the kind of words you choose and the purpose for which you use them. The apostle James tells us that although “the tongue is a small part of the body” it is extremely powerful (James 3: 5). Each day you have the great potential: either to destroy or to build.

I’ve been seeing a “trend” on Facebook lately that reminds me of James’ words—and they do apply to the written word—because Facebook is “dialogue”. If one person posts that they like what a politician does, others will “blast” their opposing views. Now, stating opposing views is acceptable. The language used should be polite and to the point, not derogatory or abusive. If a celebrity posts a political view you don’t like, you have the choice to scroll on past. When a well-known personality dies, it is not the time to publically bash the person or that person’s career. This kind of speech has been escalating of late.....and as James pointed out---the tongue (even written speech) is extremely powerful and has the potential to destroy or to build. There are times when I agree with one of my church family: “Facebook and any social media is the tool of the Devil.” Used in the wrong way, it surely can be!

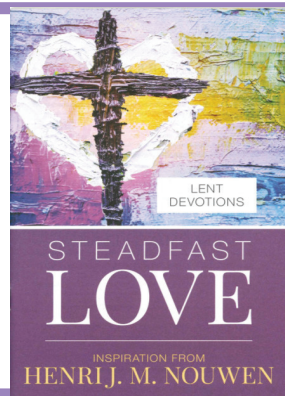
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Lent started with Ash Wednesday
on February 17, 2021

Thank you Worship committee for
mailing out the Ash Wednesday-
Liturgy and the Lent Devotions.
Please let the office know if you did not get your
copy.



Love Notes from Pastor Debbie



Wow! By God's provision we have survived the SNOWPACALYPSE OF 2021! I called everyone that I could reach and it seems that everyone has fared okay. Ash Wednesday came and went with the best I could do with an online service. Thanks to Beverly and Mike, you all received the bulletin along with your Lenten devotionals and some ashes to do your own service. Palm Sunday is the last Sunday of March so you can guess that Easter will be here soon! Have a great month!

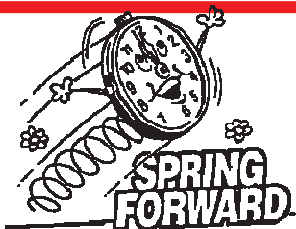
Here are the readings for March:

March 7: 3rd Sunday of Lent/Communion, Readings: Exodus 20: 1-17; Psalm 19; **John 2: 13-22**; 1 Corinthians 1: 18-25. Sermon Title: "Destroy and Build Up".

March 14: 4th Sunday of Lent, Readings: Number 21: 4-9; Psalm 107: 1-3, 17-22; John 3: 14-21; **Ephesians 2: 1-10**. Sermon Title: "The Gift of God".

March 21: 5th Sunday of Lent, Readings: Psalm 51: 1-12; Jeremiah 31: 31-34; **John 12: 20-33**; Hebrews 5: 5-10. Sermon Title: "A Grain of Wheat". Nicene Creed.

March 28: Palm/Passion Sunday, Readings: Palm Readings: **Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29; Mark 11: 1-11**. Passion Readings: Psalm 31: 9-16; Isaiah 50: 4-9a; Mark 14: 1-15: 47; **Philippians 2: 5-11**. Palm Sermon Title: "The One Who Comes". Passion Sermon Title: "Humble and Obedient".



2 AM Sunday Morning
for March 14th 2021

Denton Christian Preschool

488 CANS!!

At least 25 cans per student.

Thank You, Lord.

You are Mm-Mm-Good!!!






20 boxes ready to deliver but wait 19 little ones what to do with #20?.....



God goes before us!
 there was one "extra" box. #20.
 I stopped by the office to remind them of it and to use it however they saw fit. I did not notice a sweet little girl sitting quietly waiting for her ride home. Alicia said: Miss Beverly, this is Elana, she just started today so that is her box. ☐thank you God!!

Thank you!

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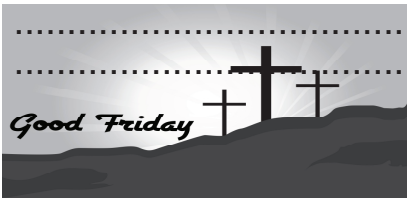
| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|--|------------------|---|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 Birthday: Larry Harberson | 6 |
| 7 Worship 11 AM Lent 3  | 8 Birthday: Jim Nance and Linn Welborn | 9 Session 7PM | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14  Worship 11 AM Lent 4 | 15 Birthday: Kimberly Tate | 16 | 17  | 18 | 19 Birthday: Hal Reed | 20 Birthday: Bob Norton |
| 21 Worship 11 AM Lent 5 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 Birthday: Keely Briggs | 26 Birthday: William Briggs | 27 |
| 28 Deacons 10:30 AM Worship 11 AM Palm Sunday <i>Celtic Cross</i> Deadline | 29 | 3- | 31 | 1 Maundy Thursday Worship 7 PM | 2 Good Friday Worship 12 Noon | |

Holy Week



Palm Sunday— March 28th

Maundy Thursday
Communion, April 1st



.....April 2nd

Good Friday Service noon

April 3rd (Saturday)
Prayer Vigil 8 AM—5 PM

Come to the sanctuary to pray and meditate on the day before Easter.

April 4th
Easter Service 11:00



Class of 2020
Larry Harberson (T)

T= Trustee

Session
Class of 2021
Terry Nobles (T)
Valorie Frederico

Diaconate 2021
Pam Asher (Moderator)

Class of 2022
Beverly Hoch
Carol Nance (T)

Diaconate 2022
Carolyn Smith
Marlene Nobles

2020-2021 Horizons Bible Study

Into the Light Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament

<https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/IntoTheLight-flier.pdf>

Beverly Hoch and Carol Nance have found a way for us to study "together." The 1st Sunday of each month you will receive either in the mail or at Church a work sheet on the lesson for that month. Then later in the month you will get a call about or asked about sharing your thoughts on the lesson. With Gods' Blessings we can continue the study "Into the Light" - go to WWW.fpcdenton.org click on Women's Bible Study.

Remember our Three-Step "plan" for sharing our study while we are not meeting together

Step 1-RECEIVE A monthly worksheet either in person or by mail.

Step 2-READ the lesson

Step 3-RESPOND Email/send your thoughts back to me during the last week of the month

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.

Jim Welborn

Peanut Butter Sticks (page 10)

- 1 large loaf bread (day old)
- 1 c. oil
- 12 oz. peanut butter
- Dry bread crumbs



Remove crusts. Cut each slice into 6 strips. Put strips in a 200° oven for 2 hours or until good and dry. Dry crusts and save time. Roll crusts into fine crumbs. Roll strips in oil and peanut butter which has been blended, then roll strips in bread crumbs.

Ethel Judkins

Households for Prayer

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

March 2021

Felix, Esther and Victory Igbudu
Lila Jones
Jim and Glenna Kirkpatrick
Louise Kraft
Lynelle McConnell
Insook Melton
Pat Miller
Jim and Carol Nance

The next Celtic Cross deadline is March 28.(Palm Sunday) Send your news and articles to Newsletter@fpcdenton.org. Please call if you have questions or need to make sure an article gets published.

Session meeting—Tuesday, March 9th at 7 PM

Deacons meeting—Sunday, March 28th (Palm Sunday)
at 10:30 AM



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

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Prayer Concerns Joys

Health Concerns: Carolyn's brother in law, Buzz F, throat cancer treatments beginning. For swift distribution of vaccines and for their safety and effectiveness. Currently fighting the virus: Glenna K, Gene F, Richard, Nancy, Sarah H. Recovered: Catherine T. Protection for all healthcare workers, especially Valorie F, Ashley H, Kim T, Becky J, and Isabella F. Continuing Prayers for Pam A, Helen B, Gerald B, Greg C, Annabel C, Eunice C, Pat H, Lila J (in Denton Rehab), Pat M, James N (in Corinth Rehab, Bob N, Don R, Judy R, Beverly W; Karen K, Karen B and Dorothy M, Julia R, Annemarie V, Sam C, Noble C, Sara L, Irene's sisters Delia, Susie, Alicia, Sandi, Michael B, Mary G, MaryAnn, Rose, Kay L, Mark R, Rosa R, Margie G, Aunt C, and Rev. Tim Keller. Larry Hughes remains in Rehab as well.

Safety, Strength, Wisdom and Courage: every one of us the world-over as we navigate this extraordinarily unprecedented time. Those impacted by recent natural disasters and civil unrest; rescue teams, fire fighters, first responders, police officers and other peacemakers; those who seek a spiritual connection, may they find it.

March Birthdays

- 5 Larry Harberson
- 8 Jim Nance
- 8 Linn Welborn
- 15 Kimberly Tate
- 19 Hal Reed
- 20 Bob Norton
- 25 Keely Briggs
- 26 William Briggs

Anniversaries

No Anniversaries



Bible Readings

March 2021

- 1 John 4:27–42
- 2 John 4:43–54
- 3 John 5:1–18
- 4 John 5:19–29
- 5 John 5:30–47
- 6 John 7:1–13
- 7 Mark 5:1–20
- 8 John 7:14–36
- 9 John 7:37–52
- 10 John 8:12–20
- 11 John 8:21–32
- 12 John 8:33–47
- 13 John 8:47–59
- 14 Mark 8:11–21
- 15 John 6:1–15
- 16 John 6:16–27
- 17 John 6:27–40
- 18 John 6:41–51
- 19 John 6:52–59
- 20 John 6:60–71
- 21 Mark 8:31–9:1
- 22 John 9:1–17
- 23 John 9:18–41
- 24 John 10:1–18
- 25 John 10:19–42
- 26 John 11:1–27
- 27 John 11: 28-44
- 28 Matt. 21:12–1
- 29 John 12:9–19
- 30 John 12:20–26
- 31 John 12:27–36

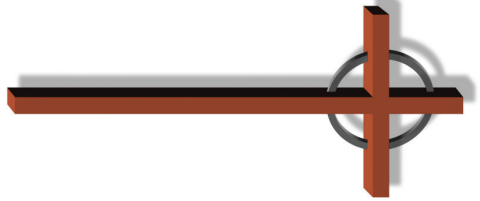
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Aerobics

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