# The Bridge

First Presbyterian Church of Granbury

March 2024

# In The Interim...

Rev. Sherrolyn Weed, pastor



e begin the Lenten Season with Ash Wednesday to remind us of our mortality and God's immortality. Lent is a time to pause and reflect, to spend some extra effort in meditation. Find a quiet space and listen for the voice of God.

### **COME UNTO ME**

When the journey gets too hard, when we feel depleted, when our compassion turns to complaining, when our efforts toward justice and mercy seem to get us nowhere, it's time to remember the humility partthat it is God who has made us and not we ourselves; that the saving of the world or even one part of it is not on our shoulders. It is then we can come unto him, and he will give us rest. With rest we'll remember what it is we are about.

Ann Weems

# A Note From The Pastor Nominating Committee

### THE ROAD TO A NEW PASTOR









### **Mission Study Committee:**

- ✓ Selected
- ☑ Meeting with each other
- Meeting with congregation
- **Mission Study Report:**

Approved by Presbytery

### **Pastor Nominating Committee:**

- ☑ Elected by Congregation
- Meeting with each other
- ☑ Complete Ministry Discernment Profile (MDP)

### **Pastor Nominating Committee:**

- MDP Approved by Session
- ☑ MDP Approved by Presbytery
- ☑ Reviewing Applicants
- Interviewing Candidates

On March 17<sup>th</sup> Rev. Ann Hoch will lead our Sunday morning service. Ann, now retired, was formerly the Pastor at Memorial Presbyterian Church in Fredericksburg, TX.

### **Easter Lilies**

If you would like to purchase a lily to be placed in our church sanctuary in honor of or in memory of a loved one on Easter, please fill out the form below. Make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church Granbury and designate it for "Easter lily." Please order by March 25<sup>th</sup>.

Number of lilies ordered	l <b>:</b>
Cost each:	<u>x12.50</u>
Total enclosed:	
Given by:	
In Honor of:	
In Memory of:	

# **Holy Week Schedule**

**March 24**<sup>th</sup> **at 10:00AM**, Palm Sunday, the children will process waving palm fronds to the Bell Choir ringing "Fantasy on Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" with Sherry Johnson providing piano accompaniment. Rev. Sherrolyn Weed will lead us in worship.

March 28th at noon, Rev. Jimmie Johnson will lead us in the Maundy Thursday service.

March 29th at 7:00PM, Rev. Jimmie Johnson will lead us in the Good Friday service.

**March 31**st **at 10:00AM**, Re. Sherrolyn Weed will lead our Easter service. We will have the Flowering of the Cross again this year.

Elder In Charge for March—Linda Somervill

### Worship Attendance January 28—February 25, 2024

One service on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. The Session will continue to monitor our attendance and assess the need for a second service, and we will continue to listen to the needs and opinions of the congregation on this matter.

	<u> 10:00 AM</u>	<u>On Line</u>
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### Christian Education—VBS

Sylvia Hickey, elder



he Christian Education Committee is always busy and looking for volunteers! Don't take that statement wrong and Turn & Run! Between Sunday School classes (Adult & Children), Bible Study (Presbyterian Women & Men's Wednesday group), plus activities in the Nursery and Library are places for all types of talent, all amount of time availability, to fill any desire to learn or teach more about God, Jesus, the Trinity, celebrated holidays, and seasons of the year.

To work with children, you will be asked to have a background check and be part of a brief training, but it's well worth it! We use a company called *Ministry Safe*, for background and training. We want you to know as parents, that we do our very best to make sure your children are with individuals that are pre-approved and trained. Our administrative assistant, Gail Deckert, can help you get started. You can call 817-573-2337 or email, office@fpcgranbury.com.

All of our Elders need committee members and volunteers. If you are interested in a certain area, you can find the elders and their responsibilities on page 10 of this issue of *The Bridge*. Please let them know what your interests are. Currently, I need an extra volunteer for *1 hour a month* to work with us in the Library.

Church Library/Meeting Room is available to both adults and children. It is located in the Administration Building.



If you are new to FPC Granbury, or have been here for a long time, we would love to have a **recent** photo of you for the directory. Please reach out to Gail in the church office @ 817-573-2337 or office@fpcgranbury.com.

# Prayer of the Month



Gloria Mitchell, coordinator

Our church has some excellent ideas for observing Lent, resulting in my prayer.

Dear God, we thank you for forgiving us of our sins. Please help us determine if there is anyone in our lives that we need to forgive. We want to share some of your love with others. Help us think of someone who really needs a visit, a phone call or even a card from us. Help us think of a way to help at our church, help a friend, help a stranger, and/or help all three. And help us find extra time during our busy days for prayer and reading the Holy Bible. Bless Sherrolyn Weed as our interim pastor, and let her know how much we appreciate her. Please direct some excellent pastoral candidates to our committee and help them choose one that will be the best fit for our church.

In Jesus Name, Amen.

PS A few hours after I wrote this prayer, I realized there was someone I needed to forgive. I did, and God lifted a heavy burden off my shoulders.



That a busy March this is going to be. On the 17<sup>th,</sup> Saint Patrick's Day, we will have our Fun and Games night. I would love for everyone to wear green that night and we'll do an Irish themed potluck. If you don't have an Irish recipe, just bring whatever you would like. The other events in March are Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. On Easter Sunday, starting at 9am, we will be serving breakfast pastries, coffee and juice in Fellowship Hall. So be sure to join us for that Easter fellowship. We will also be putting flowers on the cross out in front of the sanctuary. If you can, please bring flowers to put on the cross. I love filling the cross with flowers every year. It is a beautiful church tradition. We have people drive by every year to enjoy the beauty of it.

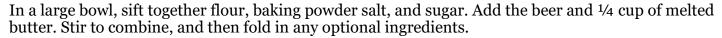
The recipe this month is one I made a lot in the past but for some reason just stopped making it. It's easy to make and is a great addition to any meal, especially soup.

### BEER BREAD

3 c. of all-purpose flour 1 tbsp. of baking powder 1 tbsp. Kosher salt 1/4 c. granulated sugar 12 oz. beer 1/2 c. unsalted butter, melted

Optional ingredients:

1 c. shredded cheddar, caramelized onions, bacon bits, jalapenos...



Pour the batter into the prepared pan and smooth the surface with a spatula. Pour the remaining 1/4 c. of melted butter on top.

Bake the bread for 1 hour or until golden brown at 375 degrees. Check the loaf with a toothpick, when it comes out clean, remove from the oven and allow the bread to cool in the pan for 5 to 10 minutes. Invert it to finish cooling. Enjoy.

**FUN CIRCLE:** On March 27<sup>th</sup> we're taking a road trip to the Cowgirl Hall of Fame followed by lunch at Lucille's BBQ. Depending on time, we may even visit the Montgomery Street Antique Mall. We will be leaving the church at 9 am that day, and I'm not sure of the return time. Please let me know if you plan to go so that I can determine how many cars we will need. I also need to know if you would be willing to drive. I've never been to the Cowgirl Hall of Fame, so I'm really excited to go. Hope you are too.

**SPRING RUMMAGE SALE:** Spring is in the air (almost), and it's time to start your spring cleaning. It is perfect timing since our spring rummage sale is coming up quickly. Here are some dates to put on your calendars. Sunday April 7<sup>th</sup> we will be doing our setup after church. April 8<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup> will be dates to drop off your donations. April 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> will be the actual sale days. I'm hoping that we meet and exceed our normal goals. Remember that we cannot accept electronics, large appliances, mattresses, large China sets, heavy furniture (we have to be respectful of the backs of our volunteers), and end of year holiday decorations. There will be more information to follow as we get closer to the dates.

**SEWING CIRCLE:** We are **not** having scheduled meetings, but we do have a couple of projects that we will need to start working on, so keep your eyes open for a blast and Facebook notice for a sewing circle date and time.

### Outreach and Mission





### MISSION SPOTLIGHT: ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

article from pcusa.org/oghs

Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

Received during the season of Lent (February 14—March 31), each gift to OGHS helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations. The offering provides a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need. In fact, OGHS is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world.



One Great Hour of sharing makes a difference in the world.

### Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA)

- \* Works alongside communities as they recover and find hope after the devastation of natural or human-caused disasters and support for refugees.
- \* Receives 32% of funds

### Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP)

- \* Takes action to alleviate hunger, care for creation, and the systemic causes of poverty so all may be fed.
- \* Receives 36% of funds

### Self-Development of People (SDOP)

- \* Invests in communities responding to their experiences of oppression, poverty, and injustice, and educates Presbyterians about the impact of these issues.
- \* Receives 32% of funds

OGHS Offering envelopes will be in the bulletin on Palm Sunday (March 24) and Easter Sunday (March 31). Or you can note on your check that the offering is for OGHS and place in the offering tray any Sunday during LENT. Thank You!

Outreach & Mission's current project with the Housing Authority is providing hams and Easter baskets for the children. We will be putting the baskets together Wednesday, March 6th, 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. We anticipate approximately 35 baskets filled with typical Easter treats. We will also provide hams to families that submit a request. These items will be delivered to the Housing Authority on March 26th. Everyone is welcome to participate.

The next Habitat for Humanity lunch is Wednesday, March 20, 2024. The sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex on Sundays, March 10th and 17th. Thank you your ongoing support of this mission.

# Congregational Care

Susan Younk Kidd, elder





- 1 Marijane Harvey
- 3 Craig Lacy Robert Gadbois
- 4 Beverly Boro
- 6 Elliott Graham
- 8 Angela Young Gary Lewis
- 9 Felicia Peters
- 10 Jean Matthews
- 11 Ben Mays
- 13 Gloria Mitchell Susan Kidd

- 14 Curt Armstrong
- 18 Allison Graham
- 20 Glenda Smith
- 23 Doyle Seley Mike Cress
- 28 Doris Dinkel Tim Bennett
- 29 Mark Bishop
- 30 Linda Allen



- 8 Jack and Diana Burton
- 19 Jay and Mylene Bole

If you know of anyone who needs to be contacted for a care or concern, please email me at susanyounk@gmail.com or contact the church office by calling 817.573.2337 or emailing office@fpcgranbury.com.

If you need transportation to a doctor's appointment, etc. please contact the church office, Tim Bennett, Dan Crise, or Susan Younk. We are pleased to help!

### AT CARE/RETIREMENT FACILITIES

Anchor Away, Crowley: Maureen Walker; Waterview at Lake Granbury: Ted Dolan; AVIVA Granbury: Dolores Groom; Town Village Crossing, Arlington: Linda Bowlin; Lewisville Estates, Lewisville: Fran Smith; Good Samaritan Society - Lake Forest Village: Juanita Morgan

**Members with Health Issues:** Gardner Davis, Dave Barnett, Rita Hart, Claire Mitchell, Ted Gollar, Larry Walker, Donna Callahan, Reann McHaney, Ann McLaughlin, Carol Davis, Stan and Renee Metcalf, Maureen Walker, Carol Gadbois. Marlin Massengale as he is seeking treatment for lymphoma. Sandi Ricketson as she receives chemotherapy. Bill Wood who is on Hospice Care.

### CONCERNS FOR OUR EXTENDED CHURCH FAMILY

- **Jim Dean's** parents and sister as they navigate multiple health issues.
- Darrell Jones who has cancer.
- **Gloria Mitchell's** brother as he deals with prostate cancer.
- **Gary Lewis**' sister, Judy, dealing with cancer.
- **Peggy Lewis**' brother, Gus, whose health is declining
- **Charles Somervill's** sister, Laura, she is in Hospice Care.
- Max Jewell's sister, Joan Smethers, as she seeks treatment for lung cancer and grandson Miles.
- **Connie** and **Andrea**, friends of Judy Butler, experiencing health issues.
- Michael and Margaret Gulinson's friend, Dave Kennison, as he recovers from a series of strokes.
- **Terry Martin** (Sylvia Hickey) as he deals with health issues.
- **Louise Deems** mother, who is on hospice.
- **Terry Worcester's,** daughter, Janice, as she is facing health issues.
- **Priscilla and Larry Allen's** friend Richard, who has had surgery for cancer.
- **Richard McCarthy's** children's mother, Helen, as she navigates health issues.
- **Dan Crise's** sister-in-law, Marianne, as she navigates health issues
- Marla Caraway's, daughter's friends, who are in the Ukraine.

SPECIAL BLESSINGS: For those hurting and in pain, we ask your blessing and your healing. We also ask your blessing for the caretakers, struggling to help their loved ones with patience and perseverance. Give them strength for the days ahead, and help them to feel your love and grace. In Christ we pray. Amen.

# Stewardship

Dan Crise, Elder



Lent, the 40-day season of reflection and preparation leading up to Easter, is an important time of spiritual growth, self examination, and deepening of one's relationship with God. A core element of the Lenten experience is the connection to and embracement of Christian principles of stewardship and the manner in which we care for and use the gifts of our time, talents, and treasure that God has entrusted to each of us.



Time is one of God's most precious gifts to us. During Lent, each of us should consider how we can commit more of our time in service to the church in ways and means that serve God's purposes. As you read through the various articles in this and every edition of *The Bridge*, opportunities abound for volunteering to serve the needs of the church with your time. In this holy season, please consider doing so.

When it comes to talent, each of us possess unique abilities, skills, aptitudes, and experiences that can be shared with others for the greater good within our community of faith. This holy season of Lent presents a wonderful opportunity to share your talents in serving others in need and at the same time to glorify God. The act of contributing your talents not only benefits those you serve, but it can also strengthen your own sense of purpose and connection to God.

Stewardship of treasure is also an integral part of living a life of faith. Lent is a particularly meaningful time to re-evaluate how we individually utilize our financial resources in service to God. We might decide to increase our offerings to the church or to donate to a charitable cause that aligns with our personal preferences. Alternatively, we might consider making personal sacrifices during Lent such as giving up a non-essential expense and re-directing those funds towards the helping of others in need.

Acts of mercy, kindness, and generosity during Lent are tangible expressions of commitments to our faith. By giving your time, sharing your talents, and offering a portion of your treasure, you demonstrate love and compassion for Christ. These actions become a testament to the principles of stewardship, and in doing so, result in a positive impact on our church and community.

# Safety Team

Hayward Moore, Chair

The Safety Team is will be scheduling training for any interested members, on CPR and Stop the Bleed, to include the use of our AED's and Choke prevention devices. This training would be very similar to what was last offered in Sep 2022. Those wishing to participate in such training may signup on the sheet available in the Narthex.



March 5

No Bible Study

March 8 - 10:30

General Meeting Fellowship Hall Potluck Lunch

March 20 - 10:00

Book Circle Admin Building

March 27

F.U.N. Circle Cowgirl Hall of Fame





# We are so glad you are here!



Jay and Mylene Bole are enjoying the Granbury lifestyle following their move from Houston to Hood County. After taking up residence in Pecan Plantation in August 2022, Jay and Mylene are now working on their golf games. Mylene also plays pickleball and participates in various activities with the Lake Granbury Newcomers Club. The biggest perk about living in Pecan? Living closer to the kids and grandkids! Their daughter, Dr. Victoria Thiers, DVM, and her husband, Jon, live in Meridian with their two daughters, Lillian, 3, and Claire, nine months.

Son Matthew and his wife Maggie live in Waxahachie. Jay has recently been called into action at the church to help with some kinks in the sound system. He owns a business in Houston and plans to sell the company and retire this year. Mylene previously was employed with M.D. Anderson in Houston and is now retired. Mylene grew up in Syria. She was 19 when she moved with her family to Lubbock, where she went to school at Texas Tech University. Jay and Mylene have a German shorthaired pointer named Ziva and a 16-year-old cat.

Since moving to Pecan, they have been joined by other family members moving here. After visiting the couple at their new home, Mylene's brother and his wife, and also her parents, fell in love with the Granbury area. "My parents moved here in April, and my brother and his wife moved in May," Mylene said.

**Gunner Phillips** is a Granbury High School sophomore that moved here from Skidmore, Texas in 2020. Gunner attended the memorial service at our church last summer for his grandmother, Marina Kuyl and decided that he wanted to be a part of our congregation. On February 4, Gunner was baptized and joined the church. He has a major aspiration as a young person—to attend the Air Force Academy. He is currently in the aviation program at school. Drone photography is his favorite pastime, and he will have his license to operate all of his equipment after May of this year. He sincerely wants to be an active member among us and to be of service where his talents can be used. Please welcome this young man into our fellowship and let him know what First Presbyterian Church Granbury means in your life.





**Jolie & Miranda Smith**, along with their 4 children, joined the church in February and doubled the number of children in our children's Sunday School! They bring with them Embry, age 9, Tinley, Slayton and Vayda, all age 6.

Miranda has lived in Granbury most of her life, and in fact, her mother still lives in the house Miranda was born in. Jolie was raised in the Grapevine/Colleyville area. Embry was born in Granbury and the triplets in Fort Worth, as having triplets put Jolie at having a high-risk pregnancy. When Jolie was pregnant and on modified bed rest, Nancy Worcester lent her a wheelchair to use while trick-or-treating with Embry, who was 2 at the time. Jolie writes, "Both Nancy & Emily spoke so highly of FPC and assured us we would be welcome there. We never forgot the wheelchair generosity, and after deciding to investigate other church options, we decided we wanted to

try out FPC. We sure are glad we did." Our congregation is glad you did, too!

# 2024 Who to Call at First Presbyterian Church

Interim Pastor

Rev. Sherrolyn Weed

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### **Volunteers & Staff**



Nancy Bennett Treasurer 817-573-1827



Glenn Goforth Custodian 817-243-5485



Priscilla Allen Music Director



Jane Seley Interim Organist



Gail Deckert Admin Assistant 817-573-2337



Emily Graham Bell Choir/IT 817-578-5420



Marijane Harvey Lead Nursery Attendant



Janet Everitt Interim Pianist

## Elders



Craig Lacy Clerk of Session Class of 2024 309-236-5572



Susan Younk Kidd Congregational Care Class of 2026 817-573-9153



**Stephanie Mosley** Administration Class of 2025 512-966-6741



Dan Crise Stewardship Class of 2024 817-559-5416



**Darin Hardin**Property
Class of 2026
832-374-1308



Bev McKusick Fellowship Class of 2026 512-538-5966



Connie Darne'
Outreach and Mission
Class of 2025
817-964-0445



Brad Bell Ushering Class of 2024 817-408-9382



**Sylvia Hickey** Christian Education Class of 2024 817-894-9590



**Linda Somervill** New Membership Class of 2026 817-966-5505



Darin Smith Long-Range Planning Class of 2025 903-539-0034



Pat Luley Worship Class of 2025 817-776-1481

# March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10:00am Worship Service - Live Stream and Facebook 5:00pm - 7:00pm Fun and Games Night - FH Potluck and Valentines	<b>26</b> 6:00pm - 7:00pm Al-Anon	27	<b>28</b> 10:00am FUN Circle - FH 12:00pm - Men's Study - Admin 4:00pm - 6:00pm Choir Practice - MH 6:00pm - 7:00pm Handbell Rehearsal - FH	29 10:00am - Melody Belles - MH 12:00pm - 2:30pm PNC - FH	1 10:00am - 1:00pm Fellow- ship Committee Meeting	2 10:00am - Women's Way Out- MH
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31  Easter Sunday - Communion 10:00am Worship Service - Live Stream and Facebook	<b>1</b> 6:00pm - 7:00pm Al-Anon	<b>2</b> 10:00am - PW Bible Study - FH	3 10:00am Mission and Outreach - FH 12:00pm - Admin 1:30pm - 2:30pm Staff Meeting 4:00pm - 5:30pm Choir Practice - MH 6:00pm - 7:00pm Handbell Rehearsal - FH	<b>4</b> 10:00am - Melody Belles - MH 12:00pm - 2:30pm PNC - FH	S	<b>6</b> 10:00am - Women's Way Out- MH



To celebrate your birthday (or that of a family member or friend), and in thanksgiving for God's gift of grace, please consider making a gift of your own, in the amount of \$1 for each year of your (or your honoree's) life, to sustain the permanent endowment funds of the church.

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