



# The Bridge

First Presbyterian Church of Granbury

*The fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, and self-control*

*Galatians 5:22-23*

## Pastor's Pen...

Rev. Angela Madden Scott, Pastor, Spiritual Leader, Teaching Elder



“What awaits those who seek Jesus? Nothing short of the heart of Jesus!”

—Max Lucado

Dear Friends,

Happy Easter! Yes, I know that Easter hasn't yet happened. April 20th marks another beginning for us as Easter People! I certainly hope that the brilliance of Christ's resurrection promises continue to make your heart beat a bit more rapidly long after the sunrise at Hewlett Park, 6:30 a.m.

Remember, Palm Sunday People, Easter People, are people who praise God all of the time. In a book that I cherish “The Heart's Journey Through the Seasons: The Circle of Life” the authors Joyce Rupp and Macrina Wiederkehr make the point that at any given time, all around us, there are many for whom the divine face of Christ remains a stranger.

One of the post-resurrection stories that I recall during this time of year comes from John 21: 1-14. The disciples were fishing at night. The next morning as the sun was breaking on the horizon a person begins talking to them from the shore. They do not recognize the person but nevertheless listen to the ‘fishing advice’ of this strange man. Only after they catch a great amount of fish does John cry out “it is the Lord!”

Jesus invited them to come ashore and have a morning brunch together. The people that we encounter in the world, who have not yet seen Jesus, need to be invited to his Light. The disciples were in the dark until that simple invitation to eat a quick meal on a charcoal fire showed them the Light. You are now the folks that Jesus is relying on to make that invitation. You are the ones that need to stand on the shores and notice the people who are floundering and in need of God's grace and love to the shores of understanding.

The Easter cry of “He is Risen!” needs to turn into your invitations to friends: “It is the Lord! He is here at Granbury First Presbyterian Church.” Part of evangelism is having a party spirit. Jesus had one—he was ready to have a party on the beach. I've seen your party spirits—you all have gifts for entertaining, dining, eating, inviting—what's keeping you from being a party-planner for God? Party-On Presbyterians!

Your friend in service and joy, Pastor Angela Madden



*Rev. Angela Madden Scott*



## New Members

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Linda Somervell, Elder



## Welcome new member Gladys Lennington

The traditions at First Presbyterian Church of Granbury can be comforting to visitors.

New member Gladys Lennington was raised Catholic and previously attended a local Baptist church with her husband, Lee. While Lee likes the early service and spending the rest of the day with family, Gladys was comfortable at FPC.

She found her new church home when neighbor Gwen Clay invited her to First Presbyterian. While some churches have changed to big screens to keep congregants on track during the worship service, the traditional hymnals are more appealing for Gladys.

A Fort Worth area native, Gladys was a certified medical assistant and phlebotomist at Harris Hospital downtown. Lee worked in radiology and was determined to get a date with Gladys. He would wait for her at the elevator, wave to her in the hallway, and hold the door for her. Lee was persistent and asked Gladys out six times before she said yes. Their first date was on Valentine's Day, and she was won over!

Their grown children are Lee Roy, Moriah and Sarah, and they have two grandchildren. Gladys said a big change is coming soon when daughter Sarah will deliver identical twin boys this summer. Gladys is busy sewing crib blankets, sheets and burp cloths with her new sewing machine. She also loves to craft and is eager to be a servant and volunteer with the FPC faith family.



## Prayer of the Month

*The fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, and self-control Gal. 5:22-23*

Gloria Mitchell, Coordinator



Dear God, thank you that our winter is over and the cold weather is gone. Our trees once again have leaves, and the bluebonnets and other beautiful flowers are in bloom. The most important thing we want to thank you for is sending Jesus, and that his death on the cross means we are forgiven. Help us to forgive others. Remind us of anyone we might need forgiveness from, and direct us to make amends. And especially help us forgive ourselves for anything that we did or didn't do that has been weighing heavily on our minds. And help us share your love with others. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.



## Stewardship

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Vanessa Faulkner, Spiritual Leader Elder



In Hood County in 2024 there were 665 reports of neglect or abuse reported to the Child Abuse Hotline. The month of April has been proclaimed as Child Abuse Prevention Month. In solidarity with Paluxy River Children's Advocacy Center and Rainbow Room of Hood and Somervell Counties we will be planting pinwheels and tying blue ribbons to bring awareness to the harm done to those children in our community. We will do this on Sunday March 30th after the service. You are also invited to attend the planting of **665 pinwheels** (one for each report of neglect or abuse) at Hewlett Park on April 3 at 6 pm. If you suspect any children are being abused or neglected call the hotline toll free 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, nationwide at 1-800-252-5400.



## Christian Education

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Julie Dean, Elder

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

**April 7 and 14 Lenten Study Continues...Mondays at 5:30 p.m.** Join us in Fellowship Hall! Dinner provided.

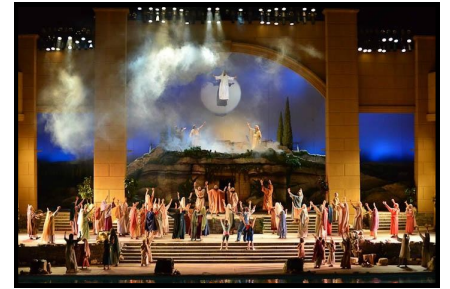
**April 20, Easter Sunday-** There will be no adult Sunday School classes. The children will have an Easter Egg Hunt during the Sunday School hour.

### **April 25- The Promise Passover in Glen Rose**

Transportation will be provided courtesy of the Christian Education Committee. The Transit System Shuttle Service will pick up from **3** locations @ 5:30 pm at each location. Shuttles are limited to 18 passengers per vehicle. Get your seat while you can!!

#### **Church Parking lot, DeCordova, and Pecan**

The cost per adult is \$20. Children are free. The deadline for signing up is Thursday, April 10. Checks can be made out to First Presbyterian Church. Reservations may be made by calling the church office, (817-573-2337) or sign up in the Narthex.



### **Ash Wednesday through Lent**

**Together we will begin the 7,039-mile journey from Granbury to Jerusalem.** As a congregation we will *journey with Jesus* to the cross through **Acts of Kindness!** Each act of kindness equals one mile. How many Acts of Kindness can you do in 40 days? If we each do two acts of kindness for 40 days, we will make it all the way to Jerusalem. Write your Act of Kindness on the hearts that will be provided and we will hang them all over the church!



**May 7, 5:30 p.m.- Vacation Bible School Planning Meeting for ALL Volunteers in Fellowship Hall.** VBS will be July 14-18. We still need lots of volunteers! If you are interested, please call, text or email Julie Dean at (318) 751-8367 or [juliebutlerdean@gmail.com](mailto:juliebutlerdean@gmail.com).



**?** **The CE Committee is interested in your ideas. What would you like to study in Sunday School? If you're not attending, is there something we can offer that would change that? Would you like CE to host a church retreat or perhaps a trip? Let us know! Text or email your ideas to Julie Dean (318) 751-8367 or [juliebutlerdean@gmail.com](mailto:juliebutlerdean@gmail.com).**

**Christian Education Committee Members:** Julie Dean, Ann Mitchell, Rev. Angela Madden-Scott, Celia Beamon, Jack Scott, Mylene Bole, Pat Luley, Richard McCarthy, Robbie Monaghan, Sarah Naper, Saunya Bishop, Sylvia Hickey

**Library Sub-Committee:** Coordinator: Sarah Naper and Saunya Bishop, Linda Somerville, Sylvia Hickey



## Fellowship

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Beverly McKusick, Elder



It's here at last the **Spring Rummage Sale!** Donations can be dropped off that Monday thru Wednesday from 8am to 4pm and Thursday 8am to noon. ***Please do not bring donations after noon on Thursday.*** That afternoon is the time to finalize setup and pricing. The sale is on Friday April 4th 8am to 4pm and Saturday April 5th 8am to 2pm. There will be lots of wonderful items at bargain prices.

I love spring. Everything is turning green and flowers are showing off their beautiful colors. It's time for Easter and celebrating the resurrection of Christ.

I was thinking of decorations for Easter and was wondering how the Easter bunny came about being a part of Easter. After doing some internet searching, the long story short, is it really has nothing to do with the resurrection of Christ. German immigrants brought the folklore of a bunny named Oschter Haws. He would bring a present of eggs to the children. The children would make a nest for the bunny to place the eggs and they would sometimes leave carrots out for Oschter Haws to eat. Does this sound like a Christmas story? After what I read, my short version is that bunnies represent new life because they are so fertile. Eggs represent Christ coming to life and exiting the tomb. Christ gave the ultimate sacrifice so we can be reborn and have life not only on earth but in heaven.

We have a lot of activities this month. The rummage sale and Lenten studies every week. On Easter Sunday we are having a sunrise service at Hewlett Park followed by a continental breakfast before regular church service that day. We are also going to flower the cross in front of the church. If you would like to bring flowers to decorate the cross we will have people there to help with that. It is so beautiful when completed and we always have lots of people come by to take pictures.

During the Ash Wednesday breakfast several people commented on how good the casserole was and wanted the recipe so here it is.

### GREEN CHILE QUICHE

10 eggs  
1/2 c. flour  
1 tsp baking powder  
1/4 tsp salt  
1/2 c. melted butter  
8 oz canned chopped green chiles, drained  
1pt small curd cottage cheese  
16oz shredded Mexican or Monterey Jack cheese  
Preheat the oven to 400 degrees. Grease a 9 x 13 pan.



Break eggs into a very large bowl and whisk by hand. Blend in flour, baking powder and salt. (to avoid lumps, you can add some beaten egg to a bowl of the dry ingredients: mix well until smooth and then add back to the large bowl of eggs.) Add melted butter, green chilis, and cheese. Mix well. pour into the prepared pan.

Bake at 400 for 15 minutes. Reduce heat to 350 and bake 25 - 30 minutes more, until golden brown on top and toothpick comes out clean. Cut into squares and serve hot. Enjoy!

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



# Congregational Care

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Susan Younk Kidd, Elder



## CARE/RETIREMENT FACILITIES

WATERVIEW at Lake Granbury:  
Ted Dolan, Bill Wood, Anna Stubbs

STEVENSON OAKS, FW  
Ted and Trish Gollar

LEWISVILLE ESTATES, Lewisville:  
Fran Smith.

THE COURTYARDS  
Margie and Jimmy Randles

AVIVA, Granbury:  
Dolores Groom, John Cheney

DISCOVERY VILLAGE, LEWISVILLE  
Marty and Ruth Gump

LAKE FOREST VILLAGE, Denton  
Juanita Morgan

## MEMBERS DEALING WITH ONGOING HEALTH ISSUES:

Dave B.	Rita H.	Claire M.	Ted G.	Bill W.
Ann M.	Carol G.	Donna C.	Margie & Jimmy R.	Jo Beth R.
Jack S.	Larry W.	Barbara B.	Gary L.	Felicia P.

## SPECIAL CONCERNS FOR OUR CHURCH FRIENDS/FAMILY/ MEMBERS

Jean M. as she is dealing with health issues	Joyce H., eyesight concerns
Rita H. as she recovers from a broken hip	Daughter of Dolores G., who is navigating health issues
Marlin M. as he is treated for lymphoma	Sandi R. has cancer and receiving chemotherapy
Max & Ruth Ann prayer for Joan, & grandson Miles	Terry M. (Sylvia H) as he deals with health issues
Addie W., 17, who has leukemia	Brother of Tom S., who has cancer
Larry A. cousin, who is dealing with stage 4 cancer	Karen S. pneumonia & heart issues
Margie R leg procedure	Wanda as she recovers from a health issue
Jane S. as she navigates health issues	Debbie S., back issue



## Prayer of Sympathy for Debbie Schneider on the passing of her mother.

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.

If you know of anyone who needs to be contacted for a care or concern, or if you would like to us to bring you home communion, please email me at [susanyoung@gmail.com](mailto:susanyoung@gmail.com)) or contact Gail at the church office. 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.



9 Jim and Juie Dean  
16 Don and Beverly Williams

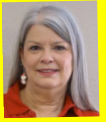


3 Jackson Briese	19 Rev. Angela Madden Scott
5 Ron Croft	20 Bob Stafford
9 Benjamin Brownfield	Levi Luersen
10 Linda Nolan	21 Dolores Goodall
13 Bill Brownfield	24 Jay Bole
14 John Copeland	Mike Gulinson
	25 Dolores Groom
	James Witt
	26 Terry Worcester
	27 Claudia Southern
	Linda Somervill
	29 Lynn Schoeneman
	30 Jerry Long



# Worship

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Pat Luley, Elder

## April Sermon Texts & Titles

- Apr. 6: "Don't be wishy Washy!" Isaiah 43:16-21, Philippians 3:4b-14
- Apr. 13: Palm Sunday, Palm Fronds for All Luke 19:28-40, Isaiah 50:4-9a
- Apr. 20: EASTER SUNDAY, (read throughout this issue about Easter Sunday events)
- Apr. 27: "Knock Knock" Frivolity Humor Sunday John 20:19-31

All are invited to wear humorous ties, hats, socks, shirts. Polka dots, stripes, plaid, funny and light, and bring a joke for your faith family!

## Worship Attendance

**March, 2025**

	<u>In Person</u>	<u>On Line</u>
Mar. 2	<b>110</b>	<b>28</b>
Mar. 9	<b>109</b>	<b>27</b>
Mar. 16	<b>111</b>	<b>50</b>
Mar. 23	<b>121</b>	<b>33</b>

Elder In Charge April  
Pat Luley

## Easter Lilies

If you would like to purchase a lily to be paced in our church sanctuary in honor 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." Order deadline is April 14<sup>th</sup>.

Number of lilies ordered: \_\_\_\_\_

Cost each: **x14.00**

Total enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

## Holy Week schedule and Volunteer requests

If you are available to sign up for these volunteer activities, please call or text me at 817-776-1481

**April 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00AM**, Palm Sunday, the children will process waving palm fronds.

**April 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM Maundy Thursday service a "Living Last Supper Tableau"**.

After the service volunteers are needed to help prepare the sanctuary for the Tenebrae service on Good Friday.

**April 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM** Tenebrae service.

**April 19<sup>th</sup> from 10:00AM-2:00PM Silent Saturday** The Sanctuary will be open for silent meditation. Several host volunteers are needed to stay in the sanctuary to greet visitors, and help set up the sanctuary for Easter morning service, after 2:00PM.

**April 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30AM** Easter Sunrise service in the pavilion at Hewlett Park. Rebecca Faiola will provide special music for this very moving service.

**9:00AM** Continental breakfast, Easter Egg Hunt, and Crafts in Fellowship Hall. Flowering the Cross outside of the Sanctuary. Please bring flowers for the Cross if you are able. Photo to the right is Sabrina Brownfield

**10:00AM Easter Service in the Sanctuary**





# Presbyterian Women

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Nancy Bennett, Moderator



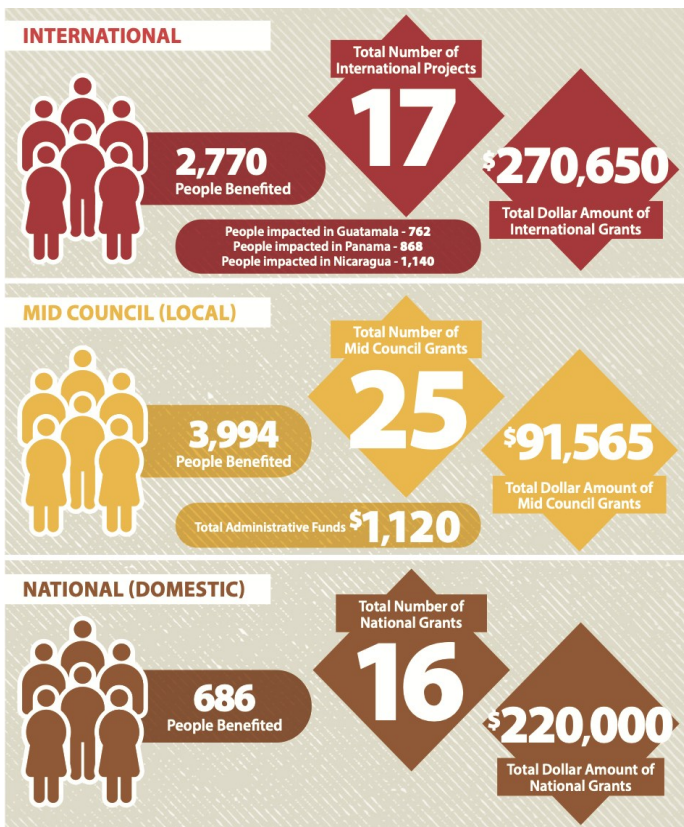
In our March Bible Study, we discussed how the Bible's economic wisdom never promises to eradicate poverty, "You always have the poor with you" (Matthew 26:11) but we can reduce suffering and strengthen the entire social network. While studying for this lesson, I researched ways that the Presbyterian Church (USA) is working in the world to help those in poverty and found information on the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People (SDOP). From SDOP's guidelines, their mission is stated in the following way:

*SDOP is a ministry that affirms God's concern for humanity. We are Presbyterians and ecumenical partners, dissatisfied with poverty and oppression, united in faith and action through sharing, confronting and enabling. SDOP works toward the self-development and empowerment of economically poor, oppressed and disadvantaged people who seek to change the structures that perpetuate poverty, oppression and injustice.*

The graphic below shows the grants that were awarded in 2024. These funds come primarily from funds received by One Great Hour of Sharing donations. To receive a grant, the recipient must abide by the following criteria:

- Be presented, owned, and controlled by the group of economically poor people who will benefit directly from it.
- Address long-term correction of conditions that keep people bound by poverty and oppression. This will utilize some combination of the SDOP core strategies to promote justice, build solidarity, advance human dignity, and advocate for economic equity.
- Be sensitive to the environment while accomplishing its goal(s) and objectives.
- Not advocate violence as a means of accomplishing its goal(s) and objectives.

As Presbyterian Women, we state in our purpose, that we will support the mission of the church worldwide and work for justice and peace. SDOP helps us to reach those goals. I hope that you will consider these good works when you make your donation to One Great Hour of Sharing this year. Find out more at: [pcusa.org/sdop](http://pcusa.org/sdop)



## Let Justice Roll Down:

**GOD'S CALLING TO CARE FOR NEIGHBORS AND ALL CREATION**



Join us for Lesson 8 -

Intergenerational Justice

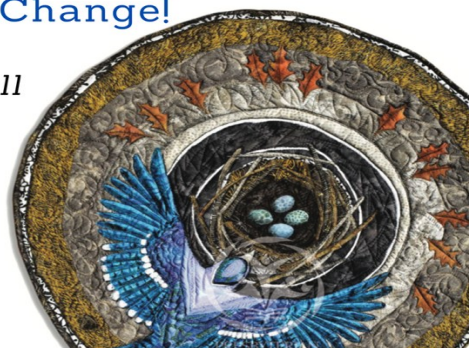
Main Idea: Like the authors who reflected midstream on the meaning of ancient Judah's story with God, who held onto unrealized hopes for their future, we have a story with God, a story whose meaning is changing.

**April 15th**

**Note Date Change!**

10:00 AM

Memorial Hall



# Holy Week Events



LENT  
IN  
PLAIN  
SIGHT

A DEVOTION  
THROUGH  
TEN OBJECTS

JILL J.  
DUFFIELD

***“Lent in Plain Sight”***  
**Monday 5:30 pm**  
**April 7 & 13**  
**Lenten study with**  
**sandwiches, fixings**  
**and child care**  
**Fellowship Hall**



JOIN US FOR

**PALM  
SUNDAY**

Worship - 10:00 am  
April 13, 2025

## The Sheep will be Scattered

Living Tableau Last Supper

7 p.m. April 17

Maundy Thursday



**TENEBRAE**  
*worship in shadows*

**Friday**

**7 pm**

**Sanctuary**



# Sunrise Worship

Hewlett Park Granbury, 650 E. Pearl

April 20 at 6:30 am.

Featuring Special Musician Vocalist Rebecca Faiola.

The event will include music, communion, and praise.

The Pavilion is reserved by FPC and is fully accessible.

Bring a neighbor and friends for this special outside worship.

## THE FIRST DAY

It was an opal morning  
like a world made brand new,  
spider webs on the branches  
glistened with fresh dew.

As I looked out the window  
on the scene from my room,  
I saw some women sobbing  
by a limestone tomb.

Repeatedly they peered inside,  
bodies shaking with grief,  
as those who are forsaken  
without hope of relief.

Suddenly they stepped back  
wide-eyed and terrified,  
I would swear they were listening  
to something deep inside.

They spun around and set off  
laughter now on each face,  
light footed as God's gazelles  
they scampered from that place.

Curious beyond measure  
I went down to death's lair,  
cautiously I entered in  
but found no death in there.

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Photo Rev Madden, Lake Granbury Sunrise from East Pearl



# Outreach and Mission

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Connie Darne, Elder



## MISSION SPOTLIGHT: ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

The OGHS offering is divided among three different PCUSA programs: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance - 32%; Presbyterian Hunger Program - 36%; and Self-Development of People - 32%. **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA)** is the emergency and refugee program of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). It enables congregations and mission partners to witness to the healing love of Christ through caring for communities adversely affected by crisis and catastrophic event. **Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP):** In 2023, PHP gave 84 grants totaling \$1.1 million, impacting 19 countries and a territory, including the U. S. and Puerto Rico.

**Self-Development of People (SDOP):** The Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People works with low-income communities to overcome oppression and injustice. Through your gifts to OGHS, projects in economically poor communities around the world have had an opportunity to develop solutions to their own challenges.

We will be receiving our One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering on Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025. If it is more convenient for you to give on another day or through other means than in-church offering, donations will be accepted throughout Lent. Offering envelopes will be in the pews or you can mark your check OGHS in the memo line.

## MEALS ON WHEELS VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

The Hood County Meals on Wheels program is in need of volunteers to deliver meals to the home-bound in our county. Ideally, a team will consist of two volunteers. The volunteers go to the Hood County Senior Center on E. Moore Street on Thursday morning at 10:30 a.m. They inventory the meals to ensure they have the correct number for their route. The delivery route is estimated to take between 60 to 90 minutes. Upon completion of the route, the team will return the containers to the Senior Center for the next day's use.

Currently they have all routes filled, however, they are always in need of people to substitute. An email is sent out to all volunteers who are not assigned a specific route. The email identifies the day and route needed to be filled. If a volunteer is available to take that day and route, the volunteer responds to the email and is scheduled.

If you have a few hours you can spare, please give consideration to this worthy program. There are many people in our community who are home-bound, some long-term, some for short-term recuperation. Oftentimes, the Meals On Wheels volunteers are the only one-on one interaction these people have on a daily basis. It is an opportunity to brighten someone's day as well as provide nourishing food they might not have otherwise. If you have any questions about this program, please feel free to contact me, Connie Darne' at 817-964-0445.

## RAINBOW ROOM SACK DRIVE

April is the month when we observe Child Abuse Prevention Month. We also recognize the enormous service that the Rainbow Room provides to the Foster Children in Hood County. The Rainbow Room will provide us with bags which identify needed items. The estimated cost of donated items for each bag is \$20. Bags will be available in the Narthex beginning Sunday, April 6. Please take a bag, purchase the needed item(s) and return the filled bag the following Sunday. We will collect filled bags through April 27th. Last year we filled 100 bags with needed items. I am confident we will have another successful drive this year. Thank You!

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

April 23rd is the date of our next Habitat for Humanity Lunch. Sign-up sheets will be in the Narthex on Sunday April 13 and 20. If you would like to help with this meal, we will need 4 casseroles, 3 salads, 3 desserts, and bread. The food items should be brought to the church office by 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday April 23rd, ready to serve. I will return serving dishes to the church office that afternoon. We serve between 25 and 30 volunteer workers each month. Thank you very much for your continued support of this mission. The Habitat volunteers send their Thanks.



# Evangelism and Youth

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Ann Mitchell, Elder



The word *evangelism* conjures up a variety of feelings. For many older Christians it has a negative connotation. They may associate it with high-pressure tactics or are afraid of being expected to evangelize. Perhaps surprisingly, for many younger churchgoers, it is a term they have never heard. Still other people, who feel neither positive nor negative, are often bewildered because they don't know what the word means.

Unfortunately, the movie *Elmer Gantry* defined evangelism in America for the last half of the twentieth century. Gantry was the flamboyant evangelist, dressed in a white suit with white shoes, who railed against evil in his tent revival meetings. Away from the glitter of the lights, he sought out women for his selfish physical pleasure. He greedily pocketed the offerings, which he lavishly spent on big cars and personal joys.

But indeed, the word *evangelism* is a beautiful word, and the true evangelist is a wonderful person. Evangelism includes the word *angel* which means messenger. Etymologically, the "ev" comes from the greek prefix *eu-* which means "good"; for example, "eu" in eulogy means a good word, and in euphemism, a good sounding word. When the "eu" in Greek was put into English to make the word, *evangelism*, the *u* was made into a *v* which is called transliteration. So, what does evangelism mean? A good message. And an evangelist is someone who brings a good message.

Speidel, Royal. *Evangelism in the Small Membership Church*. Nashville, Abingdon Press. 2007.

I am so looking forward to waking up the Evangelist in all of us!

Ann Mitchell

## Session Highlights

### First Presbyterian Church of Granbury

The Session Spiritual Leaders met as a group of 13 in Fellowship Hall on March 18, 2025.

We opened with a Devotion offered by Vanessa Faulkner.

A spiritual formation leadership moment on "Canoeing the Mountains" was offered by Rev. Madden.

A team of Elders is working with Church Mutual on building claims. Church Mutual has paid FPC on a claim for hail damage from 2024. We are actively working with them on other claims for damages from additional storms. The team of Property and Administration are working together to secure insurance quotes from insurance providers as we have heard from the Grace Presbytery that Church Mutual may not renew insuring churches in the state of Texas. The Session will receive an update in April. Church Mutual sent a letter 3/20/25 that they will no longer cover the Historic Sanctuary. Pray for leaders working on options.

The Long-Range Planning Team's Columbarium Committee recommended a small increase to the price of a niche in the Columbarium. A niche may now be secured for \$1400 (a \$200 increase). FPC recently added 36 niches and expanded the ministry.

The Christian Education Committee moved successfully a motion for a bounce-water house for the closing day of Vacation Bible School July 18, 2025: Waves of Wonder.

Major E. Scott will be confirmed on Pentecost, June 8, 2025. His sponsor is Elder Kathy Long.

Maundy Thursday Living Last Supper and Good Friday Tenebrae Worship Services will each be at 7 p.m.

June 1 we will have a craft fair featuring all of the artists in the Faith Family (who have items to showcase).

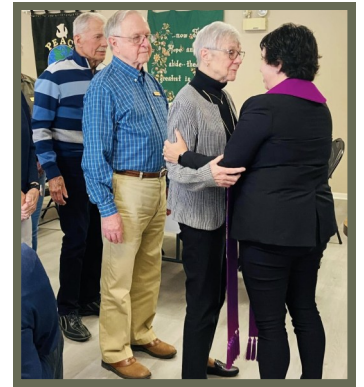
The Session received the gift of a Projector.

The Session received the gift of a vacuum.

# March Highlights!

Ash Wednesday      Welcome New Member  
 Family Game Night  
 Lenten Study          Fashion Show

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TO GO... drive thru, walk thru, bike by, scoot up

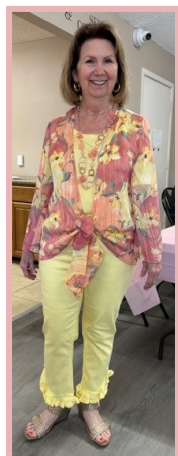
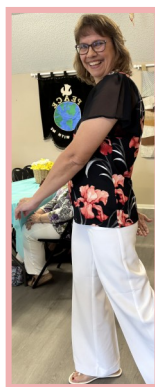
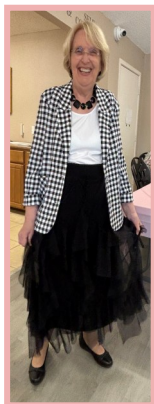


Laughter & Memories



Welcome to the Faith Family!

## FUN Circle Cato Fashion Show



Lent in Plain Sight

Master of Ceremonies  
Lina Hardin



Big Miracles Unfold before Our Eyes



**May 7th - 12:00 pm**  
Ridglea Country Club  
3700 Bernie Anderson Ave  
Fort Worth, TX  
**Rev. Angela and Brenda Staples are hosting a table or two. Let them know if you can attend ~ lunch is free.**

Austin College in Sherman, Texas offers the Westminster Scholarship Program for Presbyterian students. It guarantees: Full tuition is covered for students on the membership roll of a Presbyterian Church (USA) congregation; Housing and Meal plan costs for children of full-time PC (USA) clergy and staff are covered, in addition to full tuition; Eligibility is not based on financial need.

FPC First Presbyterian Church of Granbury, TX welcomes meeting with teens and mentors/parents to talk about this excellent scholarship college opportunity!

Please share with interested teens seeking an outstanding college opportunity



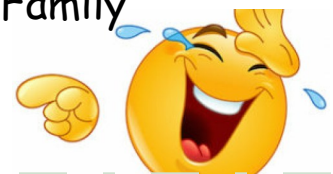
## Sunday, April 27 Frivolity Humor Sunday

All are invited to wear humorous ties, hats, socks, shirts. Polka dots, stripes, plaid, funny and light, and bring a joke for your faith family!

The Frivolity worship will be very unique and distinctly focused on the tradition of Holy Humor on this Traditionally 'low' Sunday.

Lamplighter Moments:

Spontaneous Jokes shared by the Faith Family



# Time to Picnic

May 3, 2025 11 am

Bentwater Country Club

FPC's Grill Master & Chef

David Shelton will be Barbequing!

Potluck Side Dishes

Fun and Games - All are Welcome

Come for the Afternoon!

# CRAFT SHOW

June 1st is the date set for the  
First Annual

FPC Granbury Craft Show

Mark your calendar and watch for  
more information coming soon.



Sunday, June

8, 2025

Confirmation for

Major Scott

Sponsor

Kathy Long



# Waves of Wonder

**Summer Vacation Bible School** will  
be **July 14-18**.

Volunteers, Children, Grandchildren,  
Friends and Neighbors...All are invited!  
The theme is "Waves of Wonder." Contact  
Gail at the church office (817.573.2337) or  
Julie Dean (318.751.8367) if you would  
like to volunteer.

*Waves of Wonder will wash over all as we get out into God's creation. We will be inspired by the beauty and majesty of what God has made. We will explore scriptures in which God provides water for plants and animals. We will visit the wilderness and miraculously receive water from a rock. We will take a boat ride with Jesus and weather a wavy storm. We will deepen our understanding of the importance of water and be invited to join God in caring for this precious natural resource.*

**Registration will be on the FPC website  
We will keep let you know when it is available.**



# April 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>30</b> Spring Rummage Sale Setup 8:30am Childcare Available 9:00am - 9:45am Sunday Learning 10:00am Worship Service - Live Stream and Facebook	<b>31</b> 8:00am - 4:00pm Spring Rummage Sale Setup 5:30pm Lent Study - MH - Build your own sandwich bar, Childcare 6:00pm - 7:00pm AI-Anon	<b>1</b> 8:00am - 4:00pm Spring Rummage Sale Setup	<b>2</b> 8:00am - 4:00pm Spring Rummage Sale Setup 10:00am Mission and Outreach - Memorial Hall 12:00pm - 1:00pm Men's Study - Admin 4:00pm - 5:30pm Choir - MH	<b>3</b> 8:00am - 4:00pm Spring Rummage Sale Setup 10:00am - 12:00pm Melody Belles - MH	<b>4</b> Pastor Angela's Sabbath 8:00am - 4:00pm Spring Rummage Sale	<b>5</b> 8:00am - 2:00pm Spring Rummage Sale 10:00am - 11:30am Women's Way Out- MH
<b>6</b> Communion Sunday 8:30am Childcare Available 9:00am - 9:45am Sunday Learning 10:00am Worship Service - Live Stream and Facebook	<b>7</b> 5:30pm Lent Study - FH - Build your own sandwich bar, Childcare 6:00pm - 7:00pm AI-Anon	<b>8</b> 2:30pm - 4:00pm Membership Meeting - Admin	<b>9</b> 12:00pm - 1:00pm Men's Study - Admin 1:30pm - 2:30pm CE Committee Meeting - Admin 3:00pm - 4:00pm Evangelism Youth Committee 4:00pm - 5:30pm Choir - MH	<b>10</b> 10:00am - 12:00pm Melody Belles - MH 1:00pm - 2:00pm Fellowship Meeting - FH	<b>11</b> Pastor Angela's Sabbath	<b>12</b> 10:00am - 11:30am Women's Way Out- MH
<b>13</b> Holy Week Palm Sunday - Children and Youth gather to Process with Palms 9:55 8:30am Childcare Available 9:00am - 9:45am Sunday Learning for All Ages 10:00am Worship Service - Live Stream and Facebook	<b>14</b> Holy Week 1:00pm - 3:00pm Memorial Hall - Pecan Bookmarks 5:30pm Lent Study - FH - Build your own sandwich bar, Childcare 6:00pm - 7:00pm AI-Anon	<b>15</b> Holy Week 10:00am - 11:00am PW Bible Study - Memorial Hall 4:30pm - 6:30pm Session - Fellowship Hall	<b>16</b> Holy Week 10:00am Book Circle - Admin Building 12:00pm - 1:00pm Men's Study - Admin 4:00pm - 5:30pm Choir - MH	<b>17</b> Holy Week 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Reenactment of the Lord's Supper	<b>18</b> Holy Week Pastor Angela's Sabbath 7:00pm Good Friday Service - Tenebrae	<b>19</b> Holy Week 10:00am - 11:30am Women's Way Out- MH 11:00am - 2:00pm Silent Saturday - Sanctuary available for reflection and prayer
<b>20</b> Bridge Articles Due 6:30am Sunrise Worship Hewlett Park Communion 9:00am - 9:45am Continental Breakfast, Easter Egg Hunt, Crafts, Flowering of the Cross, Release of Butterflies - FH 10:00am Easter-Sunday Worship Communion	<b>21</b> Easter Monday - Church Office Closed 6:00pm - 7:00pm AI-Anon	<b>22</b> Rev. Angela Out of the Office	<b>23</b> Habitat for Humanity - Admin Rev. Angela Out of the Office 10:30am FUN Circle - Botanical Gardens & Lunch 12:00pm - 1:00pm Men's Study - Admin 4:00pm - 5:30pm Choir - MH	<b>24</b> Rev. Angela Out of the Office 10:00am - 12:00pm Melody Belles - MH	<b>25</b> Rev. Angela Out of the Office The Promise of Passover - Must Preregister	<b>26</b> 10:00am - 11:30am Women's Way Out- MH
<b>27</b> Holy Humor Sunday 8:30am Childcare Available 9:00am - 9:45am Sunday Learning 10:00am Worship Service - Live Stream and Facebook	<b>28</b> 6:00pm - 7:00pm AI-Anon	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 12:00pm - 1:00pm Men's Study - Admin 4:00pm - 5:30pm Choir - MH	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Pastor Angela's Sabbath	<b>3</b> 10:00am - 11:30am Women's Way Out- MH 11:00am - 5:00pm Church Picnic!

**Elder Sharon Curry on call:**  
**April 22-25**  
**817-736-6808 CELL**  
**214-393-5625 OFFICE**

**Nursery**  
 Jessica Roberson, Lead Nursery Attendant  
 Nancy Bennett - Nursery Attendant Volunteer  
**Office**  
**202 West Pearl Street**  
**817-573-2337**  
 Gail Deckert, Administrative Assistant  
 Glenn Goforth, Maintenance

**Rev. Angela Madden Scott**  
**Music**  
 Priscilla Allen, Music Director  
 Janet Everitt, Accompanist/Organist

Office Hours  
 Monday - Thursday  
 7:30—4:30



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.

**Have you considered the Church in your Will or Legacy plans?**



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