

THE REFORMER

“A Family of Grace...Growing in Faith...Sharing God’s Love”

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APRIL WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Thursday, April 1: Maundy Thursday

Pastor Craig will offer opportunities for you to remember the meal Jesus shared with his disciples before his death, and receive the sacrament he instituted on that night. You may join him in the sanctuary at 12:00 noon, 3:00, or 7:00.

Friday, April 2: Good Friday

A reflective and meditative service, centered around The Stations of the Cross, will be posted to the Reformation Facebook Page. You are invited to enter into this time of worship, mindful of the tremendous sacrifice Christ made on our behalf.

Sunday, April 4: Easter Sunday.

He is risen! We gather in person to celebrate our Lord’s victory over sin, death and the devil, and to share in his holy, life-giving meal. Mark (18:1-8) reports the resurrection of Jesus announced to the women who come to the tomb, but the response is one of terror and amazement. Plan now to join us for this uplifting service. (Please enter the sanctuary through the front door.)

Sunday, April 11: Second Sunday of Easter

The story of Easter continues as the risen Lord appears to his disciples (John 20:19-31). His words to Thomas offer a blessing to all who entrust themselves in faith to the risen Lord.

Sunday, April 18: Third Sunday of Easter

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples (Luke 24:36-48). He opens their minds to understand him as the resurrected Messiah and sends them on a mission to proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness.

Sunday, April 25: Fourth Sunday of Easter

In language that recalls Psalm 23, Jesus describes himself as the shepherd who cares for his sheep (John 10:11-18). He is willing to die for them, and he is able to overcome death for them.

NEWS AND NOTES

MOBILE CAFÉ – THURSDAY, APRIL 8

We will prepare and distribute meals at the Hiddenite Food Pantry. Please contact Dianne Gwaltney if you can provide individually wrapped desserts or help with the distribution.

CONGREGATION COUNCIL – SUNDAY, APRIL 11

The Council will meet via Zoom at 7:00. Sherry Hart will lead devotions.

NEW VIDEO EQUIPMENT has been installed and will greatly improve our online presence. Worship services will continue to be streamed, even after we return to in-person worship. We are thankful for gifts from the Memorial Fund in memory of Herman Shook to underwrite this project.

THANK YOU

▶ to those who have faithfully helped bring our Sunday morning Lenten services into the homes of our members: Amy Krohn, Dana Yoder, Scott Patterson, Susan Sigmon, Denise Rhodes, and Laura Wagoner

▶ to those who provided desserts or helped with the Mobile Café on March 11

▶ to Bill Fox, Leslie Gwaltney and Doug Fox for their assistance during the installation of the new video equipment

The following was written by St. Teresa of Avila in the 16th Century:

Christ has no body no but yours; no hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which the compassion of Christ must look out on the world.
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good.
Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body.
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

If updated for our contemporary culture, it might read like this:

Christ has no online presence but yours; no blog, no Facebook page but yours,
Yours are the tweets through which love touches this world,
Yours are the posts through which the Gospel is shared,
Yours are the updates through which hope is revealed.
Christ has no online presence but yours; no blog, no Facebook page but yours.

Something to think about. May the light of Christ shine through your online presence!

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

The Congregation Council met on Sunday March 7, 2021 via Zoom with eleven members present. Following the devotions by Pastor Craig, President Dana called the meeting to order. Minutes and Treasurer's report were reviewed and accepted. Pastor's report was given.

Worship and Music reported that Easter Sunday worship will be held at 10:30 am, with no breakfast afterward. With social distancing, 50 – 55 can be seated safely in the sanctuary, with overflow being seated in Reformation Hall. Maundy Thursday service will be held during the day with members given three opportunities to commune. Good Friday service will be pre-recorded and streamed online.

Memorial Garden reported trees were trimmed at a cost of \$600.

Property has not heard from any roofers regarding the leak in Reformation Hall.

Old Business:

New video streaming equipment has been installed but a stronger Firewall router and two access points are needed. Cost of equipment is \$954.01. Motion was made, seconded, and passed to purchase the equipment. No word yet on the grant application through the NC Synod to help with the purchase of the video equipment.

New Business:

NC Synod meeting will be held via Zoom, Thursday, June 3rd through Saturday, June 5th, 2021. Anyone interested in serving as delegate should contact Pastor Craig.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Thank you to all our members who have continued to practice faithful stewardship during this time of pandemic. Your gifts to the church have been such a blessing. The most recent financial information is recorded below. Members are asked to prayerfully consider a special gift as we return for Easter (perhaps a portion of your stimulus money) to help offset the deficit we are currently experiencing. Above all, please lift our congregation in prayer. that we may faithfully serve our Lord, discern and follow his will, and work to extend his kingdom on earth.

STEWARDSHIP THROUGH MARCH

Weekly Need	3509.00
Receipts YTD	33,343.93
Over(Under) YTD	(8,764.07)

READERS FOR APRIL

April 4 – Donna White; April 11 – Jan Austin; April 18 – Judy Fay; April 25 – Amy Deal

NEW ADDRESS: Martha Scales has moved in with her daughter, Deb and her address is 10006 Stony Point Drive, Woodway, TX 76712



PRAYER CONCERNS : Barbara White, Evelyn Hammer, Rachel Shook, Dave Ridenhour, Colleen Hammer, Richard Puett, Amy Krohn, Mary Wike, Richard Byrd, and Melissa Vowell

GIFTS TO THE MEMORIAL FUND/CURRENT FUND

In memory of Stephanie Schultz

Virgil Schultz

In memory of Jean Fox

Southern Coach

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES TO CELEBRATE



- 5 Blondell Cline
- 5 Graham Thick
- 8 J.L. Chapman
- 8 Peyton Price
- 11 Glenn Price
- 12 Jacob Fox
- 13 Melanie Austin
- 15 Louise Blanton
- 20 Linda Bowman
- 20 Sylvia Feimster
- 20 Jeanette Johnson
- 23 Sherry Hart
- 27 Doug Fox
- 27 Scott Patterson
- 28 Joshua King
- 29 Jackson James Thick

- 21 Judy & Lindsay Fay
- 25 Joy & Craig Barrett