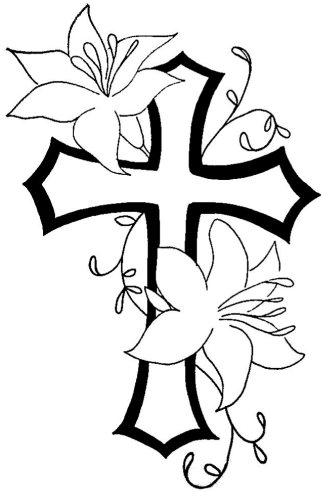




Words from Woodforest

Spring Newsletter



A Word From the Pastor

First I want to tell you how blessed and excited I am to be starting my ministry with you. I think that it was very appropriate that our journey together began on Easter. On Easter, when Jesus rose, he made all things new. It was a brand new beginning for the world. But we need to remember that Easter isn't just a day, it is a season.

I was asked when we should take down our flower cross out front. Some churches only leave it up on Easter Sunday or for a couple of weeks. But it is still Easter Season all the way through Pentecost on May 23rd.

Even though the stores have sold off all their Easter candy and stuffed bunnies and traded them for summer products, it doesn't mean that Easter is past. We prepared our hearts for Easter for forty days. For forty days we contemplated the sacrifice that Jesus had to make for us. But the whole reason that Jesus did suffer and die was to get to the resurrection! Easter was the goal. Life conquered death. After struggling through Lent for forty days how could we give Easter less attention and glory?

When I was in elementary school our church children's choir sang the song "Every Morning is Easter Morning From Now On." It sang about how we are Easter people. Even when times are hard. Even when we are struggling we can take comfort and joy in the fact that Christ is risen! Because of that we have been promised a place at the heavenly banquet.

So, as we begin our journey together, remember that we are Easter People and we have the best news in the whole world to share with our community!

As things are opening back up session has discussed the safety of attending church in person. It is recommended you have had both Covid shots and waited 2 weeks after the last shot. We will still wear masks and social distance while in the church. If you have a need of transportation to and from church please leave a message on the WOODFOREST PC phone and someone will get back with you. (713-453-7314) We miss all your shining faces and would love to see you at church.

Mission Committee



Each year on Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the church. The Holy Spirit remains with us still, connecting us with the church of the past, continuing to inspire the church of today, and pointing us to the church of the future. Each year, this celebration is marked by receiving the Pentecost Offering which nurtures the faith of those who are the church to come — children, youth, and young adults. Psalm 71 testifies that a foundation of faith established during childhood helps ensure lifelong faith and service. The patterns and lessons established during these formative years continue to bear fruit throughout a person's life. By giving to the Pentecost Offering, your congregation participates in helping our children, youth, and young adults grow up to proclaim with the Psalmist, "O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds." **This offering is received on Pentecost Sunday, May 23. Be sure to wear your red.**

We will be installing Rev. Karen Estes as the part time pastor of Woodforest Presbyterian Church on Sunday, May 23rd ,at 3 pm and followed with a reception.

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering totaled \$ 478.

Blood drive results: **12 units of blood were collected. Thanks to all who shared the gift of life.**



Mark your Calendars

Vacation Bible School is being planned for June 7-9. 6-8 pm.
The plan is to be outside and use small groups.

Congregational Life

Woodforest PC held its first fund raiser in over a year on March 26,2021. We had a drive by Bar-B-Q Chicken dinner \$10 per plate. The following church members donated time and food to make it happen. Many thanks to:

Kevin Nickel donated time in Fri to cook chicken and on Sat for helping to sauce and serve plates

Mary Ellen Baker arrived early and helped set up, serve food and clean up.

Shar Baker for cupcakes for bake sale and helping in the kitchen from start to finish.

Blake Baker for helping out

Renee Feltner for providing bean, pickles, onions and the fresh hot biscuits, plus help on Fri and Sat in the kitchen.

Linda Norris for the potato salad and start to finish help in the kitchen.

Julia. Many thanks for being the money changer.

Johnny Gaskill for order taker and trouble shooter.

We made over \$800 go to missions.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene McAlexander

Congregational Life Chair

Conclaves 2021

Conclaves 2021 was very different from prior years. This was a “hybrid” teen event, with two sessions held virtually by Zoom. The third session was an all-day event in person - we were out-of-doors and socially distanced the entire time. Everyone agreed that having Conclaves at Camp Cho-Yeh was much better. But as one of our keynote speakers said, we needed to focus on “being present... not perfect”. And we were!

In spite of the pandemic restrictions, the kids felt that the theme (*Connections*) was timely and relevant. The small groups had “good energy. A little awkward at first, but by the last day we were connecting more.” Most of all, we had fun together!

So our question is: did we learn things that can help us going forward? And the answer is yes, indeed! Our teens have asked to resume their Bible study class; they are looking forward to VBS, and our new pastor has invited them to serve as worship assistants!

Stay tuned!

Garage Sale April 24th

Thanks to Johnny and Bob Bartel who did the heavy lifting.

Thanks to Darlene McAlexander, Renee Feltner, Julia, Prasco, Marjory Sutton, Mary Ellen Baker, and Linda Norris for pricing and sorting all the treasures, and an extra thanks to Darlene for all the vacuuming. Thanks to all those who helped on the big day! Until the final numbers are in it looks like over \$900. The plan is to do another garage sale the fall as well.

Easter Lilies were donated by:

Linda Norris... Albert, Norris, Parents, Children

Julia Prasco...Philip

Evelyn JogieMother

Sandra Horton...Hilton Horton, Marva Tarvin, Shirley Phillips, June Moore, Norman McIntyre

Margaret Hosein ...Dorothy Hosein and Popo John Family

Ann Martin...Jim Bugesion, Sidney Ayers

Renee Feltner...Virgil Scott

Johnny Gaskill

Keep in Prayer

Healing and comfort for Sandra Horton, Darlienne Powell, Shar Baker, Krista Bartel Billie Vickery and Kathleen Watson.

Alice Morgan's mother. Elizabeth with Alzheimer's .

For those who grieve, the family of Glenda Leggett who lost her battle with cancer.

The Prasco family for the loss of Bobbie Prasco.

The family of Billie Vickery as they go through some difficulties

Last Word

We are the Church Together!



**Garage Sale
April 24th ,2021**





The tables were getting bare by 10 AM

