

Church news

Chandler F.U.M.C.

by Linda G. Keeling

Sermon March 16th: Seven Deadly Sins #6 (Envy). Scripture, Philippians 3:17-21 "He was wounded for our transgressions; He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed." (Isaiah 53:5)

One of the Easter traditions that I like most in our church is the cross decorated with spring flowers. Besides the beauty and smell of all those flowers, the visual image of a cross covered with living flowers is the epitome of what Easter truly is about. We are healed by God's grace and have been given eternal life. The cross becomes the symbol, not of death, but of life. Christ died for our sins, he rose from the dead and walked, taught, even ate with his disciples. After the crucifixion, the cross becomes a representation of our living God. It is right to decorate the cross in spring flowers as they return to us from the ground. As the grass turns green and

the leaves return to the trees, all of our senses become aware of what resurrection and eternal life means. The earth constantly shows us, specially each spring. "Why are we looking for a living person in the place for the dead?" (Luke 24:5) "We should worship him, as his disciples and be very happy." (Luke 24:52)

Our "Joy Jingers" the bell choir for 2nd through 5th grade, gave the congregation a tremendous performance Sunday. The choir consists of Joseph Cherry, Will Grantham, Cub Griffin, Carlin Cherry, Grace Grantham, Tommy Pollard, Sami Jo Taylor, Jenny Burch, Camryn Johnston and Lyn York.

Maundy Thursday, March 20th, is the beginning of Holy Week. On this day four events are commemorated; the washing of the Disciples' feet by Jesus Christ, the Last Supper, Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane, and the betrayal of Christ by Judas Iscariot. The word "Maundy" comes from the Latin "mandatum" which means commandment. This is the first word in a Latin phrase for "A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another, as I have loved you." (John 13:34). For years I thought

everyone was saying 'maudlin' since it was the day of betrayal of Jesus, so it is wonderful to recognize Maundy Thursday services at 6:30 p.m. this week, as the day to commemorate the greatest commandment that Jesus gave us. So bring your loved ones and come to church this Thursday to honor our Lord.

Charles and Juanita Price had an interesting experience when they visited their daughter who works with the CBS Extreme Home Makeover program. They were put to work with the many volunteers used in building the homes. They were really impressed with the sincerity of the crew and their joy in helping people in need. The program they were on will show on Easter Sunday, March 23rd. If you are not already a fan of this program, make a point to watch this special one.

Good Friday, March 21, services will be held at 12 Noon, with Easter Sunday Sunrise services being held at Lake Palestine Methodist Church at 7 a.m. Breakfast to be served by the host church. The Easter egg hunt for the children will be held at our church at 9 a.m. with worship services following at 10 and 10:30 a.m.

Happy Anniversary to: Billy Jim and Marilyn Pollard, and Tom and Debbie Cherry.

Happy Birthday to: Susanne Hays, Bobby Ball, Mare Stokke, Cliff Mire Jr., and Sami Jo Taylor.

Thought for the Week: "At present we tend to think of the soul as somehow 'inside' the body. But the glorified body of the resurrection as I conceive it -- the sensuous life raised from its death -- will be inside the soul. As God is not in space but space is in God." C.S. Lewis: *The Joyful Christian*.

The beautiful tapestry designed and made by Nancy Martin to help raise funds for the Kenya Mission trip is available for view in the FUMC office. Tickets are one dollar each. The drawing will take place Easter Sunday.

St. Boniface Catholic

by Sue Beams

On the Fifth Sunday of Lent, members of St. Boniface Catholic Church heard through the Gospel of John of the death and rising to life of Lazarus, friend of Jesus. In a lesson in faith, Martha knew that Jesus had the power to save Lazarus from death. In his homily, Fr. Jesse explained the rising of Lazarus was a powerful sign to the Jews. Many knew of the healing powers of Christ, but few realized He had the power over death! The full extent of His power is revealed in the Resurrection. In Baptism, we rise with Jesus in life. After the Resurrection we rise in Christ in Eternity. We must listen to God's call in this life ... there will be no choice on Judgment Day.

Following Mass, refresh-

ments were enjoyed in the community room.

In the fifth installment of the Lenten Devotion, Iris Mamo, DRE presented the short DVD on the Beatitudes. Also referred to as 'The Sermon on the Mount,' the beatitudes (according to our Catholic teaching) confront us with decisive choices concerning earthly goods; they purify our hearts in order to teach us to love God above all else. Iris thanked those who set the example to our youth by attending rosaries, stations, and this Lenten devotion with them.

A copy of the Lenten schedule is posted in the community room for those who did not get the one included in this week's bulletin. Please note the times of the services and make plans to attend.

The community presentation of The Passion Play will be March 15th and 16th at 7:30 pm on the church grounds. This production is free to the public. Make plans to attend this

beautiful presentation with your family.

The ladies of the Altar Society wish to thank everyone who participated in the special collection this past weekend. All the funds from the second collection will be used to adorn the altar with Easter flowers.

Reminder: training for new altar servers (who have signed up) will take place on Saturday, March 15th at 3:00 pm. Deacon Steve Curry will preside at the training. If you have any questions, please call Tracy and Raul DeLaGarza for information.

Congratulations and best wishes to all who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries.

May God bless you! We pray for the sick and suffering to find comfort in Christ, our Lord. Please remember in prayer our departed brothers and sisters; may they rest in peace. We ask for continued prayer for those men and women serving our country; may God the Father protect them from all harm until they can come home again!

Lake Palestine U.M.C.

by Barbara Cade

in the hospital, but she is doing better. We pray that she will be home soon.

Donna Franko is still sick with a cold or the flu. Rich Franko had it for awhile, but he is better now.

Three members from the church braved the bad weather last Friday night to attend the ACTS meeting at Marvin UMC. They were Herb Botts, Barb Cade and Rev. Richard Prather.

Angela Martin announced that she probably has about all the plastic eggs she needs, but there is still a need for the candy to fill those eggs. The Easter egg hunt will be March 22 at 2:00 p.m. at the church.

Charles Johnson continues to improve in rehab in Tyler.

Miranda Rowan has to have some medical tests this week.

We are also praying for Dan and Dorothy Newsom as Dan has just entered Hospice.

There was a beautiful rose placed on the altar in honor of Cooper David Price's birth this last Sunday. He had to make a little trip to the hospi-

tal for breathing problems, but is doing great now.

We will be praying for Jan Decker as she undergoes knee surgery. We want her up and about quickly.

Next Tuesday, March 18th, the church has something very special to look forward to. There will be a Seder meal in the evening with a representative from Jews for Jesus talking about the history and importance of the meal. Rev. Richard has sent around a sign-up sheet for those interested in attending, but he does need to know the exact number because of the tables to set up, etc. It should be fun.

Of course, that is just the beginning of the Holy Week activities. There will be a Maundy Thursday service on Thursday, a Tennebrae service on Friday and then on Easter, a sunrise service at around 7 a.m. and the regular service at 10:50. There will also be the normal Sunday school classes. Plan to put all of these on your calendar now. It should be an exciting and Spirit-filled week.

Brownsboro Junior High School STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Allison Tarrant
7th Grade

Parents: Cassandra West
Adam Tarrant
Brothers/Sisters: Jorgia, Landoh, Josh, Justin, Kelsey
Hobbies: running



Tyler Ford
8th Grade

Parents: Tom
Brothers/Sisters: Tommy, Weston
Hobbies: racing, football

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Patrick McCarthy
7th Grade

Parents: Kevin & Cathy McCarthy
Brothers/Sisters: Jacob
Hobbies: Sports, music, tv



Brittney Sherman
8th Grade

Parents: Willie & Caprica Sherman
Brothers/Sisters: Brandon, Brent
Hobbies: Dance, texting, cheering

Emergency supply kit

Henderson County/Athens, TX Department(s) of Emergency Management urges citizens to prepare for severe storms before they strike. Your family should have an emergency supply kit on hand. Your supplies should be kept in water resistant, easy-to-lift containers that you can move rapidly, if necessary. This supply kit is appropriate for severe weather events as well as other emergencies. It should include:

- First Aid kit
 - Cash (power outages mean banks and ATMs may be unavailable)
 - Road maps
 - Battery-operated radio, flashlight with extra batteries
 - Important documents and records, photo IDs, proof of residence
 - Three-day supply of non-perishable food, one gallon of bottled water per person per day, coolers for food and ice storage
 - Fire extinguisher
 - Blankets, sleeping bags and extra clothing
 - Extra medications and prescriptions, hearing aids and other special medical items
 - Eyeglasses and sunglasses
 - Toilet paper, clean-up supplies, duct tape, tarp, rope
 - Can opener, knife, tools, booster cables
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