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GULF BEACH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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Beach Tidings Newsletter



A Word from Pastor Michael

As winter's cold grip begins to loosen its hold, the world awakens from its slumber, bursting forth with new life and vitality. Springtime, often considered a time of renewal and rebirth, carries a profound hope and promise. In the pages of the Bible, we find numerous references to the beauty and significance of this transformative season.

In the book of Ecclesiastes, we read, "To everything, there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck what is planted" (Ecclesiastes 3:1-2). These words remind us that just as the earth experiences cycles of growth and decay, so too do our lives ebb and flow with time. Spring serves as a poignant reminder that despite the trials of life, there is always the promise of new beginnings and fresh opportunities.

The arrival of spring heralds the return of warmth and light, symbolizing the triumph of life over death. In the Gospel of John, Jesus declares, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me, though he may die, he shall live" (John 11:25). These words speak to the Christian belief in the resurrection of Christ, a central tenet of faith that underscores the hope of eternal life. In the same way that winter gives way to spring, death also gives way to new life through the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

Throughout the Bible, we find references to the beauty and abundance of the natural world during the spring season. In the Psalms, King David writes, "You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide their grain, for so you have prepared it" (Psalm 65:9). This imagery of God's provision and care for His creation is reflected in the blossoming flowers, the verdant fields, and the bountiful harvests that characterize springtime.

Spring is also a time of spiritual renewal and growth. In his first letter to the Corinthians, the Apostle Paul writes, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new" (2 Corinthians 5:17). Just as the earth is rejuvenated during the spring season, so too are believers called to experience a spiritual awakening, casting off the old ways of sin and embracing the new life found in Christ.

In conclusion, springtime is a powerful reminder of God's faithfulness, grace, and promise of renewal. As the world awakens from its winter slumber, may we awaken to the possibilities of new beginnings and the hope of everlasting life. Let us rejoice in the beauty of God's creation and the abundant blessings He bestows upon us daily.

And as always, may you be blessed and blessing to others.

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HAVE A
blessed
EASTER

ANNOUNCEMENT



Adult Sunday School

Sunday school is at 8:00am in a room in the

Preschool wing. Class begins at 8:00 am. We will be studying Romans: A concise summary of the Gospel.

Everyone is invited to attend.

Faithful Foodies-Thursday, March 7th

Come join your church family for dinner and fellowship at Mike's Seafood and Oyster Bar. Meet at 5:00pm at 17554 Front Beach Rd

Evening Women's Circle- Monday, March 11th

We will meet at 5:30 in the fellowship area of the church. All women of the church are welcome to attend our study.

Faith, Fellowship & Food- Friday, March 22nd

The 4th Friday of each month, join your church family for games and potluck lunch. We will meet in the church fellowship hall.

Maunday Thursday Service- March 28th at 5:30

We will share soup and bread as part of the service.

Easter Sunday Worship- March 31st at 9:15am



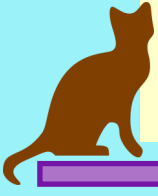
Breakfast Point Academy Book Fair

As part of our continuing partnership, Gulf Beach will collect monetary donations to purchase books for the ESE class. The book fair offers Buy One Get One, doubling our impact. Be sure to write on your check or envelope Breakfast point. Thank you.



Community Prayer Line

Gulf Beach Presbyterian Church, the Little Pink Church, has established a Community Prayer Line. If you would like to submit a concern, joy, or sorrow, please send your short message to our Prayer email at: Prayers271@gmail.com.



Online giving with ease

We have made giving simpler. Whether you are giving to your pledge or making an end of year gift, it is now as easy as scanning the QR code with your phone.



Fellowship Walking Group **Every Tuesday**

Everyone is invited to join this group as they meet at Aaron Bessant park parking lot and walk together at 7: 00am every Tuesday. If you are interested in joining this group please call Ron Coleman, 850-890-1172 or Lenny Zacher at 867-3770.



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

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, 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, each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations. The offering provides us a way to share god's love with our neighbors in need. In fact, One Great Hour of Sharing is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. **Gulf Beach will be taking up this special offering on Sunday, March 24th. Envelopes will be provided or mark on your check OGHS.**



Sunday, March 3rd 9:15am

Kirkin O the Tartan

**Please join us for this special
worship service honoring our
Scottish roots.**



**Saturday, March 10th
Spring your clocks forward.**

Sunday, March 17th

St. Patrick's Day



Sunday, March 24th 9:15am

Palm Sunday

Thursday, March 28th

**Maunday Thursday
service 5:30pm**



Sunday, March 31st 9:15am

Easter Sunday

Bring a friend to church



Birthdays /Anniversaries

March Birthdays

7-Catherine Grace Burke

12- Liz Creswell

15- Karl Wiseloglel

17-Lorraine Gilmore

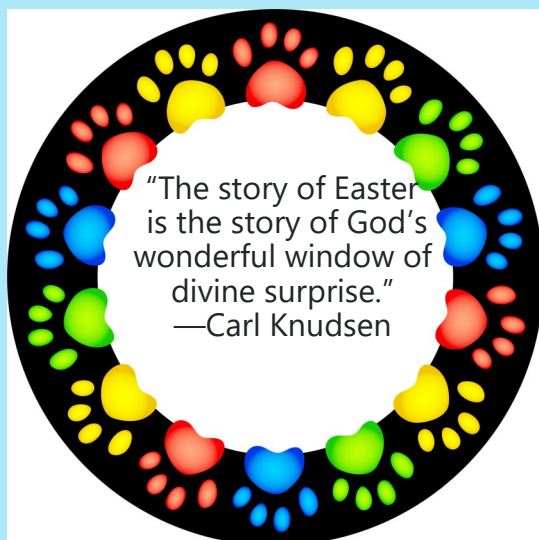
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John Briggs

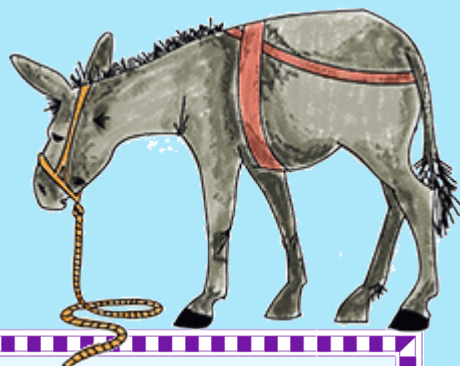
Charles Wilder

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Thomas



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my
heart is
OVERWHELMED:
lead me to the
ROCK
that is
HIGHER
THAN I.
Psalm 61:2, KJV



Be the donkey

Corrie ten Boom, a devout Christian who helped shelter hundreds of Jewish people from Nazis during World War II, was asked how she stayed humble despite her fame.

"When Jesus rode into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday on the back of a donkey, and everyone was waving palm branches and throwing garments onto the road and singing praises, do you think that for one moment it ever entered the head of that donkey that any of that was for him?" she replied. "If I can be the donkey on which Jesus Christ rides in his glory, I give him all the praise and all the honor."

Jesus told his followers they'd need to carry (or "take up") their cross. But how well do you carry your Savior? How do you bring him into a world that desperately needs the good news of the gospel?

