

SPECIAL DATES FOR
APRIL 2012*Happy Birthday*

To:

04/03 - Cindy Hackley

04/11 - John Stockdale

04/24 - Adam Brock

Happy Anniversary

To:

04/03 Harold and
Debra PankeyINSIDE
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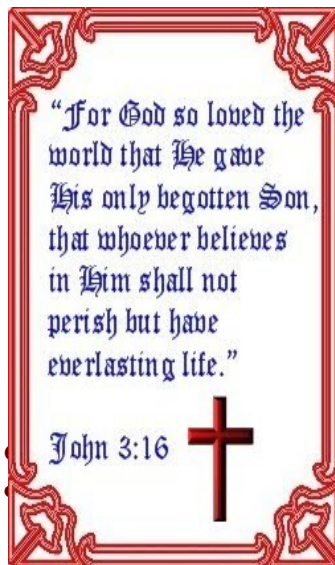
APRIL 2012

Sunday Events by Date and Location

Join us every Sunday for
10:45 A.M. Sunday Wor-
ship

Holy Week begins

04/01/12 - Palm Sunday

04/08/12 - Easter Sun-
day9:00 a.m. Easter Break-
fast9:45 a.m. Easter Egg
Hunt04/15/12 - Fellowship
Meal and Rev. Laurie Feille
Presentation on Missions.04/22/12 - T.J. York
Youth Minister preaches04/29/12 - Join us for
Worship Service with
Bob Patchin3:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.
Brush Arbor

Life in the Parish

Lenten Lunches:

Every Year during Holy Week, 04/02-04/06, the churches in the community come together in unity and provide a week-long series. There will be good preaching and eating every day during the Holy Week at FUMC.

Ana preaches on Wednesday that week.

The lunch will be barbeque provided by The 1st Baptist Church.

Eggs Needed for Easter Egg Hunt.

Many Little people mean many eggs are needed. The Nurture and Evangelism Committee is arranging for the Easter Egg hunt, but needs YOU to help supply the eggs. We need at least another 300 plastic filled eggs. Use your imagination and creativity as to how to fill them. If you want to decorate them, let the creative juices flow! Please bring them to the foyer/northex no later than Thursday, April 5th. All help is appreciated.

Martha Salmon

We will be sending out the information for the "In Memory of or In Honor Of" donations for the Lily fund in the next few bulletins for those of you who would like to participate.



Easter Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt



The Nurture and Evangelism Committee is getting us all set for the Easter Sunday Brunch and Easter Egg Hunt. The brunch is scheduled to begin at 9:00 A.M. on Easter Sunday and available until 10:15. You don't need to bring a dish; just come prepared to enjoy the food and fellowship. The Easter Egg Hunt will begin at 9:45A.M. Children just need to bring their Easter baskets to collect the goodies they find. If it's been a while since you watched children finding the eggs, you will not want to miss the glee in their eyes and the smiles on their faces. Perhaps some of you have grandchildren, nieces, nephews, etc. here and will bring them to join in the fun. Martha Salmon

Mission Sunday

This is your mission, if you choose to acceptRev. Laurie Feille joins Jacksboro Parish on Sunday, April 15, 2012 and discusses mission opportunities and the impact of the mission on the congregation. Rev. Feille participates in many mission trips yearly, has a true passion for mission work and the transformation that we experience when we come together and unite with God on these mission trips. Join us that day, Mission and Stewardship is hosting this fellowship lunch after service....start your mission now and see how you can help this committee! Rev. Ana Wilson

April 29th

This is a wonderful day in the life of the Parish!

It is a fifth Sunday and during worship Bob Patchin from Christian Missions joins us for his inspirational story and piano playing. Then, as if this wasn't enough excitement, Brush Arbor Happens from 3:00 P.M.—6:00 P.M. This is a Presbyterian Area Three gathering, but we invite ALL of you to come, bring a dish and help FPC host this wonderful gathering of folks. Music, food, fellowship all day long....What more could we ask for? WE ARE SO BLESSED! Thanks be to God!!! Rev. Ana Wilson



Weekly Calendar Events and Meetings for April

April 2012

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 | 30 | | | | | |

04/02/12 Monday Meditation from 6:00 - 8:00 a.m.

04/02-04/06 Lenten Lunches @ FUMC (all week)

04/03/12 Parish Pre-School is available every Tuesday @ 9:00 a.m.

04/04/12 Mother's Day Out is available every Wednesday @ 9:00 a.m.

Rev. Ana Preaches @ FUMC for Lenten Lunch

Choir Practice tonight @ 6:30 p.m.

04/05/12 Maunday Thursday service at Jacksboro Parish 6:30 a.m.

Parish Pre-School is available every Thursday @ 9:00 a.m.

04/06/12 Good Friday

Women's Group provides meal for Lenten Lunch @ FUMC

04/10/12 Men's Group @ 6:00 a.m.

Worship Committee @ 3:30 p.m.

Choir Practice every Tuesday @ 6:30 p.m.

04/17/12 Bible Babes @ the Bistro @ 8:00 a.m.

Mission and Stewardship @ 6:30 p.m.

04/18/12 Session Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.

04/19/12 Parish Council @ 6:30 p.m.

04/20/12 Women's Retreat

04/23-04/27 Ana is out of the office

04/25/12 Women's Group @ 5:30 p.m.



How great are your
works, O Lord
Your thoughts
are very deep

YOUTH GROUP CALENDAR EVENTS

Every Wednesday the Jr. High and High School Youth Groups meet at New FPC:

@ 321 North Knox Street, Jacksboro, Texas

6:00-7:15 p.m. - Jr. High Youth Group

7:15-8:30 p.m. - High School Group

04/13—04/14 High School Camp, cost is \$50.00

Message from T. J.
As a youth worker I value the importance of building relationships, which is one of the reasons you can almost always find me cheering at the football stadium, or sitting in uncomfortable bleachers in a gym watching multiple basketball games, or at a baseball field to work on my tan as I cheer on home teams (I am not really working on my tan, I actually really enjoy watching baseball).

A few nights ago, I was watching my junior high boys play; as a kid I never played baseball because I had ADHD and it was entirely too slow to entertain me. As I was leaving the field, I was reminded of something. Outside the gate was a hill of dirt, and on top of the hill was a kid yelling "I'm king of the hill", I'm king of the hill"! This reminded me of going and watching my brothers and sisters play baseball/softball when I was about five or six. At the back of the complex there was always a dirt pile and my friends and I would play King of the hill. It was always a lot of fun.

It's nice how simple things in life can bring a smile to your face, like that kid on the hill did for me. I believe it is in the simple things of life that God is most present. So I guess what I am saying is a few nights ago I saw God at a baseball field, with a kid yelling "I'm king of the hill, I'm king of the hill".

God is so great! Today take the time to find God in the simple things of life.

Children Ministries



Mother's Day Out Easter Egg Hunt will be on Wednesday 04/04 at 2:00p.m. following snack time. Those of you who bring your children are welcome to come and take pictures or just watch the kids having fun. If your child does not attend MDO and you are interested in bring your child, you may contact Stephanie Swan at the Parish office.

The Parish Pre-school will have an Easter Party/Easter Egg Hunt on Thursday 04//05 during school hours of 9:00—11:00 a.m. We will be sending a note to let you know what they need to bring.

Stephanie Swan

Dir. Of Children Ministry

Looking for Workers

Mother's Day out is looking to hire workers in the toddler room and in the pre-school aged room. If you are interested in helping or if you know anyone who may be interested, please contact

Stephanie Swan in the Parish Office . Stephanie Swan

Director of Children Ministry

Children Mission Fun!

Kids and Parents/Grandparents ! ! !

Come to church on 04/07/12 (Saturday before Easter) at 3:30 p.m. and join together in a mission project for the Clothes Closet, baking empty tomb cookies and eating PIZZA ! ! ! Can't wait to see all of you !

Rev. Ana Wilson



Women's Retreat

This is the month that women get to go have a weekend of spiritual renewal. This is for all women ages 18+.

We'd love for you to join us at Lake Brownwood Christian Retreat on April 20-22, 2012.

Please go to : www.centralareawomensretreat.com to register! Hope to see you there!



Women's Group

Jacksboro Parish women's group meets monthly at one of the Ladies house for fellowship, food, fun and study. In April, we meet at Barbara Plaster's home, we can car pool for that gathering. See you at this wonderful gathering at 5:30 p.m.

Ana

**Bible
Babes @
The
Bistro
04/17/12 @
8:00 A.M.**

Men's Group



The Jacksboro Parish's Men's group meets monthly at the Parish for food, fun , fellowship and hands on mis-

Please join the group the SECOND Tuesday of every month at 6:00 a.m. and not to worry, every-

Pastor's Prattling



Dear Ones,

What an exciting month we had here at the Parish. As you can see this newsletter is late for March, but early for April! I ask your forgiveness as we get things going and headed in the "right" direction! Many of you were not here this past Sunday, so I'd like to recap the sermon... hope you don't mind.

As I started ministry here at the Parish, I've noticed and heard stories of painful memories of the past. I have to say I am deeply sorry there are so many of these stories floating around our congregation and I pray I (with God's help) can bring a healing presence as well as some education.

My calling is being a pastor, not necessarily a Minister. You may ask, "What's the diff?" My definition of a Minister tends to be one who primarily preaches and teaches... they tend to be your CEOs of larger congregations and have titles such as Senior Minister... which is the title this congregation gave me because I am a Senior Minister and this is a multi-staff congregation.

A Pastor is one who provides pastoral support, care, compassion and love to the members of the congregation, staff and beyond in times of extreme crisis, ordinary moments, joys, concerns, and more. A Pastor can also preach, teach, manage, lead, guide, do accounting/membership/books (etc), but for me more importantly is being present for the congregation and building transforming relationships.

Every minister has various gifts and those gifts are used to God's glory, some ministers are meant to be CEOs of big churches and they have the staff to do Pastoral Support, some ministers are amazing teachers and preachers, others are wonderful administrators who help with policy making/form creating/organizing, and then others are more pastoral—this is not an exhaustive list.

I fall in the pastoral arena and by the things I've heard the church wanted a Pastor, but in the past had Ministers. Ministers are good, however when a church wants a pastor, the fit is not right. Now, in a few years, y'all may see how unorganized I am and the church may swing back to wanting a minister... lol (hopefully not for lots and lots of years... I'll try to stay organized enough).

For now, please give me the opportunity and honor to be your Pastor and love you in the ordinary times of life and the extraordinary.

My love and devotion, Pastor Ana



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Ministries and Outreaches

Tuesday and Thursday—Preschool

Wednesday—Mother's Day Out

Lord's Acre

Youth Programs

Christian Women's Fellowship

Christian Men's Fellowship

Ministerial Alliance

Alcoholics Anonymous

A Shared Ministry of Memorial Christian
And First Presbyterian Churches.

We are on the WEB!!!

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Easter Traditions

Palm Sunday is the Sunday before Easter Day. It is to commemorate Jesus' last journey to Jerusalem, when people cut palm branches to spread on his path as he rode into the city to honor him.

Holy Thursday is also referred to as Maunday Thursday. In Europe the Christian monarchs used to wash the feet of poor people on the Thursday before Easter in memory of Jesus' Act.

Good Friday is the commemoration of the Trial and Crucifixion of Jesus. In some countries the bells are tolled while in others they are silenced until Sunday.

Easter Sunday is the Commemoration of the Resurrection of Jesus, with its promise of eternal life. A symbol of the Resurrection is the cross and in some countries the egg out of which a bird hatches.



The Easter Bunny was introduced to American Folklore by the German settlers who arrived in Pennsylvania Dutch country during the 1700's. The children believed that if they were good the "Oschter Haws" would lay a nest of colored eggs. Next to Christ-Kindel, this was considered "childhoods greatest pleasure"!

The boys would use their caps and the girls would use their bonnets to create a nest for the Easter Bunny to lay their eggs. The elaborate use of baskets would come later as the tradition of the Easter bunny spread. From earliest times, the egg was the symbol of rebirth in most cultures. Eggs were wrapped in gold leaf or colored by boiling them with leaves or petals of certain flowers. By the 19th century, the Easter Bunny was delighting children with baskets of eggs, chocolates, and candy.