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Eye witnesses to the arrest, trial and crucifixion of Jesus have been invited to Wheatland to speak on the Wednesdays during Lent. We aren't sure who will come to speak or which evenings they will come. And if too many respond, we may have to not sing on that Wednesday. These Wednesday evening services will be at 6:30 and will be followed with a light supper of sandwich, soup, dessert and a drink...all for only \$3. You can't beat that in a McDonalds \$1 menu!

The following eye witnesses have been invited...

The Power Brokers... Annas ; Caiaphas; Pilate; Herod Antipas
 In a Class by Themselves... Judas; Barabbas
 The Spice Bearers... Mary of Bethany; Mary Magdalene; Mary, the Mother of Jesus
 Disciples... John; Simon Peter; John Mark; Thomas; Cleopas; Lazarus; Thief on the Cross
 Bystanders... Wife of Pilate; Simon of Cyrene
 Roman Reaction... Centurion; Tomb Guard; The Flogger; the Gambler
 Sanhedrin Sympathizers... Joseph of Arimathea; Nicodemus

THE SIGN OF JONAH **Lenten Sermon Series**

Jonah...for lent? Sounds fishy, but it's a natural fit. When the Jews asked Jesus for a sign, he said, "I will give you only the sign of Jonah." After three days in the belly of the earth, Jesus rose with news of God's prodigal grace. This series of special services for Lent explores the meaning of "The Sign of Jonah" as we follow Jonah on his journey ... and Jesus on his way to the cross.

February 17 th	Ash Wednesday Service – 7:00 p.m. God is calling (Jonah 1:1-3)
February 21 st	Saved in the storm (Jonah 1:4-16)
February 28 th	Our providing God (Jonah 1:17)
March 7 th	Praying in the belly of the great big fish (Jonah 2:1-10)
March 14 th	The God of the second chance (Jonah 3:1-4)
March 21 st	About face (Jonah 3:5-10)

Pastor Kay's Korner

Last month as I watched the Super Bowl game on television, my ears perked up when the Denny's commercial came across the screen. Free grand slam! That is what I always get when I go to Denny's restaurant. I made a mental note of the date and come Tuesday, Nancy and I went to Denny's. She wasn't going to get the grand slam, but I was. Well, we just drove right on past. The line was out the door and it wasn't just a single line either, it was four or five people wide! And then this past week was National Pancake Week and the International House of Pancakes was offering free all you can eat pancakes! Well, once again the line was out the door! People don't just come by themselves. They call their friends and relatives and say..."They are offering free food, let's make it a party...want to come with me?"



What is it about free stuff? A store has a grand opening and offer a free "something" to the first 50 people and the line starts forming an hour before the store opens!

Well we have something free to offer too. The church, or I should say God, offers something free. All the forgiveness you need. All the grace you can want! And this is something we all need. We certainly need it more than all you can eat pancakes! We certainly need it more than a cholesterol loaded eggs, bacon, sausage, and pancake breakfast! Why don't we call our friends and invite them to church? Let's make it a party...We are giving away free grace!

See you in worship on Sunday,

Pastor Kay





SPRING CLEANING

Saturday, March 27th will be an all-church work day. We will clean and polish the sanctuary and mow and trim the outside areas as we prepare God's house to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ on Palm Sunday and on Easter. The Property Management Team is in charge of getting the necessary supplies and organizing the day, but everyone is needed to come out to help make this place sparkle for Easter. Supplies will be available at 9 a.m., come when you can. Lunch will be served at noon.

Daylight Savings Time Begins

Turn your clocks forward on March 14th.

CHANGE YOUR CLOCK



CHANGE YOUR BATTERY

Sunshine Fellowship

Do you have a friend that is lonesome? Do you know someone that needs to get out and visit with people? Invite them to Sunshine Fellowship. Even if you don't like to play games, maybe they do. This could be your mission to help someone else by bringing them to Sunshine Fellowship. Lots of talking and visiting goes on while the group plays chicken foot dominoes. It's an easy game, if you can see the colors or count the dots, you've got it made. Bring a dish to share at lunch. Come at 10 and stay til 2, or come when you can and leave when you need to. This months' group meets on March 3rd at 10 a.m.

EASTER EGGS NEEDED

Please bring filled Easter Eggs to the church on March 14th and on March 21st. The Easter Egg Hunt is Palm Sunday March 28th. Chocolate is yummy, but sometimes will melt in the hot sun, so you may want to choose some other type of candy. Be sure to purchase candy that is individually wrapped and will fit inside the plastic eggs that you purchase. Thank you for your support, the children always look forward to the Easter egg hunt.



WOMEN'S RETREAT

Mark your calendar! The Wheatland UMC Women's Retreat will be April 23-24 at Mt. Lebanon Encampment. The fun starts as early as 4:00 p.m. on Friday evening and ends about 3:30 Saturday afternoon. Wheatland Women provide the food and beverages...you may want to bring your own snacks. Cost for overnight campers is \$26.00 and day campers \$6. The motel like cabin has been reserved. The wagon for the hay ride up the mountain has been reserved. Reservations are limited to 16 overnight campers so get your reservation in early! More details to follow.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED TO RECYCLE "STUFF"

As God's children, we are responsible for God's creation. We should individually be recycling...and the church should have a recycle program. What happens to your church bulletin when you go home? If you put the calendar near the refrigerator or computer or phone so that you can see what the weeks activities are, that is great. If you toss it in your own recycling bin at home, that is great. But if you toss it in the waste basket, that's not good.



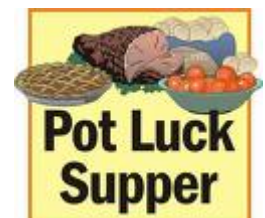
We need a recycling basket at both entrances/exits of the sanctuary, and if you aren't going to be using your bulletin, then you can toss it in the basket and a volunteer can take the papers to their recycling bin. (This would also keep the sanctuary looking much neater than leaving bulletins and loose papers in the pew on Sunday morning.)

The same is true for Fellowship Hall usage. In Plano, you can't recycle the plastic silverware or cups, and you can't recycle Styrofoam anywhere! But there are papers, boxes, cans, and soda bottles that occasionally are used. Those can be recycled. And perhaps we need to consider using recyclable products in the church kitchen. God has entrusted us to care for his world and I fear that we aren't doing such a good job. Our landfills are being filled and our trees are disappearing.

Would someone volunteer to take on this project? Talk to the pastor if this is something you feel you could do for God.

Palm Sunday Pot-Luck Luncheon

We always have many guests on Palm Sunday as the children come to hunt the Easter Eggs. To show our hospitality and get to know our guests better, we feed them. That will be **March 28th**. Please bring an extra dish to share as we want our guests to feel welcomed so they will stay for the luncheon after their children hunt eggs.



Palm Sunday Luncheon

We will have a pot-luck luncheon on Palm Sunday, **April 5th**. Please bring an extra dish to share as we want our guests to feel welcomed so they will stay for the luncheon after their children hunt eggs. This is the perfect time to greet and meet our guests. Traditionally this has been an even larger attended day than Easter. Come prepared to fellowship with others.

Palm Sunday – March 28th Easter Egg Hunt



Once again, Palm Sunday will be an exciting time in our church...full of activities for young and old. The service will start outside with the waving of palms as we process into the sanctuary. The service starts with the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem. Then Simon of Cyrene carries Jesus' cross, and worship ends with the passion of Jesus.

Immediately following the service, the children will hunt for Easter Eggs while others put lunch on the table. All will have a chance to fellowship while they join in eating the delicious food that is always present at Wheatland dinners.

Invite your children, grandchildren, and neighbors to worship and the Easter egg hunt. Plenty of eggs for everyone! Wheatland has the very best Easter Egg Hunt! (Sunday School for adults and children is offered at 9:30 with donuts and coffee served at 9:00 a.m.)

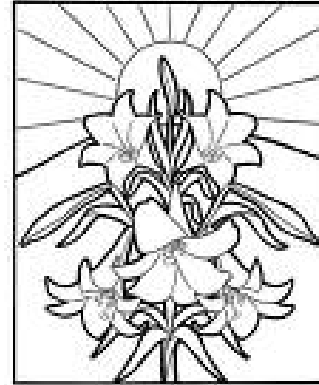
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO COOK FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHT LENTEN DINNERS

Thank you to all who have volunteered to cook for the Wednesday night dinners...

<u>Date</u>	<u>Sandwiches</u>	<u>Soup</u>	<u>Dessert</u>
2-24	Janice Fannin	Dot Casey	Nancy Wright Mae Hazzard
3-3	Cathie Green Gene Hudson	Janice Fannin Elena Overman	Cathie Green Laura Foreman
3-10	Dot Casey Ellie Overman	Laura Fannin Mary Rerat	Janice Fannin
3-17	Kathy Priester	Lou Scott	Kathy Priester
3-24	Beckie Wilson	Kay Hord	Linda Sharp Brenda LaGard

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE**April 2nd, 7:00 p.m.**

How do we go from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday? What happens in between? What events led to Jesus' resurrection? Come to the Good Friday Service. This is a Tennebrae service ending in darkness. It will be a short service, a meaningful service which closes in darkness and silence. If you need a ride, please call the pastor. Come as you are, bring a friend.

**Easter Brunch**

You are invited to attend brunch on Easter, served 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. The pastor, her husband, and many volunteers will prepare this brunch. The menu is sausage, gravy, biscuits, scrambled eggs, fruit, and muffins. Worship starts at 10:30, don't be late to brunch! Bring your neighbors.

Easter Worship

Celebrate the risen Christ at 10:30 Easter morning. The sanctuary will be adorned with Easter lilies. The banners will be hung. The choir will sing an Easter Cantata and the congregation will sing all the favorite resurrection hymns. The Easter story will be read from scripture. Invite your friends, family and neighbors.

Easter Sunrise Service – April 4th – 7:00 a.m.

After contacting the weatherman to check on what time the sun is to rise, the time for our service has been set for 7:00 a.m. The sanctuary will be utilized in case of rain, otherwise, we will meet in back of the church between fellowship hall and the sanctuary. This provides a great opportunity to see the sun as it rises between and over the trees on the back of the church property. Communion will be served, favorite Easter hymns will be sung, and a special Easter message will be heard (this will be a different message than at the 10:30 worship celebration!) Come as you are, if it is cold, bring a blanket to snuggle under. Coffee and coffee cake will be provided in Fellowship Hall.

ALL ACOLYTES, PAST AND PRESENT

*In appreciation of your service to the church,
you and your families are invited to dinner
(at noon)*

Sunday, March 7th - 12:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall.

rsvp...kay.hord@att.net or 972-533-8919

Wheatland in the Snow

Growing up in the metroplex I have never seen a lot of snow. Most winters we are lucky to see even a few flakes fall. Of course, there are winters that we get an inch or two – but those years are few and far between.

Like all kids growing up in this area – snow meant school would be out. If there was a hope of snow we would stay up late and watch the weather. So many times snow was predicted and there would be nothing. Then sometimes a little dusting of snow would fall and we would turn on the radio hoping to hear that school was closed for the day. It is amazing how many closings can be announced before you realize that your school is not one of them!

When my two boys were small it seems like it almost never snowed – the few times it did they were so excited with big ideas of sledding, snowball fights, and building snowmen. I still loved to see the snow but somehow over the years I lost all desire to get out in it and build a snowman.

Oddly, I have always found snow to be a wonderful time to get in the car and go for a drive. I especially like it at night when the snow falls and the white flashes catch in the car's headlights – never does the car feel like such a warm and cozy place.

Needless to say, this winter has been a banner year for snow in North Texas. The snow Christmas Eve was very special and for it to linger and be on the ground Christmas morning was something I will never forget.

Then came Thursday February 11th. It snowed all day long. During the work day I would peek out every chance I could to see the snow. At the end of the day I drove home and the snow was still falling and beginning to stack up. The snow continued to fall during the evening and then into the night.

Friday morning I awoke to a dream world of crisp whiteness. I stepped outside with my camera to a frosty beautiful stillness that only a cold snow covered landscape can bring. Going into work was out of the question. There was only one thing I wanted to do - so I got my camera, Laura and I jumped in the car, and we drove straight to Wheatland.

The drive in was spectacular. I turned off Wheatland Road and onto Hill Oak Drive, rounded the bend, and suddenly our beautiful old Church came into view. There she stood, decorated in a thick garment of pure white snow. The road, the trees, Fellowship Hall, the Cottage, everything was blanketed with the thickest layer of snow I have ever seen.

It's funny that we were not the first to visit the Church on this snowy Friday morning. The Overmans were there when we drove up and we said hello. I was anxious to see the Church and take pictures. One of the first pictures I took was of the Church in the distance, in its various shades of gray and white, and there in the foreground a little red-headed girl (the only color in the picture) running in the snow.

Later, after taking many pictures, I managed to get my vehicle stuck in a deep snow drift just in front of the Cottage's garage. We tried numerous things to get unstuck, including rocking the transmission back in forth, stuffing firewood under the back wheel, and digging out with a shovel – none of this worked. Just as we were running out of options a past member of Wheatland, no doubt coming to see the Church in all her finery, walked up and provided us enough of a hand that we could get going again.



The Wheatland Church Decorated in a Garment of Snow

If you would like to see how beautiful our old Church looked that snowy Friday morning you can see all the pictures on the Church's website. Just go to www.wheatlandumc.org. At the top of this page click "Photos" then under "2010" click the down-arrow and select "Feb 12 – Record Snowfall". Click on any of the small thumb-nail photos to bring up a larger version. Also, at the top you can click on a link and see all the pictures as a continuous slide show. I hope you like them.

Paul Foreman

SEDER MEAL
Wednesday, March 31st
6:00 p.m. - Fellowship Hall

The Passover Seder is a traditional family meal celebrated all over the world by our brothers and sisters of Jewish faith. A Pesach Seder revolves around the telling of the story of our bondage in Egypt, and how God delivered us from slavery with a mighty hand. It is a time to relate the story to our children, and a time for us to connect to God.

Wednesday, March 31st, at 6:00 p.m., Wheatland will again remember the Old Testament story and participate in the Seder Meal. Reservations may be made through Jan Cavender after the worship service. Cost of the meal is \$5 to help defray the cost of the meal. In addition to the items used in the liturgy: pot roast will be served. You will not go home hungry, come prepared to eat. Reservation deadline is March 28th.

Please list all people attending, place cards will be made...please print legibly.

Number of people attending _____

Cost is \$5.00 per person.

I enclose _____ Check or _____ Cash in the amount of _____



PURCHASE A LILY, HELP BEAUTIFY OUR SANCTUARY FOR EASTER

Lilies are being purchased to decorate our sanctuary at Easter. If you would like to purchase one in memory or honor of a loved one, you may do so by filling out this order blank.

Lilies are \$10.00. You may pay by check or cash. The name of the honoree and donor will be listed in the bulletin on Easter. Please print legibly and word it as you would prefer it to appear in the bulletin. Requests must be turned in by March 28th.

Given by _____

I enclose \$_____ for _____ lilies in honor or memory of the following persons.
(you may write on the back if necessary.)

In honor of:

In memory of:

Lilies may be picked up after the Easter service and taken home by the purchaser.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Sunshine Fellowship 10:00 am Lenten Service 6:30pm Wheatlandettes 7:00 pm Route 66 7:00 pm	4 George Hord's Birthday	5 Labor for Neighbors	6 Quilting 9:00 am Karen Perkin's Birthday Labor for Neighbors
7 Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Property Mgmt. Team 11:45 am Acolyte Dinner Aldonious Wilson's Birthday	8 Lou Scott's Birthday	9	10 Light Seekers 10:30 am Lenten Service 6:30 pm Wheatlandettes 7:00 pm Route 66 7:00 pm Chick Libby's Birthday	11	12 Shaylee Durham's Birthday	13 UMM 9:00 am
14 Girl Scout Sunday Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Choir 11:45 am DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME	15	16	17 Light Seekers 10:30 am Lenten Service 6:30 pm Wheatlandettes 7:00 pm Route 66 7:00 pm  St. Patrick's Day	18	19 Vijay Barnabas & Anna Albers Anniversary	20 UMW 12:30 pm
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