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Page This year Ash Wednesday is on February 17th. It is the beginning of Lent. The forty days and six Sundays between Ash Wednesday and Easter. It is designated as a time of preparation and reflection for the celebration of Easter.

2-3 This year the COVID-19 virus will once again have an impact on how we observe Lent and Easter. Congregations and individuals may not be able to do many of their traditional activities. The educators in Grace Presbytery recognized the challenges this may cause for congregations of all sizes. So, a group of us agreed to volunteer to work together to design some materials for a “lent at home” experience.

3 We met several times via Zoom and worked on our own to come up with what we are calling “A Lenten Journey.” It will be available on the Grace Presbytery website this month. Those of us who worked on it are kind of proud of it. We are looking forward to sharing it with all kinds of congregations. We will let you know when it is available and will try to make sure everyone has access to the resources.

4 The heart of “A Lenten Journey” is a different weekly prayer practice along with a related scripture. Some of you may have done some of them before. Others of you may find them all new. Some of the practices are quiet and contemplative. Some of them invite the participant to be active and move around. There will also be a variety of responses each week. I suspect that you might really click with some of the activities while others will not be your cup of tea. And that is OK.

5 The resource is designed to be very flexible. It can be used by individuals. It can be used by families with people of all ages. It can be used by households together in one place. Or it could be used by friends and family members who are miles away but can connect with technology.

Watch for information about how you can access “A Lenten Journey.” Please try the activities. And let me know what you think about it.



Sunday Scriptures and Events

February 7

1 Corinthians 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39

Celebration of The Lord's Supper

February 14

2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9

Transfiguration Sunday

February 17

Ash Wednesday

February 21

1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 19:9-15

February 28

Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38



Directory Update



Pauline Millender

Bill and Jo Schindler

Check with the church office for more information.

Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the following families:

The Boyd and Jones families in the death of Teerah Boyd, granddaughter-in-law of Arthur and Willetta Jones. Teerah was promoted to Glory on December 21st.

The Muesel and Dagley families in the death of former long-time member, Robbie Muesel. Robbie was promoted to Glory on January 12th. There will be a private graveside service and celebration of life at a later date.

The Brooks family in the death of their beloved granddaughter, Katelynn Brooks. Katelynn was promoted to Glory on Thursday, January 21st after a courageous battle with Covid-19. The funeral service was held on Saturday, January 30th.



Sympathy to the Parsley family in the death of Mike's brother Roger. Roger was promoted to Glory on January 24th.

Your prayers for these families are greatly appreciated.

God Bless You on Your Birthday

February 1

Kathy Hale
Linda Marshall
Karen Oney

February 2

Rick Brooks

February 5

Hunter Swift
Preston Swift

February 8

Bar Tuinstra

February 12

Rose Marie Stone

February 16

Gary O'Neal
JoAnn Parsley

February 17

Makenna Arthur

February 18

Colin Boring

February 19

Gerald Jones

February 23

Cade Curry
Hannah Moore

February 25

Joshua Brown
Lucy Moore



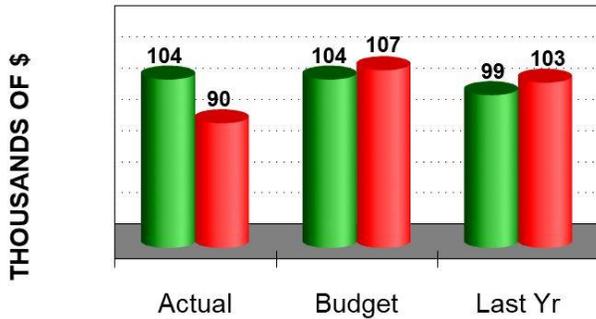
Coats, Hats, Gloves and Socks



60 – 62 coats, well over 2 baskets full of hats, gloves and socks were delivered to Sharing Life.

Thank you so much for your generous response to this need.

Treasurer's Report 6 MONTHS THROUGH 12-31-2020



OPERATING FUND

■ +INCOME ■ -EXPENSE

Operating Fund - YTD unrestricted contributions were ahead of budget by \$1,400 and ahead of last year by \$8,600. YTD expenses are \$16,700 below budget and \$13,300 below last year. After six months, the Operating Fund is \$14,000 cash positive, which is \$16,000 better than budget and \$19,000 better than last year.



White Rock Center of Hope Sunday, February 14th

Canned meat products, canned tuna, canned fruit, canned green beans, canned other beans, canned corn, canned other veggies, canned tomato products, boxed Mac and Cheese, peanut butter, any shelf items such as Hamburger Helper, Jell-O, Suddenly Salad, condiments, etc.

Thank you!

Ash Wednesday

February 17th
Virtual Worship

"...for you are dust, and to dust you shall return."
Genesis 3:19b



SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

In 1990, Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group:

**"Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game,
help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat."**



Since then, more than \$160 million has been generated for local charities across the country through Souper Bowl of Caring. It has become a powerful movement that transforms the time around the Big Game into the nation's largest celebration of giving and caring for those in need.

Through this mission, young people learn to make a positive difference in the world as they collect food, raise money, and serve at hunger-relief charities and show caring and compassion in local communities across the country.

Since we are not meeting in person this Souper Bowl Sunday, please consider donating non-perishable food items during the week. Or you may contribute by cash or check: deliver to the church office in the letter drop, by mail, or on our online contribution site.

Share in God's love for our neighbors in need and give generously on Souper Bowl Sunday. All of the donations collected will go directly to **White Rock Center of Hope**.



St Mark Presbyterian Church, Dallas Texas



February 2021

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

	31	1	2	3	4	5	6
10:00a Zoom Fellowship 10:30a Virtual Worship Service 12:00p AA Group 7:30p AA Group Donations for Sandwich Sunday - Austin Street Center	7:30p AA Group	7:30p AA Group	4:00p Handbells 6:00p Handbells 7:30p AA Group	6:00p Zoom Yoga 6:30p Zoom Fellowship Com. 7:30p AA Group	7:30p AA Group	7:30p AA Group	
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Stated Meeting of the Session, December 21, 2020.

- Motion passed that St. Mark will remain closed for in-person worship as long as the Dallas region (TSA E), is included in the state High Hospitalization list, indicating that COVID-19 hospitalization has exceeded 15% for seven consecutive days. The Session will use this metric at its stated meetings to decide when re-gathering will occur.
- Move to extend the fiscal year 2019-2020 budget through June 30, 2021.
- Motion passed to select Sunday January 24, 2021 as Commitment Sunday.
- Motion passed that the St. Mark office be closed for the following holidays in 2021: Monday, May 31- Memorial Day, Monday, September 6- Labor Day, Thursday, November 26 - Thanksgiving Day

