

**The Messenger**  
**Whitehouse United Methodist Church**  
Love - Serve - Share Christ  
**March, 2021**

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**In Person/On-line Worship Service 9:30 AM—In Person/On-line Sunday School 10:45 AM**

**Pastor's Message**

I'd like to start out this month's pastor's message with a big **"thank you!"** to all of you for the ways you made my birthday special. It was such a blessing to receive so many nice cards, kind notes, and gifts, and to hear the congregation singing Happy Birthday! All of these were such wonderful examples of compassion and kindness, and I have treasured every single one of them. From the bottom of my heart, thank you very, very much!

I have to confess, I'm not usually one to make a big fuss over my birthday, even a big one like my 30th. Growing up, I never really liked being the center of attention, and birthday celebrations put too much of a spotlight on me for my taste. But try as I might, the arrival of my 30th birthday this year did get me in a philosophical mood, thinking of the march of time and the changing of seasons. Maybe that's why I felt led to our Lent sermon series, **Season of Change**. The parallels are certainly there: at birthdays, we often talk about the ways we've grown and how we hope to move into the future. During Lent, we're also called to take stock of our progress in our walk with Christ, and to renew our commitment to opening our hearts to receive more of God's transforming grace. Since my birthday almost always falls during Lent, I usually get to do these kinds of reflections side-by-side.

Birthdays also remind us that seasons of life come and go. Ten years ago, on my 20th birthday, I was still in college; by that point, I'd heard my call to ministry, but I was still figuring out how to follow God's call. Now, I'm a pastor, and life has changed in so many ways in the intervening decade! This kind of reflection has got me hoping and dreaming about what new season lies ahead for our church. God willing, the vaccination efforts and continued precautions will move us into a new season of post-pandemic life in the months to come. I invite you to join me in asking what it is God might be calling us to do and be in this new season. The more of us who ask this kind of question and earnestly seek the Spirit's guidance for our congregation, the surer our chances of bearing fruit for God's kingdom in this new time.

Blessings,  
Pastor Trey

**Bible Study**



Scriptures from the Lectionary for March to keep us focused on Lent.

**March 7—3rd Sunday in Lent**

Exodus 20: 1-17; Psalm 19;  
1 Corinthians 1: 18-25; John 2: 13-22

**March 14—4th Sunday in Lent**

Numbers 21: 4-9; Psalm 107: 1-3, 17-22;  
Ephesians 2: 1-10; John 3: 14-21

**March 21—5th Sunday in Lent**

Jeremiah 31: 31-34; Psalm 51: 1-12;  
Hebrews 5: 5-10; John 12: 20-33

**March 28—Palm Sunday**

Mark 11: 1-11; Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29;  
Isaiah 50: 4-9a; Psalm 31: 9-16; Philippians 2: -11;  
Mark 14: 1—15: 47; Mark 15: 1-39

**April 4—Easter Sunday**

Acts 10: 34-43; Psalm 118: 1-12, 14-24;  
1 Corinthians 15: 1-11; John 20: 1-18;  
Mark 16: 1-8

## Church Office Hours

Monday-Thursday  
9:00-4:00

Please call ahead to be sure  
Pastor Trey is available.

## Support our Missions

### **Apportionments**

(Extra Tithe or Offering)

### **Scholarship Fund**

(Designated Gift)

### **Philadelphia Blessing**

(Donations and Your Time)

### **Lakeview Camp**

(Extra Offering)

Each week's special information from Pastor Trey will be emailed, posted on Facebook, and will be on the church website.

**Church Facebook Page:**

[facebook.com/WhitehouseUMC](https://www.facebook.com/WhitehouseUMC)

**Videos on Church Website:**

[whitehouseumc.com/worship-videos](https://www.whitehouseumc.com/worship-videos)

## **Bible Studies**

Adult Bible study is moving to a new time slot from 4 to 5 PM in Conner Hall.

Our children's ministry and our youth group will meet from 5:30 to 7 PM, with dinner provided.

The children's ministry will meet in the classroom across the hall from Pike Hall; the youth will meet in the youth room.

Dinner will be served in Friendship Hall.

If you know any children or youth who need a way to connect with God, send them our way!

In person located in Connor Hall or on Zoom).

Check your email for Zoom directions.

## **Whitehouse Food Pantry** (Philadelphia Blessing)

Please help all you can to stock the food pantry. They are in need of rice, boxed potatoes, canned meat (tuna, Spam, Vienna sausages, chicken), pasta, pasta sauces, soups (those that make a meal as well as those used for cooking), canned fruit, peanut butter crackers, saltine crackers, flour, sugar, cornmeal, salt, spices, fruit roll-ups, peanut butter, jelly, Ramen noodles, individual packages of mac n cheese, breakfast bars, jello and pudding mixes, canned pasta (spaghetti o's, ravioli, etc.) individual bags of chips (for lunches), and canned vegetables (green beans, corn, carrots, potatoes, beans, greens, etc.).

**If you wish to donate money, please write a check and designate it for Philadelphia Blessing in the memo line.**

## *Prayer Requests*

|  |                             |                       |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| The Weavers                              | Sandra Walton               | Paul Rider            |
| Janice Dupree                            | The Wilkes                  | The Lintner Family    |
| The Loro Family                          | Jason Krob                  | Andrea Harris         |
| Kristen Longfellow                       | Ryan Baron                  | Luke Shaeffer         |
| Bri Benoit                               | Brenda Caps                 | Lauren Lawler         |
| Harold Marshall                          | Betty Garner                | Bobbie Akers          |
| Gene Ruelle                              | Kelly Kea                   | Gaige Hendley         |
| Guy DeLaMarter                           | Cindy North                 | Bert Gardner          |
| Hannah Dintelman                         | Carolyn and Patrick McClain | Teresa Mitchum Hughes |
| Jerri Townsend                           |                             | Greenwell Family      |
| Michael Robinson                         | Matt Lockwood               | Nathan Lane           |
| Members of Our Military First Responders |                             |                       |
| Our Schools                              | Our Community               | Our Church Family     |
| Our Country and Our Elected Officials    |                             |                       |

## **Prayer Requests**

Please help us keep the prayer list up to date by sending additions or removals to Pastor Trey or Pat Lavender.

**Thank you!**



# MARCH



| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thurs.         | Friday                       | Sat.                              |
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| <b>Women's History Month</b><br>   | <b>1</b> <u>SPRC</u> meeting 7:00 PM  | <b>2</b> Quilts for Kids 9 am<br>John Wesley died, 1791<br> | <b>3</b> <u>Methodist Mowers</u> at Whitehouse Donuts 8:00 AM<br><b>On Line/Zoom: Bible Study - Wednesday, 4 PM, Youth at 5:30</b>                                | <b>4</b>       | <b>5</b> World Day of Prayer | <b>6</b>                          |
| <b>7</b> 3rd Sunday in Lent<br>Worship at 9:30 in person and on Zoom. Sunday school in person and on Zoom 10:45.   | <b>8</b> <u>Worship Committee</u> 2 PM<br><u>Finance Committee</u> 6 PM<br><u>Trustees</u> 6 PM     | <b>9</b> Quilts for Kids 9 am<br>                           | <b>10</b> <u>Methodist Mowers</u> at Whitehouse Donuts 8:00 AM<br><b>On Line/Zoom: Bible Study - Wednesday, 4 PM, Youth at 5:30</b>                               | <b>11</b>      | <b>12</b>                    | <b>13</b>                         |
| <b>14</b> 4th Sunday in Lent<br>Worship at 9:30 in person and on Zoom. Sunday school in person and on Zoom 10:45.<br><b>Daylight Saving Time Begins UMCOR Sunday</b> | <b>15</b><br>Memorial service for Geno Loro and Karn Schmidt on the afternoon of Sunday, March 14th | <b>16</b> Quilts for Kids 9 am<br>                          | <b>17</b> <u>Methodist Mowers</u> at Whitehouse Donuts 8:00 AM<br><b>On Line/Zoom: Bible Study - Wednesday, 4 PM, Youth at 5:30</b><br><b>Saint Patrick's Day</b> | <b>18</b><br>  | <b>19</b>                    | <b>20</b> First Day of Spring<br> |
| <b>21</b> 5th Sunday in Lent<br>Worship at 9:30 in person and on Zoom. Sunday school in person and on Zoom 10:45.  | <b>22</b><br>   | <b>23</b> Quilts for Kids 9 am<br>                          | <b>24</b> <u>Methodist Mowers</u> at Whitehouse Donuts 8:00 AM<br><b>On Line/Zoom: Bible Study - Wednesday, 4 PM, Youth at 5:30</b>                               | <b>25</b>      | <b>26</b>                    | <b>27</b> Passover Begins         |
| <b>28</b> Palm Sunday<br>Worship at 9:30 in person and on Zoom. Sunday school in person and on Zoom 10:45. <b>Church Council following worship</b>                   | <b>29</b> Charles Wesley died, 1788   | <b>30</b> Quilts for Kids 9 am<br>                          | <b>31</b><br>   | <b>April 1</b> | <b>April 2</b>               | <b>April 3</b><br>                |
| <b>Holy Week</b>   |   |   |   |                |                              |                                   |

## March Meeting Dates

SPRC - February 1, 7pm

Finance - March 8, 6pm

Trustees - March 8, 7pm

Church Council, March 28 after church

## Wednesday Bible Study Info

Adult Bible Study meets each Wednesday, at 4 PM.

Youth and Children's Bible Study at 5:30 PM.

Classes will be in person and on Zoom  
for all who are interested.

## Quilts for Kids

Quilters are meeting again at our church to continue this special ministry.

They are in need of 100% cotton fabric and/or donations so they can purchase bolts of fabric.

If you are able to help, it is greatly appreciated. You can drop a check (made out to Quilts for Kids) in the offering box or mail it to Quilts for Kids  
405 West Main Street, Whitehouse, TX 75791.

## Children's and Youth Groups

Meet at 5:30 pm each Wednesday.

Please invite any youth you know who might enjoy being a part of this group. Meetings are held in person and on Zoom.

If you would like to provide a meal or snacks for these groups, please contact Pastor Trey.

Children's ministry starts meeting again this month.

We have a leader for the program, but we need volunteers for Wednesday nights to make sure we're covered on Safe Sanctuary. People interested in volunteering should contact Pastor Trey or sign up on the board in the Welcome Center or the Sign Up Genius Pastor Trey sent out in an email.

Ever felt drawn to help lead worship? We're looking for volunteers to serve as Worship Assistants on Sunday mornings. Assistants will help the worship staff lead services by offering prayers, reading Scripture, and assisting in liturgical acts like Communion and baptisms. If you're interested in serving in this way, email Pastor Trey ([trey@whitehouseumc.com](mailto:trey@whitehouseumc.com)) or Worship Committee Chair Beth Clifton.