

PINECREST PRESBYTERIAN PRESS

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From the Pastor. . .

Dear Pinecrest Community,

This time of year is full of activities.

In the church we celebrated Souper Bowl along with the Day School families. 280 cans of soup were collected. We have shared them with the local Coast Guard families who were affected by the government shutdown. We are planning Lenten worship and fellowship opportunities for March. Session members will soon be posting "Join me for dinner" or "Join me for dessert and coffee" gatherings in homes or here at the church. Plan to attend at least one gathering to build our ties as a community.

In the day school we are meeting with prospective parents even as we continue our adventures in each classroom. In February children will be celebrating Valentine's Day with "Love is in the air" and Presidents' Day with "America the Beautiful." Have you heard our children sing *My Country 'Tis of Thee?* Maybe they could sing at next year's Super Bowl! In March the school children will be celebrating books, fairytales, Dr. Seuss, and spring!

The Lenten Journey begins for us on March 6 with an Ash Wednesday service at 7:30 PM. Hope to see you there.

In Peace,

Pastor Jackie

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND ADULT EDUCATION

Sunday School began on September 9. This year our theme is: "We Are Storytellers." Mrs. Fairman, Ms. Abbatiello, Mr. Wells, Ms. Hinde, Mrs. Del Valle, and Mr. Stuart Lones and Mr. Stuart Lones, Jr. are our teachers.

As Presbyterians we know education is a lifelong journey. Our adult education events vary. There is a Tuesday morning Bible Class each week. This year other opportunities will be: Book Club, which meets monthly. And a study on Science and Religion which will begin in late February.



BOOK CLUB LIST:

September: **Becoming Wise**
October: **The Paris Architect**
November: **The Color Purple**
December: **The Book of Qualities**
February: **Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress (Dai Sijie)**
March : **Enemy Women (Paulette Jiles)**
April: **Little Fires Everywhere (Celeste Ng)**
May: **A Gentleman in Moscow (Amor Towles)**
June: **Florida (Lauren Groff)**
July: **Warlight (Michael Ondaatje)**

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Mrs. Del Valle is already planning the Easter party for those little friends of ours, children of migrant workers, who attend the pre-school in Homestead. Want to contribute to party snacks and treats? Want to go in person and help??CONTACT Mrs. Del Valle or the church office.

We volunteer at the Chapman Partnership South in Homestead and serve lunch about every 5-6 weeks on a Saturday. Mrs. Schmidt is the contact person. Please volunteer to help! And we ALWAYS need COOKIES. We like to bring homemade cookies to share with the men, women and children who live at the Chapman Partnership. Bake them and drop off in church office. We'll freeze them until we need them!

**We will receive the ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING offering on Palm Sunday, April 14.
Get your FISH BANK on February 24.**



BIRTHDAYS

February 1: Nellie Brovold, Joanne Schulte
3: Kim Fairman
5: Stuart Lones
13: Caryl Preston
14: Christine Schmidt
18: Derrick Cobbs, Jr.

March 15: Aiden Wells
16: Pastor Jackie
24: Leslie del Valle, Lauren Fairman, Ryu Miki
25: Scarlett Lones

CANS OF SOUP FOR COAST GUARD FAMILIES!



**Thanks to church members and Day School families
and staff members!**

Baptism on February 10: Jackson Everett Hinde, son of Matt and Lindsay, brother of Cosette, grandson of Christine and Dave Schmidt.

The Schmidts invite you to stay for lunch after worship.

An American poet died recently. She loved the natural world and was especially fond of dogs. We used some of her poems last year in our Lenten study. Here is a poem by Mary Oliver:

Can You Imagine?

For example, what the trees do
not only in lightning storms
or the watery dark of a summer's night
or under the white nets of winter
but now, and now, and now - whenever
we're not looking. Surely you can't imagine
they don't dance, from the root up, wishing
to travel a little, not cramped so much as wanting
a better view, or more sun, or just as avidly
more shade - surely you can't imagine they just
stand there loving every
minute of it, the birds or the emptiness, the dark rings
of the years slowly and without a sound
thickening, and nothing different unless the wind,
and then only in its own mood, comes
to visit, surely you can't imagine
patience, and happiness, like that.

~ Mary Oliver



We Have A Cat: Figgy.

After blessing us with kittens, now all in loving homes, Figgy was neutered and continues to live on our property. Please be NICE to her. She is our Church Cat. **She is NOT tame.** She will not come to you, but she enjoys the Memorial Garden and sometimes peeks in the doors while we are having Fellowship Hour.



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AN ADULT Lenten Devotional is available from the Pastor.

Awakening to God's Beauty is for personal or family use. The forward quotes Frederick Buechner, the pastor's preaching professor:

To see Jesus with the heart is to know that in the long run his kind of life is the only life worth living. To see Jesus with the heart is not only to believe in him but little by little become bearers of each other of his healing life until we become finally healed and whole and alive within ourselves.