



March 8, 2020

From Pastor Bob

Exodus 3:5

“Do not come any closer,” God said. “Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.”

I have a tradition during Lent that goes back years. I take a step back from the normal day to day or week to week life in the church that I am serving, and I see it anew. I see it as the Holy Ground that Moses experienced at Mt. Horeb. I see it as God speaking to me and to the community the way the Lord spoke to Moses at the Burning Bush.

Lent is an exceptional time to be humble on Holy Ground. To appreciate the Lord speaking to us. For that reason, during

Lent I take off my sandals on this Holy Ground. I will be barefoot during worship through Good Friday. I do this for me, and I only tell people because of the curiosity factor in seeing one’s pastor without shoes on Sunday Mornings.

I would welcome anyone who is interested to join me on approaching this Holy Ground in removing their shoes. Do it quietly and try not to bring attention to it, but you are invited.

RCS wish list

Every 5th Sunday has now been dedicated to Missions. This month’s 5th Sunday, Missions is collecting donations for RCS Facilities mentioned below: -

RCS Grace House wishlist

1. *Bed pillows*
2. *Comforters*
3. *Pots and pans*

The Havens of RCS wishlist

1. *Ethnic hair products*
2. *Lotion*
3. *Hair ties*
4. *Combs and brushes*
5. *Kids snacks (fruit snacks, juice boxes, chips, crackers, fruit cups, popcorn etc.)*

6. *Kid friendly cereal*

RCS Food Bank wishlist

1. *Canned Soup*
2. *Canned fruit (non-syrup)*
3. *Canned or dried beans*
4. *Canned meats (tuna, chicken, Stews, low sodium hearty soups)*
5. *Cereal (low sugar, high fiber)*

RCS receives new guests every day, who need items anywhere from toiletries to clothing to bedding. They often approach our doorsteps with little to no belongings. You can help by donating some of the items mentioned above.

See Ron Russell for more info.

Easter carnival

Our Annual Easter Carnival will be **Saturday, April 4th, 10:00-noon**. More details about candy donations and volunteer sign-up will come soon, but please mark your calendars now!

Pack-a-sack

For those church members that help with Pack-a-sack and know Caroline

Barnett, we wish to inform you that her husband Kevin has passed away after a long illness.

The Memorial service will be at St. John's (next door) at 11:00 p.m. on Saturday March 11th. If you wish to send a card please speak to Patti Wyatt for an address.

Per capita reminder

Your Presbytery Per Capita is unchanged from 2019. **Total 2020 Per Capita due for each member=\$32.20**

Memorial Day weekend

The church's Memorial Day week-end event (formerly called the "Pig Roast") will be **May 24th to 25th**. It promises to be a weekend of fun and fellowship. If you have attended this event in the past or would like to read about it to decide if you'd like to come, please pick up a flyer on the table in the narthex.

A new opportunity

One of my true loves about being a minister is teaching the Scriptures. I love to study them and

then gather in community to discuss how God is speaking to us.

Because of this love, I am going to start a new Bible Study after Easter. We will take a Book from the Bible, start in chapter 1 verse 1, and go verse by verse through the Book. We will attempt to understand what the original message was and how the Living Word of God is bringing the message into today.

I am trying to find out who might be interested in this new Bible Study and when the best day and time will be to have it. The options are Sunday at 5:30, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday at noon. Wednesday night during WNA (only if we have interest from people who are not currently going to WNA).

If you are interested please come and talk to me, email me (HiBobM@gmail.com), call or text me (502-419-7150) or email the office (office@hopefamily.com).

I look forward in growing our understanding of the Scriptures together.

Rev. Bob Hill

Pack-a-sack schedule

PACKING

March 09th 6:30 p.m.

Bonnie Johnson/ Patti Wyatt

March 23rd 6:30 p.m.

Pat Barry/ Patti Wyatt

Church events coming up

Sun. March 15 Deacons, Admin. & Finance meeting 11:30 a.m.

Fri. March 20 Friday night games night at 6:30 p.m.

Sun. March 22 Prepared Chili Lunch (No meal charge. donation jar only.).

Sat. April. 04 Easter Carnival — 10:00 a.m.-noon

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