

# THE MESSENGER

APRIL 2019



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# April Calendar:

OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY- THURSDAY 9AM TO 4PM &amp; FRIDAY 10AM TO 2PM

WORSHIP SUNDAY- 8:30AM &amp; 10:30AM | LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES 9:30AM

|  | <b>MON- 1</b><br>Staff Meeting<br>2:30pm<br><br>Psalm Study @<br>Bread Winners<br>5:30pm  | <b>TUES - 2</b><br>Disciples<br>Women<br>Ministry Circles<br>10am                                     | <b>WED- 3</b><br>Lenten Soup<br>Supper w/Don<br>Jackson 6pm               | <b>THURS- 4</b><br>Yoga Class<br>11am<br><br>Choir<br>Rehearsal<br>7pm  | <b>FRI- 5</b>   | <b>SAT- 6</b>   |
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| <b>SUN - 7</b>   | <b>MON- 8</b><br>Ladies Senior<br>Singles<br>Luncheon<br>11:30am, Host-<br>Mary Maxine<br>Palmer<br><br>Staff Meeting<br>2:30pm<br><br>Psalm Study @<br>Bread Winners<br>5:30pm | <b>TUES - 9</b>   | <b>WED- 10</b><br>Lenten Soup<br>Supper w/<br>Christina<br>Richardson 6pm | <b>THURS- 11</b><br>Yoga Class<br>11am<br><br>Choir<br>Rehearsal<br>7pm | <b>FRI- 12</b>  | <b>SAT- 13</b>  |
| <b>SUN - 14</b><br>Palm Sunday                           | <b>MON- 15</b><br>Staff Meeting<br>2:30pm   | <b>TUES - 16</b>  | <b>WED- 17</b>  | <b>THURS- 18</b><br>Maundy<br>Thursday<br>Worship<br>7pm                | <b>FRI- 19</b><br>Choir<br>Rehearsal<br>5:30pm<br><br>Good Friday<br>Worship<br>7pm | <b>SAT- 20</b><br>Day in the<br>Park Easter<br>Egg Hunt<br>10am |
| <b>SUN - 21</b><br>Easter<br>All Church<br>Brunch 9:30am | <b>MON- 22</b><br>No Staff Meeting  | <b>TUES - 23</b><br>Disciple Women<br>Ministry<br>General<br>Meeting 10am<br><br>Faithful Vice<br>7pm | <b>WED - 24</b>   | <b>THURS- 25</b><br>Choir<br>Rehearsal<br>7pm                           | <b>FRI- 26</b>  | <b>SAT- 27</b>  |
| <b>SUN- 28</b><br>Elders Meeting<br>11:45am              | <b>MON- 29</b>  | <b>TUES - 30</b>  |   |   |   |   |

# WORSHIP

## APRIL 7

Psalm 126 and John 12:1-8  
“The Turn”- Rev. Dottie Cook  
Barry Johnson  
Leighton Clark, Sydney Wirsdorfer

## APRIL 14

Palm Sunday  
Psalm 31 and Luke 19:28-40  
“Can we give thanks and sing the blues?”  
- Rev. Dottie Cook  
Lucy Maier  
Ed McMahon, Ronnie Wilson

## APRIL 18

Maundy Thursday -7pm  
John 13:1-17

## APRIL 21

Easter Sunday  
Psalm 118:14024 and Luke 24:1-12  
“Amazing Things can Happen!”- Rev. Dottie Cook  
Chris Maier, Arch Mayfield

## APRIL 28

Psalm 150 and Acts 5:27-32  
“50 days of Prayer”- Rev. Dottie Cook  
Nancy Rowe  
Emily Gabehart-Weuste, Barry Johnson

## Holy Week Worship

Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter

**Palm Sunday:** 8:30am and 10:30am, Sanctuary

**Maundy Thursday:** 7pm, Portico and Parlor

**Good Friday:** 7pm, Sanctuary

**Easter Sunday:** 8:30am and 10:30am, Sanctuary

**Easter Brunch:** 9:30am Fellowship Hall

**Sunday, April 14th is Palm Sunday** and begins our Holy Week worship experiences.

**On Thursday, April 18th, our Maundy Thursday** service will begin in the portico area between the sanctuary and education building. This service will center around Jesus washing the feet of the disciples

and the Last Supper. Upon entering the portico, each of us will have the opportunity participate in hand/foot washing. Then we will go into the parlor, by the side entrance, and sit together at tables for prayer, scripture reading and communion. Paul Demer and our guitar group will lead us in music.

**Friday, April 19th, the Good Friday** service is a Tenebrae service of scripture, music, prayer and silence. Candles will be extinguished as we recall the events of the last hours of Jesus' life. Our choir will sing “Kyrie” from Mass: A Celebration of Love and Joy by Andre' Thomas.

## IN OUR PRAYERS

The family of Grace Richter, funeral March 13th

Kathy Rowe, Nancy Rowe's sister, hospitalized

Betty Carter, at rehab

## Deacons

### 8:30AM SERVICE

- Sarah Guenther

### 10:30AM SERVICE

- Diane Malone
- David Gabehart-Weuste
- Karen Dungan
- Maddie Berry
- Edy Lou Mayfield
- Isabel Ramon

## MEAL COORDINATOR

Trisha Stanfill

## SHCC YOUTH

As we continue to plan for our mission trip this summer, the youth have also been re-imagining the way we have Sunday School. We are incredibly excited to begin planning youth-led worships during that hour! The youth will be preaching, leading songs, meditations, games, and whatever other creative ideas we can dream up. We're also looking forward to studying the construction of the Biblical Cannon and looking at how our scripture has been collected and changed over time. Thank you to all of our Breakfast club volunteers who have kept us well fed in the early morning! Thank you as well to our Elders who have been joining us for Breakfast Club to engage and play over our topics!

## SUMMER CAMPS:

Chi-Rho 1- June 10-15

CYF Conference- June 17-22

Niners - June 17-22

Eighters- June 23-29

## DISCIPLES WOMEN MINISTRY

### Upcoming Dates:

**April 2, 10am:**

Lesson 8

"Huldah & Anna, prophets of God"

Scriptures: 2 Kings 22, 2 Kings 23: 1-3, 21-30 (*Huldah*)  
Luke 2:21-40 (*Anna*)

Circle 1 Study:

*Open Discussion*

Church Parlor Hostess: Nitarae Gist

Circle 2 Study:

*Worship: Deanna Carter*

*Hostess: at the home of Marilyn Van Hoozer*

**April 19, 10am:**

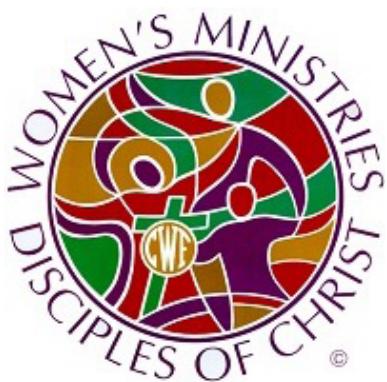
*Guest: Lucy Maier presents "Early History of the National Benevolent Association"*

*Hostess: Kristy Stafford*

**Outreach/Service**

**April Focus:**

Heifer International



## Easter Brunch April 21 @ 9:30 am

Easter Sunday morning we have another great opportunity to share delicious food and conversation. Between services at 9:30, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for the annual Easter Brunch. Our learning opportunities and Youth Breakfast Club will not meet that morning, so we can all eat together.

Bring your friends, bring your visiting family, AND bring your favorite dishes to share.  
Wear your Easter best, including an Easter bonnet!

# MUSIC MINISTRY

## ROB LANEY

Which hymn has the verse, "Yet he shall be forsaken and yielded up to die; the sky shall groan and darken, and every stone shall cry. For hearts made hard by sin: God's blood upon the spearhead, God's love refused again."? Not from a Lenten hymn! Did you guess, "A Stable Lamp is Lighted" from Advent? This line speaks of His passion on the cross during a time when we prepare to celebrate Christ's birth. Sometimes we mix references of Holy days to remind ourselves of God's timelessness. When Jesus shared table with his disciples at the last supper he gave them the commandment to, "Love One Another." Ever heard the sentiment that we wish the Christmas spirit would last the whole year through? Could we need reminding of the hope that the spirit of Maundy Thursday would last the whole year through?

Our Easter season meets us this April in a spirit of trust, hope, and love. We have many wonderful things planned: Sunday April 7th the amazing Joel McCray returns to our new piano to accompany our worship. Also, the inspiring Rhys Boyd returns with his trumpet talents during Holy Week. Instead of having Paul Demer on a Sunday morning this April he will accompany our Maundy Thursday service April 18th. In keeping with our theme of "Giving Thanks While Singing the Blues" the Chancel Choir is preparing a gospel-style cantata, "Mass: A Celebration of Love and Joy" by Andre Thomas. We are looking forward to sharing those gifts with God's people on Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter morning! Blessings to all, and remember to show the Love of God to one another this and every season.

-Rob Laney

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## 50 days of Hospitality through Prayer

The Psalms often speak of physical buildings – "praise the Lord in the sanctuary" and "I was glad when they said to me, let us go into the house of the Lord."

Our building and the community park reflect our praise of God and our understanding of God's call upon our church. As the final details are being put together for our capital campaign, the prayer team, led by our elders, is calling us to 50 days of Hospitality through Prayer.

We will begin on Easter Sunday and conclude on Pentecost Sunday. These are the days considered a time of discernment by the disciples and others. The time following Jesus' death and resurrection leading into the glorious story of Pentecost. Pentecost, often called the birthday of the church, is when people gathered in Jerusalem heard the story of Jesus in their own language and the Christian faith began to spread across the world. This is a perfect time for us to be in prayer about the possibilities of ministry that will come as we seek to improve our building and reach out to our community.

We invite and encourage each of you to join us in a covenant of prayer for these days. A guide of quotes, scripture and prayer will be available to help center and spark your individual thoughts and prayers. These 50 days will culminate with a prayer vigil. Part of this vigil will be a walk praying the rooms of the church building. This can also be done from home using a map of the church as a guide for prayer.

### *Psalm 150:*

Praise the Lord.

Praise God in our coming in and going out.

Praise God in spaces of greeting.

Praise God in spaces of worship.

Praise God in the spaces of learning and nurturing.

Praise God in spaces of preparing and sharing meals.

Praise God in spaces of rest and quiet.

Praise God in spaces of music and rhythm.

Praise God in spaces of laughter and tears.

Let all people praise God in their own way in the spaces known as South Hills Christian Church!

Praise the Lord!

# COOK'S CORNER

*from the desk of*  
REV. DOTTIE COOK

## Giving thanks while singing the blues *Lent 2019*

In selecting the theme of Giving Thanks while Singing the Blues for our Lenten season, I was focused mainly upon our worship experiences. I have found myself hearing that theme far beyond our worship gatherings. Wednesday evenings with the great presentations by Rev. Megan Lilburn Turner and her discussion of our continuing challenges racism, Flora Brewer's story of the Palm Tree apartments and moving persons out of chronic homeless-ness and Dr. Patrick O'Malley's discussion of grief – the intermingling of blues and thanks were woven through each of them.

Don Tatlock and I had the opportunity to share a breakfast with a gathering of local Episcopal clergy and Bishop Katherine Jefferts Schori. We heard stories of deep pain and sadness, years of singing the blues, and through it all, were woven stories of gratitude that bridged across divisions and was finding new ways to be church together.

The Monday evening gatherings at Bread Winners certainly carried this theme as the study is centered on Psalm 23, six short verses laden with blues and gratitude. But the theme has not limited itself to the study, our conversations with those around us has created opportunities to hear the echoes of blues and thanks.

In our Disciple Womens Ministry discussions and Don's presentation, in the meetings of the various groups that utilize our building, yes, even in the wedding ceremony in the park, there were hints of this theme.

When worship works, it never stays in the sanctuary. It flows out the doors into the streets, into our cars and into our lives. Life will never exist apart from times of singing the blues. Thank goodness for the gospel that proclaims the Holy is with us, while we sing and while we give thanks!

Easter Sunday is coming! New life and resurrection. What a time of celebration and hope. I look forward to seeing you, as we sing and give thanks together.

Grace and Peace,

Dottie Cook

## **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**4/3 & 10/2019 - 6pm  
LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS**

**4/14/2019 -  
PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES**

**4/18/2019 - 7pm  
MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP SERVICE**

**4/19/2019 - 7pm  
GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP SERVICE**

**4/21/2019  
EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES**

**4/21/2019- -9:30am  
ALL CHURCH BRUNCH**

## **COMMUNITY OUTREACH:**

### **NEW HOPE fellowship**

Our sister congregation- New Hope Fellowship on 6410 South Freeway Fort Worth, TX 76134- Host a soup kitchen meals for their neighbors every Wednesday night from 5pm to 7 pm. Anyone interested in helping serve food at the New Hope Fellowship soup kitchen, please contact Don Tatlock.

# **COMMUNITY UPDATES**

## **DON TATLOCK**

### **Lenten Soup Supper Speakers**

**April 3rd & 10th**

April 3rd

**Speaker - Don Jackson**

Don Jackson, Green Distinguished Emeritus Tutor at Texas Christian University and member of SHCC will lead our discussion on April 3rd. His theme is: "The Revival and Support of American Community."

April 10th

**Speaker - Christina Richardson, Client Advocate for Trauma Support Services of North Texas**

She will share the mission and work of Trauma Support Services.

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### **April is NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH 2019**

*Strong and Thriving Families*

Child abuse and neglect is a national issue that affects us all. The consequences of child abuse and neglect ripple across the lifespan, negatively impacting a child's chances to succeed in school, work, and relationships. The Administration on Children, Youth and Families supports the promotion of meaningful and measurable results in social and emotional well-being, and we continue to support evidence-based and trauma-informed services and practices to achieve positive outcomes for the children, families, and communities we serve.



### **Go Blue Day**

Friday, April 5, 2019, is the official Go Blue Day for Texas; and thousands of Texans will wear blue, the official color of prevention, to show their support for ending child abuse. Wear CASA Blue on that day, and encourage your friends, family, and colleagues to do the same!

Go Blue Day is a great opportunity to raise awareness of Child Abuse Prevention Month and your program.

# A Day in the Park

**When:** Saturday, April 20th, 2019

**What:** Easter Egg Hunt & Games

**Where:** Kellis Park

On Saturday April 20th, we are hosting a “community” Easter Egg hunt and games at Kellis Park in coordination with South Hills Neighborhood Association, South Hills Elementary PTA, and St. Christopher’s Episcopal Church.

**Easter Egg hunt and games will begin at 10:00 am.**

We are looking for donations of individually wrapped candy, plastic eggs and prizes for the Community Wide Easter Egg Hunt. If you would like to participate, or if you have questions, contact the church office at [office@shccfw.org](mailto:office@shccfw.org) or 817-926-5281.

*If you would like to volunteer in helping with the games and activities, please contact Don or the church office.*

*We hope to have food and fun activities and hope for great weather!!*

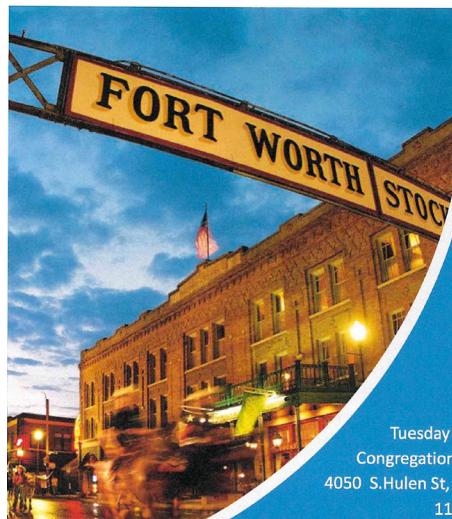
## Plastic Bag Mats

Plastic bags have accumulated at SHCC. A group is forming to use the bags to make mats for local homeless people. Bags are cut into strips to make "plarn" (plastic yarn) which is crocheted afghan-style into a mat. The process requires smoothing and folding the bags, cutting the strips, linking strips to make plarn, and crocheting the plarn.

Supplies will be provided but you are welcome to bring your own scissors and/or 10mm crochet hook. Sample mats are displayed in the parlor.

If you are interested in joining this group, please contact the SHCC office or there is a sign-up sheet in the parlor.

Watch the church calendar and This week @ SHCC for the date, place, and time we will begin.



2<sup>nd</sup> Annual  
Fort Worth  
Passover City Seder  
Presented by  
Tarrant County B'nai B'rith

Tuesday April 9, 2019  
Congregation Ahavath Sholom  
4050 S.Hulen St, Fort Worth, TX 76109  
11:00 am



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## **MINISTERIAL STAFF**

**Rev. Dottie Cook** Senior Minister  
**Rev. Don Tatlock** Community Minister  
**Rob Laney** Music Director  
**Mason Wagner** Youth Minister

## **SUPPORT STAFF**

**Kaye Reynolds** Office Administrator  
**Bob Chilton** Property Manager  
**Nathaniel Cook** Media Coordinator  
**Maria Barrios** Nursery Care

## **INSTANT CHURCH DIRECTORY**

<http://www.shcc.org/>

We want to keep our directory as up to date as possible, but we need your help. Please send any email, address, phone changes to the church office. Also you can email photo updates - just attach one to your email. We are setting up a time to take photos on Sunday morning. Let us know if you would like a photo taken on Sunday morning.

Please email updates and changes to  
[media@shccfw.org](mailto:media@shccfw.org)

## **BOARD OFFICERS**

**Tony Lilburn** Moderator  
**Tim Malone** Vice Moderator  
**Nadia Lahutsky** Secretary  
**Janet Swan** Financial Secretary  
**Marybeth Guenther** Treasurer

## **ONLINE CALENDAR**

<http://shccfw.org/calendar/>

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