

DESERT HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PANORAMA

“When times are good, be happy; but when times are bad, consider this: God has made the one as well as the other.

ECCLESIASTES 7:14

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DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 14th

Living Through Lent 2021

Lent is a time of reflection. “Are we following Jesus” or just conforming to the social-political-economical pressure of our time? Jesus said, “if any one wishes to follow me they must deny themselves, take up their cross and follow me.”

Lent is a time of coming together. Are we seeking a life with just “me and Jesus” or are we opening up to the opportunities to connect. Jesus said, “I am the vine and you are the branches.” Remember grapes come in bunches. There has never been a more tempting time to “go it alone”. Reach out to your brother and sisters.

Lent is a time of anticipation: Jesus said, “wait in Jerusalem and the Holy Spirit will come upon you.” Some of us are waiting for Palm Sunday to be Baptized. If you want to be baptized please call Pastor Wayne. Some are waiting for warmer weather to join in-person Worship outside. If you come and it’s too cold we do go inside with social distancing and masks. Some waiting to minister in person with concerts or monthly rummage sales. We are all anticipating the time we can more fully worship and fellowship together safely, in person.

May Christ be with you in your reflection, coming together with anticipation.

Pastor Wayne

SUNDAY READINGS FOR MARCH

March 14	John 3:14 – 21 Jesus lifted up as a sign of salvation. Psalm 107:1 – 3, 17 – 22 Thanks Lord.	4 th Sunday of Lent	
March 21	John 12:20 – 33 Jesus says, Now I’ll be glorified. Psalm 51 Create in me a clean hear OR Psalm 119 I seek you Lord	5 th Sunday of Lent	Possible outside worship with Steve and Rex.
March 28	Mark 11 Jesus enters Jerusalem on donkey. Psalm 118 Help, my enemies await me.	Palm Sunday	Baptisms at Rosie’s pool.
April 1	John 3:14 – 21 Jesus enters Jerusalem on donkey. Psalm 118 Help, my enemies await me	Maundy Thursday	Lord’s Supper Christ Park if possible. Otherwise outside DHPC.

The NEW PANORAMA

The "Getting to Know You" article will not be featured this month as Ted and Beverly have been away in Arizona enjoying some time in the sun. Next month he has another feature he will be presenting and I think you will like it. In some way it is about getting to know how people handle things that come along in life. It sounds like it will be an interesting article.

The new Panorama Format will not be following a set trend. It will be open to many different types of articles. Hopefully this will keep it fresh, interesting, informative and fun to read.

If you have an article of information you would like to share in the Panorama please let Deanna know.

JANUARY 2021 FINANCE INFORMATION

INCOME: \$ 7,045.75

EXPENSES: \$ 9,420.71

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS MONTH TO

01 J.J. Mears Ellsworth

02 Kathy Ashkins

14 Keith Kendrick

15 Thelma Edge

17 Kay Coburn

23 Bob Leone

ANNIVERSARIES THIS MONTH

12 Bob & Lorea Adams

27 Geof & Kathy Seacat

PRAYER FOR BLESSING

May God give you more and more mercy, peace, and love. *Jude 1:2*

FOOD for THOUGHT

Friendship ties two hearts together

Friends warm the heart, lift the spirit, and bless your life

Faith is heaven-sent, but its maintenance takes place on earth

Each morning God gives us a rose. And some will spend the day complaining about the thorns

Count yourself blessed every day, and you will find yourself living in a world of blessings.

A NEW DRUG TO FIGHT OBESITY – An appetite-suppressing drug called *semaglutide* is a synthetic version of GLP-1 which is a naturally occurring hormone that the body releases after a meal. Scientists administered a higher dose of this drug in a new trial in 16 different countries involving 2,000 people. Over a 15 month period, people who took a placebo [no therapeutic effect] lost 2.4% of their weight and participants who took the drug lost 15%. Nearly a third lost 20% of their weight. There was also reductions in high blood pressure, heart disease and diabetes.

SOURCE: *The WEEK, Robert Kushner, Northwester Univ. March 5, 2021*

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HAVE YOU THOUGHT DEEPLY ABOUT WORDS USED IN THE BIBLE? OR TRIED TO HELP ANOTHER, NEW TO THE BIBLE, UNDERSTAND WHAT THEY MEAN?

Hebrews 2:1-4

God chose these words to convey the greatness of our salvation, we should not overlook them. In order to understand grace, it is essential that we grasp the following concepts:

- **Redemption** refers to Christ's payment for sin-in other words, His death purchased us for God.
- **Regeneration** is a supernatural work of the Holy Spirit, in which He gives us divine life and makes us into new creatures.
- **Justification** is God's declaration that through our faith in Christ, we are righteous and acquitted of guilt for sin.
- **Forgiveness** is the removal of our guilt; to accomplish this, Jesus went to the cross in our place and bore our sins (**1 Peter 2:24**)
- **Reconciliation** is the restoration of a right relationship with God. No longer His enemies, we're now His beloved children.
- **Sanctification** means to be set apart for God. It's the process by which we grow in holiness and obedience.

The more we understand or help another understand the depths of your/their salvation, the greater your/their awe, gratitude, and love for Jesus will be. So, meditate on these truths and the fullness of your salvation, and let them fill your mind and heart today.

MAY YOU KNOW PEACE AND TRANQUILITY THIS MONTH