Holy Week & Easter Info

Good Friday Seder Meal at 6:30

This has become a much anticipated annual event. Please RSVP as we need to know how many places to set and how much food to order. There is a signup sheet in the narthex. You can also sign up to help provide some of the food for this meal but it is not required. A free will offering will be taken to help cover the cost. This is a traditional Jewish Seder meal.

This year before and after the meal you are invited to participate in individual, personal meditation on the stations of the cross in the church sanctuary. You can do this from 4:30 p.m. to ????? These will include the station of the cross pictures that a number of you took home to color.

Easter Sunday 8 a.m. Outdoor Service at Vesper Point at Slumber Falls

Listen to the Guadalupe River, listen to the birds, look down the river valley during this special service. In case of rain the service will be held under cover at the basketball court.

Easter Sunday Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall around 9 a.m.

This year we will be holding the breakfast in the fellowship hall. There is a signup sheet if you would like to help provide food for this meal. A freewill offering will be taken up for the Slumber Falls Road Project to repave the main road into the camp.

Easter Sunday Service and Butterfly Release

The main Easter service will be at the usual time, 10:30 a.m. The choir will have special Easter Music and the service will conclude with a Monarch butterfly release outside.
Slumber Falls Camp Road Fund

Submitted by Rev. Jeremy Albers, Designated Director of Outdoor Ministry, Slumber Falls Camp (from SCC enews)

“If you don’t like the road you’re walking, start paving another one.”

Dolly Parton’s quote takes on a new meaning as I gaze upon the road and parking lot at Slumber Falls Camp. For over two decades, our “new” road in conjunction with our gravel and asphalt parking lot have ushered the masses to this sacred place to connect to God, grow in their faith, and learn what it means to be part of creation.

Roads are often compared to spiritual journeys and many talking points can be attributed to the nature of these roads and what correlations these have for our lives. From erosion and deterioration of wear and tear to repair trenches and potholes, our road has a rich history and reflects the vibrant ministry of the camp and those that have trod upon it and given their time, talents, and energies to the camp. The road and parking lot have quietly served our ministries as a conduit of flow and place for summer camp activities is desperately in need of love; and by that, I am referring to maintenance and repair.

Our asset is now becoming a liability and a safety concern. An investigation into what it would talk to preserve and lay a new road and parking lot is costly. We are looking to raise $30,000 to re-seal the “new” road (over twenty years old) and lay another chip seal road from the new road up to the lodge, which includes the gravel parking spaces around the office and cabins to the lodge.

Not only will this improve the safety of the road, it is a step in the right direction in making our camp more accessible to those with mobility concerns and falls in line with the plan to make the camp ADA accessible. Slumber Falls is asking for churches and individuals to consider giving to the SFC Road Fund. The goal is to have the road and parking lot completed before summer camp. We hope to see you at Slumber Falls soon! Thank you for your generosity.

We Welcomed Four New Members

On Sunday, March 26th!

From left to right they are Jason & Alice Chapel and Lana Spiess & Sam Ward. It is great having them as part of our Faith community.
From mud to masterpiece - Women's Retreat at Slumber Falls April 28-30


ATTEND A SPECIAL RETREAT IN WHICH YOU EXPLORE WAYS THAT WITH GOD’S HELP YOU CAN BE THE MASTERPIECE GOD INTENDED; WAYS IN WHICH YOU CAN RESHAPE YOURSELF AGAIN AND AGAIN IN SPITE OF DIFFICULTIES; WAYS IN WHICH YOU--MADE IN GOD’S IMAGE--CAN BRING THE SPIRIT OF GOD’S GOODNESS AND LOVE TO FRUITION IN THIS WORLD.

THE WORK OF THE POTTER WILL BE THE METAPHOR FOR THE SHAPING HANDS OF GOD; THE MUD OR THE CLAY WILL BE THE METAPHOR FOR EACH OF US. BRING YOUR FAITH, LOVE, AN OPEN HEART, AND A WILLINGNESS TO BE SHAPED.

BRING YOUR BIBLE PEN, TISSUES, PILLOW. BEDDING, TOWELS AND TOILETRIES, FLASHLIGHT, CLOTHES, JACKET, CLOSED-TOE SHOES, GAMES FOR SHARING, AND A SENSE OF HUMOR! COST: HOUSING AND MEALS $100.00 MEALS ONLY (SLEEP OFFSITE) $72.00 REGISTER AT THE SLUMBER FALLS CAMP WEBSITE BY APRIL 21, 2017 http://slumberfalls.org/ ARRIVE FRIDAY, APRIL 28, BETWEEN 3:00-7:00 P.M. DINNER IS ON YOUR OWN. PROGRAM BEGINS AT 7:00 P.M. FRIDAY EVENING.

CONTACT PERSONS: JANICE MYERS janicemyers@att.net MARGARET SMITH magworths@att.net

Faith Church Easter Rabbit Requests Your Help

On Easter Sunday morning, the children of Faith UCC look forward to hunting and finding candy filled plastic Easter eggs. You can help! Please bring wrapped candies that easily fit into plastic eggs. You may also donate plastic eggs. There will be a large basket on a table in the church entry way (narthex) waiting to receive your donation. My bunny helpers will fill the eggs and make them ready for hiding. Thank you from the tip of my whiskers to my bunny rabbit tail!
Family Promise Bed Race Raffle Tickets

There are several ways our church members can support Family Promise by participating in the Bed Race on April 22, at Church Hill Middle School from 10 a.m. till 12 noon.

You may wish to sponsor one of our Confirmation Youth; you may want to attend the Saturday, 04/22 Race at Church Hill Middle School and cheer our team to victory; you might even want to purchase Raffle Tickets from Karen Dietz or Bob Manning. Remember that all proceeds from the sale of the raffle tickets will support the ministry in which we share that guides homeless families with children to self support and independence.

This year the Raffle Ticket prizes are amazing! Please look at the list on a table in the narthex for a description of the 5 prizes. You may purchase one ticket for $5 or 5 tickets for $20! On each ticket there is a place to circle which of the 5 remarkable prizes you’d like to win. You do not have to be present at the race to be notified if you are a winner. Do ask Karen or Bob for tickets. We thank you for whichever way you choose to support this Family Promise fund raising adventure.

Youth Show Chickens for Sale

As the kids are getting finished with shows, their needing to get rid of extra turkeys and chickens. Last weekend Steven and I bought 6 turkeys they all weight about 15 lbs. We've already cooked one, it was wonderful. The chickens are about 10 lbs. each. The kids need to reclaim some of their money back for their next year's projects. They butcher them, pack them in ice and put them in plastic bags. you do the rest! You can bone them out, cut them up or freeze them whole. No guarantee we will get any but we will try. Pricing is: $1 per pound for either. Call 830-620-0400 leave your name how many of what you want and a call back number before Saturday.

Thanks, Judy & Steven Anderson

Lets help the kids.

April Birthdays

4-6    Jan Hutchings    4-11    Albert Hennig
4-15   Camdyn Martinez  4-21   Taylor Leonhardt

4-23  Michelle Perry-Clark

If yours is not on here let the pastor know so we can get you on the list.
Blessing of the Animals Service April 23rd

Our annual blessing of the animals service will be held on Sunday, April 23rd, Earth Day Weekend! It will be held in the Baese Fellowship Hall at 10:30 a.m. Bring your favorite pet: dog, rabbit, goat, lizard, ant farm, etc. Please keep your pets on a leash or in a cage.

During this service we will be celebrating "faith and science". There will be a march for science in Washington D.C. and in many other cities around the country on Saturday, April 22, Earth Day. We will be picking up on this theme during our worship service.

Everyone will receive a small packet of seeds with milkweed seeds and other flower seeds that Monarch Butterflies like. There may be some surprise activities.

Heart of Texas Association Spring Meeting set for April 23, 2017

By Janet M. Sherman, L.M., Moderator, Heart of Texas Association

The Spring Meeting of the Heart of Texas (HoT) Association is set for Sunday, April 23, beginning at 3:30 p.m. (Registration begins at 3 p.m.) at Faith Church -- New Braunfels, 970 N. Loop 337 (corner of Loop 337 and E. Common St.)

Please join in the Association meeting as we worship, learn, do the business of the Association, and break bread together… (close with a meal – free will offering gratefully accepted)

Faith Church members are asked to save the date! There are a number of “jobs” you can assist with that will make the meeting a great success! There will be sign-up sheets in the narthex in a couple of weeks or so; tasks needing to be completed are bringing refreshments for during registration (narthex), set up in sanctuary for meeting; set up in Baese Hall for dinner, Helping get dinner out onto serving tables, possibly making tea for dinner. Please consider taking on a task on April 23.

We’re not quite ready to announce the content of the program, but we should soon! If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Janet Sherman or Pastor Scott. Please rsvp to Pastor Janet, HoTModerator, by April 10via e-mail at icmonroe52@gmail.com or 210-393-9633. Looking forward seeing you on April 23!
Heart of Texas Association News

All are invited to our Heart of Texas Association Spring Meeting, to be hosted by Faith United Church of Christ on Sunday, April 23rd, 3:30 pm through dinner, with registration beginning at 3 pm. We will welcome Jeremy Albers, the new Designated Director of Outdoor Ministries of Slumber Falls Camp, as he shares his vision with us, as well as Scott Martin, pastor of Faith UCC, as he shares how we can all be involved with KIVA to invest in giving people around the world loans to create better opportunities for their lives. Join us for good fellowship among our churches, for worship together, to conduct the business of our Association, and to hear from Jeremy and Scott. Faith would appreciate RSVPs to Janet Sherman, jcmonroe52@gmail.com or 210-393-9633, by April 10th if possible, so they can get a good count for the meal.

The women of the Heart of Texas Association churches are all invited to the Houston Association/South Central Conference Women’s Retreat, hosted by the women of Immanuel UCC in Spring, at Slumber Falls Camp on April 28-30. The theme is “From Mud to Masterpiece,” where “the work of the potter will be the metaphor for the shaping hands of God; the mud or the clay will be the metaphor for each of us.” Kathy Blossom, the potter whose presentation many of us remember from last year’s conference annual meeting, will be the guest speaker. The cost is $100. To register, go to http://www.slumberfalls.org/events/women_retreat/women_retreat_info.htm.

Registration is now open for our South Central Conference Annual Meeting, to be held at Cathedral of Hope in Dallas on Friday, June 9th starting at 1 pm through Saturday, June 10th ending at 4 pm. The theme is “Lift Your Eyes,” based on Isaiah 60:1, and the keynote speaker is Rev. Carol Howard Merritt, Presbyterian minister and sought after speaker who often addresses ministering to a new generation of Christians. We will be voting on calling Rev. Dr. Don Longbottom as our settled (more permanent) Conference Minister and on our Constitution and Bylaws. For those seeking and needing boundary training, it will be offered on Friday (renewal) and Sunday (first time). For information and to register, go to https://sccucc.org/annual-meeting/.

We hope many of our women will plan to go to the UCC Southern Regional Women’s Retreat, to be held October 20-22 at Mo Ranch in Hunt, Texas. The theme will be “Joyful Expectation, Peaceful Inspiration!” based on Isaiah 55:12. This retreat, which moves to different conferences in the Southern Region of the UCC each year, is being hosted by the South Central Conference this year. A group of outstanding women are hard at work on planning a wonderful experience for all of us. Information about price, program, and registration will be coming.

And, congratulations to Trent Williams on his installation celebration on Sunday, March 26, as Associate Minister of Friends Congregational UCC in College Station. Our hopes and prayers go with Trent and Friends for a fruitful and faithful ministry together.

Blessings in Christ,  Liz Nash, Association Minister
April- May Worship Assistant List

4-2 Liturgist: Nicolle Clark   Acolyte: Sofia Beauchamp   Communion: Mikki Ward


If you can’t serve please find a sub and or call the church office 625-6761.

Women’s Health Fair @ Faith UCC Saturday, April 29th

Saturday April 29th  Fit and Fifty Pilates will sponsor a Women’s Health Fair @Faith UCC 10am - 2pm. Vendors ranging from local health food stores to yoga and fitness studios. Information on cancer awareness and women support groups.

Dr. Melissa Miskell will be a guest speaker along with presentations on meditation, yoga, pilates and more. Would like to have a information table on Faith UCC. Would love to have the women and the men of Faith Church to be part of the event. Anyone who is interested to help with the event please contact Beth Bizer or Mikki Ward.
Butterflies and Easter Lilies

You are invited to reserve a butterfly in memory or honor of someone. We have 24 butterflies coming. Donation is $10 per butterfly. There is a signup sheet in the narthex and place for you to place your donation. Checks can be made out to the church. Please write butterfly on the memo line. Also, please fill out a 3 by 5 card with the wording you want on the bulletin insert. Paperclip your donation to it and drop it in the canister on the table.

You can also bring an Easter lily in memory or honor of someone. Just pick one up at HEB or Wal Mart and bring it to church. Please sign up so we know you are bringing one and also please fill out a 3 by 5 card with the wording your want on the bulletin. Write lily on the card so we can distinguish it from the butterfly cards. Drop it into the canister.

April Calendar

4-2  Church with Communion 10:30 a.m.      Confirmation Noon to 2 p.m.
4-4  Art as a Way of Listening  6:30-8 p.m.  Rev Helen Boursier's house RSVP
4-5  Art as a Way of Listening  10-11:30 a.m. at the Pinnacle at Eden Hill
4-6  CIAF Meeting at Faith UCC  6 p.m.
4-7  Faith Church Bunco Night  6:30-?    Slumber Falls Camp Council  6p.m. - ?
4-9  Palm/Passion Sunday  10:30 a.m.      Confirmation Noon - 2 p.m.
4-11 Art as a Way of Listening  6:30-8 p.m.  Rev. Helen Boursier's house  RSVP
4-11 Church Council meeting  7 p.m.
4-12 Art as a Way of Listening  10-11:30 a.m. Pinnacle at Eden Hill
4-13 Seder Meal  6:30 p.m.  (Stations of the Cross private meditation 4:30-?)
4-15 Easter!  8 a.m. Slumber Falls Vesper Point - Easter Breakfast in the fellowship hall at 9 a.m. followed by an Easter Egg Hunt and the Main Easter Service at 10:30 followed by the butterfly release!
4-21 SOS Food Bank  1-4 p.m. volunteers needed
4-22 Family Promise Bed Race  10 a.m. Church Hill Middle School
4-23 Blessing of the Animals Service & Celebration of Science
4-29 Women's Health Fair at Faith UCC  10 a.m. to 2 p.m.