

**Northminster Presbyterian Church**

“Caring for all with  
God’s love and grace.”

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**He is Risen!**

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# *Northminster News*

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Dear friends,

As I write this, it is raining. It makes me think of the old riddle: “If April showers bring May flowers, then what do May flowers bring?” (Pilgrims, of course!)

Rain is interesting in a cultural sense. We need rain. Without rain, crops couldn’t grow. Without rain, we wouldn’t have water to drink, and we can only live a couple of days without water. But rain gets a pretty bad rap in our culture: “Rain, rain, go away! Little Betsy wants to play!” Or, “It’s raining, it’s pouring, the old man is snoring. Went to bed with a bump on his head and couldn’t get up in the morning!” How many people gripe about putting up an umbrella or having to turn their windshield wipers on full speed?

On the other hand, without rain we couldn’t have rainbows! Without rain, we wouldn’t know what it means to be dry!

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday, April 13 this year. The Triumphal Entry begins with a bright, sunshiny day: The crowds are shouting “Hosanna!” (Save Us!) and cheering and putting their cloaks on the road like a red carpet. But then the rain clouds start to cover that bright sun, and by Thursday and Friday a full on storm is flooding everything! Scriptures tell us that when Jesus breathed his last, the sky went dark and the curtain in the Temple was torn in two. (Luke 23:44-45)

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# CALENDAR OF CHURCH EVENTS

## Weekly Events

### Sundays

- 9:00 am Adult Sunday School - Room 11
- 10:00 am Worship Service - Sanctuary/Onlin
- 11:00 am Coffee Fellowship - Ministry Center
- 5:30 pm Youth Connection - Room 24

### Mondays

- 12:30 pm Senior Singers Rehearsal - Geneva Rm

### Tuesdays

- 7:00 pm Women's Online Bible Study - Zoom

### Wednesdays

- 3:30 pm F.L.O.C.K. - Ministry Center
- 4:30 pm Children/Youth Handbells - Bell Rm

### Thursdays

- 8:00 am Men's Breakfast - First Awakenings
- 10:00 am Knitting Club - Library

## Other Events

### April

- 13 10:00 am Palm Sunday Service
- 13 11:00 am New Members Class
- 13 6:00 pm SHARE Center Meal - 845 E. Laurel Dr.
- 15 Newsletter Deadline
- 17 6:00 pm Maundy Thursday Svc-Gonzales
- 18 6:30 pm Good Friday Service
- 20 10:00 am Resurrection Sunday Svc
- 21 Office, Daycare closed for holiday
- 27 6:00 pm SHARE Center Meal - 845 E. Laurel Dr.



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 Contact micki@northminster.org

- 3 Norton Strand
- 4 Pat Tunstall
- 10 Scott Moore
- 11 Patti Bangs
- 11 Kayley Flanagan
- 12 Sue Brockett
- 19 Jan Dominguez
- 24 Jenna Emerson
- 24 Lonnie Heffington
- 24 Roman Montero



### May Early Birds

- 8 Andy Rausch



### April

- 17 Jeff & Aimee Cuda..... 19<sup>th</sup>

### May Early Birds

No early birds this month!

\* If your name is missing from this list and you would like to add it, please contact the church office.

## Our Homebound Friends



- Emma Price - Vista Harden Ranch (Brookdale)
- Ted Selvester - Texas
- Norton Strand - Katherine
- Joy Lohuis - Ivy Park (Villa Serra)
- Jean Monarque - Ivy Park
- Dorothy Walker - home



# Holy Week & Easter Events

**Palm Sunday Service**  
April 13, 10:00 a.m.  
Sanctuary

**Maundy Thursday Service**  
April 17, 6:00 pm  
Community Presbyterian Church  
4<sup>th</sup> & Day, Gonzales  
Drive there or car pool with friends

**Good Friday Servicer**  
April 18, 6:30 pm  
Geneva Room



**Resurrection Sunday Service**  
April 20, 10:00 am  
Sanctuary

## Serving Christ—in the Homeless

Northminster partners with the SHARE (Salinas Housing Advancement Resources Education) Center to meet the needs of the homeless by providing and serving dinner for our brothers and sisters on the **second and fourth Sundays, April 13 and 27**

You can help by providing gifts of food for the meal and/or by helping to serve it. **Please bring items to the church by 5:00 pm or by 6:00 pm if bringing to/serving at the Center, 845 E. Laurel Drive.**



## Coming Events

**New Member's Class**  
Sunday, April 13  
After worship (appx 11:00 am)  
Room 11

**Senior Singers Spring Concert**  
Saturday, May 10, 3:00 pm  
Sanctuary

**Vacation Bible School**  
"Road Trip"  
June 16-20  
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm



Have you been attending Northminster services and events but just never made your membership "official"? Are you looking for answers about the PC(USA) or just being a Presbyterian in general? Now you can do both at our

## NEW MEMBER'S CLASS! Sunday, April 13, after worahip

Here you can find out about Northminster, the PC(USA) or even what being a Presbyterian is all about. You'll even be able to become an official member if desired, which entitles you to participate in the election of new church officers (or become one yourself!), approve the yearly Pastor's terms of call, and more - all part of our uniquely democratic form of governance!

If you'd like to join us, please contact Pastor Andy.

# From the Pastor

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In that storm, the disciples started to lose heart. Then the women came to the tomb to anoint his body, but the sun broke through, and they were bathed in bright sunshine and wild rainbows! He is risen! He is not dead! Go and tell his followers!

This Holy Week, I encourage you not to skip the rainstorms. It's easy to revel in the sunshine of the Triumphant Entry on Palm Sunday, and enjoy the brilliant rainbows on Easter morning. But in between there was darkness and rainstorms. This year, experience the rain of Holy Week. We are joining with Pastor Bill and the folk of the Community Presbyterian Church in Gonzales on Maundy Thursday to remember the Last Supper with a simple meal and communion service. This service begins at 6:00pm at CPC Gonzales (on 4<sup>th</sup> and Day). Then, on Friday, we will gather in the Geneva Room for a service of the Tenebrae, the service of Shadows, as we remember the suffering of Jesus on the cross.

Then of course, we will celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord under the bright colors of the rainbow, the storm having passed!

See you in church!

Andy

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**NOTHING IS CERTAIN EXCEPT WHAT AND TAXES!?!?**

## Paint Some Stones!



- ✿ Gather some smooth gray stones.
- ✿ Use tempera paints to paint Easter symbols on the stones.
- ✿ Some Easter symbols are:
  - cross
  - lily
  - butterfly
  - sun
- ✿ After the paint is dry, brush on clear varnish.
- ✿ Let dry overnight.
- ✿ Use large stones for paper weights. Small stones can be carried in your pocket as a "Resurrection Reminder!"



### Church Staff / Participants

- Pastor ..... Andy Rausch
- Organist/Choir Accompanist ..... Claire Vincent
- Parish Associate ..... Bill Lane
- Daycare ..... Jerrianna, Sue, Ruby, Ale, Emely, Elizabeth, Cecilia, Berenice, Yesenia
- Executive Assistant ..... Jackie Gash
- Treasurer ..... Sue Brockett
- Preschool ..... Amanda Robles
- Custodian ..... Jesse Perez
- Set Up Techs. .... Tom Folliard, Bob Hynes
- Grounds. .... Bob Hynes, Terry Heffington
- Church Secretary ..... Micki Brown