

the Reminder

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Join us for Holy Week and Easter

These are very interesting times. I think it's safe to say that none of us have ever experienced anything like this. We, as a Church, are having to find new ways to worship, connect, grow, serve, and give. Although, this has been a challenging time for us, I also believe it can be very fruitful.

This is especially true when it comes to inviting people to go to our campus and experience the *Stations of the Cross*. From my understanding, Harris County residents are still able to enjoy outdoor recreational areas as long as social distancing is maintained. I am so grateful to those who made this very special experience possible, and pray that these stations continue to enrich the lives of those who walk them.

We can also invite new people to join us for online worship. We will continue to worship live and online for the next few weeks in an effort to do our part to minimize the spread of COVID-19 and per the direction of the Bishop.

What makes Holy Week, Holy?

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Holy because it's set apart. We take one week, each year, to remember there was one week in history more significant than any other, a week that changed the course of human history and the destinies of all those who "believe in Him."



Holy, also, because a perfect, sinless sacrifice (who is both fully God and fully human) willingly, and actually joyfully, emptied himself, gave his life, shed his blood, and accepted the punishment for the unholiness of humanity.

And Holy because God in Christ, on the cross, took on my sin (and yours), took a wretch like me (and you) and made us right (holy) in God's eyes, despite our faults and failures, our sins and senselessness, and our guilt and shame.

Holy Week & Easter Services

Please join us for ALL of these services—and invite others!

- Palm Sunday
April 5, 11 am
- Holy Thursday
April 9, 7 pm
- Good Friday
April 10, 7 pm
- Easter Sunday
April 12, 11 am

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Recording: <https://www.rosehillumc.org/>

Pastor's Pen

Holy Week Hang-ups

Here are some things (although they might be fun) that might stand (if you let them) between you and the cross, or between you and the empty tomb.

1. Chocolate. I know what you're thinking, "oh no he didn't." It's not that chocolate during Holy Week is bad, it just shouldn't be the most memorable highlight for our children. We just have to make sure sweets, in general, don't take away from us telling others about, and tasting, the sweetness of the significance of the wine on Maundy Thursday, the sweetness of forgiveness for our sins on Good Friday, and the sweetness of a resurrected life God offers us in the living Christ.

2. Eggs. They're exciting to hide and fun for our children to find. In and of themselves, though, they just aren't what they're cracked up to be (see what I did there?). They can, however, be a powerful tool to teach our children, and remind ourselves, that Easter Eggs are symbolic of New Life, of Rebirth; and once reborn in the Spirit, and in the power of the Resurrection, all those who believe in Christ will come out of their shells as a new creation!

3. The Easter Bunny. "Oh, she's so cute!" That's what everybody says, right? It's sort of strange how Easter Eggs and the Easter Bunny became "a thing," since the two really have nothing to do with each other the rest of year, or in reality at all. The early Christians never associated neither egg nor hare with the cross or grave. But, like eggs, bunnies can become a tool for teaching, or reminding ourselves of, powerful realities. And what's the reality of bunnies? They're productive little creatures, literally. They don't just give life, they give life to large litters. They multiply! And so, we must too, in the sense (and in this case) of sharing the message of the cross and the power of the empty grave so that we might multiply/increase the numbers of those who experience the Kingdom of Heaven on earth!

So, this Holy Week have some fun... but make it purposeful. Use the things, which ought to be in the periphery, to centralize Christ. Lift up the One who was lifted up for us on the cross, and to raise awareness of the One who was resurrected from the dead.

The End, or better yet, It is finished.



Sermon Series

We receive a lot of bad news every day. I don't know about you but I'm tired of the daily dosage of negativity. Of course, I would like to stay informed and attuned to the pain in the world so I can know how to pray. However, I also want to hear about all the good things that are happening around the globe and in our lives; and, if anything is going to spread, I'd prefer it to be good news.

In our upcoming sermon series, we are going to focus on the Good News (the Gospel) and, at the same time, celebrate the good work God throughout the earth.



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Inquiring minds want to know!

Did we ever think we'd have this much free time?

The Covid-19 Coronavirus has changed all of our daily routines. Most of all, we miss being able to shake hands, hug, and get the latest news from one another at Church.

So, the *Rose Hill Reminder* thought it would be fun to know what some of our families are doing to stay busy, and get their nuggets of wisdom. We posed these questions — we hope you enjoy their answers! (*Some chose not to answer all of the questions.*)

1. What new thing have you done?
2. What is the best movie you've watched?
3. What is the best book you've read?
4. What food are you eating the most?
5. What is this time teaching you?

Carolyn Andrews:

3. Series of books, *The Circle* by Ted Dekkers

Arlie Beckendorf

1. Order groceries for curbside pickup. Our great-grandkids walked trails at Kleb Farm.

Paula Chatman

1. Facetime with children and grands. Meet via Zoom with Sunday School and Heart to Heart.
3. *The Life We Never Expected* by Andrew & Rachel Wilson

Steve & Kay Collins

1. Cooking "what is this?" food from the bottom of the freezer.
3. Lots of "whodunnits"
4 Way too many cookies!
5. We were all running around too much and not taking enough time to just sit, pray, read, reflect, etc.

Kelly Davidson

1. Increased my walk from 2 to 4 miles a day
2. *Hope Floats*
3. *The Art of Racing in the Rain*
4. Popcorn
5. Being still and reaching out to people is important.



John Engelking

1. Standing in the seniors' line at Costco early in the morning
2. Lots of Turner Classic Movies



5. Spending all this time together at home. Prayers, please for both of us!

Barbara Keenan

1. Washed my car by hand
2. *The Accountant* (PBS); *Miss Fischer's Murder Mysteries*
3. *Delectable Mountains* by Earlene Fowler
4. *Snap'd Chips* by Cheez-it
5. A lot of things before aren't as important. My daily walks are even more important.

Penny Lucas

1. Working remotely at home with 3 dogs, 2 cats
My Cousin Vinney &

Connect Online!

SUNDAYS

- **Sunday Worship 11 am;** Live on Facebook
- **Adult Sunday School— 9:30 am;** via Zoom; Contact: bb0hdcp@aol.com

WEDNESDAYS

- **Heart to Heart Women's Bible Study, Wed 10am,** via Zoom; Contact: pchat05@yahoo.com
- **Youth Group,** via Zoom; Contact: jjnelson@rosehillumc.org

FRIDAYS

- **Men's Bible Study, 7am;** via Zoom; Contact: bb0hdcp@aol.com

Second Hand Lions

5. Patience for things I can't control & counting my blessings

Jesse McNow

1. Grocery shop online
2. *Homeland*
3. *Profiles in Corruption*
4. Rice Crispy Treats
5. How people panic and stock up on toilet paper

Terry Necessary

1. Celebrated birthday at home with takeout food
2. *Frozen 2*
3. *Winter* series, book 6, by Mary Stone
4. Mixed nuts
5. Even when everything is out of control, God has control.



Carol Sue Podraza

1. Spraying Gary down with Lysol when he returns from the store!

3. *Unlocking the Mystery of Divine Healing*, Tony Meyers

4. Toasted pecans
5. Slow down; God has got this!

Tim & Jana Sampson

1. Bicycling—that blur you see on Rosewood Trail is Tim!



Dennis & Diane Snodgrass

1. Working on a 1,000-piece puzzle which has 35 hot rods!
2. *American Graffiti* for hundredth time!
3. Mitch Albom books
4. Cheetos, Diet Cokes and Dr. Pepper
5. Life is precious; enjoy every minute.



GIVE TITHES AND OFFERINGS

During this time of “staying at home,” and while our church buildings are closed, we still have ongoing financial commitments. Your tithes and offerings are critical as we continue to pay our staff salaries, utility bills, insurance, and security services, for example.

For those of you who offer your tithes and offering in worship, please consider sending your gift via mail to the church office or via our website: <https://www.rosehillumc.org/give>

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. - Corinthians 9:7

VBS—Save the date July 20 – 24, 5:30—8:00 pm

Please keep these dates on your calendar. We will provide updates on our plans once we get past the “Stay at Home” mandate. We’re all hoping to be back together soon!



- 3—Tobry & Tina DeLeon
- 5—Greg & Heather Haug
- 6—Eric & Shana Moreno
- 20—Kenneth & Gladys Moore
- 24—Tom & Jennifer Boaz



- 1—Sharon McReavy
- 2—Suzie Crews
- 4—Sharon Cook; Lou Hale
- 6—Jill Dhonau; Christopher Hale
- 7—Camille Atkins
- 8—Jamie Swartz
- 10—Nicholas Chatman
- 13—Matthew Chatman
- 14—Leah Eckenrode
- 17—April Destinee Bates
- 18—Nancy Holchak
- 19—Bonnie McLain
- 22—Debra Baggett; Cathy Breeden
- 23—Chris Nielsen
- 24—Darrel Barker
- 26—Rex Wunsche; Candace Bailey; Tim Torres
- 27—Jenni Hamel

A growing church serving a growing community

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

When we resume meeting at Church:

Sunday Worship: 8:30, 9:45 & 11:00 am

Sunday School: 9:45 am

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