

THE TIDINGS

the monthly newsletter of
Pineda Presbyterian Church



SUNDAY, MARCH 1ST *(2nd Sunday in Lent)*

9:00 a.m. — Upward & Onward Class *(Room A)*
10:00 a.m. — Worship Service with Communion *(Sanctuary)*

SUNDAY, MARCH 8TH *(3rd Sunday in Lent)*

9:00 a.m. — Upward & Onward Class *(Room A)*
10:00 a.m. — Worship Service *(Sanctuary)*

SUNDAY, MARCH 15TH *(4th Sunday in Lent)*

9:00 a.m. — Upward & Onward Class *(Room A)*
10:00 a.m. — Worship Service *(Sanctuary)*
Ordination & Installation of Church Officers

SUNDAY, MARCH 22ND *(5th Sunday in Lent)*

9:00 a.m. — Upward & Onward Class *(Room A)*
10:00 a.m. — Worship Service *(Sanctuary)*
Five Cents per Meal Offering

SUNDAY, MARCH 29TH *(Palm Sunday)*

9:00 a.m. — Upward & Onward Class *(Room A)*
10:00 a.m. — Worship Service *(Sanctuary)*

MARCH LECTIONARY

March 1st

Genesis 12:1-4a
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
John 3:1-17

March 8th

Exodus 17:1-7
Romans 5:1-11
John 4:5-42

March 15th

1 Samuel 16:1-13
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41

March 22nd

Ezekiel 37:1-14
Romans 8:6-11
John 11:1-45

March 29th

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Philippians 2:5-11
Matthew 21:1-11

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Pastor's Note

Rev. Emily Wasser

Church Family,

What a whirlwind of a month February turned out to be! Not to focus on myself, but my goodness, I feel as though it has been non-stop! First house: purchased. Valentine's Day chocolate: consumed. Beauty and the Beast: Seen. Move: accomplished. Disney Princess Race: run. For the first time in weeks, I'm staring down the barrel of March and realizing that my calendar is suddenly so much more open than it was in February and I couldn't be happier to welcome in a slower pace, something less frantic, less "do-or-die." Lent, it seems, has come at the most perfect time for me and I want to invite you into it...because, of course, it's not just about me.

The season of Lent is upon us. In all it's mystery, in all it's richness, in all it's discovery—it has arrived. And this is the season in the Church year that we tend to start thinking small, we start looking at ourselves, our relationship with God, our relationship with Spiritual Disciplines, and how we can improve them along with ourselves. We think of this as a private time, a personal time; and while it certainly is that, I'd like to issue you an invitation for this Lenten Season.

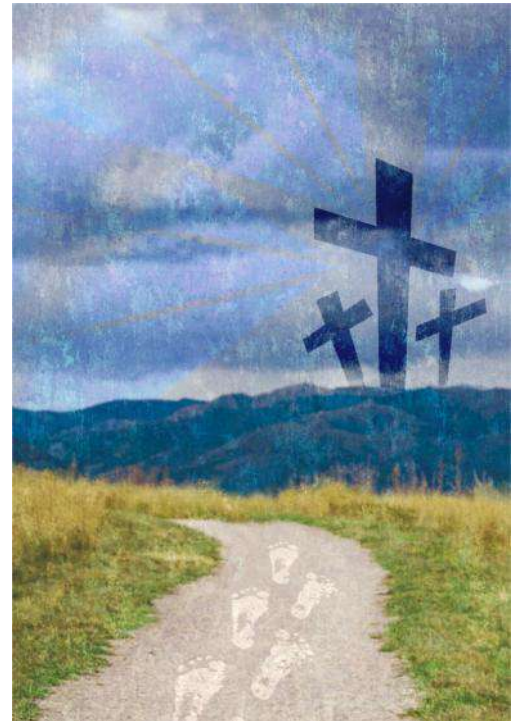
This invitation asks you to look around at your neighbors, those who share your pew on Sunday, those you see at LAFF and Game Night and in Choir...and check in. Not in the interest of policing or judgment. But rather in the interest of your fellow Christian, those who are on the road of Lent with you. Because even if their journey is not your journey, our paths are still very similar. And just because we can see Lent as a private personal thing, doesn't mean that we must treat it as though it is.

God has blessed us with community, something to lean on during times of hardship and celebrate with in times of joy. My prayer this Lenten season as we seek to engage in true metamorphosis of the soul is that we will approach Lent not just as a personal struggle, but as a communal one. My prayer is that we won't be afraid of growing together, as one, and that we will embrace and encourage one another along every stage of this journey ahead. We *can* do this. We *can* be transformed! With a little bit of love and support from our community, we *can* craft a change that will reverberate out into the world at large and make a difference.

The invitation is in your hand. Will you be joining us?

Peace to you,

Emily





Orders are now being received for Easter Flowers to adorn our Sanctuary for Easter Sunday. This year, in addition to lilies, we will purchase an assortment of beautiful flowering plants such as tulips, hyacinths and daffodils!

To sponsor an Easter flower, please sign up in the Fellowship Hall or send an e-mail to: pinedapc.office@gmail.com

Flowers are \$15 each. Orders will be accepted through Palm Sunday, March 29th and may be taken home following the Easter Worship Service.

St. Pauly's Textiles

When was the last time you cleaned out your closet? Got any old coats hanging around from your days up North you no longer need? Looking for an easy way to support the church that declutters too?! Look no further than Pineda Presbyterian Church!

Pineda Presbyterian Church has begun a new partnership with St. Pauly's Textile! This organization is moving into Brevard County and has chosen Pineda Presbyterian Church as a location to assist them in their mission to put old and lightly worn clothing into the hands of those who need it.

What does this look like for Pineda Presbyterian? In the coming weeks you might arrive at the church to find a new shed has been placed on the property with signs that now mark us as a drop off location. This shed is the collection bin. Every week, someone from St. Pauly's will arrive and haul away all that we collect. For every pound of clothing donated St. Pauly's will give back 11¢ to Pineda Presbyterian Church. The session has designated that this money we make will go to support our own mission programs, really and truly allowing all parties involved to give back in the most meaningful way possible!



So, keep your eyes on the property and start cleaning out your closets! Bag what you no longer need, and once that shed appears, bring it to the Church and toss it in the shed! All your old clothes will go to local charities and be put in the hands of people who need it, and in turn we will continue to do our part in supporting those missions that mean the world to us. Together, through partnerships like this, the difference we make in the world is miraculous!



- 3/5 Ed Washburn & Scott Zinn
- 3/9 Pam Kelly
- 3/13 Sue Noonan
- 3/14 John Bumgarner
- 3/15 Rosalie Jensen
- 3/20 John Ellis
- 3/23 Lisa Steinke
- 3/25 Barb Burton & Tom Joynes
- 3/26 Mike Curry

On Sunday, February 8th, we celebrated "Scout Sunday" with our chartered Cub Scout Pack 285. The scouts participated in the worship service and then joined us with their families in the Fellowship Hall for our annual "Souper Bowl of Caring" Chili Cook-Off.

Congratulations to Bonnie Griffith, winner of the chili cook-off! A great time & delicious lunch was had by all. \$195 was raised which will be given to the Advent Food Pantry.

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Have you ever considered serving as a liturgist, usher, or communion server but didn't know how? If so, please join us for a brief training session!



3/25

Tom & Moira Eddleman

Saturday, April 18th at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

All who currently serve as communion servers, liturgists, or ushers, are also encouraged to attend, so everyone will have the latest training on current procedures.

Food Pantry Donations

This month the food pantry has assisted 79 neighbors consisting of 257 individuals. An average of 124 bags were distributed with a maximum of 132. 10 new families were served. Thank you for your continued support!

- Sunday, March 1st—Canned Fruit
- Sunday, March 8th—Breakfast Cereal
- Sunday, March 15th—Canned Pasta (*Ravioli, Spaghetti O's, etc.*)
- Sunday, March 22nd—Boxed macaroni & cheese
- Sunday, March 29th—Dry Pasta



member spotlight

Haskell Walker



Hi, I'm Haskell Walker, the person you usually see early on Sunday mornings at the back of the Sanctuary setting up cameras and computers for the Tech Team so we can produce and send the YouTube livestream to our homebound and distant friends, enabling them to be part of our worship service each week.


I became a member of Pineda in the early 1990's when Charlie Donnell was the Interim Pastor. I've been involved with the Finance, Endowment, and Worship Teams in addition to serving multiple terms as Deacon and Elder. Over the years I've observed many milestones and changes but one thing has been constant. That is the love and enthusiasm of Pineda's congregation along with its dedication to serving our Lord.

I grew up in South Carolina, the youngest of three sons, in a caring and supportive family for which I am truly grateful. My father was an insurance agent and my mother taught in middle school. From a young age, they encouraged me to explore interests and learn as much as I could. Many of my early pastimes involved electronics. While in high school, I could often be found constructing some type of audio/video device or antenna. That led me to study electrical engineering at Clemson Univ, where I earned bachelor's and master's degrees. While there, I volunteered part time at the campus radio station maintaining studio equipment and learning production skills.

Following college, I moved to Melbourne and started my career at Harris Corp. in their commercial satellite division. As local business units came and went, I wound up working at five other companies, most recently at Jet Blue and Thales where I designed modules for passenger entertainment and internet systems. When the pandemic resulted in cutbacks for the airline industry, I took early retirement to focus on hobbies and other personal interests.

In addition to helping out at Pineda and taking on various household projects, I spend free time reading and exercising. I have finished two marathons and still compete in local running events. Other interests include researching history (especially Biblical) and genealogy. I look forward to exploring new activities and opportunities that God may reveal.

MARCH WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

	March 1st	March 8th	March 15th	March 22nd	March 29th
	<i>Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Worship Service at 7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.</i>
	<i>2nd Sunday in Lent</i>	<i>3rd Sunday in Lent</i>	<i>4th Sunday in Lent</i>	<i>5th Sunday in Lent</i>	<i>Palm Sunday</i>
DEACON OF THE WEEK	Sue Lundgren	Helga Wilson	Cliff Smith	Sue Lundgren	Marilyn Bullard
LITURGIST	Barb Mathewson	Pat Zinn	Leslie Lyman	Melissa Ketterman	Elizabeth Bumgarner
COMMUNION SERVERS	Sue Lundgren				
	Elizabeth Bumgarner				
	Sandy Curry				
	Melissa Ketterman				
	Dian Walker				
USHERS	Ed Walker	Ed Walker	Ed Walker	Ed Walker	Ed Walker
	Cliff Smith	Cliff Smith	Cliff Smith	Cliff Smith	Cliff Smith
	John & Elizabeth Bumgarner	John & Elizabeth Bumgarner	John & Elizabeth Bumgarner	John & Elizabeth Bumgarner	John & Elizabeth Bumgarner

Our Fidelity Investment account increased from **\$152,662 to \$154,101**, in February and the Endowment account had a slight loss **for the month** so far.

The operating fund donations were \$29,849 year to date, which is a little behind for the pledges this year. We should be around \$38,154.50. We always appreciate you giving what you can. Thank you for your generosity.



We also collected \$45 for 5 Cents per Meal.

We were able to reduce some expenses this month. We have started doing payroll in-house, which will save us about \$1000 for the year. Also we canceled the TV on our Spectrum account and were able to reduce our bill by \$100/month.

Another reminder, don't forget to give your per capita donation of \$30 per person. Per Capita is paid to Central Florida Presbytery based on the number of people we have on the roles. The church will need to pay the difference between what is collected and what we owe. Please help out if you can and contribute your \$30. Thank you.

Barb Mathewson
Finance, Stewardship & Endowment Chair

Worship and Music Notes



Mark your calendars, not for a celebration, but rather for an observance.

We are only ankle deep in the season known as Lent, but now is the time to look to the end of the season and consider what to expect. Triduum, Latin for “three days” is one of those fancy theological words that preachers and professors (and now hopefully you) use to refer to the three holiest days of Lent: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil. We will be talking more about these three days in the weeks to come, but for now the Worship Committee wants you to have a heads up about events surrounding these days so that you can put them in your calendar and join us for an observance of this holy time.

Pineda Presbyterian Church will be splitting these three days (four if you count Easter) into two services. The first will be on Maundy Thursday. This year our Maundy Thursday service will take us through the story of the last supper, which is traditional for most Maundy Thursday services. However, our Maundy Thursday service will also include the telling of the story of the cross, the traditional Good Friday scriptures. At the Maundy Thursday service we will discuss the trial, crucifixion, and the seven “last words” of Jesus before departing in silence. The quiet departure is a purposeful failure to “end” the service. It reminds us that throughout the rest of the Triduum we are still in a state of worship, still waiting for a conclusion that has not come.

Holy Saturday within the Church has traditionally been an opportunity for an Easter Vigil. An Easter Vigil service traditionally features key scriptures/stories from the Old Testament: Adam & Eve, Noah & the Ark, Moses & the Israelites, Ruth & Naomi, Sampson & Delilah, Isaiah, Ezekiel, Malachai. The purpose of these tales is to hear the story of God throughout the centuries and generations, to see how Jesus is not just a random blip in the history of time, but is part of God’s faithfulness to God’s people.

Traditionally, an Easter Vigil happens late at night into the early morning of Easter where the celebration begins, it is a service that lasts for hours and frequently requires an “all nightery” of those pulling it off. At PPC, that will not be how we are conducting our Easter Vigil. Instead, prior to the Easter Service, we invite you to a “mini-vigil.” It’s a time of about 45 minutes when we will review our Old Testament stories and remember where we fit into the story of God and how it is fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Following our “mini-vigil” all will be invited to an Easter Breakfast before the Easter Sunday service begins. I won’t lie to you, it’ll be an earlier morning, but in my (Pastor Emily, noted night owl and fervent despiser of early mornings) experience, it is very worthwhile, indeed.

Please make note of these upcoming services and stay tuned for more information to come soon! I hope you’ll join us for our observation of Triduum!

Pastor Emily

Session Sound Bites

(February 25th Meeting)

- ◆ The meeting opened with a prayer and devotion from 1 Corinthians 15:10, led by Elder Dian Walker: God's grace is not in vain and God does not give up on us.
- ◆ The minutes of the January 21, 2025 stated session meeting were approved.
- ◆ The minutes of the January 25 Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Annual Meeting of the Corporation were approved.
- ◆ Central Florida Presbytery (CFP) staff has nominated Pastor Emily to represent our presbytery in the 2026 Synod of the South Atlantic Embody Leadership Formation (ELF) Cohort. Session approved Pastor Emily's participation in the Cohort, including time off for a 3-day retreat in April. The Cohort is a leadership development opportunity and will be beneficial to Pineda, the Presbytery, and the Greater Church. All costs will be paid by the Synod and Presbytery.
- ◆ Rev. Joel Kelly notified the session that he is stepping back from Faith Formation team responsibilities because he and Pam need to stay in Texas to care for his mother and are not sure when they will return to Melbourne. He requested prayers for Zelma Kelly (his mother), Pam, and himself.
- ◆ Session approved combining the Faith Formation and Fellowship Teams.
- ◆ Newly elected deacons and elders will be ordained and/or installed at worship on Sunday, March 15. They will be examined at a called session meeting at 9 a.m. that morning.
- ◆ St. Pauly Textile, Inc. has obtained the permits to install a shed on our property to collect unwanted clothing, and it should be installed soon.
- ◆ The Finance Team has brought Payroll back in-house, with a significant savings. That, combined with changes to telephone/internet service and computer software, will reduce the expected Admin Budget overage by more than 85%.
- ◆ Elder Barbara Mathewson closed the meeting with prayer.

NOTE: If you have questions about any of these items, or would like more information, please contact the clerk of session or the appropriate ministry team chair. A list of session members and team chairs is printed on the back of the Sunday bulletin and is on the Our Team page of the church website.



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March 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>2nd Sunday in Lent</p> <p>9:00am Upward & Onward Class (Room A) 10:00am Worship Service (Sanctuary) <i>The Lord's Supper will be celebrated during worship.</i> 11:30am Fellowship Team (Fellowship Hall)</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10:30am Chair Yoga (Fellowship Hall) 11:00am LAFF - Lunch & Fun Fellowship (Fellowship Hall) 1:00pm Heart Strings Knitting & Crochet Group (Fellowship Hall)</p>	<p>4</p> <p>6:00pm Worship & Tech Team Meeting (Room A)</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10:00am Chair Yoga (Fellowship Hall) 6:00pm Choir & Worship Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary)</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:30am Presbytery Meeting (Tuskawilla Pres. – Oviedo) 10:00am PPW Coordinating Team (Fellowship Hall)</p>
<p>8</p> <p>3rd Sunday in Lent</p> <p>9:00am Upward & Onward Class (Room A) 10:00am Worship Service (Sanctuary) 11:00am Deacons' Meeting (Fellowship Hall) 11:30am Administration & Personnel Team (Fellowship Hall)</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>10:30am Chair Yoga (Fellowship Hall) 11:00am LAFF - Lunch & Fun Fellowship (Fellowship Hall) 6:00pm Mission Team (Room A)</p>	<p>11</p> <p>4:00pm Finance Team (Fellowship Hall) 7:00pm Lydia Circle (Pat Zinn's home)</p>	<p>12</p> <p>10:00am Chair Yoga (Fellowship Hall) 10:30am Dorcas Circle (Fellowship Hall) 3:00pm Facilities Team (Fellowship Hall) 4:00pm Land Development (Fellowship Hall) 6:00pm Choir & Worship Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary)</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p> <p>4th Sunday in Lent</p> <p>9:00am Upward & Onward Class (Room A) 10:00am Worship Service (Sanctuary) <i>Ordination & Installation of church officers during worship.</i></p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>10:30am Chair Yoga (Fellowship Hall) 11:00am LAFF - Lunch & Fun Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)</p>	<p>18</p> <p>6:00pm Session Meeting (Fellowship Hall)</p>	<p>19</p> <p>10:00am Chair Yoga (Fellowship Hall) 6:00pm Choir & Worship Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary)</p>	<p>20</p> <p>5:30pm Game Night (Fellowship Hall)</p> 	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>5th Sunday in Lent</p> <p>9:00am Upward & Onward Class (Room A) 10:00am Worship Service (Sanctuary) <i>5 Cents per Meal Offering</i></p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>10:30am Chair Yoga (Fellowship Hall) 11:00am LAFF - Lunch & Fun Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>10:00am Chair Yoga (Fellowship Hall) 6:00pm Choir & Worship Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary)</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
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