

A field of pink cosmos flowers with dark centers, set against a light, hazy background. The flowers are in various stages of bloom, with some fully open and others as buds. The overall tone is soft and spring-like.

Hello
April

FMC Newsletter

2024

Greetings First Methodist Stanton Family!

Church, We Are Easter People!

One of my all time favorite hymns is "Easter People, Raise Your Voices." The song implores faithful followers of Jesus to "raise our voices" and it reminds us that "our Lord has triumphed over every foe." As Easter people, we are called to share the way the good news of God's victory over death and evil has brought about God's goodness and blessings in our lives. So I ask, "How has God's triumph over evil in the resurrection brought His blessings in your life?" and "How have you experienced God's goodness through your faith and the church?"

One more great reminder of this beautiful hymn comes at the beginning of the third verse, "Every day to us is Easter, with its resurrection song." Easter's resurrection power and grace are things that God offers to us each and everyday. We specifically celebrate Easter once a year, but Easter and the hope that it brings is a daily reality in the life of those that proclaim faith in God and faithfully follow Jesus as Lord and Savior. May our being an Easter People give us both gratitude for what God has done in our lives and the urge and push to share it with others so they may experience it as well!

We are Easter People!

Gratitude

How has God blessed you since we started using the Gratitude Jars?

If you have God's blessings in some way while reading through the notes in your Gratitude Jars, I would love to hear about it , if it's something you'd want to share.

I'll start by sharing one of mine. About a month ago I put a note in the Gratitude Jar on my desk expressing my thankfulness for all of you in the church who pray for me and my family. For those that don't know, being a pastor has a lot of times of encouragement, but it also comes with times of discouragement and questions. When I read that note about you all praying for me and the ministry of the church, it reminded me that we are in this together and that we are connected to and empowered by the grace of God. Thank you for your prayers! (And... please keep them coming!!!)

Looking Forward

We have a lot of great and fun things coming up on the church calendar. One of the things I am really looking forward to is the Kiss The Pig BBQ Summer Camp Fundraiser on Sunday, April 21st after the worship service.

Over the next three Sundays, April 7, 14, and 21, you will have the opportunity to vote for one of four people to kiss a real and live pig at the Kiss The Pig BBQ lunch on April 21st. Our four potential pig kissers are: Ricky Fleckenstein, Pam Evans, Marty Graham, and Shawn Burch.

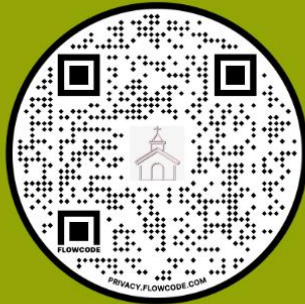
We will vote by placing monetary donations (cash and/or checks) in the basket of the person you want to see kiss the pig. All funds raised will go to help our Youth and Children go to church camps.

On Sunday, April 14th, AJ Ireton will be sharing about a mission trip he will be leading with a team of missionaries to an island off Costa Rica. He will be sharing about the people he and his team will be partnering with on the Island, the types of ministries and mission projects they will be doing, how and why those missions and ministries are making a difference in the lives of the people, and I have asked to make sure that he gives the church the opportunity to support this ongoing mission project. I do realize this is Trades Day Sunday, but I hope you'll attend if you are able to.

God Bless,
Pastor Bobby

FMC FINANCIAL OUTLOOK

ONLINE GIVING



INCOME SUMMARY

MARCH
1-31ST:
\$128,205.78
YTD
\$412,993.92

FAMILY LIFE CENTER

BUILDING FUND GOAL
\$3,500,000.00
PLEDGES/CASH RAISED
\$2,052,514.58
PLEDGES OUTSTANDING
\$154,650.00
CASH ON HAND AT TMF:
\$4,917,469.74



APRIL CALENDAR

04/07 - PET VACCINATION CLINIC @FMC PARKING LOT

04/10-12 - ADMIN OFFICE CLOSED

04/26 - CHRYSALIS TEAM MEETING 5PM

4/27 - CHRYSALIS TEAM MEETING 8AM

4/27 - PARLOR RESERVED FOR WEDDING PARTY

4/28 - SANCTUARY RESERVED FOR PIANO RECITAL 4PM

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

Kiss the Pig

BBQ

21 APRIL, 2024

AFTER CHURCH

Youth Fundraiser

PICK YOUR FAVORITE PERSON TO KISS THE PIG!!

PAM **RICKY** **SHAWNA** **MARTY**

KISS THE PIG BBQ
CHURCH CAMP FUNDRAISER
UPDATE AS OF APRIL 4TH!!



MARTY
\$70



SHAWNA
\$400



RICKY
\$190



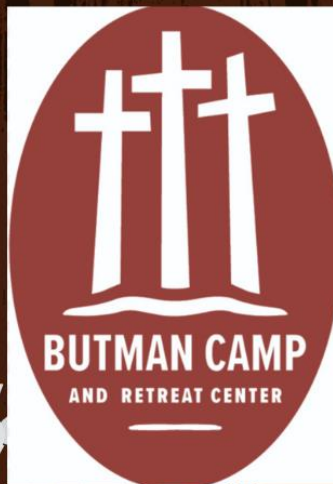
PAM
\$40



FMC Stanton Youth SERVICE PROJECT

MAY 31 & JUNE 1

MORE
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AT BUTMAN
CAMP IN
MERKEL, TX

Prayer Request

Frances Biggs, Bud Lindsey, Heather Pool,
Kolter Gray, Shirley Douglas, Marvin Rodriguez

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David Garza, Monte Kreis

Submit prayer request at www.fmcstanton.com , Church Office or During Worship Service