



**MARCH**

**2024**

**THE FOUNTAIN**  
**NEWSLETTER**

**If there is ever a Sunday morning to be in church, it's Easter Sunday!**

**Make those plans right now. Make that commitment to be in church March 31st, 8:00 a.m. Easter Sunday Morning! There will be other important events and services as we prepare our hearts for that glorious day.**

**As Christian believers, we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus! We will do so with singing, music, reading scripture, preaching, communion, and being together! That is worship, praise, and celebration.**

**Since it is so important to be in church on Easter, it is also important to invite people to worship. Please invite them to worship with us.**

**I look forward to seeing you, and them, in church!**

**Steve**

**A Note from Pastor Steve**



**Butterflies, butterflies, butterflies!!!** Children of New Fountain have been housing butterflies to be released on Easter Morning. They receive the caterpillar in a plastic container that is full of food ready for them to eat. As the caterpillar eats they grow larger and make their way to the top of the container where they form a protective cocoon around themselves and become a chrysalis. The lid is taken off and the chrysalis are then placed in a larger, butterfly safe container. After a few days the butterflies will emerge from their cocoons and fly around their protective enclosure. The children will then feed them fresh fruit and watch them grow and fly until the day of their release. **This is such a wonderful tradition at New Fountain that the children truly enjoy, along with the congregation. This is a beautiful reminder of Jesus' unconditional love.** A symbol of change, the butterfly represents the transformation that one experiences when they come to Christ. Believers are given a new beginning and a new life, and are forever transformed by God's love. Thank you to Ashley Lowe for making this happen every year!

Speaking of unconditional love and new beginnings, the middle school group has been going through Confirmation Class for the past few months and will be having Confirmation Sunday on Palm Sunday, March 24th.



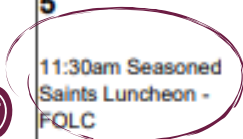
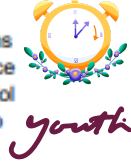





Palm Sunday will be a wonderful event for not only our middle school youth but also for the children as they will be a major part of the service that day! With Palm leaves in hand the children will help us visualize the **joyful and triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem!**

Thinking ahead! **Camp Eagle will be taking place July 15-20.** Contact Kristin if your child is interested in participating or if you have any questions about camp!

VBS is going to look a little different this year as we are merging with the Hondo Methodist Church at their facility! Dates are being worked out and plans are being made. If you have questions or would like to help volunteer, contact Melisa Joyner.

**A Note from Kristin - Youth Director**

# March 2024 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>25</b> 9:00am Worship Service 9:30am Food Pantry Can Drive - During Worship 10:15am Sunday School 11:00am MYF Meet Up	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 5:30pm Connected Practice (FOLC) 7:00pm Joyful Noise (FOLC)	<b>28</b> 5:30pm Prayer Meeting - Sanctuary	<b>29</b> 6:30pm Handbell Rehearsal	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> 9:00am Worship Service 10:15am Sunday School	<b>4</b>  6:00pm Worship Team Meeting - WOW 	<b>5</b>  11:30am Seasoned Saints Luncheon - FOLC 5:30pm Connected Practice (FOLC) 7:00pm Joyful Noise (FOLC)	<b>6</b> 5:30pm Prayer Meeting - Sanctuary	<b>7</b> 6:30pm Handbell Rehearsal	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> Daylight Savings Begins 9:00am Worship Service 10:15am Sunday School 11:00am MYF Meet Up 	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>  5:30pm Connected Practice (FOLC) 7:00pm Joyful Noise (FOLC)	<b>13</b> 5:30pm Prayer Meeting - Sanctuary	<b>14</b> 2:00pm Craft Class - WOW 6:30pm Handbell Rehearsal	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 9:00am Worship Service 10:15am Sunday School	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 5:30pm Connected Practice (FOLC) 7:00pm Joyful Noise (FOLC)	<b>20</b> 5:30pm Prayer Meeting - Sanctuary	<b>21</b> 6:30pm Handbell Rehearsal	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 9:00am Palm Sunday, Confirmation Sunday 10:15am Sunday School 11:00am MYF Meet Up 	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 5:30pm Connected Practice (FOLC) 7:00pm Joyful Noise (FOLC)	<b>27</b> 5:30pm Prayer Meeting - Sanctuary	<b>28</b>  6:00pm Maundy Thursday Service - Sanctuary 6:30pm Handbell Rehearsal	<b>29</b>  7:00pm Good Friday Service - Sanctuary	<b>30</b> 9:00am WOW Classroom Reserved
<b>31</b> <b>8:00am Easter                      Worship Service</b> No Sunday School 9:00am Breakfast 	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 5:30pm Connected Practice (FOLC) 7:00pm Joyful Noise (FOLC)	<b>3</b> 5:30pm Prayer Meeting - Sanctuary	<b>4</b> 6:30pm Handbell Rehearsal	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>

TUESDAY, March 5th at 11:30

# SEASONED SAINTS



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*I am the Resurrection and the Life.*

*John 11:25*

## SPRING FORWARD

### SUNDAY, MARCH 10TH



#### Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday - March 24th

@ 9:00 a.m.

Also Confirmation Sunday

Maundy Thursday - March 28th

@ 6:00 p.m. Sanctuary

Good Friday - March 29th

@ 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary

Easter Morning - March 31st

@ 8:00 a.m. FOLC

\*followed by butterfly release and breakfast.

## Craft Class

Thursday, March 14, 2024

WOW Classroom

Creating a 12" wreath

Contact Sherry Peyton

for more info

(325-473-1183)

or call the Church Office

to sign up



## Easter Lilies

Call the church office or fill out the insert in Sunday's bulletin to order your Easter lilies. \$15/lily.



# Mark Your Calendar

# Birthdays & Anniversaries

God danced the day you were born!

## Birthdays

Santiago Arteaga - March 1  
Esther Johnson - March 3  
Sandy Parker - March 4  
Pamela Muennink - March 4  
Haley Evans - March 6  
Mallory Ann Muennink -- March 6  
Sadie Watts -- March 7  
Kale Ruiz - March 8  
Railli Ruiz - March 11  
Joe Christopherson - March 11  
Ethan Culpepper - March 12  
Lyle Riff - March 14  
Janice Waits - March 15  
Mindy Plata - March 15  
Chris Stiegler - March 16  
Evelyn Jones - March 18  
Kyle Jones - March 20  
Rayna Wooten - March 20  
Karter Kirksey—March 21  
Nelva Sullivan - March 21  
Russ Renaud - March 22  
Martha Eakin - March 22  
Steven Cox - March 22  
Mary "Shorty" Ward - March 23  
Maddison Sollock - March 25  
Bobby Britsch - March 25  
Yzela Brigance - March 25  
Ruby Joyner - March 28

## Anniversaries

Adrian & Naomi Fredriksson -  
March 4  
Kurt & Christine Oefinger -  
March 4  
Tom & Rachel Stephans—  
March 10  
Larry & Elaine Keel -  
March 15  
Trey & Marissa Dickens -  
March 18

## Memorials

Zach Smith  
Pam, Kristin, & Swynn Muennink, Maggie Riff

Mark Reus  
Pam, Kristin, & Swynn Muennink, Maggie Riff

Charles Moeller  
Barbara Brice

Viola Cantu  
Barbara Brice  
Alan & Karen Muennink  
Ellen Stevens  
Pam, Kristin, & Swynn Muennink, Maggie Riff

## Please continue to pray for:

♥ Vicky Phillips	♥ Sheryl Guth
♥ Judy Weiblen	♥ Kenneth Roberts
♥ Kyle Berg	♥ Michael Love
♥ Jason Boyce	♥ Denise Parsons
♥ Mike McGuire	♥ Ora Lee Muennink
♥ Helen Muennink	♥ Naomi Fredriksson
♥ Laura Schrutka	♥ Floyd Saathoff
♥ Joe M. Saenz, Jr.	♥ Peace in our nation
♥ Stella Shultz	♥ People of Ukraine
♥ Joe Nixon	♥ Reconciliation in
♥ Jane Schauer	families

## Welcome New Members

Don & Marsha Patton

GOD  
BLESS  
YOU

# March Communion Offering

**Restore Reproductive Health** is a local 501(c)3 dedicated to helping people with unintended pregnancies and sexually-related traumas (SRTs) such as Miscarriage, Stillbirth, Sexual Assault / Abuse, or Past Abortion Trauma. RRH's compassionate and confidential services are free to all who come to them for help.

Educating their clients through a series of videos on healthy pregnancy, labor & delivery, parenting, positive relationships & healing from damaging ones, and more, allows clients to earn points they can then use to obtain items for their babies. They can choose from cribs, car seats, strollers, play pens, bassinets, swings, baby clothes, diapers, wipes, and more.

RRH acquired a like-new Mercedes Sprinter van which serves as a mobile medical unit. With it, they will provide free pregnancy tests and free limited OB ultrasound exams beginning in March around the area.

Call (830) 584-2123 for more information.



## January Financials

Year-To-Date Financial Report			
Ending January 31, 2024			
2024 Approved Operating Budget		\$387,000	
Weekly Giving Goal		\$7,450	
General Operating		Building Fund	8,138.16
Income	30,764.66	Income	150.27
Expenditures	(28,152.84)	Expenditures	-
	<b>2,611.82</b>	Balance	<b>8,288.43</b>

## Online Giving



[www.newfountain.org/giving](http://www.newfountain.org/giving)