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# The Round Grove Rambler

## Come Prepare for Easter!



*As we enter into the month of March, we move into the time of preparing for our Easter Celebration!*

During March, we transition from the church liturgical season of Epiphany into the season of Lent. *Lent provides us an important opportunity to prepare for our Easter Celebration.*

Join our Worship:

Sunday, March 2nd, the sermon is *"Get up! Don't be afraid!"* It is

based on Matthew 17:1-9. We will share in Holy Communion.

On the First Sunday of Lent, March 9th, the sermon will be titled, *"Focused on God's Purpose"* and it will be based on Matthew 4:1-11. Our Monthly Brunch will be prepared and served by the Men's Fellowship.

Sunday, March 16th, the sermon is titled *"Born from above"* and it is based on John 3:1-17. Holy Communion will be shared.

Sunday, March 23rd, the sermon is titled *"Come and see"* and it is based on John 4:5-30. We will share in our Monthly Fellowship Meal after Worship.

Sunday, March 30th, the sermon will be titled *"He came to bring discernment!"* and it is based on John 9:1-17, 24-41. We will receive the One Great Hour of Sharing Special Mission Offering. We will have a Fellowship Meal Outing at the Pizza Inn after our Worship Celebration.

Many thanks go to the Women's Sunday Worship Leaders, to Jane Keil for her Women's Sunday Sermon, to the Women's Fellowship for the Love Sunday Lunch, and to Sonya and Scott Wyatt for their Thank You Reception!

*Join in our Worship Celebrations!* -Pastor

## FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

**Pizza Inn Fellowship Lunch:** Sunday, Mar. 30th after Worship. Grab a coupon and head across the street for a delicious lunch of salad, pizza, pasta, and dessert! Each person pays at the restaurant.



*RSVP to Fellowship Assistant, Jennifer Clay*



# Sunday School Happenings

SEE YOU  
IN  
SUNDAY  
SCHOOL!

**Reminder:**

Refreshment Gathering begins at 9 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall along with a very short craft or game. Opening Assembly follows at 9:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Sunday School for those up to high school begins directly after Opening Assembly. Children up to age 3 have their Sunday School time in the Nursery led by Carol Howell. Lower Elementary (4 years - 2nd grade) meet in the Education Building (Childtime) with Erika Hope-Barker and Mary Quick. Students in 3rd through 6th grade join Yvonne Warren and Grady Quick in the Education Building. Youth (7th through 12th grade) meet in the Youth Room and are led by Karol Whittaker and

Scott Wyatt. The CE Board is searching for teachers and substitutes for the Spring Sunday School program. Talk to Mary Quick about volunteering.

**Bible Study:** Adults are encouraged to join the Adult Bible Study Class led by Pastor Wells in the Narthex.

**Thank You:** Jane and Brooke Leenerts for being subs in February!

**Calendar:** CE Meeting - March 2nd at Noon.

**Palm Sunday:** Come one! Come All! On Palm Sunday, there will be an Intergenerational Sunday School Event in the Fellowship Hall. Refreshments will be served at 9 a.m. followed by a lesson on the theme

of "He's Alive!" and the Annual Easter Egg Hunt for children in Nursery to 6th grade.



**Donations Needed:** snacks for Gathering time.

**February Perfect Attendance**

- Jordan Clay
- Orion Cleveland
- Christopher Sumner
- Chad & Sierra Warren
- Kayla, Kimberly & Sean Wilkins

**Congratulations!**

**Women's Fellowship**

- ... Refreshments: March 2 - Wendy and Jasmine Littrell.
- ... Next meeting: To Be Determined.
- ... Thanks: Christa Hall and Mary Quick for February refreshments; Jane Keil for Women's Sunday Sermon; all Women's Sunday participants; everyone who brought food, decorated, helped, and supported the Love Dinner Fundraiser!
- ... Total Donations Received for Love Dinner: \$393!
- ... Spring Shopping Trip: To Be Determined.

**Men's Fellowship**

- ... will fix a delicious Brunch for the congregation on March 9th after Worship. Make plans now to attend! There is no charge, however a Free Will Offering basket will be available. If you can help set up, prepare, cook, serve or clean up, please contact Charles Littrell.



**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**



- Karol Whittaker - 3rd
- Bella Mellema - 6th
- Jon Hope - 6th
- Yvonne Warren - 8th
- Max Chalupa - 12th
- Jasmine Littrell - 12th
- Doug Howell - 14th
- Chad Warren - 15th

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

*Please contact Wendy Littrell, Administrative Assistant, to be included on the birthday list.*

## Round Grove Music Ministry

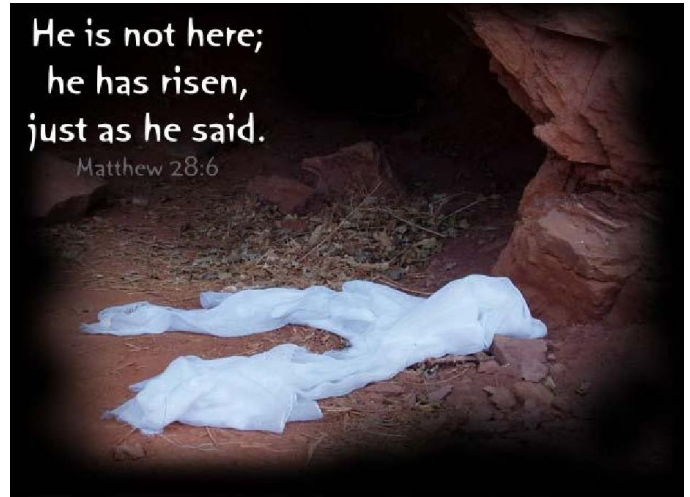
### Thank you to the 2014 Women's Choir!

*Jennifer Clay  
Nancy Hearn  
Beverly Ihnfeldt  
Mary Quick  
Patty Tarver  
Shelly Warburton  
Margaret Wells  
Kimberly Wilkins  
Susan Wilkins  
Karol Whittaker*

**Thank you to accompanist  
Michael Chandler!**

He is not here;  
he has risen,  
just as he said.

*Matthew 28:6*



### Were You There?

A dramatic Easter presentation by  
Chancel Voices.

### Easter Worship Celebration

Sunday, April 20, 2014

10:30 a.m.

## MARCH ANTHEMS

Sunday, March 2nd

"Shout Amen!"

by Jay Althouse

Sunday, March 9th

"Out of the Depths I Cry to Thee"

by K. Lee Scott

Sunday, March 16th

"God So Loved the World"

by John D. Horman

Sunday, March 23rd

"Stop By, Lord"

by Doris Wesley Bettis

Sunday, March 30th

"The Lord Is My Shepherd"

by Lloyd Pfautsch



Thank you to the  
Children's Choir  
for their anthem on  
Sunday, February 23rd!

Thank you to adult helpers:  
Erika Hope-Barker  
Jane Leenerts  
Yvonne Warren

# Christian Education Chatter



It's been a busy start to the year and I don't see it slowing down anytime soon. Make sure you take time out of your busy life to spend time with your friends in Youth!!! In February we went to the mall for a mini-concert performed by KUTLESS. They performed some awesome music for us. We also went to the aquarium at Grapevine Mills Mall, and we were given the tour by Jordan Clay! Very entertaining!! Next meeting day March 2. We will make lunch together and discuss next meeting date.

- Karol Whittaker

## Church Camp



**Slumber Falls:** Online Registration is now open. Early Bird registration is available until April 1st. Go to [www.slumberfalls.org](http://www.slumberfalls.org) to register.

**Master's Workshop:** Theme for this summer is "Get Real" and you can go to an informative Facebook page as well as [www.tnwcamp.org](http://www.tnwcamp.org). There are 3 camps: Leaders of Tomorrow (7th-12th gr.), Young Seekers (1st-3rd gr.), and Discoverers (4th-6th gr.). If you have any questions about Slumber Falls or Master's Workshop, please talk to Mary Quick.

Dear Round Grove Family,

Thank you for the many kindnesses shown our family as we have gone through the past several months. Your prayers and love have been felt and sustained us through a very sad time. We also appreciate the beautiful potted plant sent to Richard's service. Your thoughtfulness and support will never be forgotten. As yesterday's sermon reminded us, "Blessed Are We."

With love,

Susan, Emily and Mary

From the Family of  
Richard Ziperman

## Our Guests

Our guests in February included: Gene Liese; Cate Essien; Michael Harris; Mike Arthur; Angel; Steve Sucher; Abigail Crafton; Christine Jacobs; Matt Hussy; Stacy & Amarissa Garner; and Carolann Mierzejewski! Welcome!

Please let Pastor Wells know if you would like to join Round Grove United Church UCC.



## February Thank You's!

- ⇒ **Leading Call to Worship:** Carol Karsteadt, Patty Tarver, and Nichole Barker!
- ⇒ **Lay Liturgical Leadership:** Scott Wyatt, Sonya Wyatt, and Charles Littrell!
- ⇒ **Worship Volunteers:** Candlelighters, Hosts, Ushers, Hospitality Servers, Communion Preparers, and PowerPoint Presenters!
- ⇒ **Parking Signs:** Grady Quick, Ben Quick, Chuck Baker, and anonymous helpers!
- ⇒ **Managing the Prayer Wall in the Narthex:** Patty Tarver!
- ⇒ **Thank You Reception:** Sonya and Scott Wyatt!
- ⇒ **Ordering and Installing New Office Computers:** Scott Wyatt!
- ⇒ **Managing Communion Bread:** Brooke Leenerts!
- ⇒ **Women's Sunday:** Christa Hall, Carol Howell, Sonya Wyatt, Nichole Barker, Susan Wilkins, Jane Keil, Erika Hope-Barker, Yvonne Warren, Brooke Leenerts, Phyllis Murphy, Wendy Littrell, Emily Leenerts, Jane Leenerts, Karol Whittaker, and Betty Zimmerman!
- ⇒ **Women's Choir:** Jennifer Clay, Nancy Hearn, Beverly Ihnfeldt, Mary Quick, Patty Tarver, Shelly Warburton, Margaret Wells, Karol Whittaker, Kimberly Wilkins, and Susan Wilkins!



## March Volunteers



**2nd:** Grady Quick, Mike Howell, Sonya Wyatt, Scott Wyatt  
**9th:** Mike Dawes, Erika Hope-Barker, Nichole Barker, Susan Wilkins  
**16th:** Randy Leenerts, Brooke Leenerts, Jane Leenerts, Chuck Baker  
**23rd:** Wayne Karsteadt, Carol Karsteadt, Christa Hall, Jon Hope  
**30th:** George Keil, Emily Leenerts, Rod Russell, Nancy Hearn



GREETERS

**2nd:** Donna Johnson, Janice Agritelley, Benjamin Quick  
**9th:** Nancy Hearn, Wendy Littrell  
**16th:** Mike Dawes, Christa Hall, Rod Russell  
**23rd:** Chuck Baker, Grady Quick, Sonya Wyatt  
**30th:** Wayne Karsteadt, Carol Karsteadt, Scott Wyatt

### Kitchen Committee

March 23

Betty Zimmerman, Mike Dawes,  
Charles Littrell, Nancy Hearn

### Hospitality

March 16: Jane & George Keil



### Communion Preparation:

Mar 2: George Keil, Jon Hope  
 Mar 16: Mike & Carol Howell

*If you are unable to serve any of the dates you are assigned above, please contact the church at 972-315-2777.*

## Special Happenings



The One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering will be collected during Worship on March 30th.

The General Fund Giving for February was \$7852.50!

Please "like" Round Grove United Church on Facebook and "follow" us on Pinterest!

The **2014 Offering Envelopes** are available in the Narthex. Please check your name off the list when you pick yours up.

The **2014 Calendars** to provide Flowers (\$25/arrangement), Worship Bulletins (\$6.50), the Monthly Newsletter (\$60) and the CCA Pantry Shelf (\$20/slot) are on the table in the Narthex.

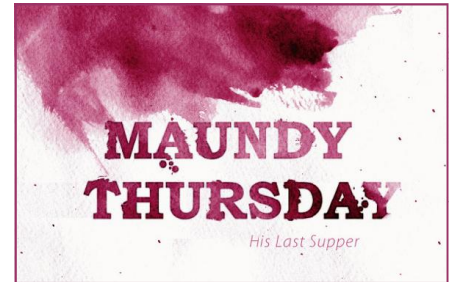
The Lewisville Cotton Patch Cafe will give a 10% discount for each ticket

when a Bulletin from Round Grove United Church is presented on a Sunday.

The Lewisville It's Greek to Me restaurant is offering a 20% discount to members and friends of Round Grove United Church.

In March, the **Round Grove Shelf at the Christian Community Action Food Pantry** is given by the Women's Fellowship. There are still 4 slots available. Please prayerfully consider donating one or more slots during 2014!

Remember to participate in the **Tom Thumb Reward Card** (our Tom Thumb number is **5943**), the **Albertsons Community Card** (on Narthex table). Please note that the term for the **Kroger Plus Card** begins on Sep 1st and continues for nine months. Our **Kroger Plus Card** number is **90754** and must be linked at check out or online via [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com) even if you have recently done so via the letter or previous barcode. These programs support our *Music Ministry* and the *Women's Fellowship Scholarship Fund*.



### Maundy Thursday Event

Thursday, April 17

7 p.m.

Follow in Jesus' Footsteps leading up to Easter

Film, Song, Drama, Scripture and Message

Join together in a Fellowship Meal and Holy Communion at 6:30 p.m.

*(volunteers needed - sign up on bulletin insert or contact church office)*

**Please Visit Us Often!**

[www.roundgroveunitedchurch.org](http://www.roundgroveunitedchurch.org)

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## March Calendar of Activities

Sun.,	Mar. 2	Sunday School Refreshment Gathering (every Sunday)	9:00 a.m.
		Sunday School Opening Assembly (every Sunday)	9:15 a.m.
		Adult Bible Study meets in Narthex (every Sunday)	9:35 a.m.
		Chancel Voices Rehearsal in Choir Room	10:10 a.m.
		Transfiguration Sunday Worship Celebration with Holy Communion	10:30 a.m.
		Refreshments (every Sunday without a meal)	11:50 a.m.
		CE Board meets	12:00 p.m.
		Youth (7th-12th gr.) meet	12:20 p.m.
		Confirmation Class meets	1:30 p.m.
Wed.,	Mar. 5	Chancel Voices Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.
Sat.,	Mar. 8	<b><u>Set Clocks Ahead One Hour Before Retiring for the Night</u></b>	
Sun.,	Mar. 9	1st Sunday of Lent Worship Celebration	10:30 a.m.
		Monthly Brunch by Men's Fellowship	11:50 a.m.
		<b>NO</b> Confirmation Class	
Mon.,	Mar. 10	Board of Deacons meets	
Wed.,	Mar. 12	Chancel Voices Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.
Sun.,	Mar. 16	2nd Sunday of Lent Worship Celebration with Holy Communion	10:30 a.m.
		<b>NO</b> Confirmation Class	
Mon.,	Mar. 17	Board of Trustees meets	7:00 p.m.
Wed.,	Mar. 19	Chancel Voices Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.
Sat.,	Mar. 22	Fellowship Event at Dallas Stars Hockey Game	2:00 p.m.
Sun.,	Mar. 23	3rd Sunday of Lent Worship Celebration	10:30 a.m.
		Monthly Fellowship Meal in Fellowship Hall	11:50 a.m.
		Confirmation Class meets	12:30 p.m.
Wed.,	Mar. 26	Chancel Voices Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.
Fri.,	Mar. 28	Newsletter Articles Due in Church Office	
Sun.,	Mar. 30	4th Sunday of Lent Worship Celebration with Hymn Sing	10:30 a.m.
		Pizza Inn Fellowship Lunch	12:00 p.m.
		Confirmation Class meets	1:30 p.m.
Wed.,	Apr. 2	Chancel Voices Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.
Fri.,	Apr. 4	RoughRiders Baseball Fellowship Event in Frisco	7:05 p.m.
Sat.,	Apr. 5	Meet at Round Grove to Carpool to North Texas Association Meeting	8:00 a.m.
Sun.,	Apr. 6	5th Sunday of Lent Worship Celebration with Holy Communion	10:30 a.m.
		Confirmation Class meets	1:30 p.m.
Wed.,	Apr. 9	Chancel Voices Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.
Sun.,	Apr. 13	Intergenerational Sunday School with Easter Egg Hunt	9:00 a.m.
		Palm Sunday Worship Celebration	10:30 a.m.
		Refreshments ( <b>NO</b> Brunch)	11:45 a.m.
		Confirmation Class meets	1:30 p.m.
Thurs.,	Apr. 17	Maundy Thursday Fellowship Meal and Communion	6:30 p.m.
		Maundy Thursday Event	7:00 p.m.
Sun.,	Apr. 20	Easter Sunrise Worship Celebration in Original Sanctuary	7:30 a.m.
		Easter Breakfast in Fellowship Hall of Main Building	8:30 a.m.
		Easter Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
		Music/Drama Rehearsal in Sanctuary	9:30 a.m.
		<b>NO</b> Adult Bible Study Class	
		Easter Worship Celebration with "Were You There?"	10:30 a.m.
		<b>NO</b> Confirmation	