

## Volume 2 Number 3, March 2024

### Holy Week Begins with March 24 Palm Sunday



New Life Methodist will celebrate with a traditional Palm Sunday Service at 10:00 AM on March 24. Palms will be distributed to all. You may keep them until next year's Lent when they are used for Ash Wednesday.

Our Good Friday service will be different than last year. We will do a cross walk through Salado, however, we will also pray the Stations of the Cross as part of the service. If you have never experienced this service please come, Friday, March 29 at 6:30. The walk is less than a half mile.

Easter Sunday will be at our normal 10:00 AM worship time. It will include Communion. (Please note it is not a Food Pantry Sunday. There will be a pot-luck brunch immediately following the service).

### Capital Campaign to Conclude March 24<sup>th</sup>

Many thanks to those of you who have already returned pledge cards as we seek God's plan for the purchase of land and construction of our first sanctuary building. The campaign got off to an excellent start with a church family who donated \$50,000 to the Property-Building Fund. The campaign will conclude on Palm Sunday. You can return a pledge card sealed in your Sunday offering, or at any other time. Pledges are confidential.

There will be a special church charge conference sometime after Easter so the church can approve next steps moving forward.

#### Special Days in March

Carol Wright, March 2

John Perry, March 6

Please forward your birthdays and anniversaries to Pastor Tom or John Perry.



### What's Happening!

By: Tom Lathen

Even though we had an extra day in February it seems like March is here early!

Even in retirement we all lead busy lives. Nonetheless, I hope you can make plans to be in attendance for all three services of Holy Week. The schedule is detailed in another article on this page.

We will have Palms in the Sanctuary again on Palm Sunday. It's a day of triumph in a week that rapidly turns dark, very dark.

The Stations of the Cross is a very formal service. If you have never prayed the stations I hope you will give it a chance. It is a somber service that reminds of the debt that was paid that we might be free from sin.

Easter morning we will celebrate the joy of the risen Lord. Communion, music, and message.

## Global Church News Roundup for March

Pastor Leah Hidde-Gregory and several other Mid-Texas believers will represent us at the Global Methodist Convening General Conference Sept. 20-26 in Jan Jose, Costa Rica. Delegates were elected at the Awakening Conference in Waco last month.

The Global Church has announced the hiring of John Lomperis at the new General Business Manager.

Dianne Burnett, from Lubbock has been selected as the Global Church Executive Director of Communications.

If you are searching for Global Methodist apparel and swag check on the new store on line at [gmcstore.org](http://gmcstore.org). NOTE: these items will not be personalized to New Life Church.

You've heard New Life Church is available online. That's true, and it can be a great help if you are out of town, or under the weather. If you need help accessing New Life Methodist online please contact Michael Haight, or Pastor Tom for help. On line worship is a result of the Pandemic. It's here to stay, as many researchers tell us folks will watch up to six times before visiting a new church in person.

### *Revive Ministries is Global Camp Connection*

Summer camp for youth will be two sessions this year. July 7 – 11 or July 14-18. Registration is already underway, so campers contact registrar@revivetexas.org to reserve your spot.

Summer camp for grades 3-6 will be June 18-22 at Latham Springs Camp outside Aquilla, TX. Send an email to the same registrar listed above for more information.

### Clean Up Begins

Many thanks to Don Engleking for organizing the property clean-up to remove old tires and other litter at the church property set for March 8<sup>th</sup>. If you can help please meet at the church property at 10:00 am on Friday March 8<sup>th</sup>.

A future home of New Life Church sign is being prepared, and as soon as the sale is completed you will see more signs of the pending changes.

**New Signs:** The Church Council approved the purchase of a 6' x 12' future home sign, see below, and yard signs which can be purchased by members for \$20 each.



*Above: Future Home sign and right Yard sign.*



### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- March 8 — Church Property Clean-up**
- March 10 — Ephesians 2:1-10, board meeting after service.**
- March 17 — Hebrews 5:5-10**
- March 24 — Palm Sunday, 10 AM**
- March 31 — Easter Sunday, pot-luck follows.**



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New Life Methodist Church meets each Sunday at 10:00 am with Bible Study at 9:00 am at the Salado Museum, 423 S Main Street in downtown Salado.

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### Dollars and Cents

Balance 1/31/24	\$ 43,882.78
February Deposits	\$ 64,935.00
February Expenses	\$ 3,146.64
Bank Balance 2/29/24	\$ 105,671.14
CD Balances:	\$ 187,100.40*
Money in Escrow	\$ 20,000.00
*includes Property-Building Fund balance of <b>\$134,041.20</b>	