



News and Notes

TAMPA ACTIVITIES

- Feb 14 **Ash Wednesday** (First day of Lent)
- Mar 10 **Spring Workday** at Church
- Mar 11 **Daylight Savings Time BEGINS**
- Mar 17 **Spring Workday** (rain date)
- Mar 25 **Palm Sunday**
- Mar 29 **Maundy Thursday**
- Mar 30 **Good Friday**
- Apr 1 **Easter Sunday**
- Apr 7 **Nuts and Bolts Workshop**, Tampa
- Apr 28 **LDS Seekers Workshop**, Orlando
- Apr 29 **Guest Speaker**, Seventy Karin Peter

CHURCH FAMILY TREE

You've probably noticed our new "Family Tree" in the foyer. This has been an outgrowth of our ongoing Family of the Month program. But, our tree is not limited to those families who have been recognized as Families of the Month; there is a leaf for every family in our congregation (with plenty of room to add more leaves as more families join us)!



Every family in our congregation is important to us, special and precious. Celebrate our church family and the Love of Christ that we share.

SPRING WORKDAY

The Building Maintenance and Improvement Committee (the "BMI

Team") met last Sunday to review maintenance projects and needs for 2018. They have recommended a Spring Workday on Saturday, March 10 to address at least some of these projects. Here are the tasks we'd like to accomplish on March 10.

INSIDE

- Deep clean the church nursery.
- Clean sanctuary and kitchen.
- Replace burned out lights and dirty A/C filters.

OUTSIDE

- Power wash and repaint north side of church.
- Trim trees around church building and lot.
- Remove plants growing inside the well system housing.
- Add new mulch in Peace Garden and around base of palm trees by entrance.
- Clean the white rocks around palm trees.
- New plants near main entrance.
- Repair cover on chlorine tank.

Other projects may be added to this list and sign-up sheets will be made available by early March so you can pick a project that interests you most.

Last year, we also provided ample snacks and beverages during the work day and a lunch for just a free-will offering. We'll do that again in 2018 so getting a good headcount as early as possible will help us provide enough food for all.

For more details, to recommend additional projects or to volunteer you time on that day, please let Steve Dillon, Chairman of the BMI Team know.

NOTE: In case of inclement weather on March 10, we have offered March 17 as a "rain date."



LENT FOCUS MOMENTS

Each Sunday during the Lenten season, we will have a special focus moment to help us center our minds and truly prepare for the glory of the Easter Season.

The focus moments will begin with the presider or a designated person holding up a bag which will contain a common item. The presenter will offer a brief description of the item and may ask for guesses about what is in the bag. On most Sundays, once the item is revealed we'll discover that there are actually TWO of those items in the bag. One will be placed in a clear sealed container with the other placed at the foot of the cross.

The symbolism is that we are choosing to set aside some objects, practices, habits, etc. that often get in the way of us truly aligning with God: in effect, "giving up something for Lent." By both sealing up items and placing them at the foot of the cross, we are setting aside as well as giving over to God. The hope is that we'll all be able to set aside some of those distractions that keep us from hearing the voice of God and responding as He expects.

May our journey though this Lenten season be the fullest and most blessed we've ever known.

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