



## Pastor's Report

### March 2023

My first Lenten confession is that I missed the deadline for last month's newsletter and didn't get a pastor's letter written!

I mourn that, because I had fully intended to send a big THANK YOU to all who sent me cards and gifts at Christmas. You gave me much joy!

But now let's look forward to the next few months. Lent has begun and we had a nice group for Ash Wednesday services.

This Sunday, the first Sunday in Lent, we'll be handing out fish banks so we can all begin saving for One Great Hour of Sharing. But you don't need a fish bank—at our house there's a rinsed-out orange juice jug that collects pocket change all year long.

The point is that even pennies can add up. Make it a Lenten covenant to collect that change. Let's make our gift to OGH even better than last year's!

Are you giving something up for Lent? It's about as easy to do that as it is to keep a New Year's resolution.

One pastor I know suggests that instead of giving something up we add something worth adding to our lives.

Add a time to put our feet up for 15 minutes every day and be still.

Add a phone call to a loved one once a week—just to check in.

Add a hug to that "Good bye" when you go out to the store.

When we add, we're filling up an empty possibility. Isn't that a cool idea? I think Jesus would approve.

This March, I've added leading a workshop about Icons at the Presbyterian Women's Spring Gathering at Mo Ranch (Mar. 24-26).

I've led this workshop for the Coastal Bend PW Gathering, where it was well received. And I worked the workshop into a Sunday worship service when I was at Alice. So, if you're interested in learning more, let me know.

Check out the information about everything going on toward the end of Lent—Palm Sunday; Maundy Thursday; Easter Sunrise; Easter in the Sanctuary.

And just a heads-up—I'll be on vacation from April 10-May 1, in Germany where the grandboys have a spring break. Alleluia!

But in the meantime, make a commitment to be in church with us during this Lenten season. THAT's an "add" we can all love!

Amen and amen, *Pastor Kris*

