

## **SENIOR CITIZENS RESOURCES AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION (SCRPT)-APRIL MISSION OF THE MONTH**

The Senior Center Resources and Public Transportation, SCRPT, has been selected by the Serve Team as April's Mission of the Month. Most recognize its free or low-cost transportation; however, SCRPT also offers seniors a variety of other services. SCRPT has programs designed to support seniors' physical and cognitive needs. Its wide-ranging nutrition programs include 600 hot meals a day delivered to homes or served in a congregant setting, at a cost of \$5,000 a week. There are also frozen meals available for clients to cover weekends and food boxes that contain staples that clients may draw on in extremely frigid or hot weather. Congregant meals are served in Greenville five days a week and in Commerce and Wolfe City two days a week. Participants not only enjoy a hot meal, there is also a schedule of programs. Mondays are used to educate the attendees on such topics as scams specifically aimed at seniors or information on the uses for certain medications. Tuesdays and Thursdays are bingo days, and Fridays are for fun days and field trips. Parties were staged for the Super Bowl and Saint Patrick's Day. Clients have been to the planetarium in Commerce and to the State Fair.

The Connection, a free or low-cost bus service is another service for SCRPT clients. The buses can accommodate people using walkers or those in wheelchairs. Many of you have seen the white and blue buses around Commerce taking people to Brookshires, Wal-Mart and other destinations. Clients over 60 years old ride at no charge to grocery stores, pharmacies, and doctors' offices throughout Hunt County and pay just \$2.00 to other places in town or \$3.00 if going out of town. Same day service costs \$4.00 each way. SCRPT also coordinates with DART in Rowlett for those who need to go into the Metroplex, at a cost of \$20.00. Riders under 60 may use the Connection at the same fee schedule.

SCRPT's funding comes from many sources in Hunt County and Commerce but regularly needs additional money to maintain its array of programs. It will hold a major fundraiser, *Tea and Fashion*, highlighting senior models on Thursday, April 4th from 11:00 to 1:00. The \$25.00 tickets include admission and lunch and may be ordered on the SCRPT Facebook page or by calling SCRPT at 903-454-1444 and leaving a message for Trina Coldiron. Tickets bought at the door will cost \$30.00.

There are several ways to support this organization.

1. Pray for the continued success of its operation.
2. Drop dollar bills or a check with SCRPT on the memo line in the collection plate during the Sundays in April. If you give online, click on the appropriate tab.
3. Attend the *Tea and Fashion* fundraiser on April 4<sup>th</sup>.

Let's demonstrate to our senior citizens that we value them as well as their contributions to society.

### **TRUSTEE REPORT**



Hello Spring!

Our clean-up day was spectacular. A lot was accomplished, and we have some people to thank. Most especially, we thank Luann and David Huffman for the trimming and landscaping, metal edging, fertilizer AND so much mulch!

We also had 8 students from the university who were very helpful hauling, spreading the mulch, trimming and gathering limbs and trash.

From our church family, the Trustees would like to thank the Harrell family, Marcus and Ashley and a special thanks to Jaylen and Kayden for their hard work and enthusiasm. Even baby Adelyn got in on the action. 100% participation ya'll, thank you! Thank you also to Jeff and Bill. We're ready for spring around our house now. Let's all pitch in and help keep it clean.

## Youth News!

At our last youth meeting we painted a chalkboard door for the youth room, and I think the kids did a wonderful job! We also put together birthday bags that we will donate to the Commerce Food Pantry. They include decorations, table cloths, plates, napkins, candles and cake mix with icing. We will not meet until summer break because most of our youth are involved in sports.

Don't forget our spring flower fundraiser is up and running. Please head over to <https://FUMCYOUTH.fpfundraising.com> and check it out. Orders ship directly to you and are due by May 15th.



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## Notes From Cheryl



Easter is not only one day – it's a whole season. We are going to celebrate new life (resurrection) for a week of weeks – seven Sundays, from now until Pentecost. Easter Sunday kicks off this series with the Story of All Stories and the reason why there is always hope. We will hear “Resurrection Stories” about how people, both in scripture and in the here and now, found new life, some rising out of the depths of addiction, fear, poverty, illness, and oppression, not just physically but spiritually.

Can you turn your life around? Can you find new life when everything feels lifeless? Can light shine into what feels like a dark tomb? Yes, Yes, and Yes!

*When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” –Luke 24:13-32*

See you in church!

Pastor Cheryl



**Prayer List 3-28-24**

**Recent Concerns:**

- ◆ Mary Ann St. Clair
- ◆ Dan Perkins
- ◆ Betty Martin
- ◆ Diana Richards
- ◆ Clarence Jensen
- ◆ Anna Blohm
- ◆ Mike Smith
- ◆ Wyman Williams
- ◆ Rose Stapleton
- ◆ Mike King
- ◆ Richard Young
- ◆ Carlos Rickman
- ◆ Jack McDaniel
- ◆ Sam Elwell
- ◆ Bob Clark
- ◆ Kerry Clark
- ◆ Jack Kelly, Jill Grove's father
- ◆ Vance Underhill
- ◆ Glenda Helton
- ◆ Rob Lee
- ◆ Rita Thompson
- ◆ Suzanne Kizer Carter

**Continued Prayers (long term):**

- ◆ Priscilla McFarland
- ◆ Michael Vickers, Ginny Haight's father
- ◆ Jack Gray
- ◆ Richard Stapleton, Al Stapleton's brother
- ◆ Pete and Ann Chamberlain
- ◆ Rev. Dennis Wilkinson
- ◆ Bill Heitholt
- ◆ Janet & Jim Payne, Becky Coker's sister
- ◆ Georgia Gholston
- ◆ Manuel Harrison
- ◆ Melanie Cortea
- ◆ Judy Cortea
- ◆ Harold & Becky Coker
- ◆ Mabel and Carl Little
- ◆ Robert Seay

**Austin:**

- ◆ Ruby Vander Velde

**Ft. Worth:**

- ◆ Mary Louise McMahan

**Those serving in our military:**

- ◆ Celeste Young, Chandler Teague, and Brayden Young, great-grandchildren of Lee Riddle
- ◆ 1st Lieutenant Cameron Lehr
- ◆ Lt. Dan Barton
- ◆ Daniel Chamberlain
- ◆ Sgt. Stephen Smith & Denise Smith

**UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES**

- April 1-Prayer Shawl** meets at 9:30am
- April 4-Serve team** meets at 10:30am
- April 4-First Thursday Luncheon** at noon
- April 8-Solar Eclipse** Church office & Little Ark closed
- April 9-Women's Study Group** meets at 3pm
- April 9-Trustees** meet at 6:30pm
- April 18-Prayer Shawl crafting** meets at 9:30am
- April 22-Earth Day**
- April 25-Prayer Shawl crafting** meets at 9:30am

**ONGOING WEEKLY ACTIVITIES**

- Tuesdays-Men's Breakfast Group** meets at Texas Café Diner at 8am
- Wednesdays-Little Ark Chapel** at 11am, **Country Home Estates Worship** at 2pm
- Wednesdays-Choir Rehearsals** at 7pm.
- Thursdays-M&M After School Choir** from 3:45-5:30pm
- Sundays-Worship** at 10am in the Sanctuary

**BI-WEEKLY EVENTS**

- Thursdays-no youth meetings this month**

*If you are interested in volunteering to help with Sunday School or the nursery, please see Ashlyn.*



If you are interested in giving flowers for the altar, please visit with Luann Huffman before worship on Sunday or contact her at 903-366-2899 or [lhuffman01@cumbytel.com](mailto:lhuffman01@cumbytel.com).

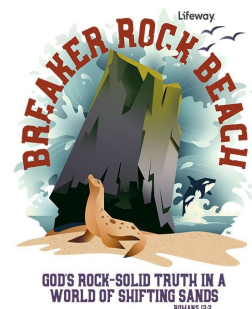
# Little Ark Gallery



L to R: Toddler 1 mixing it up in the kitchen! Tiny Tots: Who needs toys when you have a box?! Pre-K Space Week!!

## save the Date!

V.B.S will be on August 5th -8th from 5:30-8:30pm. V.B.S/Back to School Sunday will follow on Sunday April 11th. We rely heavily on volunteers to make everything run smoothly. There are lots of ways to help, so please see Jamie Bourcy or Ashlyn Woods if you're interested in volunteering. We are excited about our theme this year, Breaker Rock Beach, Romans 12:2 GOD'S ROCK-SOLID TRUTH IN A WORLD OF SHIFTING SANDS. We hope you will join us. It's a lot of fun.



In case of emergency pastoral care need,  
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