

## President's Message

February 2020

The pressing question at this time of year is 'will Phil see his shadow'? We look with anticipation toward Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> when the groundhog awakens from his nap and goes outside. It is believed by many that if the groundhog sees his shadow there will be six more weeks of winter. If he is does not, people celebrate believing that spring is just around the corner.

We humans seemingly yearn to know what the future will bring. We look to nature or elsewhere for signs to make predictions. 'The darker the caterpillar, the harsher the winter'. 'The higher the squirrel's nest the deeper the snow'. *"When you see a cloud rising in the west, immediately you say, 'It's going to rain,' and it does. And when the south wind blows, you say, 'It's going to be hot,' and it is. Hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of the earth and the sky. How is it that you don't know how to interpret this present time? (Luke 12:54-56).* Countless people have been predicting the exact date of the return of Christ with zero success. *"But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son but only the Father."* (Matt 24:36). We need only to trust in the Lord and have faith in Him as to what the future holds for each of us and *"not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own".* (Matt 6:34). As far as the groundhog.... well, for me, Spring is the vernal equinox—12 hours of night, 12 hours of light—and it will arrive in due season, regardless of what Phil says.

### Some upcoming noteworthy items:

#### I. Council Retreat

Pastors Mike and Karen Tamorria will be presenting a study and discussion on Saturday morning about Christian leadership/discipleship. You won't want to miss it. Chuck Irvin is serving us dinner at 5:30 pm on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> and breakfast at 8:30 am Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>. An offering of \$4.00 per member is suggested for the basket.

#### II. Ash Wednesday Soup Supper

Council traditionally hosts this first soup supper of the Lenten season. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Narthex and will also be circulated during the Council meeting on Friday 7<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up to serve your church family.

#### III. Dates & Times

Fri	Feb 7	5:30 – 7:30 pm?	Council Retreat with dinner
Sat	Feb 8	8:30—11:30 am?	Council Retreat with breakfast
Wed	Feb 26	4:00—5:30 pm	Ash Wed Soup Supper Set-Up
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Sun	Mar 8	2:00 am	Daylight Savings Time (Spring Ahead)
Sun	Mar 15	8:00/10:30am	Pulpit Exchange with Pastor Dennis DiMauro