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Hello all, here is my report for February 19 – March 19, 2018:

### **Army Annual Training**

I am out for Army Annual Training 1-21 March. The supply preachers are Joshua Lawrence on March 4, Felix Carrion on March 11, and Lynette Ross on March 18. The Rev. Mirjam Haas-Melchior has agreed to provide pastoral care coverage during my absence including funerals and emergencies. Also she lead our Cambridge Communion Service on March 14th. Please reach her for pastoral needs on her cell 801-310-0988 or email haasmelchior@gmail.com.

### **Future Music Planning**

The Future Planning Committee hosted a round table about the future of our church. A big part of the conversation was on music. During the budgeting phase our last church council wanted to move towards a rotation system for our musicians. Church council, please plan that out and discuss it with the people involved.

### **Hunt for Savings**

At our budget meeting, Joachim Schaub volunteered to help cut expenses by hunting for better deals and negotiating bills. Church council, please set up a savings committee that can comb through our expenses.

### **Summer Planning**

I have received multiple requests regarding VBS this summer. Ron and I already picked the curriculum. Council, we need to schedule VBS. In order to do that I am sharing my personal summer schedule: In July our family will spend two weeks in Germany. Mirjam's brother is getting married and my mom turns 70 all in one week! When we come back, we will bring our niece. Caroline is 14 years old and will spend the rest of the summer with us. We will take her to Florida in August. If you feel I need to be present for VBS I suggest one of the following timeframes: June 11-15, June 18-22, June 25-29, July 23-27, or July 30 - August 3.

### **Looking Ahead**

March 29	Maundy Thursday: communion service with potluck dinner at 6pm
March 30	Good Friday: 11:15 Sandwich Luncheon, follow by noon worship service
April 1	Easter Sunday: 9am breakfast and egg hunt, 10am communion service
April 7	West Fort Bend County Crop Walk
April 15	Houston Association Spring Meeting at Grace UCC
April 15-19	UCC Chaplain Training, Cleveland, OH
July 1-16	Germany Vacation
August 8-17	Florida Vacation

Blessings

Sunday at 10:00 a. m.

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