

The First Press

From the Pastor:

As we enter this month we are in the midst of Lent, the season of preparation for the Crucifixion and Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Being in a season of preparation isn't actually preparing, it is only a reminder and encouragement to prepare.

So, how are you preparing for the remembrance and celebration of the events that changed the world, and through faith changed our lives? I have a few suggestions.

In this year we, as a congregation, have a renewed commitment to being in the Scriptures daily. I encourage you to find a time every day when you can read God's word to us. You can join those of us that are reading through the Bible in a year, pick it up on March 1 and just start following the reading plan included in

this newsletter. If that is too much, read a chapter a day. Start in the Gospel according to John, this will prepare you well for Easter at the end of the month. Be intentional about spending time in prayer; commit to praying at the same time every day. Pray for your loved ones, for those you are aware facing special challenges, for your own relationship with God, and for God to work in your life in this Lenten season. There is now a time of prayer on Sunday mornings at 8:30 in the Sanctuary, everyone is welcome. It is a great way to start your Sunday morning.

The Maundy Thursday Service is especially meaningful to those that attend. I understand why there are so many more in attendance on Easter morning than there are on Holy Thursday, but I believe

(and quite a few people have told me through the years) that Thursday really helps them prepare for Sunday.

On Easter morning we will have three services. Reverend Ryan Kraus will be giving the message at our Sunrise service in Soldiers park. Technically sunrise is at 6:56 on Easter morning, our service will begin four minutes later. It is followed by breakfast in the Great Hall at 7:30. We will have two services in the Sanctuary the first at 8:30, this works well for those travelling to be with family in the afternoon, and our regular service at 10:30. For those that have pollen allergies the service is televised in the Parlor.

I am hoping and praying that you have a meaningful Easter, preparing for it will only make it better.

Jim

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March Birthdays and Anniversaries

1 - Liz Kidney, Lydia Matukaitis
2 - Cecelia Peterson, Bob Harder, Tim Taylor, Tanner Host, Spencer Barlett
5 - Dustine Koons,
6 - Alison Zimmerman
7 - Bill Moore Sr.
8 - Tom & Jeanette Campbell, Dave Thomas
9 - Ben Shaffer, Caden Papson
10 - Lynn Lawson, Gerry Schwieger, Emily Lesher, Laura Moore
11 - Samantha Roarty
13 - Amy Cooper, Mike Mast
17 - Will Taylor
18 - Freddie Dyroff, Jackson Matukaitis,
21 - Ray Walz, Marilyn Gaver
22 - Steve Foster, Paige Kerstetter, Jennifer Wakeman,
23 - Sandra Sholley, Rachel Wakeman
24 - Christena Harder
25 - Elmer Grose
26 - Douglas Taylor
27 - Karen Guissanie, Nathan Wright, Christopher Tirpak
28 - Kathy Gathman, Sarah Bolig
30 - Mitchell Graves, Wrenn Underkoffler,
31 - Margaret Weirick, Dale Lind, Sutton Kovaschetz

7 - Joe & Marguerite Santorine celebrating their 24th anniversary

14 - Mark & Jessica Heid

17—Samuel & Barb Taggart celebrating their 35th anniversary

19 - Jeff & Heather Creighton celebrating their 11th anniversary

21 - Raymond & Judy Walz celebrating their 52nd anniversary

22 - Oren & Pat Oberlin celebrating their 58th anniversary

22 - John & Cindy Jones celebrating their 36th anniversary

23 - Steve & Alesia Foster celebrating their 31st anniversary



Every first Wednesday of the month, mark your calendars for a fun-filled church family night potluck dinner.

Bring a dish to share and come prepared for food, fun and fellowship. It's a good way to get to know our church family.

No need to make reservations.

The evening will consist of dinner from 5-6 and a fun activity from 6-7.

Call the church if you need a ride.

“Listening with Our Feet”

As God-breathed language, the words of the Bible resound more profoundly and authoritatively than the most eloquent words of William Shakespeare. Biblical language reaches its zenith with the arrival of the Word Himself, Jesus Christ, speech in the flesh. But He is not a blabbermouth; He is above all a listener. He opens Himself to the downcast of His world, giving them His full attention and then responding to their needs. The rich young man, the bleeding woman, the woman at the well, the thief on the cross—whether they are mourned, healed, challenged, or saved— all are listened to with the full compassion that only God can give.

How, then, should *we* listen to God? With heart, mind, soul, and strength. Our

listening must be more than cerebral; it must be active and physical. Author Adam S. McHugh* describes listening in this way:

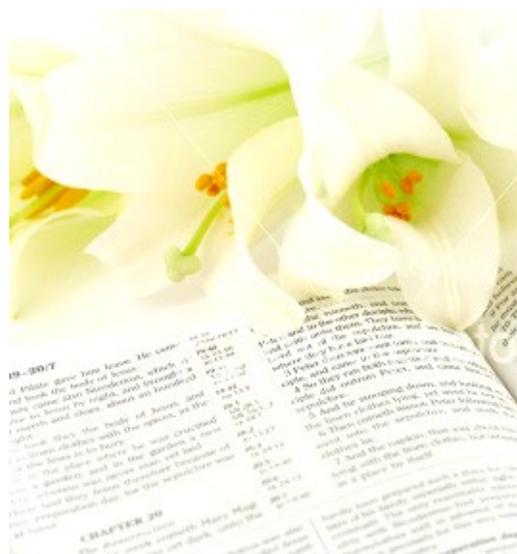
“We listen as a sprinter in the block listens for the starter’s pistol, muscles taut, poised for action.” Like the sprinter, we must be “all ears” in responding to our Word made flesh, our loving listener, our servant Lord.”

This effort to see our communication with God as a living, breathing phenomenon is made more understandable when we realize that reading is only a tiny slice of our communication history, dwarfed by a long oral tradition. We need to recapture the immediacy of that tradi-

tion, lifting ourselves from our easy chairs and beginning anew to “listen with our feet.”

-Bob Kribbs

¹Adam McHugh, *The Listening Life*, “Embracing Attentiveness in a World of Distraction” InterVarsity Press, 2015.



Dinner By the River Ministry

...for He satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.

Psalm 107:9

This month is the tenth anniversary of the Dinner by the River, free meal to our community. When there was discussion of providing a meal I don’t think we realized the outreach of fel-

lowship to the lonely that we would fulfill, along with supplying nourishment for the food insecure.

A few statistics:

- This ministry has served over 3430 meals for the ten year period.
- Teams that were with us at

the beginning have each served 40 meals.

- If you have ever served on the beverages table you will appreciate this: We have served approximately 8575 cups of coffee!
- Teams could ALWAYS use help. Call the church to volunteer on a team.



This Easter season it seemed appropriate to highlight the beautiful window placed in memory of Harriet Blair Brown. The crown of life is promised to all who have the love of God reigning in their hearts. James 1:12 Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love Him.

March Read Thru the Bible In a Year Reading Guide

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| 1. Lev. 24:1-25:46
Mark 10:13-31
Psalm 44:9-26
Prov. 10:20-21 | 11. Num. 15:17-16:40
Mark 15:1-47
Psalm 54:1-7
Prov. 11:5-6 | 21. Num. 32:1-33:39
Luke 4:31-5:11
Psalm 64:1-10
Prov. 11:22 |
| 2. Lev. 25:47-27:13
Mark 10:32-52
Psalm 45:1-17
Prov. 10:22 | 12. Num. 16:41-18:32
Mark 16:1-20
Psalm 55:1-23
Prov. 11:7 | 22. Num. 33:40-35:34
Luke 5:12-28
Psalm 65:1-13
Prov. 11:23 |
| 3. Lev. 27:14-Num. 1:54
Mark 11:1-26
Psalm 46:1-11
Prov. 10:23 | 13. Num. 19:1-20:29
Luke 1:1-25
Psalm 56:1-13
Prov. 11:8 | 23. Num. 36:1-Deut. 1:46
Luke 5:29-6:11
Psalm 66:1-20
Prov. 11:24-26 |
| 4. Num. 2:1-3:51
Mark 11:27-12:17
Psalm 47:1-9
Prov. 10:24-25 | 14. Num. 21:1-22:20
Luke 1:26-56
Psalm 57:1-11
Prov. 11:9-11 | 24. Deut. 2:1-3:29
Luke 6:12-38
Psalm 67:1-7
Prov. 11:27 |
| 5. Num. 4:1-5:31
Mark 12:18-37
Psalm 48:1-14
Prov. 10:26 | 15. Num. 22:21-23:30
Luke 1:57-80
Psalm 58:1-11
Prov. 11:12-13 | 25. Deut. 4:1-49
Luke 6:39-7:10
Psalm 68:1-18
Prov. 11:28 |
| 6. Num. 6:1-7:89
Mark 12:38-13:13
Psalm 49:1-20
Prov. 10:27-28 | 16. Num. 24:1-25:18
Luke 2:1-35
Psalm 59:1-17
Prov. 11:14 | 26. Deut. 5:1-6:25
Luke 7:11-35
Psalm 68:19-35
Prov. 11:29-31 |
| 7. Num. 8:1-9:23
Mark 13:14-37
Psalm 50:1-23
Prov. 10:29-30 | 17. Num. 26:1-51
Luke 2:36-52
Psalm 60:1-12
Prov. 11:15 | 27. Deut. 7:1-8:20
Luke 7:36-8:3
Psalm 69:1-18
Prov. 12:1 |
| 8. Num. 10:1-11:23
Mark 14:1-21
Psalm 51:1-19
Prov. 10:31-32 | 18. Num. 26:52-28:15
Luke 3:1-22
Psalm 61:1-8
Prov. 11:16-17 | 28. Deut. 9:1-10:22
Luke 8:4-21
Psalm 69:19-36
Prov. 12:2-3 |
| 9. Num. 11:24-13:33
Mark 14:22-52
Psalm 52:1-9
Prov. 11:1-3 | 19. Num. 28:16-29:40
Luke 3:23-38
Psalm 62:1-12
Prov. 11:18-19 | 29. Deut. 11:1-12:32
Luke 8:22-39
Psalm 70:1-5
Prov. 12:4 |
| 10. Num. 14:1-15:16
Mark 14:53-72
Psalm 53:1-6
Prov. 11:4 | 20. Num. 30:1-31:54
Luke 4:1-30
Psalm 63:1-11
Prov. 11:20-21 | 30. Deut. 13:1-15:23
Luke 8:40-9:6
Psalm 71:1-24
Prov. 12:5-7 |
| | | 31. Deut. 16:1-17:20
Luke 9:7-27
Psalm 72:1-20
Prov. 12:8-9 |

JAMS News

In February, we examined Jesus's ministry and how the life of Jesus leads us to the Easter story. We will continue these topics in March. In Sunday School and BIG IDEA, we will look at some specific events in Jesus's leading to the Easter holiday. JAM continued their study of the Lord's Prayer and how talking to God frequently makes us stronger in our faith.

Dreaming of warm weather and sunny days? While you plan your summer vacation, save the date for our summer special happenings. This year, kids aged preschool-grade 6 are welcome to join us June 13-17 from 9 AM - Noon as we follow Jesus-the light of the world-in *Cave Quest*. Children entering grades 2-8 are welcome to join us August 15-19 for *Press On-an Olympic themed Kids' Cantata*. This week will give you the opportunity to act, sing, work on sets and props, learn movements and all about the fruits of the spirit. The culmination of this great week of fun will be when we share our project in worship on Sunday August 21st at 10 a.m..

Please note the following dates as there are some changes in meeting dates as well as special events:

JAM will be meeting on March 16 5:30 -7 p.m. If you are in grades 3-5. come check out chimes in the choir room from 5 -5:30.

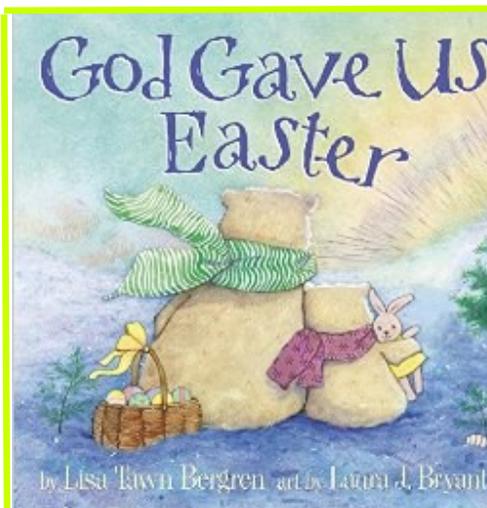
PLEASE NOTE, there will be no JAM on March 2. Instead, we will be kicking off our 'Pot Luck Wednesdays' when families are invited to come for food, fun and fellowship from 5-7 p.m.. Please bring a covered dish and be ready to have fun together as a larger church family.

There will be a JAM movie night on Friday March 11 from 5:30-8 in the Great Hall. We will be watching Wall-E. Please remember your PJs, sleeping bag and \$3 for Pizza.

On the next page are signups for Vacation Bible School students, as well as a volunteers. Please complete and return to the church office as soon as possible.

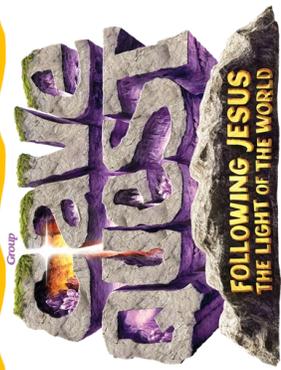
As always, check out the First Presby Kids page on Facebook for pictures and more details.

-Rhiannon Dame



"See this egg?" Papa Bear said. "It's a symbol. Just like the shell cracks open and a chick comes out, we remember that Jesus was in a tomb...but He didn't stay dead!"
from *God Gave Us Easter*

It's time for Easter Fun! Friday, March 25th at 10:30 am kids "able to walk" through 5th Grade are invited to the Great Hall to listen to a story about the real meaning of Easter. Then they will hunt for eggs at 3 different age appropriate eggs hunts. Bring a basket for collecting, and a friend!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 13-17 9 AM-12 NOON

Child's Name _____

Grade Completed _____ Birthdate _____

Parent(s) Names _____

Address _____

Town, State, Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Emergency Contact _____

Phone _____ Relationship _____

Medical Conditions/ Allergies _____



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 13-17 9-12 NOON VOLUNTEER SIGNUP

- Crafts Staff
- Recreation/Games Staff
- Bible Story Staff
- Music Staff/Helper
- Photographer/Videographer for VBS week
- Snack Staff
- Classroom Teacher _____
Grade/Age interested in teaching _____
- Classroom Aide _____
Grade/Age interested in teaching _____
- Nursery Staff
- Youth Helper (6th-12 graders)-please check an area above
Name: _____
- Phone Number: _____
- E-mail Address: _____

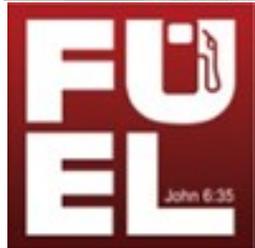
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First Presby Youth

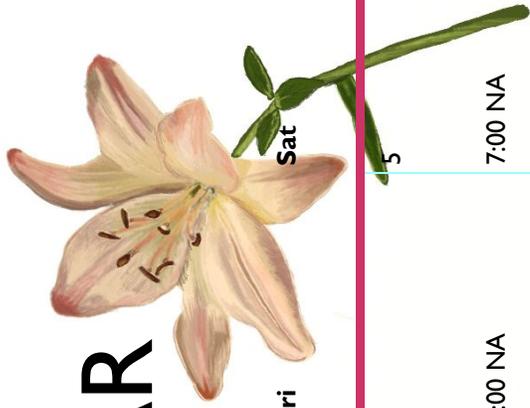
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		Girl Talk 2:30-4 REFUGEE 7-8:30pm	Breakfast & Devos 6:30am FUEL 7-8:30pm		Lewisburg Musical Night Out 7pm	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Sunday School 9-10am YCC 7pm		Girl Talk 2:30-4 REFUGEE 7-8:30pm	Breakfast & Devos 6:30am FUEL 7-8:30pm	Rejoicing Spirits 6:30pm	MS Mission Trip	MS Mission Trip
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Sunday School 9-10am MS Mission Trip		Girl Talk 2:30-4 REFUGEE 7-8:30pm	Breakfast & Devos 6:30am FUEL 7-8:30pm			
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Sunday School 9-10am YCC 7pm		Spring Break REFUGEE 7-8:30pm	Spring Break		Good Friday Kids Egg Hunt Help	
27	28	29	30	31		
NO Sunday School EASTER SERVICES		Girl Talk 2:30-4 REFUGEE 7-8:30pm	Breakfast & Devos 6:30am FUEL 7-8:30pm			

COLOR KEY: Green Events - ALL youth event Blue Events - Middle School events Questions or comments? Feel free to contact us: Lauren and Tim Halteman, Youth Directors
 Red Events - High School events Black Events - College age events Office: 570-524-4419, lhalteman@first-presby.org, thalteman@first-presby.org

First Presby Youth



MARCH CHURCH CALENDAR



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 10:00 Staff Mtg. 7:00 Refuge 7:00 NA	2 6:30 Y Breakfast 10:00 LAMBS 1:15 50+ to musical 5-7 Podluck Wednesday 6:00 Bells 7:00 Fuel 7:30 Choir	3 6:00 DBR 7:30 NA	4 7:00 NA	5 7:00 NA
6 8:30 Prayer 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 2:00 NA 7:00 Communicants	7 9:15 Trainers	8 10:00 Staff Mtg. 7:00 Refuge 7:00 NA	9 6:30 Y Breakfast 10:00 LAMBS 6:00 Bells 7:00 Fuel 7:30 Choir	10 6:00 DBR 7:30 NA	11 5:30 JAM Movie Night 7:00 NA	12 7:00 NA
13 8:30 Prayer 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Vworship 11:45 Cong. Lunch	14 9:15 Trainers	15 10:00 Staff Mtg. 7:00 Refuge 7:00 NA	16 6:30 Y Breakfast 10:00 LAMBS 12:00 50+ Luncheon 5:00 Chimes 5:30 JAM 6:00 Bells 7:00 Fuel 7:30 Choir	17 6:00 DBR 7:30 NA	18 7:00 NA	19 8-3 Presbytery 7:00 NA
20 8:30 Prayer 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 7:00 Communicants	21 9:15 Trainers 7:00 Session, Deacons, Trustees	22 10:00 Staff Mtg. 7:00 Refuge 7:00 NA	23 6:30 Y Breakfast 10:00 LAMBS 6:00 Bells 7:00 Fuel 7:30 Choir	24 6:00 DBR 7:00 Maundy Thursday 7:30 NA	25 10:30 Egg Hunt 7:00 NA	26 7:00 NA
27 Easter 7:00 Sunrise 8:30 Vworship 10:30 Vworship	28 Office Closed	29 10:00 Staff Mtg. 7:00 Refuge 7:00 NA	30 6:30 Y Breakfast 10:00 LAMBS 6:00 Bells 7:00 Fuel 7:30 Choir	31 6:00 DBR 7:30 NA		



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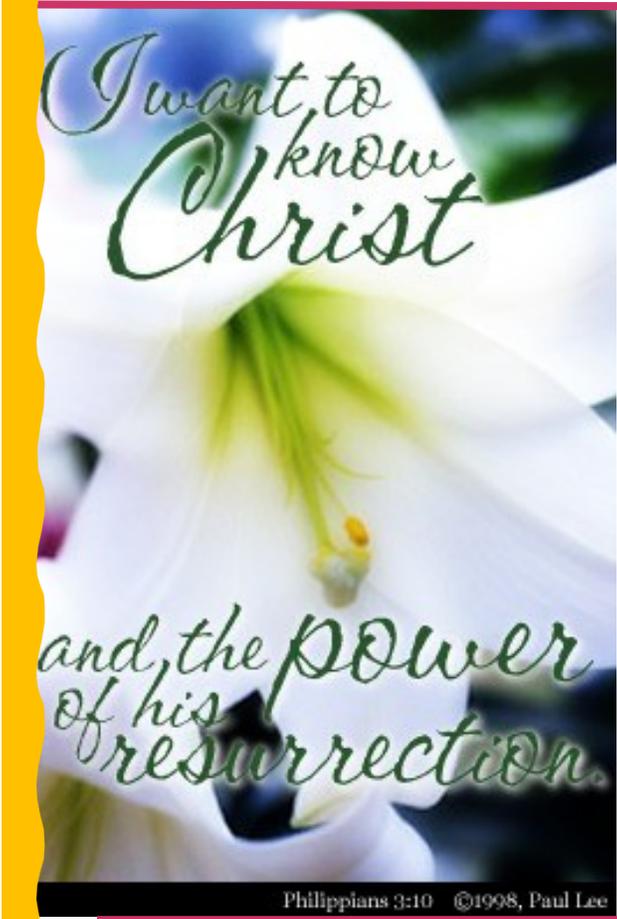
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Nursery:	Coffee Social:
6 Jusko, Reif	Wayne & Pat Samuelson
13 Heid, TBA	Bart & Linda Shaffer
20 TBA, Cavanagh	Mark & Liz Speake
27 8:30 Roarty, Graver	Easter Breakfast
27 10:30 TBA, TBA	Easter Breakfast

DBR Teams: and Devotion Leader 3: Jordan (Gathman) **10:** Storm (Kribbs) **17:** Miller (Troxell) **24:** Keiser/Bruckhart (King) **31:** Temple/Torretti (Guissanie)

Annual Mtg. Luncheon: Conveners: Sharon Pearce, Barb Light **Committee:** Terry Light, Tom & Ann Miller, Noel Curtis, Bill & Linda Snyder, Dave & Ruth McCord, Marge Gill

Easter Breakfast: Conveners: Lisa Bernard, Lisa Black **Committee:** Skip Miller, Chris Zellmann, Bill Bernard, Carolyn Campagna, Rob Black



Lenten Schedule

- ☞ March 20 Palm Sunday
10:30 a.m. worship
- ☞ March 24 Maundy Thursday
7:0 p.m.
- ☞ March 25 Egg Hunt 10:30 a.m.
- ☞ March 27 Easter
 - Sunrise 7:00 in Soldiers Park followed by breakfast in the Great Hall
 - 8:30 a.m. worship
 - 10:30 a.m. worship