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Exciting Month -

World Day of Prayer

Daylight Saving Begins

St. Patrick's Day

First Day of Spring

Palm Sunday

Maundy Thursday

Good Friday

Easter

Continuing Lenten Lunches

We have an abundance of things to be thankful for!

First Presbyterian Church
Session Highlights
Monday, February 13th

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- Lenten Luncheon sign was ordered and is on display at the front steps of the Church
- Facebook has been established for the Lenten Luncheons

- Donated \$500.00 to the Mustard Seed for any necessities they may have
- Property committee working on these issues
- Men's toilet not flushing downstairs.
- Working on finding a more permanent snow removal solution
- Leak in upstairs bathroom by choir room near roof access panel
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- Laundry Ministry
- We serve 5 - 10 people per week and spend an average of \$362 per month

Highlights of C. E. Music Committee Feb. 18th

Lenten Easter Happening – March 24th after the service. There will be a light lunch and crafts. Dick will make chicken tortilla soup. We will have salsa, chips, and other various sides.

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Maundy Thursday – There will be communion during this service. Megan Strange will share special music. Terra will check with Beckie about the stripping of the sanctuary at the end of the service and see if she will coordinate the process of replacing all of it on Easter Sunday.

Palm Sunday - We will have the children march into the sanctuary waving the palms. They will hand them out before the service and ask the congregation to wave theirs as we sing an opening song, "Ride On, Ride On".

Easter Morning – Jeanne will ask Dave to see if the brass group he knows will play on Easter Sunday. If they can't come it would be good to have the bell choir play as usual since it's the last Sunday of the month.

Important Dates – Communion will be served on March 3rd, Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday, March 31st.



3rd - Beckie Alvaro
10th - Connie Leuliette
17th - Andrea Myerberg
24th - Jane Simmerman
31st - Maria Morrison



Deacons are collecting treats for Easter for a nursing home.



Have a Heart for CASA - collecting journals, coloring books, pads, crayons, markers, etc

What Is Per Capita?

The Presbyterian form of church government is connectional. We are not a stand-alone entity but rather one that is connected with other congregations by belonging to regional presbyteries and synods. Funding for these organizations as well as our General Assembly in Louisville is done through our per capita.

The 2024 Per Capita rate is \$30.30 per member. The 2024 Per Capita was approved at the August Presbytery Meeting. With the total rate at \$30.30 per member, the Presbytery of West Virginia will keep \$18.05 and send \$9.85 and \$2.40 to the General Assembly and Synod of the Trinity, respectively.

Churches pay Per Capita for each member on record; currently First Church pays it for 135 active members. If you would like to pay your/your family's per capita, simply include the appropriate amount with your next regular donation. Thank you.



An Ode to March- A Spike of Green by Barbara Baker

When I went out The sun was hot It shone upon My flower
pot And there I saw A spike of green That no one else
Had ever seen!

On other days The things I see Are mostly old Except for
me. But this green spike So new and small Had never yet Been seen at all!



Worship Leaders:
 3rd -Mary Beth Paletta
 10th -Beckie Alvaro
 17th-Amy Strange
 24th-Hank Lawrence
 31st-Jeanne Harris



3rd - Beth Goff
 10th - Jenna Bennett
 17th - Amy Strange & Janet Wilson
 24th - Terra Burnett
 31st - Pam Mitchell

Children Moment
 3rd - Heather Sigmon
 10th - Jeanne Harris
 17th - Pam Mitchell
 24th - Terra Burnett



31st - Rev. James Harris



7th - Jeanne, James and Kierra
 14th - Wayne and Harriett
 21st - Sally and Josh
 28th - Beckie and Maria



March 3rd - “Honoring Our Lord and Savior”
Psalm 15 and Corinthians 11: 23-26

March 10th - “Patience a Fruit of the Spirit”
Proverbs 25: 11-15 and Hebrews 6: 11-15

March 17th - “Attitude in a Crisis”
Psalm 57 and Luke 8:49-56

March 24th - “Passion on Palm Sunday”
Psalm 27: 1-6 and Luke 19: 28-40

March 28th - Maundy Thursday “A New Commandment”
John 13: 21-35

March 31st - “An Empty Tomb”



We are half way through Lent. Easter is the last Sunday in March, Palm Sunday is the 24th of March and Spring starts the 19th of March. Daylight saving time is almost here as it starts the 10th of March, so many things are happening this month. With everything going on we now have a new pastor, we have a lot to be thankful for and we have lots of work ahead of us. Let us put our hearts and minds to doing God's will to the best of our ability. We need to love one another, help one another and trust God to lead us in the right direction.

This is the time of the year to celebrate the death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior. He lives and that gives us hope for tomorrow. We can feel his presence every day of our lives.

I thank God daily for the joy, peace and happiness he gives me. Let us thank him and praise him for the blessings he has given us. Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Pastor James



2nd - Kay Devono
 - Nanette Lafferty
 - Radetta McQuaid
 4th - Amelia Harris
 5th - Jeff Northey
 7th - Connie Leuliette

8th - Hank Lawrence
 21st - Rhonda Kim Sabo
 22nd - Mark Alvaro
 - Casey Nuzum
 23rd - Jim McQuaid
 30th - Jane Simmerman



Tell me, sir, where is my Lord, for they have taken him away,
 Said Mary Magdalene before the dawning of the day,
 And I know not where they've laid him, - sir, with him what have you done?
 Mary, soft said the risen Christ and Everlasting Sun.

A week ago they raised for me the great 'Hosanna' cry -
 These were the men who not long since condemn'd this Man to die -
 But I have conquered Death, and I have gained for Man the key
 To everlasting joy for him beyond eternity.

Behold, mankind, what God will dare to undertake for you;
 What Man will undertake - the selfsame Man Whom mankind slew:
 Behold the wonder: Christ rose after suffring Cross and scourge:
 The work of none but God, a most Almighty Thaumaturge.

Despair no more, O man, for your scarce revocable loss
 Has been atoned: 'twas not for Christ Christ died upon a
 Cross:
 Hear Jesus' words, listen to them: 'Poor sinner, follow me
 To everlasting life, for I, the Truth, have made you free.

Poem by David Mitchell

