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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 13<sup>th</sup>

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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
- 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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 3<sup>rd</sup>, Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>.



3<sup>rd</sup> - Beckie Alvaro 10<sup>th</sup> - Connie Leuliette 17<sup>th</sup> - Andrea Myerberg 24<sup>th</sup> - Jane Simmerman 31<sup>st</sup>- 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 pays 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

Vhen 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!





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



March 3<sup>rd</sup> - "Honoring Our Lord and Savior" Psalm 15 and Corinthians 11: 23-26

March 10<sup>th</sup> - "Patience a Fruit of the Spirit" Proverbs 25: 11-15 and Hebrews 6: 11-15

March 17<sup>th</sup> - "Attitude in a Crisis" Psalm 57 and Luke 8:49-56

March 24<sup>th</sup> - "Passion on Palm Sunday" Psalm 27: 1-6 and Luke 19: 28-40

March 28<sup>th</sup> - Maundy Thursday "A New Commandment" John 13: 21-35

March 31<sup>st</sup> - "An Empty Tomb"





We are half way through Lent. Easter is the last Sunday in March, Palm Sunday is the 24<sup>th</sup> of March and Spring starts the 19<sup>th</sup> of March. Daylight saving time is almost here as it starts the 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

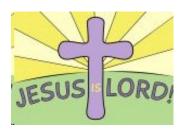
I thank God daily for the joy, peace and happiness he gives me. Let us thank him and praise him for the blessings he has given us. Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Pastor James



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

8<sup>th</sup> - Hank Lawrence 21<sup>st</sup> - Rhonda Kim Sabo 22<sup>nd</sup> - Mark Alvaro - Casey Nuzum 23<sup>rd</sup> - Jim McQuaid 30<sup>th</sup> - 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

