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WHAT'S COMING UP?
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 DAYLIGHT SAVING: MARCH 8
 ST. PATRICK'S DAY: MARCH 17
 SPRING: MARCH 20
 PRESBYTERY FESTIVAL OF FAITH: MARCH 28
 LENTEN EASTER HAPPENINGS: MARCH 29

With Lent coming up, we are always in need of volunteers for cooking, cleaning, teaching, etc. We have lenten lunches and coffee hour if you would like to help out. Please call Beth Allen at 304-782-3267 for coffee hour. Lenten lunch sign ups are in the bulletin to fill out and drop in the collection plate. As always, thank you. Your service is priceless.



Prayer Group Every Monday at 10:00 AM

"The Life Choice Family Resource Center is currently in the process of redefining some of the center's programs. These programs will better equip and empower our clients to provide more stable environments for their families. The center is also planning to initiate an on site ultrasound program early in 2021. In order to accomplish these goals, we need to expand the volunteer Board of Directors to include some expertise that we do not currently have. These desired board positions would include a physician, lawyer, registered nurse and accountant. If you fit any of these and would like to donate some time to a very worthwhile pro-life, non profit organization, please call 304-622-1953 or email center@lifechoiceprc.org to obtain more information and/or a board member application packet."

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MUSTARD SEED
 is in need of Coats, Spaghetti Sauce, Peanut Butter & Jelly, and Toilet Paper. Hours are Mon., Tues., Thurs., and Friday 11AM -3 PM. To volunteer, call Connie Wolfinger @ 304-623-0615

SUNDAY WORSHIP
 Church School 9:30 AM
 Worship 10:45
 Live on WPDx Radio,
 109.4 FM or 750 AM

March Scriptures and Sermons

March 1 1st Sunday in Lent (Communion)

Scriptures: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

*Romans 5:12-19

Sermon Title: "Addiction Escape"

Theme: Paul uses the image of the Old Adam and the New Adam. The Old Adam fell into sin and took us all along for the ride. Christ then is the new Adam. As the first Adam opened the way to sin, so Christ as the new Adam opens the way out.

Escaping the slavery of sin is not merely a matter of wanting to do better. We are addicted to sin. The church has set aside the season of Lent because we need time to reflect on our condition. The first step to recovery is admitting that we have a problem and that we can't solve it on our own. There is a way out of sin addiction, but the way out is not under our control. Only Christ has the power to free us.

March 8 2nd Sunday in Lent

Scriptures: *Psalm 121

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

Sermon Title: "From Where Will My Help Come?"

Theme: As we travel along this journey we call life, everyone encounters some difficult times. When we are in trouble, who will help us? Who can we always depend on? The psalmist answers with confidence. "My help comes for the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth."

March 15 3rd Sunday in Lent

Scriptures: Exodus 17:1-7

*Romans 5:1-11

Sermon Title: "Fully Pardoned"

Theme: When someone receives a presidential pardon, that person is not only freed from whatever punishment might have been imposed, their criminal record is also wiped clean. This is the same kind of pardon that we receive from Jesus Christ. Our sins are forgiven and we are made one with God.

March 22 4th Sunday in Lent

Scriptures: Psalm 23

*Ephesians 5:8-14

Sermon Title: "Pursued by Goodness and Mercy"

Theme: Psalm 23 with its enduring image of God as the good shepherd is one of the most beloved Psalms. Today we take a fresh look at this old friend. It is possible to translate the Greek words that is usually translated as "followed," as "pursued." Jesus does not merely passively follow us, he pursues us. He told the story of the sheep that is lost and the shepherd that goes looking until he finds the lost sheep. Then brings it back rejoicing. Jesus goes to find us.

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March 29 5th Sunday in Lent

Scriptures: *Ezekiel 37:1-14

Romans 8:6-11

Sermon Title: "Preaching to the Dead"

Theme: Ezekiel was given the job of proclaiming God's promise of hope to a people who believed they were already dead. That was a hard job for Ezekiel, but he was faithful. And God, who always keeps his promises, restored the people of Israel.

*Indicates main text for the sermon



March 17



March 8

Time to Spring Ahead

Treasurer's Report

Net Cash Flow	Dec. 2019	Jan. 2020
Income	20,686	27,451
Expenses	16,854	15,172
Net Income	3,832	12,278



March 19



ATTENTION GRADUATES

If you know someone graduating from high school or college this spring, please notify the church office by calling 304-622-6831 or email us at cburgfpcsecretary@yahoo.com.

Tuesday, February 18, 2020 5:30 p.m.

- Received new member Betty Brandli by letter of transfer from Broad Oaks UMC.
- Approved the annual Statistical Report with special thanks to Wayne Northey for his work on filling that out.
- Received a good Audit report from Jeff Strange, Elsa Davis, & Doris Holt. All was found to be in good order and Wayne is to be commended on the great work he is doing for us. The report will also be published in the annual report for the congregation.
- Two work groups are scheduled at this time:
 - May 31 - June 6 Parkview Work Group
 - July 12-18, 2020 Hopewell Presbyterian Work Group
- The question about buying new hymnals was tabled.
- There had been a recommendation to move the nursery back to the room beside where the children's church is now held. This was a security concern. The session did not feel the concern warranted giving up the great nursery room we currently have. We have asked the property committee to install some kind of alert system by which by which Ashleigh and/or Terra could summon help.
- These are the important dates that will be coming up:
 - Ash Wednesday - February 26th
 - Lenten/Easter Happenings - March 29
 - Maundy Thursday - April 9
 - Easter - April 12
 - Scottish Heritage Sunday - May 3, Preacher Rev. Bruce Macbeth
 - Mother's Day - May 10
 - Pentecost - May 31
 - Father's Day - June 21
 - Tentative VBS date July 5-9 with the program on Sunday, July 12th.
- Approved using artificial palms for Palm Sunday and the Lenten/Easter Happenings. David and Sandi Nuzum have volunteered to donate the palms. Thank you David and Sandi!
- Beth has after church fellowship refreshments worked out on a schedule. Thanks Beth!
- The fellowship committee reported planning for several events that we have traditionally held and also about some possible new ones. See attached report.

- The Personnel committee reported that all annual staff reviews have been completed. We are proud of the great staff we have and thank them for the outstanding work they do.
- The property committee is working on revising our building use fees as requested. We should have a draft for the session by next meeting..
- The property committee has purchased of 2 elegant rope barriers to block off stairway during Friends Feeding Friends and at other appropriate times.
- Approved having Chic Merkle patch plaster in Westminster Hall and paint the bottom portion all the way around. Cost will be \$11 per hour plus supplies. (Around \$600.00)
- Permission was granted for Terra to use Westminster Hall on the afternoon of Sunday, Feb. 16 for a birthday party for Bradley.
- Jenna Bennett gave a report of the February 15th Presbytery meeting she attended.
- Session approved the request from the Presbytery's Committee On Ministry to host Presbytery's Small Church Conference in our church on Saturday, Sept. 12, 2020.
- Approved the request of Bell Choir Director, David Nuzum to purchase new gloves, mallets, and mallet bag for the Bell Choir. We will purchase these with money donated in memory of Richard and Anna Lee Riddle.

Pastor's Report:

hospital visits: 1 **Other significant Pastoral visits:** 14

Funerals: 2-15-20 Jack R. Holt (d. o. d. 2-13-2020) burial in Bridgeport Cemetery.

Sacrament of Communion: Was celebrated on January 2 and served to 52 people.

Home communion was served in February to 7 people with the help of Elder Connie Leuliette.

Pastor's Discretionary Fund 2020

MONTH	REQUESTS	COMPLETED	AMT PLEDGED	AMT DISBURSED
January	19	19	\$1,654.65	\$1,654.65
February	10	10	850.00	850.00
TOTALS	29	29	\$2,504.65	\$2,504.65

John's Jottings



The English word “Lent” is a shortened form of the Old English word *lencten*, meaning "spring season." It reflects the well worn path that Christians have traveled down through the centuries when we travel with Christ through the winter of his pain and suffering and then celebrate with him the joy of Spring, new life in his resurrection.

The season of Lent was set in the fourth century as being the 46 days leading up to Easter Sunday. (40 days if don't count the Sundays). It is a period of time set aside for serious reflection on our lives and living.

It is most often in times of pain and suffering that we come face to face with questions about the value of life and our goals in living. So when we reflect on the suffering of Christ, it puts our own pains and struggles into perspective. What things are most important to us? What things are using up the most of our time? Are they the same things?

It has been pointed out that we can become slaves to the “urgent things” in our lives. Just because something is urgent, doesn't mean that it is important. The lawn may need to be mowed urgently, but that doesn't make it highly important. Taking time this week to pray and worship God may not seem urgent, but it is highly important. Getting the kids to soccer may be highly urgent, but it is not as important as your spending time with them.

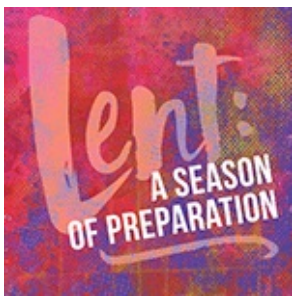
Lent is a season set aside for us to make time to slow down and reflect. We have special services during Lent and individuals are encouraged to spend more time in prayer, Bible reading, and reflection. I say that Lent is set aside. I should say that this is a time for us to deliberately set aside time for prayer and reflection. Because unless we make a deliberate decision to observe the season of Lent, our lives will continue to be driven by the urgent.

We feel most satisfied and fulfilled in life when our life is centered and focused on what is most important. Most of us would agree with that statement. What we tend to forget is that our “default setting,” is geared by what we find most urgent. Moreover, trying to keep ahead of the “urgent” leads to feeling stressed out and exhausted.

This Lent I encourage you to accept this season of Lent as a gift from God. Use it to seek God's help on refocusing on what is truly important.

Hope and Confidence,

John



Children's Moments

- Mar 1-** Beckie Alvaro
- Mar 8-** Jeanne Harris
- Mar 15-** Maria Morrison
- Mar 22-** Janet Wilson
- Mar 29-** Pam Mitchell

Worship Leaders

- Mar 1-** Dick Ogden
- Mar 8-** Jeanne Harris
- Mar 15-** Hank Lawrence
- Mar 22-** James Harris
- Mar 29-** Ginger Delawder

Deacon Greeters

- Mar 1-** Judy McQuaid
- Mar 8-** Loria Cavallo
- Mar 15-** Dottie Rinehart
- Mar 22-** Sandy & Courtney Nuzum
- Mar 29-** Loria Cavallo

Acolytes

- Mar 1-** Bradley Burnett, Anderson Mitchell
- Mar 8-** Hannah Burnett, Gia Corsini, Molly Hugus
- Mar 15-** Bradley Burnett, Anthony Corsini
- Mar 22-** Amelia & Kierra Harris
- Mar 29-** Bradley Burnett, Anthony Corsini

Kay Devono	March 2
Nanette Lafferty	March 2
Radetta McQuaid	March 2
Sondra Rae Swiger	March 3
Jeff Northey	March 5
Connie Leuliette	March 7
Hank Lawrence	March 8
Ralph Graves	March 14
Dakota Sabo	March 19
Guy Davis	March 21
Missie Kaul	March 21
Rhonda Sabo	March 21
Casey Nuzum	March 22
Jim McQuaid	March 23
Joel Sabo	March 26
Declan Wadsworth	March 27
Jane Simmerman	March 30

- ADKINS, Charles
- ARNOLD, Sarah
- COX, Eddie
- COX, Jeremy F
- CUNNINGHAM, Debbie
- FOWLER, Angie
- GRIFFIN, Carol Lee
- GUMP, Yvonne
- HARDMAN, Derek
- HARDMAN, Bob & Janice
- HOLT, Jack
- HOOD, Robbie
- KUHENS, Eric
- LAWRENCE, Charles
- LINTON, Doug
- LYNCH, Jerry
- McCLEAN, Nora
- MICHOME, John
- MICK, Jillian
- MOORE, Bob & Mary (aunt of Sandy Nuzum)
- NARDONE, Nickolas
- OLDAKER, Kenneth
- OLDAKER, Wilma
- ORR, Susan (Carole's Sister)
- PACK, Amy
- PITZER, Donna
- PLYBON, Jo
- ROGERS, Joey
- SAUNDERS, Susie
- SHIFFRA, Everett
- SIMMONS, Melanie
- SMITH, Bonnie
- SMITH, Chuck
- SMITH, Donna
- TYSON, Karen
- WAMSLEY, John
- WETZEL, Jennifer
- WRIGHT, Mary Ann



Reredos Flowers

If you would like to have flowers delivered for the reredos, I have several openings in March and all of April.