

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Upcoming Events

Date	Time	Activity
Feb. 4th	9:30a.m.	Worship Service Communion Children's Sunday School Souper Bowl Sunday
Feb. 5th	6:30p.m.	Finance Committee
Feb. 6th	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study
Feb. 7th	7:00 p.m.	Session
Feb. 11th Transfiguration of the Lord	9:30 a.m.	Boy Scout Sunday Worship service Children's Sunday School
Feb. 13th	6:30 p.m.	Parish-Wide Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Service in Fellowship Hall
Feb. 14th		Ash Wednesday (no service)
Feb. 18th 1st Sunday in Lent	9:30 a.m.	Worship service Children's Sunday School
Feb. 24th	10:00 am. to 12:00 p.m.	Training of new elders
Feb. 25th 2nd Sunday in Lent	9:30 a.m.	Worship service Installation off and ordination of new elders Children's Sunday School
Feb. 27th	5:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting
Feb. 28th	6:00 p.m.	Women's Group Potluck and Planning Meeting

Secretary Snippets

Please have your **March 2018** newsletter information turned in information in by **February 22, 2018.**

Blessings,

Linda Prothe, Administrative Assistant



Dear Friends,

Ash Wednesday this year is on Valentine's Day, February 14th. So, if you are giving up chocolate for Lent, you better eat lots on Shrove Tuesday. A lot of us choose different things to give for Lent. It is a form of fasting. There are many examples in the Bible of God calling us to fast. Too often we misunderstand what God is calling us to do. In Isaiah 58: 6-12, God states it very clearly:

“No, this is the kind of fasting I want: Free those who are wrongly imprisoned; lighten the burden of those who work for you. Let the oppressed go free, and remove the chains that bind people.

⁷ Share your food with the hungry, and give shelter to the homeless. Give clothes to those who need them, and do not hide from relatives who need your help. ⁸ “Then your salvation will come like the dawn, and your wounds will quickly heal. Your godliness will lead you forward, and the glory of the LORD will protect you from behind. ⁹ Then when you call, the LORD will answer. ‘Yes, I am here,’ he will quickly reply. “Remove the heavy yoke of oppression. Stop pointing your finger and spreading vicious rumors! ¹⁰ Feed the hungry, and help those in trouble. Then your light will shine out from the darkness, and the darkness around you will be as bright as noon. ¹¹ The LORD will guide you continually, giving you water when you are dry and restoring your strength. You will be like a well-watered garden, like an ever-flowing spring. ¹² Some of you will rebuild the deserted ruins of your cities. Then you will be known as a rebuilders of walls and a restorer of homes.

May Lent of 2018 be a time of
Godly fasting for all for us.

Yours in Christ,
Ron





SPECIAL OFFERINGS

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering is collected February 14th through April 1st.

36% of this offering goes for Presbyterian Hunger Programs
32% of this offering goes for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
32% of this offering goes for Self-Development of People

Loose the hands of injustice,
Share your bread with the hungry,
restorer of streets to live in.
“You shall be called repairers of the breach.”
Isaiah 5:8

Sharing Gods love with our neighbors in need around the world by providing relief for natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed.



Presbyterian Women

Nurture Faith, Support Mission, Work for Justice & Peace, & Build Community

Upcoming Event and Meetings

February Happenings

Presbyterian Women's Meeting
February 28, 2018 at 6:00 pm
Potluck and Meeting
Planning Session

The Lunch Box Collecting raised
\$162.00 for school lunches for children.

Mission Project

Sani Pads for young African women so that they may attend school. You may pick up patterns and instructions from Barbara Zuel . If you would like to help but cannot sew, we are also in need of cotton briefs in sizes small, medium and large, dark colors preferred. We will need them by March 28th, 2018.

All meeting's and Events are open to all Women of the Church. Please join us for fellowship and Mission work. You have a project that we can work on please share your idea with us.



Worship with Dr. Rev. Ron Galvin

February	4	5 th Sunday after the Epiphany Communion
	11	Transfiguration of the Lord Scout Sunday
	13	Shrove Tuesday
	14	Ash Wednesday Parish-wide Service at Osawatomie
	18	1 st Sunday in Lent
	25	2 nd Sunday in Lent
March	4	3 rd Sunday in Lent Communion
	11	4 th Sunday in Lent
	18	5 th Sunday in Lent
	25	Palm Sunday
	29	Maundy Thursday Parish-wide Service at Paola
	30	Good Friday Community Service
April	1	Easter Sunday

We Begin Our Journey to Easter

The season of Lent leads up to the most holy of Christian days, Easter Sunday. The **forty days of Lent** begin Ash Wednesday and end at dusk the Saturday before Easter, not counting the Sundays in between. The Sundays during Lent, like every Sunday, are considered weekly celebrations of the resurrection. Many denominations encourage disciples to renew and strengthen their faith during Lent. Plans are made for community-wide Lenten preparation through the spiritual disciplines of prayer, Bible study, fasting, and service.



This preparation is a historical model from the early church. New believers were mentored in the Christian faith weeks before Easter, preparing for their baptisms at the Great Easter Vigil. The idea of giving something up for Lent came out of this tradition, when fasting—abstaining from food as an act of discipline in solidarity with others in the community — was used to raise one’s spiritual consciousness and empty oneself before God. Fasting or giving up something for Lent can be a good way to explore a deeper expression of faith, if not adopted as a show of piety, martyrdom, or moral righteousness. Presbyterians may find it meaningful to give something up for Lent, but it is not required. Some disciples may find a more valuable spiritual exercise in taking something on during Lent—a more Christ-like attitude toward others, a humble spirit at work, or a feeling of gratitude in the midst of scarcity. Whatever spiritual disciplines and preparations are embraced during Lent, they can help us prepare for or renew our baptisms as part of the resurrection celebration at Easter.

“Lenten Practices 101.” *Presbyterian Mission Agency*



Marked by Ashes

Walter Brueggemann

Ruler of the Night, Guarantor of the day . . .

This day — a gift from you.

This day — like none other you have ever given, or we have ever received.

This Wednesday dazzles us with gift and newness and possibility.

*This Wednesday burdens us with the tasks of the day, for we are already halfway home
halfway back to committees and memos,
halfway back to calls and appointments,
halfway on to next Sunday,
halfway back, half frazzled, half expectant,
half turned toward you, half rather not.*

*This Wednesday is a long way from Ash Wednesday,
but all our Wednesdays are marked by ashes —
we begin this day with that taste of ash in our mouth:
of failed hope and broken promises,
of forgotten children and frightened women,
we ourselves are ashes to ashes, dust to dust;
we can taste our mortality as we roll the ash around on our tongues.*

*We are able to ponder our ashness with
some confidence, only because our every Wednesday of ashes
anticipates your Easter victory over that dry, flaky taste of death.*

*On this Wednesday, we submit our ashness way to you —
you Easter parade of newness.*

*Before the sun sets, take our Wednesday and Easter us,
Easter us to joy and energy and courage and freedom;
Easter us that we may be fearless for your truth.*

*Come here and Easter our Wednesday with
mercy and justice and peace and generosity.*

We pray as we wait for the Risen One who comes soon.



THE THREE PILLARS OF LENT

Shrove Tuesday

Shrove Tuesday (also known in Commonwealth countries and Ireland as **Pancake Tuesday** or **Pancake day**) is the day in February or March immediately preceding Ash Wednesday (the first day of Lent), which is celebrated in some countries by consuming pancakes. In others, especially those where it is called Mardi Gras or some translation thereof, this is a carnival day, and also the last day of "fat eating" or "gorging" before the fasting period of Lent.

This moveable feast is determined by Easter. The expression "Shrove Tuesday" comes from the word *shrive*, meaning "absolve". Shrove Tuesday is observed by many Christians, including Anglicans, Lutherans, Methodists, Presbyterians and Roman Catholics,^[2] who "make a special point of self-examination, of considering what wrongs they need to repent, and what amendments of life or areas of spiritual growth they especially need to ask God's help in dealing with.

Being the last day of the liturgical season historically known as Shrovetide, before the penitential season of Lent, related popular practices, such as indulging in food that one sacrifices for the upcoming forty days, are associated with Shrove Tuesday celebrations, before commencing the fasting and religious obligations associated with Lent. The term *Mardi Gras* is French for "Fat Tuesday", referring to the practice of the last night of eating richer, fatty foods before the ritual fasting of the Lenten season, which begins on Ash Wednesday.

The association between pancakes and Shrove Tuesday may have arisen as it permits foods which are discouraged from being eaten during the Lenten season, such as butter, eggs, and fat to be used up. Christians use these ingredients during Shrovetide to make pancakes or other rich foods.¹The specific custom of Christians eating pancakes on Shrove Tuesday dates to the 16th century. Along with its emphasis on feasting, another theme of Shrove Tuesday involves Christians repenting of their sins in preparation to begin the season of Lent. Many Christian parish churches, both Protestant and Roman Catholic, a popular Shrove Tuesday tradition is the ringing

In England, as part of community celebration, many towns held traditional Shrove Tuesday "mob football" games, some dating as far back as the 17th century. The practice mostly died out in the 19th century after the passing of the Highway Act 1835 which banned playing football on public highways. Shrove Tuesday was once known as a "half-holiday" in Britain. It started at 11:00am with the ringing of a church bell.^[38] On Pancake Day, "pancake races" are held in villages and towns across the United Kingdom. The tradition is said to have originated in 1445 when a housewife from Olney, Buckinghamshire, was so busy making pancakes that she forgot the time until she heard the church bells ringing for the service. She raced out of the house to church while still carrying her frying pan and pancake, tossing it to prevent it from burning. The pancake race remains a relatively common festive tradition in the UK, especially England. Participants with frying pans race through the streets tossing pancakes into the air and catching them in the pan while running.^[41] The pancake race at Olney traditionally has women contestants who carry a frying pan and race over a 415-yard course to the finishing line. The rules are strict: contestants must toss the pancake at the start and the finish, and wear a scarf and apron.

Since 1950 the people of Liberal, Kansas and Olney, England have held the "International Pancake Day" race between the two towns. The two towns' competitors race along an agreed-upon measured course. The times of the two towns' competitors are compared to determine a winner overall. After the 2009 race, Liberal was leading with 34 wins to Olney's 25.

FEBRUARY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
*Children's Sunday School meets after the children's time during worship service.				1 Mike Matney Bonnie Wallace	2	3 Scott Maccom Tiffany Taylor
4 Katherine Bogart 9:30 a.m. Worship Service/ Communion *Children's Sunday School	5 6:30 p.m. Finance	6 Bill Coffelt 6:30 p.m. Bible Study	7 7:00p.m. Session	8 15 Bryan and Sheresa Law Scottie Kerns	9	10 Grady Atwater Levi Hendrickson
11 <i>Transfiguration of the Lord</i> Boy Scout Sunday 9:30 a.m. Worship Service <i>Scout Sunday</i> *Children's Sunday School	12	13 6:30 p.m. Parish – Wide Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Service	14 Cyrus Kitchen <i>ASH Wednesday</i> 6:30 p.m. Christian Ed/ Youth Ministry	15	16	17
18 <i>1st Sunday in Lent</i> 9:30 a.m. Worship Service *Children's Sunday School Fellowship Dinner	19	20 John Crain	21	22	23	24 Dee Anne Mendel 10:00 –12:00 new officer training
25 <i>2nd Sunday in Lent</i> 9:30 a.m. Worship Service Installation and ordination of new elders *Children's Sunday School	26	27 5:00 p.m. Staff Mtg.	28 Sara Schwalm 6:00 p.m. Women's Group- Potluck and Planning meeting			