

The Church Mouse

First Presbyterian Church

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March 2020

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Serving Christ, Community, and One Another Since 1872



Dear Friends,

Lent and Easter are almost upon us. This year will be a very special season for me. It will be my fortieth Easter as an ordained pastor; it will be my final Easter as your pastor and as head of the ministerium. Over the years we have had some unique worship experiences. You never knew what we would do next. It was great fun and the utmost blessing to me.

Ash Wednesday has been particularly moving for me. It will be a little different this year because we will be worshiping at Grace Church in Montgomery. Many of the same elements will be part of the service, the choir will sing and ashes will be burned and imposed. If you have never come to a Lenten service, this is a good place to start.

We will be having our traditional Lenten Soup Supper on March 4th at 6:00 pm. The soup over the years has been delicious and I love my soup. We have had wonderful speakers from throughout the Presbytery and this year is no exception. Doug Orbaker will speak on his work in the mission field. Doug is retired but very busy and always has interesting stories and insights into the work of our Denomination around the world. Come and eat, come and learn.

Maundy Thursday is April 9th. We will host our annual Service of the Lord's Supper. We will be joined by members of the Montgomery Church.

They hosted us on Ash Wednesday and we joyfully will repay the favor on the Thursday of Holy Week.

The Good Friday Service will once again be here at our Church. As in the past the service will start at twelve noon and last until 3:00 pm. The pastors from the churches in town will speak and each church will supply special music. Over the years we have had many creative Good Friday services. We have had protestors, plastic snakes, and works of art. This year the theme of the service will be the "Hymns of Good Friday". Each speaker will take a traditional hymn and explore its history and Biblical significance. It promises to be very interesting. Plan on coming for as much of the three hours as you are able.

On Easter morning we will welcome the day at the Warrior Run Church. As the day breaks at 7:00, we will proclaim: "He Has Risen! He Has Risen Indeed!" Our regular Sunday Service will begin at 10:30 with worship and communion.

If all this were not enough excitement, on Saturday March 21st we will host the Presbytery Meeting. The speaker at the meeting is the Moderator of the Presbyterian Church USA, Rev. Cindy Kohlmann. It is an honor to host her. A Moderator of the General Assembly has never spoken here before. She will be leading worship and preaching in the morning around 9:30 AM. Come and worship with us (you don't have to stay for the business meeting).

In Christ,

Pastor Paul

ANNOUNCEMENTS ANNOUNCEMENTS ANNOUNCEMENTS



Adult Sunday School meets
Sunday morning at 9:30 am.



MEN'S BREAKFAST The Men's Breakfast meets Wednesdays
at 7:00 am.



Service of Communion Communion will be served on Sunday,
March 1st.



Lenten Bible Study A Lenten Bible Study will be held in
March. It will meet Monday evenings at 6:00 pm,
March 2, 9, 16, and 23.



THE WATSON TOWN BOOK CLUB The Watson Town Book Club meets
Tuesday, March 3rd at 1:00 pm. The Club will be
discussing "A Gentleman in Moscow" by Amor
Towles.



LENTEN SOUP SUPPER The Lenten Soup Supper will be held
Wednesday, March 4th. Our speaker is Rev.
Doug Orbacker, retired minister and
missionary.



WEIGEL'S CRAZY BINGO Weigel's Crazy Bingo will be held
on Sunday, March 8th (weather
permitting) at 6:00 pm. Bring a wrapped
'white elephant' gift and have some fun
with your church family!



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY Women's Bible Study will meet on
Wednesday, March 18th at 7:00 pm. We are
studying The Ten Commandments. All women
of the church are welcome to attend.



SESSION MEETING The session will meet Thursday,
March 26th at 7:00 pm. If you are unable to
attend, please contact Ruth Brouse.

The Bulletin Board

Sunday, March 1

Communion, First Sunday of Lent

Monday, March 2

Lenten Bible Study, 6:00 pm

Tuesday, March 3

Watson Town Book Club, 1:00 pm

Wednesday, March 4

Men's Breakfast, 7:00 am

Lenten Soup Supper, 6:00 pm

Sunday, March 8

Second Sunday of Lent

Monday, March 9

Lenten Bible Study, 6:00 pm

Wednesday, March 11

Men's Breakfast, 7:00 am

Sunday, March 15

Third Sunday of Lent

Monday, March 16

Lenten Bible Study, 6:00 pm

Wednesday, March 18

Men's Breakfast, 7:00 am

Women's Bible Study, 7:00 pm

Sunday, March 22

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Monday, March 23

Lenten Bible Study, 6:00 pm

Wednesday, March 25

Men's Breakfast, 7:00 am

Thursday, March 26

Session Meeting, 7:00 pm

Sunday, March 29

Fifth Sunday of Lent

SERMONS FOR MARCH

March 1 – “Temptation Road”

March 8 – “Never Too Old to be Blessed”

March 15 – “Unbottled Water”

March 22 – “A Passage for All Seasons”

March 29 – “Choose Life”



March 1

Greeter – Ruth Brouse

Lay Reader – Vicki Egli

Communion – Wally & Sandie Fairman

March 8

Greeter – Emilie Hogg

Lay Reader – Carl Bower

March 15

Greeter – Karen Houser

Lay Reader – Wally Fairman

March 22

Greeter – Gwen Holmes & Gary Umstead

Lay Reader – Ruth Brouse

March 29

Greeter – Carl Bower

Lay Reader – Emilie Hogg

Upcoming Events



Thursday, April 2

Making Palm Crosses, 12:30 pm

Sunday, April 5

Communion and Palm Sunday

Thursday, April 9

Maundy Thursday Service, 7:00 pm

Friday, April 10

Good Friday Service, Noon – 3:00 pm

Sunday, April 12

Easter Sunday



Bible Readings for the Month

March 1 – Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Psalms 32; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

March 8 – Genesis 12:1-4; Psalms 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-7

March 15 – Exodus 17:1-7; Psalms 95; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42

March 22 – 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalms 23; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

March 29 – Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalms 130; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45



Our prayers are with:

Bob Bartlett, Pam Bower, The Wagner Family, Wayne Houser, Lori Yost, Jim Moore, Ashley, Hunter & Hannah Wool, George Sherry, Greg Wesner, Donna Hoskins, Terri Hauck, Eric Powell, Mark Trutt, Rebecca Cotner, Rhonda Snyder, Linda Zarzecki, Aaron Walker, Donna & Lawrence Walker, Roxie Trutt, Don Gresh, Glenn Walker, Alex Bartlett, Cliff Elmore, Pat Groover, Ella Novcarvis, Sandy Pick, Nancy Fisher, Al Patterson, Lu Reed, Ruth Walker, Betty & Vergie Heim, Kate Shade, Norma Bower, Ellen Malloney, John Marshall, Bonnie Catherman, Janet Reasner, Clair & Margaret Walker, Penny Clark, Paul Berger, Edith Umstead, Ace Elmore

Our Special Care List: Jeanne Becker, Jane Bergman, Peggy Calabro, Reba Dotson, Gladys Klapp, Shirley Willkow

Deployed Military: Stefan Armstrong

Ministries: Missionaries-Doug Orbaker, Juan & Shirley Ocasio; Neighbors Helping Neighbors; Presbyterian Disaster Assistance; Haven Ministries

✦ **Please give updates on the status of those on the list to Paul or Sherry.** ✦



BIRTHDAYS

March 1 - Lisa Runkle & Carlee Jarrett
 March 11 - Gina Brown
 March 17 - Noel Ruppenthal
 March 18 - Cullen Ayers & Lauryann Kling
 March 19 - Gary Umstead
 March 24 - Grace Ruppenthal
 March 30 - Denise Klapp



ANNIVERSARIES

March 6 - Ron & Lisa Runkle
 March 13 - Michael & Ruth Brouse

⇒ Per Capita for 2020 is \$36 ⇐



*Thanks to those who donated food and
 those who helped serve at the Wagner
 funeral luncheon

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

Turbotville Lions Club will hold their Annual Basket Bingo Sunday, March 8th at 1:00 pm with an Early Bird Special at 12:45. The event will be held at the Anthony Twp. Community Center (next to the Exchange Pool).

Please call Faith 570-649-5282 or Gloria 570-649-5245.



FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

March 1st

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Monday, March 2nd - 6:00 pm

LENTEN SOUP SUPPER

Wednesday, March 4th - 6:00 pm

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

March 8th

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Monday, March 9th - 6:00 pm

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 15th

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Monday, March 16^h - 6:00 pm

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 22nd

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Monday, March 23rd - 6:00 pm

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 29th

FOLDING PALM CROSSES

April 2nd at 12:30 pm

PALM SUNDAY

April 5th















SESSION



Elders

Moderator - Rev. Paul A. Smith	570-742-3086
Clerk of Session - Ruth Brouse	570-490-0302
Stephan Armstrong	570-768-6906
Keith Ayers	570-772-5783
Carl Bower	570-713-7374
Wally Fairman	570-814-8193
Emilie Hogg	570-437-2392
Janet Kling	570-506-3217
Ruth Ann Williams	570-337-1741
Rick Wolfe	570-220-7106

MARCH 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1  Service of Communion AA- 7p	2  Lenten Bible Study 6p	3	4  MEN'S BREAKFAST 7a  LENT Soup Supper 6p	5	6	7
8 6pm  Family Fun Night AA- 7p	9  Lenten Bible Study 6p	10 Watsontown Book Club-1p AA- 7p	11  MEN'S BREAKFAST 7a	12	13	14
15 AA- 7p	16  Lenten Bible Study 6p Watsontown Guild	17  Saint Patrick's Day AA- 7p	18  MEN'S BREAKFAST 7a  Women's Bible Study 7p	19	20	21
22 AA- 7p	23  Lenten Bible Study 6p	24 AA- 7p	25  MEN'S BREAKFAST 7a	26  Session Meeting 7p	27	28
29 AA- 7p	30	31 AA- 7p				




- 30 unlined index cards
- markers
- stickers



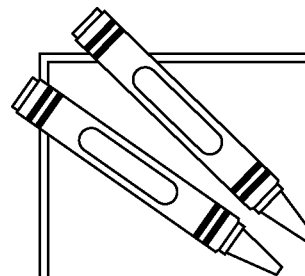
Write each of the words from the list below on its own card. Make a second set. Decorate with stickers or markers.

Play:

The object of the game is to find cards that match. Shuffle all the cards. Lay them face down in 5 rows of 6 cards. Choose 2 cards. Keep them if they match. If they don't,  return them to their places face down. Continue until all cards have been matched.

Words to write:

Faith	Love
Healing	Help
Jesus	Patience
Kindness	Mercy
Gentleness	Peace
Generosity	Hope
Prayer	Joy
Grace	











Just for

HELP!

Wouldn't it be nice if we never had to make any hard decisions or choices, or face any big challenges? Sometimes we just don't know what to do! But there is help!

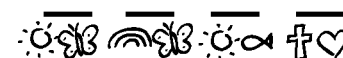
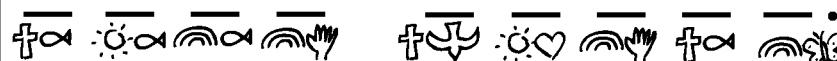
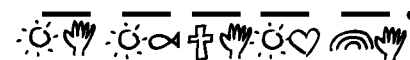
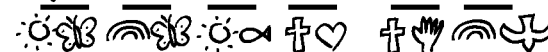
Read James 5:13-18.

What do these verses tell us to do?

	A	F	L	P	T
	C	H	N	R	W
	E	I	O	S	Y
					

Use the graph to find the answer.

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Pray in faith. Pray for each other. Pray earnestly.