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OF HIGHLAND



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MARCH 1

Adult Study - 9:00 AM
K-8th Grade Church School - 9:00 AM
Worship (Comm)- 10:30 AM
Coffee Fellowship - 11:30 AM
Faith Development - 11:45 AM
Youth Group 12-2 PM

MARCH 8

Adult Study - 9:00 AM
K-8th Grade Church School - 9:00 AM
Worship - 10:30 AM
Coffee Fellowship & SOUP SALE- 11:30 AM
W & M - 11:45 AM
Community Family Night - Book Discussion 4:00 PM

MARCH 15

Adult Study - 9:00 AM
K-8th Grade Church School - 9:00 AM
Worship - 10:30
Coffee Fellowship - 11:30 AM
Shine the Light - 11:45 AM
Youth Group 12-2 PM

MARCH 22 - EASTER CANTATA

Adult Study - 9:00 AM
K-8th Grade Church School - 9:00 AM
Cantata - 10:30
Coffee Fellowship & SOUP SALE- 11:30 AM

MARCH 29

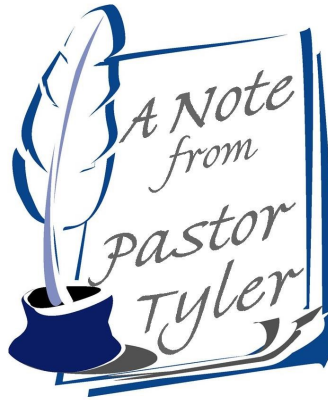
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K-8th Grade Church School - 9:00 AM
Worship - 10:30
Coffee Fellowship- 11:30 AM



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*The Mission of First Presbyterian Church of Highland
is to be
the HEART, HANDS, and FEET of Jesus Christ*



Dear All,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

We have just entered Lent, the holiest of seasons for us Christians. Liturgically, Lent is modeled on the forty days and forty nights that Jesus spent fasting in the desert wilderness at the beginning of his public ministry. Jesus used that time of deep spiritual practice to prepare himself for all that was to come for the rest of his life. In the short term that meant an encounter with the cosmic enemy, tempting Jesus to choose the ways of the powers and principalities of the world. In the long term that meant Jesus' journey through the countryside, ultimately making his way to Jerusalem. He was preparing himself for all the teaching, preaching, healing, exorcising, cooking, eating, arguing, resisting, befriending, loving, grieving, suffering, and dying.

For us, Lent is a time of deep spiritual practice during which we intentionally encounter our own desert wilderness, the space of reflection and preparation in our own lives. It is also our season of empathy—when we are to enter into Jesus' own experience of life and death. We are to feel his sorrow and pain as the full weight of the world pressed down upon him. We are to consider how we are adding to people's sorrow and pain today as the full weight of the world presses down upon them. We are to confess. We are to repent. We are to make reparations. We are to change our ways.

Some people use fasting and deprivation as their spiritual practice, just as Jesus did. Some choose to go full days without eating. Some choose to abstain from meat or sweets or alcohol or some other object of consumption. Others use the addition of healthy things to their lives as their spiritual practice—consuming more vegetables, reading more scripture, praying more, exercising more, going to church more frequently, or writing more. Whatever spiritual practice you choose, I pray that you will approach it with intentionality and gravity. I pray that you will honestly embrace it as an opportunity to transform your life and so to transform the world.

Remember, this is not a season of isolation. The beauty of the Church is that we go on these journeys together. Join us on Sundays for class and worship. Join us on Wednesdays for study and practice. Join us for prayer no matter where you may be or what day it is.

In Christ,

Rev. Tyler Orem

SESSION SHORTS

- Session voted to write a Grant to Smock Foundation, to do a feasibility study to make our Church more readily assessable. Then help with financing the project.
- We also are looking forward to the beginning of the Lenten series beginning on Wednesday, March 8th and going through the Lenten season.
- Remember prayer pals or partners



TREASURER'S REPORT

For the Month of
January 31, 2019

	Month of January	Monthly Budget	Year to Date
Operating Revenue	\$23,863.40	\$10,553.00	\$236,863.40
Operating Expenses	11,119.60	13,424.00	11,119.60
Excess (Deficit)	\$12,743.80		\$12,743.80



BUY A BRICK

Good people,

We plan to level the garden brick path during 2020. To accomplish our goal, we are selling bricks to fund the project. The plan is to hire a professional to prepare and level the path. We may call upon members to help remove bricks and clean for the renovated path to offset some cost.

It's our hope the project can be fully funded through brick sales or voluntary donations. We encourage every member to purchase at least one brick to support the project. Bricks make a lasting remembrance for a special person or date or tribute for a notable event.

See Sharon LaFlech for details. Two sizes of bricks are available. We look forward to your contribution. *Eason*



Groceries to Veterans

Because of your generosity and the generosity of the Episcopal Church in Griffith, we were able to donate 30 very full bags of groceries to the Veterans Life Changing Services of Gary, In.

Our pantry is pretty bare right now, so we need to restock the shelves for our next donation to the Salvation Army. We also now have a blessing box that we try and put a variety of food items in for those in need. It has been very well received and has to be replenished on a regular basis. If for the blessing box, please put Sharon's name on the bag and she will decide when to fill the box.

No one should have to go hungry in this wonderful country, so please remember to bring in a can or two. Meat in a can is always greatly in need.

Thank you,
Cheryl



Isn't This the Fast I Choose? 2020 Lenten Study and Practice

On Wednesday mornings throughout Lent, Pastor Tyler will again be leading a series on devotional study and spiritual practice. This year we will be focusing on the spiritual practice of fasting, which many Christian traditions regard as the heart of the Lenten liturgical season. The framework of this season comes from Jesus' fast in the desert for forty days and forty nights prior to being encountered by the Satan. We will be exploring various understandings of this spiritual practice by looking through the lens of major moments of fasting in our scriptures, including readings from *Matthew*, *Esther*, *Daniel*, *Jonah*, and *Isaiah*. We will also be exploring how we ourselves can view and implement fasting as a spiritual practice. We will be gathering in the fellowship hall at 9:30 AM on Wednesdays March 4, March 11, March 18, March 25, and April 1. ALL ARE WELCOME!

THANK YOU!

"For I was hungry and you gave me food..." (Matthew 25:35). A Big THANK YOU to everyone who supported the Youth Group's SOUPER Bowl Sunday on Feb. 2. Because of your generosity, they collected 103 non-perishable food items and \$147.62 in donations to help support the church's Blessing Box and food pantry.

New Adult Group Forming!

A new fellowship and study group for adults older than high school and younger than retirement is forming for Lent (and maybe beyond!). An initial get together will be held on Monday, March 2, 6:30 pm at the home of Jesse & Heather Casiano (8539 Garfield Ave., Munster). We'll talk about meeting times and days, discussion topics, and how we want our group to function. Bring your ideas! Children are welcome to come with their parents. If you would like to be a part of this group but can't attend on March 2, please email Heather at hmyheart@hotmail.com.

Coming Up for Youth Group!

Youth Group meets the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month from 12-2 pm. We start with lunch together and then move into our theme or activity for the day. Youth group includes all youth in grades 7-12. Friends are always welcome!

March 1 – Begin our hands-on Lent devotion series, games

March 15 – Youth Group Shopping Spree!

April 5 (Palm Sunday) Special lunch out and visit to The Shrine of Christ's Passion in St. John, IN

*Youth should bring \$10 each to help defray the cost of lunch.

*All church members and friends are invited to join us at 1:30 pm at the Shrine to walk the stations of the cross.

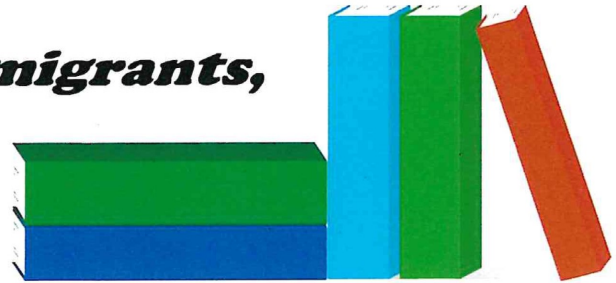


If you have any questions about Youth Group, contact Pastor Tyler Orem or Heather Casiano.



Community Book Discussion Event:

The God Who Sees: Immigrants, the Bible, and the Journey to Belong **by Karen Gonzalez**



SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2020 4:00 pm

First Presbyterian Church, 8727 Delaware St., Highland, Door B

- Book discussion and local stories of immigration.
- All people of all ages are welcome!
- Children's book and play activities will be provided.
- Guest speaker from The Welcome Network, a local organization that provides practical and spiritual resources to internationally-born residents of Northwest Indiana and South Chicago.

In her book, Karen Gonzalez reminds us that "immigrant stories always matter, because immigrants are image-bearers of God." She uses the stories of several biblical immigrants (like Abraham, Hagar, and the Holy Family) alongside her own personal stories of being a first-generation Guatemalan immigrant to challenge and encourage us in how we approach immigration and those who have made the journey to this country. Gonzalez uses the Christian sacraments as the framework for telling her stories and the impact of faith on her story.

Questions? Contact Heather Casiano, Family and Children Program Coordinator, at 219-838-6850 ext. 102, or by email hcasiano@fpchighland.org



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JOIN US FOR MEDITATION BRING MINDFULNESS TO YOUR DAILY LIFE

Our class is for beginners and anyone who would like to start, refresh, or deepen their meditation practices. Meditation is a simple practice available to all which can reduce stress, increase calmness and clarity and promote happiness. Learning how to meditate is straightforward, and the benefits can come quickly. We'll explore our relationship with the present moment, thus causing us to be more at peace with what comes up in our lives by practicing acceptance, self-kindness, and gratitude. By bringing mindfulness into our daily lives we will ultimately experience being one with God, giving us peace and joy.

Class will be on Wednesdays from 10:45 – 11:45 am in Fellowship Hall. Contact Jay Smith if you have any questions.



FEBRUARY 26–APRIL 12, 2020



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing — Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People — all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

Received during the season of Lent (February 26 – April 12), each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations. The Offering provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need. **In fact, OGHS is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world.**

QUESTIONS?

Feel free to contact us at **800-728-7228, ext. 5047** or email special.offerings@pcusa.org



First Presbyterian Church and the Chancel Choir will be presenting a Lenten Cantata on Sunday, March 22nd during worship.

Be sure to invite your friends and family to join us in worship that day.



Cantata Rehearsal

There will be a Cantata rehearsal on Saturday, March 21st at 10:00 AM.



There will be a Maundy Thursday Service with Communion on Thursday, April 9th at 7:00 PM



Secret Prayer Partners

Last year, at the beginning of Lent, the Ministry of Worship and Music introduced Secret Prayer Partners. The idea was simple: take a slip of paper from the box marked "blank forms," fill it out with your name and address, fold it and put it into the box marked "completed forms." Then take a completed form (make sure it's not your own), and pray for that person throughout the season of Lent. Just before Easter, send your Secret Prayer Partner an Easter card so that he/she will know who has been praying for him/her. The boxes will be available in the Fellowship Hall following worship for the next few Sundays. Participation is optional, but those of us who participated last year found it to be a very meaningful experience.



It's that time again! Time to order your Easter flowers. Daffodils, lilies, and tulips are \$20.00 each and the deadline for ordering is Sunday, March 29th. You may also make a donation in lieu of flowers. Donations will be deposited into the Endowment Fund.

All gifts will be listed in the bulletin and Larger View. Please fill the order form below and drop it in with your Sunday offering or mail to the church office at: 8727 Delaware Street, Highland, Indiana

EASTER FLOWERS - ORDER FORM

(Please Print Clearly)

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
DAFFODIL	_____	\$20.00	\$ _____
LILY	_____	\$20.00	\$ _____
TULIP	_____	\$20.00	\$ _____
DONATION IN LIEU OF FLOWERS			\$ _____
TOTAL			\$ _____

IN HONOR OF: _____

IN MEMORY OF: _____

DEADLINE: 03/29/2020

8727 DELAWARE STREET, HIGHLAND, IN 46322





It means that those who leave items are blessed enough to be able to do so, and that those who need to take items, are blessed that the items are there to take. It's not an extremely large box, but is stocked with blessings. It sits on the south side of the old sanctuary where it is accessible from the parking spaces.

These are some of the items most commonly donated and used to stock the Blessing Boxes:

- Canned food with ring-pulls
- Socks
- Hats
- Mittens
- Hand warmers
- Toilet paper
- Non-perishable foods
- Small snacks
- Toiletries, including hand soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste
- Baby wipes
- Diapers

Those who want to contribute can leave items in the box or call Sharon LaFlech at 219.838.3346.



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS
on Sunday, March 8th. Make sure you
turn your clock **AHEAD** one hour.

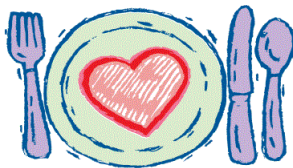


**The Per Capita PER member is
\$42.00 for 2020**



THE BOOK CLUB

On March 8th, the Book Club will be participating with the church in reviewing "The God that Sees."



GLADYS' TABLE

The next meal will be Saturday, March 29th from 12 to 1 PM



Prayer Shawl will be meeting on Wednesday, March 11th at 1:00 in the Youth Room.

Thank You

Thank you to all the Soup Chefs that supplied us with their DELICIOUS soups!



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Collin Parker
- 6 Nancy Johnston
- 9 Barbara Morton
- 12 Patty Nelson
- 18 Ashley Churitch
- 19 Bill Zuke
- 20 Calvin Scott
- 21 Brandon Chong
- 22 Bill Holmes
- 30 Karen Lounsbury



Please welcome to our church

Georgette Sknerski
8015 Duluth Street
Highland, IN 46322
219-743-2452
sknerski@att.net



Elwyn and Carolyn Studer welcomed a great-granddaughter to their family on February 9th.



Prayers of Christian Sympathy to:

Patty and Josh Nelson and their family on the death of
Patty's grandmother, Peggy Popa on 3/3



Ongoing Prayers



The Prayer Circle prays for the people on this list, and for all other concerns named at that time. Please include the persons listed here in your daily devotional time. Thank you.

- Bob Abernethy
- Debbie Abernethy
- Anthony - Suzanne Gruoner's son
- Alaina (Callaway)
- Marge Ashton
- Avery
- Bapst Family (Callaway)
- Berry (Callaway)
- Betsy (Rev. Tyler)
- Sonny Buono
- Ina Chappell
- I Sun Chong (Oprea)
- Marian Clayton (Morton)
- Danielle
- Dave
- Ruth Dekker
- Barb Dye
- George Griner
- Guy (B. Perryman)
- Gracie Helmer
- Bill Holmes
- Daniel Litwicki (Catania)
- Murray Faris
- Frank (K. Scott)
- Marlys Furnas
- Jennifer (Reed-Daughter of friend)
- Laura Jones
- Josh (Rev. Tyler)
- Lois (R. Dekker)
- Mildred (B. Perryman)
- Jeanne Nestor

- Rena's cousin
- Calvin Scott
- Richard Simmons (B. Morton)
- Bonita Sutton (Nolen)
- Steve & Melinda
- Gary Studer
- Richard Terpstra
- Dennis VanKooten
- Mattie Welch (Rena Martinez)

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 Due to federal regulations about privacy, ***we are no longer called by hospitals*** about patient admissions. Even if they ask you for your church affiliation when checking in, they do not call. If you or your loved one would like a visit while hospitalized, or would like a home visit, please call the church office at 219-838-6850.
 Thank you!
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- We pray for those undergoing treatment for cancer, the mentally ill and their families, those recuperating, those undergoing treatments and those waiting for transplants.
- We pray for our country.

- We pray for our firemen and police who help keep us safe at home.
- We pray for our service men and women.
- We pray for the unemployed, the under employed and the homeless.
- We pray for those who are traveling.
- We pray for those we hold silently in our hearts.
- We pray for all children in the world.
- We pray for the work of the Holy Spirit within the life of FPCH and within each of us, that we may indeed be and make disciples in each new day.
- We pray for our home-bound.

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 In order to keep the prayer list current, we need your input. If there are people you would like to have added or if there is someone who can be taken off the list, please call the Church Office (838-6850).

USHER SCHEDULE

MARCH 1

Vince & Debbie Catania
Nancy O'Donnell

MARCH 8

Eason & Nancy Engle
Laura Jones

MARCH 15

Casiano Family

MARCH 22 - CANTATA

Kikkert Family

MARCH 29

John & Judy Toren
Winnie Owen



LITURGISTS

MARCH 1

Tracy Oprea

MARCH 8

John Toren

MARCH 15

Lois Fozkos

MARCH 22

CANTATA

MARCH 29

Peter Churitch

HOSPITALITY HOSTS:

- 3/1: Lexa Miller
- 3/8: Cathy Toren
- 3/15: Jerry Martinez
- 3/22: Shirley McKnight
- 3/29: Laura Jones

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS:

- 3/1: L. Fozkos/P. Fozkos
- 3/8: H. Casiano/J. Smith
- 3/15: H. Kikkert/D. Catania
- 3/22: J. Smith/G. Churitch
- 3/29: L. Fozkos/P. Fozkos

CHILD CARE:

- 3/1: P. Fozkos
- 3/8: H. Casiano
- 3/15: H. Kikkert
- 3/22: C. Abernethy
- 3/29: J. Smith

RIDES TO WORSHIP

Please call your Deacon

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

MARCH 1

Eason & Nancy Engle

MARCH 8

Vince & Debbie Catania

MARCH 15

Ham Family

MARCH 22

Cantata

MARCH 29

Tom & Pam Porter

COMMUNION: March 1

- Lois Fozkos
- Kelly LaFlech
- Sharon LaFlech
- Rena Martinez
- Marjean Reed



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