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Lenten Activities

April 9: Palm Sunday

April 13: 5:30-6:30p- Maundy
Thursday Potluck Supper

April 13: 6:30p – Maundy
Thursday Easter Cantata

April 14: Noon-3p- Good
Friday- Tre Ora Service

@ Christ United Methodist

April 16: 6:30a – Easter Sunrise
Service @ Hanover Pres, Followed by
Breakfast

April 16: Easter Sunday!

A LOT CAN HAPPEN IN JUST THREE DAYS

April

Timi Radu Media

Behind the Stained Glass

One of my favorite Scriptures about Jesus is found in Revelation chapter 5. Here John has been taken into the very throne room of God in vision. The creatures that minister before God are worried, they are searching for the one that can open the scroll with the seven seals and no one could be found. The scroll which is the very plan of God sealed up since the beginning of time, could not be opened. God's plan is sealed until the one who is worthy comes. John weeps bitterly because he knows the importance of this scroll and there is no one that can open it. The Scripture says this: "Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals." Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing at the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. The Lamb had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne. And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb."

Did you catch what the elder said? He said do not worry because the Lion of Judah, the Root of David, the one able to open the scroll is here and he has triumphed. John turns to see the Lion of Judah, the Root of David, the one able to open the scroll, the one who has triumphed. I like to imagine here what John thought he was going to see in that moment. What do you think, John thought he would see? I bet he thought he would see something amazing. Read the description of all that John had seen up to this time. Think of the 4 creatures that surround the throne, the throne itself, and the 24 other thrones with the 24 elders. None of them, none of these awe inspiring creatures could open the scroll. What must the Lion of Judah be like?

John turned and saw a lamb that looked slain. That always gets me. The Lion of Judah, the Root of David, the one that could open the scroll and enact God's plan was no mythical beast. What John must have thought at that moment? Yet the lamb got up and walked over and took the scroll and opened it. Time could continue, God's plan could finally happen. Salvation could come to all people because of a dead sheep. I bring up this picture from Revelation because of the picture of that same Jesus we see at Easter.

Imagine that you were in Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. Maybe you were at a market, or just going about your day, or making preparation for the Passover. Then you start to hear crowds of people cheering, there is this make shift parade coming toward you. You hear crowds of people shouting: "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!" "Hosanna in the highest heaven!" These crowds are saying that the messiah is coming. The people of Israel thought that the messiah was going to be an earthly king that would take the throne of David. He would lead Israel to battle against the Roman captors and return Israel to the powerful country it had been under David and Solomon. Again, you are in Jerusalem thinking that you were about to see the messiah, what would you expect? You would expect someone that looked like a king. Someone that looked powerful, strong, and mighty. Someone that could unite Israel with his sheer will and have the strength and knowledge to lead them into war with Rome. So, you head over to the road and struggle with the crowds to see a carpenter on a donkey. No show of military force, no hints of riches, no caravan on soldiers and supplies. A guy on a baby donkey. Imagine further that you see that man, this messiah die a few days later on a cross. This is weakness, not strength.

Yet we know the power of that lamb, we know the power of that guy. Jesus Christ is none other than the very God of the universe as part of the triune God that is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Through Christ all of creation came into existence. Nothing was created outside of Christ or without him. The perfect creation that God had made became increasingly corrupted by human sin and by the powers of evil. God saw that the only way to bring his creation back to the way it was intended to be, the only way to bring humanity into a right relationship was to do it himself.

So he came into this world that first Christmas as a human being. He lived his life in perfect holiness, he lived in a way that was seen a perfectly sinless, perfectly just and in accordance with the will of God. In this way, he lived the life we are all required to live, the life we could never live up to. Then came that first Easter and he was sentenced to death for crimes he did not commit, his was sacrificed on the cross as payment for sins we all commit. Christ died as a sacrifice though he did not sin, though he lived in perfect obedience to the will of God. In his death he took all of our sin upon himself, all of our sin was taken by Christ, so he died forgiving all of our

sins, even those we have not committed yet. He died and in his death he defeated death he knocked down the gates of hell so that they no longer need to have power over us.

Then he rose again, he defeated death and became alive again, he ascended back to his rightful spot within the Trinity, he ascended back to the right hand of the Father taking our humanity into God. Then he sent the third member of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit to dwell inside of all those who believe in him. The Spirit is God within us, uniting us to the work of Christ. It is in Christ and Christ alone that our sins can be forgiven; it is in Christ and Christ alone that we can defeat death and have eternal life. Don't be fooled, Jesus Christ is the only way to salvation and eternal life. How powerful that is. How powerful that lamb, that Jesus, that guy is. The Bible is full of stories in which God's might is shown in ways our eyes interpret as weak. From a still small voice, to a baby in a manger, God's might is often revealed in ways our eyes interpret as weak. Do not make the mistake the rulers of the day did that first Easter, or so many have since. Do not mistake God's power for weakness. It is the power of freedom and salvation for all who will accept it.

In Christ,



Rev. Steven Brand

Worship

April Sermons

- 2- Lent Out on a Limb – Admit Mistakes
- 9- Lent Out on a Limb – Say You Are Sorry
- 16- Lent Out on a Limb – Reveal Weakness
- 23- Lent Out on a Limb – Keep Trying
- 30- Taking & Giving- Matthew 20

May Sermons

- 7- Make Way – Matthew 21
- 14- Indispensable or Replaceable– Matthew 21
- 21- The Wedding– Matthew 22
- 28- Guest Minister



Maundy Thursday Easter Cantata and Potluck Dinner – At 5:30pm on April 13th come to a potluck supper in Fellowship Hall in celebration of Maundy Thursday. Sloppy Joes and Shredded Chicken will be provided.

Bring a dish to share or a dessert to divide. At 6:30 the choir will be performing a special Maundy Thursday Cantata. The cantata is entitled: 'The Weeping Tree'. It tells the story of the crucifixion through the eyes of the tree cut down to become the cross. It is a very moving and symbolic piece about one of the darkest days in human history. The service will also have communion. Even this dark day was the beginning of new life in the blood of Jesus. Please remember that many churches do not have services on Maundy Thursday. This would be a great day to invite others.

Choir Rehearsal ~ Choir rehearsals are every Wednesday at 7:15p in the sanctuary. The Choir season runs through the end of May. Please see Zac or Kim Frick if you have any questions or are interested in taking part in the choir.

Easter Choir – Over the season of Lent the choir will be doing several different services. If you would like to take part just over the Lenten season or for only the Maundy Thursday Cantata, please see Zac or come to choir rehearsal.

Bell Choir – Bell Choir practices every Wednesday of each month @ 6:15p in the old choir room. If you would like to play in the Bell choir please see Zac.

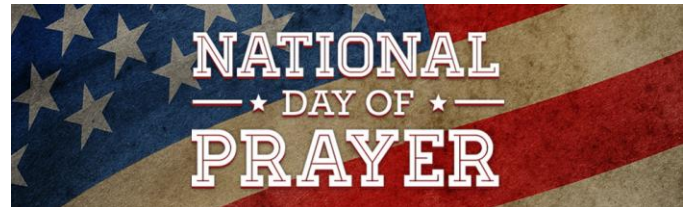




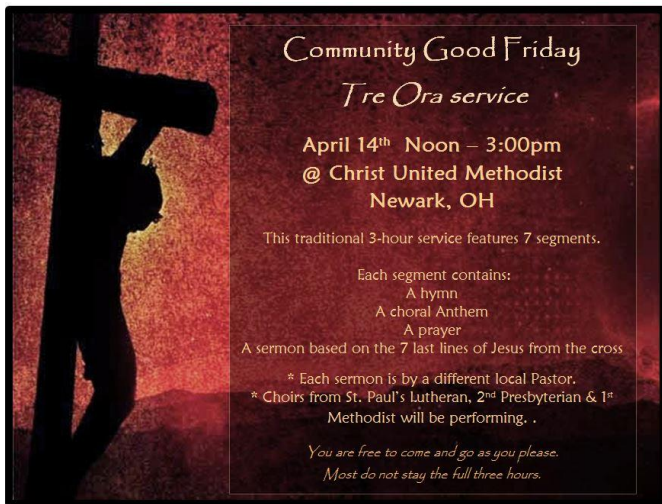
Easter Morning Sunrise Service – Join us at Hanover Presbyterian Church for a Presbyterian Community Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30am. The service will be outside weather permitting.

This will be a good opportunity to worship with our Presbyterian brothers and sisters. Please join us. After the service we will all have breakfast together. Hanover is providing the drinks, location and flatware. The breakfast is a potluck and 1st Presbyterian is in charge of bringing pastries and breakfast breads. See Rev. Steve if you would like to bring something.

day, physical ailments, sin, or distraction. Biblically and historically, the Church has used the anointing with oil and the laying of hands as a way to bring us back to wholeness and as a way to mark times of extreme change. This is a powerful tool that we seldom use in today's Church. April 30th during worship we will have a service of anointing and laying on of hands.



NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE ~ May 4th at 12:20 on the Steps of City Hall. Join us as we pray for our country. The service includes music by the kids of Newark's Catholic Elementary schools, and prayers for different parts of our nation and city given by local pastors and officials.



Community Good Friday Service ~ The Tre Ora service (literally 3 hours) is a Good Friday tradition. The service features 7 segments, each segment contains a hymn, a choral anthem, a prayer and a sermon based on the 7 last lines of Jesus from the cross. Each sermon is done by a different local pastor and there are three local choirs participating with music. You are free to come and go as you please, most do not stay the full 3 hours. Friday, April 14th from Noon - 3pm at Christ United Methodist Church on East Main.



Gluten Free Communion

Available Now: We now have gluten free communion wafers available for anyone who wants them. They will be located in the communion cup trays.



Newark City Schools 4th Grade Composers Concert at 1st Presbyterian – March 23rd we had over 600 4th Graders from NCS here for a concert. They heard music from famous composers performed for them by their own music teachers. It was an enjoyable day for all. Thanks to Ann Robinson for bringing this terrific opportunity to our church. Thanks to all of the folks who came to help with the show. You can watch the whole show on our Facebook page or some of the highlights on our YouTube channel. Can't wait for next year.



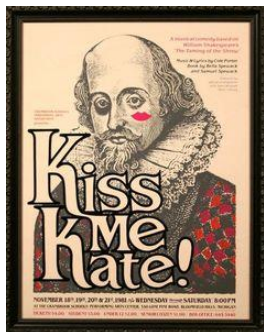
Anointing Service on April 30th ~ We are on the verge of a new season in the Church. It is a season of change as we pass through Lent and look to spring. This is also the season of new life as we look around us at all of the new life growing in nature and the new life offered to us in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As Christians, we often suffer from a lack of wholeness due to the stresses of the



Christian Education

Sunday Morning Adult Elective - *Easter Uncut* is the Lenten study for the Adult Sunday School class. Through the end of April, we will look at the final week of Christ's life through the eyes of the Apostle John as if we were reading pages from his diary. We will review the biblical account and consider its relevance to us today. Books are not required, but if you would be interested in purchasing one [\$4.00 - if able], see Peggy Lieb. Please join us in the Journey Room at 9:15 on Sundays.

Church Life



Dinner & a Show – Church Life is planning an outing May 7th to attend Kiss Me Kate at Licking County Players. Lunch at DoubleTree after church and then the play will start at 2:00. Please contact Rose Gibson or Louise Whitis for reservations.

Kiss Me, Kate is a musical written by Samuel and Bella Spewack with music and lyrics by Cole Porter. The story involves the production of a musical version of William Shakespeare's *The Taming of the Shrew* and the conflict on and off-stage between Fred Graham, the show's director, producer, and star, and his leading lady, his ex-wife Lilli Vanessi. A secondary romance concerns Lois Lane, the actress playing Bianca, and her gambler boyfriend, Bill, who runs afoul of some gangsters.

Fellowship Hour - Make sure to join us each Sunday at 10:15am for some refreshments and fellowship prior to worship. There is a sign-up sheet in the kitchen if you would like to bring the snacks.

Lunch Bunch

Come to Red Lobster
Wednesday April 19th @ Noon
for food and fellowship.
Everyone is invited. Please
RSVP to Rose Gibson 587-2095
or Louise Whitis at
345-5426.



 A graphic for "Galactic Starveyors" Vacation Bible School. It features a red and blue telescope, a star, and the text "GALACTIC STARVEYORS" in a stylized font. The background is a dark blue space with stars and a purple comet tail.

1st Presbyterian Church VBS!
 July 10th-14th 5:30-8:30pm : 65 N 3rd Street Newark, Ohio
 Register Online Starting in June @ 1stpresnewark.com
 740-345-1480

Vacation Bible School will be July 10-15th here at 1st Presbyterian. More details to follow. We are looking for several volunteers who are willing to work with the pre-school kids. The last few years' pre-school aged children have made up half of our total attendance. This is a common phenomenon around the country. We want to take advantage of this by really pushing the pre-school aged children. They are the key to the future of VBS and a ripe part of God's harvest. Let's put priority where God is working. If you are willing to work with those kids see Rev. Steve, Diana Brand or Ed Jobes.

Extended Church, Nursery & Kids Activity Packs are available every Sunday. See Ed Jobs for details.



Missions

Give & Make the Difference!

"Know therefore that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God, who keeps His covenant and His loving kindness to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments" (Deut 7:9).

Many of the missionaries we support have been traveling this last month and will continue to do so. Some are going to conferences, others to visit family and friends. Lillian Weakley is headed for Sanford Florida between April 1st & 14th on the mission trip to help repair the cars of retired New Tribes Missionaries. Please pray for safe travels and ease of repairs!

The following have wanted to thank us for our support:

From the Steins, in Slovakia- "...As always, we are so thankful for your prayers, gifts, and relationship with us. We realize every day we are doing these ministries in partnership with you, and hope you also experience the joy with us."

On behalf of Franklin Graham/Samaritan's Purse- "I am a Presbyterian Missionary working in Northern Jordan & received shoeboxes from OCC. ...thank you for your generous donations...many poor children here have never before owned a gift, and your generosity is a means for us to introduce the families to Jesus. God Bless you!"

From the Knudsons in Bolivia - "...God miraculously provided! We give Him all the glory for taking care of our needs. Thank you to all who have given...for your prayers and your support!

In regards to the Jail Ministries: Pastor Gary says a big "thanks for your generous giving...please know your participation makes a difference!"

Please pray for this ministry to grow.

Nancy Mahon is walking in new shoes! God is awesome! - Latest email: "Conference was GREAT, praise the Lord! At the last minute, they changed the venue to the capital city of Lima instead of a place 2 hours inland because of all the rains in desert areas that NEVER get rains. This caused all kinds of flash flooding, mudslides, blocked/damaged roads, washed-out bridges, etc. It is on a scale that Peru has never seen before. So we were safe where we were, but there are at least 80 people dead in Peru from the flooding, etc. It is

still raining in some coastal desert areas up north. Peru really needs your prayers right now. It will take years to rebuild/ recover from this. We were not able as a group to go do relief work like we wanted to because of logistics, but we took up an offering that local pastors there in damaged/flooded areas will use to help the people who are washed out of their homes. We are back in the jungle now (where we normally live.) Our area is okay, because we have no hills or mountains for rains to wash down. However, the highway that connects us to Lima is not really okay, as it has been closed off and on due to mudslides, etc. (that is normal for this time of year, though) . We are okay, though, and the basic food items are getting through okay. Our fruits and vegetables aren't that great right now, but that is normal."

HEARTBEATS OF LICKING COUNTY:

We are putting 25 care packages together for foster families who care for drug-exposed babies. Your gift of any item on the list will help bring comfort and peace to families who need tools to adequately address the unique sensitivities of infants who are prenatally exposed to drugs.

Email Rebecca at rgassman@heartbeats.org or call 740-349-7558 x211 for more information.

Supplies List: 4 oz. bottles of grape seed oil for infant massage, Cloth diapers for use as burp cloths, etc; Swaddle sacks (variety of sizes from newborn to 24 lbs.), Small capacity bottles w/nipples & caps (2-4 oz.), Butt paste or balmex for severe diaper rash, Tube socks, knee high nylons, and single pound bags of rice to make rice socks, Vinyl gloves.

Each month that goes by there are reasons to give thanks for answered, and often, unanswered prayers. We are to give thanks in all circumstances! With Easter upon us, it is a time to thank Jesus for loving us so much! A time for thanking God for our many blessings! We often do things and never know the effects they might have on others, so when we hear news such as the "thank yous" above, we are reminded that what we do does in fact, make a difference! Let us give thanks along with our missionaries for needs being met and share in the joy! "Praise the Lord for protecting, healing, guiding, comforting, & refreshing our missionaries across the globe!"

Love In the Joy of knowing Christ,
Tracee Barr



Evangelism & Outreach



Downtown Newark Association (DNA) Sweets on the Square

As members of the Downtown Newark Association, First Presbyterian will reach out to 250

or more families by participating in the DNA Sweets on the Square on Friday, April 28, 2017 from 5-8pm. The DNA will sell tickets at a cost of \$15.00 each. Each ticket holder will receive a Sweet Treat or activity at each DNA participant.

We again will be making First Pres Famous Final Friday Fudge!

Your help is needed to make this happen. Sign-up sheets are at the back of the sanctuary.

You can:

- 1- Donate ingredients (12oz bags semi-sweet chocolate chips, 10.5 oz bags miniature marshmallows, 12 oz. cans evaporated milk, 4 lb bags granulated sugar, 16 oz bags walnuts)
- 2- Help make fudge on Wednesday, April 26 from 9am-noon
- 3- Package fudge on Thursday, April 27 beginning at 1pm
- 4- Distribute fudge on Friday, April 28 from 5-8pm



If you'd like to be part of donating, making, packaging or distributing our fudge, please sign up at the back of the sanctuary or contact

Karen Birtcher (kb8114@windstream.net) or Kim Dershem (kdershem@windstream.net)



Final Friday Tent - Team Members Needed

Our tent will be set up again for the first Downtown Newark Association (DNA) Final Friday of 2017. Sweets on the Square is the theme and what could be sweeter than to listen to and pray for those in need. The tent will be set up on April 28 from 5:00-8:00pm right next to our First Pres Famous Fudge and the Popcorn Cart. This year we thought perhaps we'd invite folks to come into the tent, sit down, chat or ask a question. If you are a good listener, love to talk to folks and/or pray for folks, please consider joining in this outreach to Newark.

As an extension of Alpha where folks gather to discuss, we could use people to just sit and talk. Don't feel pressured to pray, we'll have someone there who is comfortable. We've found that people just like to sit down and share their cares and burdens. We have a few comfortable chairs provided. Please pray and consider if you would be able to participate in this way of sharing the love of God with others.

The Final Fridays run from 5-8pm. Please contact Karen Birtcher at kb8114@windstream.net or Kim Dershem at kdershem@windstream.net or 740-345-6624 if you would like to give this a try.

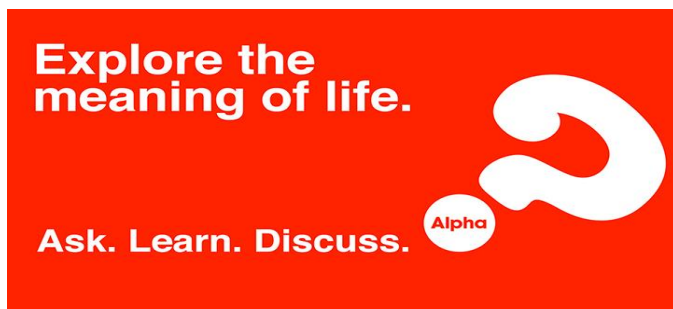


Alpha Update

The second offering of the Alpha course is winding down. We have had a wonderful time with lots of laughter, good food and wonderful teaching and discussion times. Our all-day retreat was held on Saturday, March 18th at the home of Dick and Karen Birtcher. We had a great turnout and stayed warm and toasty with a roaring fire in the fireplace, while it was misty and cold outside.

The final session, our “*Celebration Dinner*” will be held on Monday, April 10th and is open to the congregation and friends and family of our participants. This is an opportunity to see what Alpha is all about. Please plan to come and bring someone with you. Beginning at 6:30 we will have a meal, followed by information about Alpha and one of the videos. We should finish no later than 8:30. Child care will be provided, if needed. Please RSVP no later than Sun, April 9th following Worship to Peggy Lieb (740-323-2353) or Kim Dershem (740-345-6624) so we know how many to plan on.

The next session of Alpha will be held this fall, beginning around Labor Day.



SPARK Free Lunches

Tuesdays, Noon-1p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. SPARK Academy works with adults with developmental disabilities. Every Tuesday students and staff from SPARK will be serving a free lunch and everyone is invited. The food is provided by Denison University. SPARK students serve the food, and do all of the set up and take down. For them this is a job that they get paid to do. It is also a time for community involvement and job training. They would like us to advertise the meal, to provide the space and the dishware. Most importantly, they would like us to come to the meals and to work alongside SPARK developing relationships. If you would like to volunteer, they arrive at 11:00 a.m. and stay till about 2:00 p.m.

Congregational Care

Hello Friends and Family of First Pres! We strive to do our best in reaching out to those in our congregation. If you have any changes in your address, email, or phones, be sure to let us know. There are forms in the back of the church for anyone to make updates; or you may call the office @ 740-345-1480. Please know that prayer requests and updates can be given to the church with ANY needs as well.

FYI



Kroger Rewards: Did you know you can link your Kroger Rewards card to 1st Presbyterian Church? Kroger Community Rewards donates money to your favorite charity every time you use your Kroger card. All you have to do is go online to Kroger.com, go to the community section of the drop-down menu, and click on Kroger Community Rewards. Then you sign in with your Kroger Card ID and click on enroll. Search for First Presbyterian Church 84451 and enroll. Doing this does not affect your regular Kroger Rewards or Gas Points. The more folks we have registered the more money Kroger donates to our church.



Church Membership or Confirmation – Pastor Steve will be holding a membership class in May for any individuals who desire to join the church. We will hold a class for youth and or adults depending on who needs the class. If you are interested in becoming a member of 1st Presbyterian, please see Pastor Steve.

NARFE Dinners are the second Tuesday of every month. These dinners serve as fundraisers for the committee that hosts. These dinners help to give needed support to our mission and witness as a church. Please consider helping with them. April (Christian Ed), May (E&O), June (Scholarship), July (E&O), August (Christian Ed).



**PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN**

Gifts of Women Sunday – May 14th is Mother’s Day and what better way to celebrate than taking time in worship to celebrate the many wonderful gifts for ministry that God has given to the talented women of our church? From Deborah & Ruth, Mary & Martha to all of the women that fill our pews today; God has used women to further His Kingdom in amazing ways. Join us May 14th as we celebrate this remarkable truth!

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Woodside Presbyterian Baked Steak Dinner - The public is invited to a baked steak dinner on Friday, April 14, 2017, 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., at Woodside Presbyterian Church, 295 Woods Avenue, Newark,

(740) 345-3742. The menu includes baked steak, homemade mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, coleslaw, bread, dessert, and a beverage. Carryout is available. Cost: \$9.00 minimum donation.



**CHURCH
DIRECTORY**

Directory – It is amazing how quickly things change. The last church directory is only a year old but so much is different. There is a copy of the current directory with all the most up to date information we have in the office in the back of the sanctuary. Please check to make sure all information is correct. There are forms available to give your information if you need updated or you are not listed. This directory is intended for all friends and members of 1st Presbyterian. You can also email your information to the church office at firstpresofc@gmail.com Thank you.

**Thank you from Georgia Porter
for all your well wishes. Thank
you!**

Happy Birthday!

Robinson, Ann	April 9
Lieb, Sam	April 11
Snelling, Eugene	April 11
Hare, Priscilla	April 12
Brand, Diana	April 12
Blamer, Joe	April 18
Hollingshead, Jordan	April 26
Jobes, Barb	April 28
Drake, Logan	April 28
Durr, Carolynn	April 30



Happy Anniversary!

Smythe, Forrest & Thelma	April 8
Rodeniser, Jim & Lois	April 10
Kittle, Dave & Kay	April 16
Ashcraft, Mike & Julie	April 25

Session

March Session Summary

Elder Training was given by Kenita Keck for use of the Automated External Defibrillator (AED) and Epipens for allergic reactions.

Clerk’s Report

A motion was made and approved by email on March 14, 2017 to purchase the library chairs selected by Elder Louise Whitis using SCRIP funds.

Pastor’s Report

The Cooperation Committees of the local Presbyterian churches continue to work to prepare the annex for the Y Healthy Kids Network backpack food program in the schools. A motion was made, seconded and carried to endorse the grant application for \$3,000 from the Presbytery Session-Endorsed Neighborhood Mission Grants.

Christian Education, Family and Youth

Committee reported that Vacation Bible School will take place at First Presbyterian Church this year from July 10-15. The NARFE dinner scheduled during this week will take place at Second Presbyterian Church.

Church Life Committee reported that the Lunch Bunch will meet at Red Lobster on April 19. The committee is planning an event for each month.



ROAD TO 300 BOXES

Each year First Presbyterian works hard to send hundreds of boxes to needy children all over the world. This year we want to try to get to 300 boxes. This would be an amazing feat! In order to do that, we need 300 boxes, 300 boxes of crayons, 300 sets of school supplies, 300 of everything. Each month we are going to focus on a few items we need to collect. There are boxes in the sanctuary set up for collection of each item. Let's try to collect as much of each item as we can so that this can be a happy Christmas for more needy kids around the globe!

If each member would give only 2 of each item we would meet our goal.

This month we need:

-300 Washcloths

-300 Bars of Soap (bars, no liquid)

-300 Shoeboxes (not boot boxes)



Last things: May newsletter information is due April 24th!

Look for information about Scholarship applications soon.


Evangelism and Outreach Committee reported that One Great Hour of Sharing continues through Palm Sunday, April 9. The Candlewick Commons Dinner was held on March 16. The Alpha Celebration Dinner will be April 10. The first Downtown Newark Association Final Friday of 2017 will be April 28.

Personnel Committee reported that staff evaluation will be completed in the next couple months.

Property Committee reported that steam boiler is not working properly. Following a discussion of the handicapped restroom proposal, a motion was made, seconded and carried to research the possibility of a capital fund for the restrooms and to hire Claggett and Sons General Contractors to complete drawings and an estimate.

Worship and Music Committee reported that Stephen Smith will be working on the electric for the screens and Gary Collings will work on the mounts for them.


Budget and Finance Committee reports were received by email. Choir director Zac Marquart's payment timing has been adjusted as he requested. The committee approved the restructure of the specified funds reports. Committee chair Keith Hare approved a low limit credit card for Rev. Brand to cover needs that occur. All receipts will need elder approval and be attached to the statement for review by the treasurer. The next meeting will be Thursday, April 27 at 6:30 p.m.




SCRIP CARDS

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FUEL POINTS




The Deal = Spend \$50 at Giant Eagle
Get 10¢ off 1 Gallon of Gas
The Reward = \$1 per 10 Gallons of Gas
Savings = **2%**



The Deal = Spend \$100 at Kroger
Get 10¢ off 1 Gallon of Gas
The Reward = \$1 per 10 Gallons of Gas
Savings = **1%**

-VS-



The Deal = Buy a gift cards for stores or restaurants that you go to anyway.
The Reward = The church gets a percentage of the sale anywhere from 1-12% with specials that go up to 25%.
Savings = **Average of 4.3%!***