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<div>  One Great Hour of Sharing Offering begins Feb 26- April 5th </div>						

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February, 2020



SERMONS

February Sermons

Feb 2 – Weakness and Strength –Psalm 15, I Cor 1:18-31

Feb 9 –Elder Linda Smith preaching

Feb 16 – Working Together –Psalm 119:1-8,I Cor. 3:1-9

Feb 23 – Transfiguration –Psalm 2, Matthew 17:1-9

March Sermons

March 1 – Nicene Creed on Lent: For Our Sake

March 8 – Nicene Creed on Lent: Crucified

March 15 – Nicene Creed on Lent: Under Pontius Pilate

March 22 - Nicene Creed on Lent: He Suffered

March 29 - Nicene Creed on Lent: He Died

important information arises. This would include: church cancellations, event changes, important events, or serious events. Please call the church office to be placed on this list.

Prayer Chain – The prayer chain is an email list that updates everyone on new prayer requests as they come in. If you would like to be added to the prayer chain, email Kim Dershem at kdershem@windstream.net.

Pictures – Please remember to take pictures of church events as they happen. Send them to the church office email if you take a picture you wish to share. firstpresofc@gmail.com

Bulletin Boards– please feel free to pencil in events on the calendars outside of Sheri's office. Check out the E&O Bulletin Board for updates on our missionaries.

CHURCH LIFE

Souper Bowl Sunday

February 2 following worship



Last year seven challengers shared their soup entries with us for lunch. Over 40 people feasted and voted; the First Presbyterian Golden Ladle went home with Rose Novell for her Chicken Gnocchi.

Let's give her a run for her ladle folks!

Everyone is invited to come enjoy a soup lunch. Let Priscilla Hare know if you will be bringing a soup entry so we know how many serving tables to set. Each diner will be given two tickets to vote for their favorite soup.

Bring a can of soup or cash donation for the Licking County Food Pantry, and you will be given an extra vote ticket!

Looking forward to a Souper Day!

February 16th

Finger Food and Fun

Games and Puzzles



Gluten Free Communion Available

We now have gluten free communion wafers available for anyone who wants them. They are in the communion cup trays.

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



Lunch Bunch will meet at the Olive Garden in Heath on February 19th at Noon

CHURCH OFFICE

Church Emails – Every Wednesday, a church wide email is sent out with announcements, prayer requests, volunteer schedules and other information. Please send your email to firstpresofc@gmail.com if you are not receiving these emails.

No Email? – We are compiling a list of individuals with no email that would like to be called if

Presbytery of Scioto Valley

WINTER YOUTH RETREAT

Let
Love
Lead

February 7-9

Small Groups For:
6-8 Grade
9-12 Grade



PRESBYTERY of
SCIOTO VALLEY

Winter Youth Retreat

Let Love Lead

Cost

\$90 per participant

If you register your group by January 15

\$100 per participant

After January 15

Worship

This weekend brings many opportunities to worship God in meaningful, creative and reflective ways.

Keynote/Music

We've invited very engaging and powerful leaders to help us explore

this year's theme with the large group. The keynote sessions promise to be fun, as well as thought provoking, with great music to bring us in each time!

Small Groups

Led by local youth volunteers, you'll play games, read scripture, and have deep discussions, forming long lasting relationships with youth from all over the presbytery.

Recreation

There are lots of opportunities for fun and games throughout the weekend. Outdoor fun like: sledding, hiking, basketball and organized games. Indoor fun like: party games, energizers, trivia night, pool, movies and team building exercises.

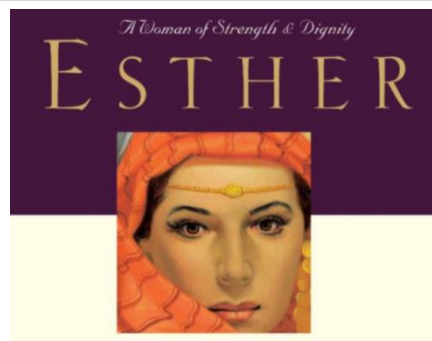
Keynote Speaker

Courtney Stevens

Courtney Stevens serves as an associate pastor for youth and young adult ministry at Highland Presbyterian Church in Winston Salem, North Carolina. She is passionate about helping young people engage with God's story through scripture, play, and recreation. She travels the world to find the best doughnuts and lives with her dog Remy.



SUNDAY SCHOOL



The Adult Sunday School class is continuing our study on Esther. Written by Chuck Swindoll, this is a thought-provoking study of God's invisible hand writing silently and unseen across the pages of human history. Esther's story is the account of godly attributes like courage, dignity, wisdom, and strength – attributes that blocked an evil plot, overthrew an arrogant killer, and replaced terror with joy in thousands of Jewish homes.

We are seeing how the qualities that formed and empowered Esther can be ours as well. She was just an ordinary orphaned girl that God used to change the course of history. She didn't become great in her own strength, but was empowered by God when she surrendered her life to Him. God can use us in the same manner when we, too, submit to Him.

It's not too late to join us Sunday mornings at 9:15 in the Journey Room.

EVANGELISM & OUTREACH

Action for Children



FATHER FACTOR

Fatherhood skills, resources, and support

Father Factor Report and Thank You

Ten men received certificates of completion at the final session December 23, 2019 of the 12th Father Factor Cohort. There were 2 additional men who really liked the cohort but were unable to complete this group. We hope to have them back for the next cohort.

First Presbyterian Church deserves special mention for the kindness and hospitality they show letting us use their building, in providing delicious desserts each week, and other support they give us throughout the years. (First Presbyterian Church gave each man a Christmas gift book called The Case for Christmas and a graduation book called 30 Ways a Father Can Bless His Children.)

Please keep the referrals coming. The 13th Father Factor Cohort will run on consecutive Thursdays from March 19 through May 7, 2020.

The Evangelism and Outreach Committee thanks all of those who provided snacks to bless the men attending the Father Factor course which ran from Nov. 4 to Dec. 23. This was one more encouragement to them as they seek to be better fathers.

❧ CANDLEWICK COMMONS ❧

Thank you to all who gave to allow us to share Christmas gift cards with our neighbors at Candlewick Commons. The residents were so appreciative of this gift to them and enjoyed our Christmas meal and fellowship.

Our next outreach to them will be on Tuesday, March 17 at 4:00 P.M. We have changed our visiting date to Tuesday in order for Ann Robinson to provide entertainment for them. We are so pleased that this can happen, as they enjoy Ann's music so much.

Our menu will be meatloaf, potatoes, green beans, Mandarin salad and cake. We will be asking for cakes at a later date, but wanted to be aware of the upcoming outreach.

Thank you for your wonderful generosity to bless our neighbors.



Wilson Gift Cards: Orders for Wilson's Garden Center Gift Cards will be taken between February 1 and March 31.

The cards will be sold by prepaid order. Orders received by Sunday, February 23, will be delivered on Sunday, March 1. Orders received by Sunday, March 29, will be delivered on Sunday, April 5.

Order forms are available in the sanctuary on the sign-up table. Please make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church with Wilson Gift Card in the memo line. Orders can be given to Debbie Blamer or dropped into the offering plate.

COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES



**All services held at 2nd Presbyterian Church
Starting at Noon.**

Ash Wed

Feb. 26th
March 4th
March 11th
March 18th
March 25th
April 1st

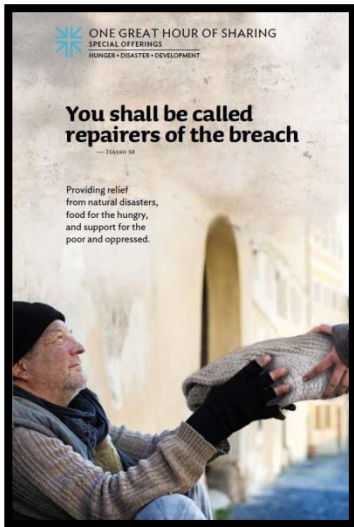
First Presbyterian
Trinity AME
First United
St. Francis
Trinity Episcopal
Second Presbyterian

What Is Lent?



Lent is the Christian season of preparation before Easter. The Lenten season is a time when many Christians observe a period of fasting, repentance, moderation, self-denial and spiritual discipline. The purpose is to set aside time for reflection on Jesus Christ - his suffering and his sacrifice, his life, death, burial and resurrection.

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

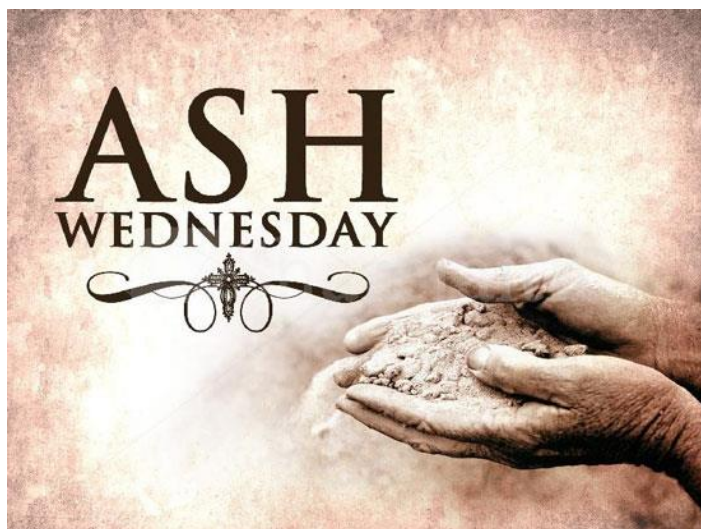


Sharing has been defined as giving part of what we have to others, or not keeping everything we have but passing it around to others. It is often a difficult concept to learn, but once understood can bring great joy to our lives as we bless others with our giving. During the Lenten season, our church has blessed the lives of others by participating in the One Great Hour of Sharing for

more than seventy years. The Session has again approved the receiving of this offering from **Ash Wednesday, February 26 to Palm Sunday, April 5, 2020.**

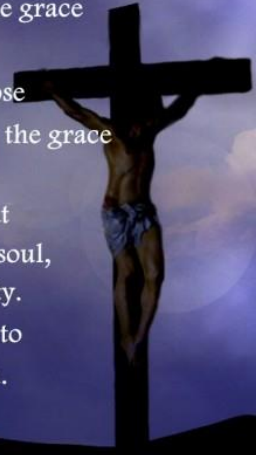
This year, as we have for the past few years, we will be collecting our One Great Hour of Sharing offering to be divided equally among World Vision, Presbyterian Disaster Services and the local Salvation Army. In next month's newsletter, we will be sharing more about these missions and the work they do. In the meantime, envelopes and banks will be available by February 23 to receive the offering, which last year was \$913.85.

As you ponder what you will give, remember *Hebrews 13:16 "And do not forget to do good and share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased."*



A Prayer for Lenten Grace

Loving God,
During the sacred season of Lent, bring me closer to you.
Prepare a place in my home and heart for silence and solitude, so that I may re-discover the grace of a prayer-full life.
Enlarge my heart so that I give to those in need and, in so doing, re-discover the grace of gratitude and generosity.
Help me to fast from those things that threaten the well-being of body and soul, remind me of the grace and simplicity.
May this season be grace-filled time to rekindle my love for and faith in you.
Amen.



February Birthdays!

Steven Brand	2/1
Aimee Wahl	2/1
Emily Messer	2/3
Rose Gibson	2/7
Peggy Lieb	2/8
Diane Dodson	2/11
Joyce Harris	2/11
Chris Rainey	2/13
John Denison	2/14
Bruce Weekly	2/16
Tracee Barr	2/18
Michael Frick	2/20
John Mattern	2/20
Donna Kinney	2/23
Darla Talbott	2/23
Dan Gargus	2/27

January Anniversaries!

Robert and Phyllis Fish	2/3
Bob & Cindy Parkinson	2/11