



FPC Newsletter

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WE WORSHIP TOGETHER

By The Rev. Dr. Jennifer Turick

“The Season of Lent”

What is the first thing which comes into your mind when someone mentions Lent? For some Christians, they begin to talk about what they are “going to give up for Lent.” It is as if the beginning of Lent is also a second chance at actually making and keeping one’s New Year’s Resolutions.

There is so much more to Lent. It is a journey with Jesus toward the cross and the empty tomb beyond. Yes. Christians throughout the years have found it helpful to be more consciously discipline with prayer, fasting, read the Bible, and carding for the poor.

Originating in the fourth century of the church, the season of Lent spans 40 weekdays, beginning on Ash Wednesday and climaxing during Holy Week. Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Sunrise and Easter Morning Celebration.



Over the years the observance of Lent has grown so that it is now a period of time for everyone in the Church (as well as people wishing to publicly declare their faith and join the church) and deepen in faith.

“PUT AWAY THE TINSEL”

When Lent comes,
You have to put away the tinsel;
You have to take down your Christmas tree,
And stand out in the open . . . vulnerable.
You either are or you aren’t.
You either believe or you don’t.
You either will or you won’t.
And, O Lord, how we have the stable and the star!
When Lent comes the angels’ voices
Begin their lamenting,
And we find ourselves in a courtyard
Where we must answer
Whether we know him or not.



CHURCH STAFF:

Choir Director, Thomas Kimble	Organist, Dr. Thomas Veregge
Custodian, Tim Klinker	Nursery Attendant, Linda Flowers
Liturgist, Tom Johnston	Secretary, Denise Metzger Kelling
Pastor Associate, The Rev. Dr. Richard Ellsworth	

MARCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		28 (Feb) Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.	1 6:30–8 p.m. Karate 7:30 p.m. CHOIR Illumin8 6–8 pm Ash Wednesday Service 7 p.m.	2 5:30 – 9 p.m. GS Troop #386	3	4
5 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Deacon's Meeting 10:45 a.m. Worship COMMUNION Cong. Meeting After Worship	6 7:30-8:30 p.m. CLOGGING	7	8 6:30–8 p.m. Karate 7:30 p.m. CHOIR	9 5:30 – 9 p.m. GS Troop #386	10	11 Boggs/Witt Bridal Shower 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.
12 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Worship GST #386 Sunday & Lunch	13 7:30-8:30 p.m. CLOGGING	14 7:30 p.m. Session Meeting 6 – 8 p.m. C.S. Pack #4021 (Basement/F.H.)	15 6:30–8 p.m. Karate 7:30 p.m. CHOIR Illumin8 6 – 8 p.m.	16 5:30 – 9 p.m. GS Troop #386	17	18
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Lenten Schedule & Study Opportunities



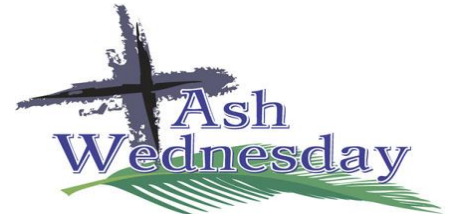
SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Tuesday, Feb. 28th – 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Suggested Donation:
Adults ~ \$ 7 (unlimited
pancakes & 2 sausages)

Kids under 10 ~ \$5 (unlimited pancakes & 1 sausage)
FREE refills on coffee & tea! Proceeds go to the Choir Fund!

Ash Wednesday Service -- March 1st at 7 p.m.



BIBLE STUDY EVENTS:

- Sunday Afternoon, March 5th, “Table Talk With Jesus” at 1 p.m. *By Jim Boggs*
- Wednesday, March 8th – “Thy Will Be Done” at 10 a.m.
Dinner at 6 p.m. ~ “Thy Will Be Done” at 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 15th, “Not Fair” at 10 a.m.
Dinner at 6 p.m. ~ “Not Fair” at 6:30 p.m.
- Sunday, March 19th, “Table Talk with Jesus” at 1 p.m. *By Jim Boggs*
- Wednesday, March 22nd, “The Lamb Before the Fox” at 10 a.m.
Dinner at 6 p.m. ~ “The Lamb Before the Fox” at 6:30 p.m.
- Sunday, March 26th, “Table Talk with Jesus” at 1 p.m. *By Jim Boggs*
- Wednesday, March 29th, “No Way Out” at 10 a.m.
Dinner at 6 p.m. ~ “No Way Out” at 6:30 p.m.
- Sunday, April 2nd, “Table Talk with Jesus” at 1 p.m. *By Jim Boggs*

PAL M SUNDAY – April 9th With Easter Egg Hunt Following

The honor of your presence is requested on Sunday Night, April 9th at 7 p.m.

Please gather in the Fellowship Hall.

The Lord’s Supper will be both enacted and celebrated.



MAUNDY
Thursday

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE – April 13th at 7 p.m.

With Communion

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE & BRUNCH

April 16th at 8 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)

Sanctuary Traditional Service at 10:45 a.m.



Prayers, Birthdays & More

Please call the Office, Pastor Jennifer Turick or an Elder for any prayer, needs and emergencies.

Call the office at 740-927-4796 and leave a message for changes in the weekly prayer list, updates or announcements. Remember that hospitals do call the church to notify if you or a loved one has been admitted.

CARE & PRAYER LIST:

- Doris Laughlin (Church friend), is now half way through her chemotherapy. Please pray for her strength as she continues therapy & for a successful outcome. Praise God for the support of her sons who have been staying overnight with Frank & Doris. Bless them & strengthen them in their caregiving;
 - Sympathies to the Family of William VanWinkle (former member), age 40, who passed away unexpectedly 2/16; funeral was 2/25 in Newark, OH;
 - Sympathies to the family of Courtney (Don Crawford's nephew's partner) who died after being hit by a train 1/ 22;
 - Sympathies to the Family of Roy Flowers (Nursery Attendant, Linda Flowers' Father), age 90, passed 1/31; Funeral service 2/5;
 - Sympathies to the Family of Peg Brock (Tabitha & Julie Boggs' Grandmother / Jim's Mother-in-law), age 80, passed 1/29; funeral 2/3;
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Church Family & Friends with Cancer

Janice Hammond (Betty Gieseck's Sister-In-Law), breast cancer;

Darlie Hart (Dick Lord's Sister) breast cancer;

Jane Wildman (Wildman's grandmother) lung cancer;

Gordon Woodring (Sarah Wolfe's friend) kidney cancer;

Church & Family Members at Home

Connie & Victor DeRose, Howard Efaw, Faye Hammond, Claudia Johnston, Anne Nixon, Billie Ritchey

MARCH BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Victor DeRose, Pat Morrison
- 10 Chris Crawford, Richard Gualtieri
- 11 Beth Vanko
- 13 Alaina Dixon, Delores Spaulding
- 14 Beverly Hammond
- 18 Mike Bowlby, Ava Wandersleben
- 23 Joyce Mathews
- 27 Catherine Baird, Brian Ladd
- 29 *Brian & Genie Dixon*
- 30 Brian Dixon
- 31 Betty Gieseck



Weekly Calendar of Events:

SUNDAY: Sunday School 9:30 a.m. / Worship at 10:45 a.m.

Confirmation Classes at 9:30 a.m. through Easter 2017

MONDAY: Clogging, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

TUESDAY: Cub Scout Pack #4021 (2nd & 4th Tuesdays), 6 – 8 p.m.

WEDS: Karate Class, 6:30 to 8 p.m. – Choir Practice, 7:30 p.m.

Illumin8 Youth Gathering – Every Other Wednesday, 6 – 8 p.m.

THURS: Girl Scout Troop #386, 5:30 – 9:00 p.m. (Every week)

Easter Word Search Puzzle

Circle the words that you find.

R E H T A F P Q E A X A N A Q U
A J C M F S U S E J M H O Z F T
D I S C I P L E S C X E I I I Y
G B E B H U B K Y T F V T K E R
P C H B P R K R S J A I C C A A
R R O G P P A O B M G L E S S M
Q I O M K N H R B J R A R A T U
M D T I G G F R S B E M R W E R
A D B E Y Q P X U K N U U O R A
G K L L T V W Y S Q E D S I S B
C S O R P E T E R U D G E E J B
R H A N N A O J K W R F R D O O
O Y Z F I V G I P G A B A D H N
S Q O A S Y R O N G G E M G N I
S E P U L C H R E N D S P O L I
K U O F X L K I I X J W U B T N

Alive
Angels
Cross
Dead
Disciples
Easter
Father
Gardener

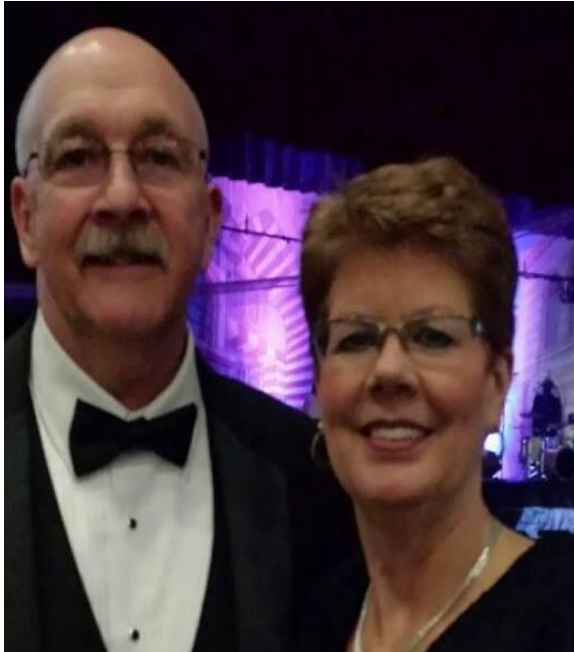
God
Holy Ghost
Jesus
Joanna
John
Mary
Peter
Rabboni

Resurrection
Sepulchre
Tomb



HAPPY EASTER, EVERYONE!

Church Family News



Congratulations to Fred Goldstein who was installed as Worshipful Master of the Pataskala Masonic Lodge 404 this past December!



Congratulations are in order for Leslie Crawford who retired from her longtime Nursing Career (most recently at Mt. Carmel)! Enjoy your most deserving time off!

Our Secretary, Denise Kelling, was honored for 25 years of service this past January!

With a Heart full of gratitude and appreciation . . . I want to thank each and every one of you here at First Presbyterian Church . . . for recognizing my 25th year as your church secretary on January 15. The lovely card & gold bracelet that I was given are absolutely beautiful and I LOVE them! It has been such an honor & blessing to be here these years with so many loving, caring and giving people! I love you all – past and present!

Easter Lily Orders - \$8 each

Give your order to the Office or in the Offering plate by March 31st

Make checks payable to: First Presbyterian Church (memo line: "Lilies").

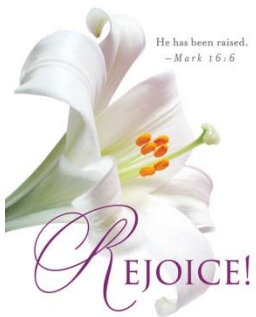
Your Name(s): _____

Please CIRCLE your choice - in MEMORY of or in HONOR of:
Please print their name(s) below:

OR To the Honor & Glory of God: _____

Check which of the following applies:

I will leave the plant: _____ I will take the plant: _____ # of plants wanted: _____ Total enclosed: _____



Rev. Turick's Upcoming Sermon Notes

Sunday, March 5th, 2017 – The First Sunday of Lent

"The Via Dolorosa: And the Angels Wept"

Luke 22: 39-48 and Isaiah 50: 4-9a

On the First Sunday of Lent we begin a sermon series on Jesus' journey to the cross. Over the years this has been called the "Via Dolorosa." On first stop is to join Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. There he spent agonizing hours in prayer asking the Father to "let this cup pass from me." Jesus finally concludes his prayer with the powerful words, "Not my will, but your will Father God be done." The scripture lessons are *Luke 22: 39-48* and *Isaiah 50: 4-9a*. The message title is: "And the Angels Wept: Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane."

Sunday, March 12th, 2017 –The Second Sunday of Lent

"The Via Dolorosa: When the Waters of Justice Ran Dry"

Jesus before Caiaphas

Amos 5:21-24 and Matthew 26: 57-68

On the Second Sunday of Lent we follow Jesus after he is arrested in the garden of Gethsemane. There he knew the bitterness of Judas' betrayal. But as the night goes on, there will be more betrayals, outright lies, and great injustice. Before noon of the following day, Jesus will be brought to trial before three different courts of law. The first is when he was brought before the Sanhedrin by the chief priest. Our scripture reading is found in *Matthew 26: 57-68* and *Amos 5: 21-24*. The sermon is entitled: "When the Waters of Justice Ran Dry: Jesus Before Caiaphas."

Sunday, March 19th, 2017 – The Third Sunday of Lent

"Via Dolorosa: The Lamb and the Fox"

Isaiah 55: 1-9 and Luke 23: 6-12

Herod Antipas, the son of Herod the Great and the tetrarch of Galilee, seems to have spent much of his life running scared. To better understand the fear which drove Herod, read *Matthew 14: 1-12*. On the night of Jesus' arrest, when Pilate found out he was a Galilean and thus under that jurisdiction, he had him bundled off to Herod's headquarters immediately. Pilate had always disliked Herod and so he was tickled pink to have this opportunity to needle him. Ironically, Herod was tickled pink too because he had heard about this Jesus. Herod was looking forward to seeing Jesus perform some of his more spectacular tricks. Unfortunately, Jesus refused to accommodate him or even to answer his questions. Herod took this to be a sign of weakness and so he decided to have a little fun with him. He had his soldiers rough him up for a while and then dressing him up as a "king," he returned him to Pilate.

No Way Out: Jesus Before Pilate"

Sunday, March 26th, 2017 – The Fourth Sunday of Lent

"Via Dolorosa: No Way Out"

Jesus Before Pilate

Isaiah 42: 1-9 and John 18: 28 – 19: 16

Jesus is tried before the Roman governor because this is the only way that the religious leaders can secure a death sentence. They have no qualms about altering the charges from the religious to the political. Pilate knows that the charges are unfounded, but he gives into the pressure and crucifies an innocent man. As the Roman governor, Pilate had the last word. He could have saved Jesus, if he'd wanted to, and all indications are that for various reasons this is exactly what he would have liked to have done.

He did try . . . Pilate sent Jesus to Herod. Pilate offered to free one prisoner in honor of the Passover. The crowd chose Barabbas. Pilate suggested a lesser sentence. Jesus could be beaten and then let go.

When it became clear that he would stir up a nasty hornet's nest by setting the man free, and when, in addition to that, the Jews pointed out, that no true friend of Caesars would ever let the pressures and said to go ahead and crucify Him if that's what they had their hearts set on.

Sunday, April 2nd, 2017 – The Fifth Sunday of Lent

"Via Dolorosa: Blasphemy in a Barracks"

Jesus and the Soldiers

Isaiah 53: 1-6 and Matthew 27: 27-31

Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere and the crowd was growing out of control. Therefore, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood, It is your responsibility."

Then he released Barabbas to them. But, he had Jesus flogged and handed him over to be crucified. Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorian and gathered the whole company of soldiers around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head and mocked him. "Hail, King of the Jews!" they said. They spit on him and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again. After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes back on him. Then they lead him away to be crucified. We shudder when we read of how cruelly the Roman soldiers treated Jesus. But we also mock our Lord when we say we believe in him and yet our lives betray him.

Sunday, April 9th, 2017 – Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday Story

Thursday, April 13th, 2017 – Maundy Thursday Service

Sunday, April 16th, 2017 – Easter / Resurrection of the Lord Sunday