

Lent

John the Baptist each spent time fasting (going without eating) in The desert before entering into ministry.

Fasting is one way Christians prepare to serve God. The season of Lent is a time of preparation for the death and resurrection of Jesus on Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, when ministers mark the foreheads of Christians with ashes as a reminder that all Christians are created from dust and into dust they shall return. Lent follows Jesus from his adult ministry through his suffering during Holy Week, and continues to Maundy Thursday (The Last Supper), to his crucifixion and death on Good Friday.

Because the Last Supper was celebrated during the Feast of the Passover, which is calculated on the phases of the moon, Easter is called a moveable feast. Lent is schooled backward from Easter. Easter falls on the first Sunday after the full moon after the spring equinox. The forty days of fasting and penitence during Lent do not include Sundays. Christians always celebrate Sunday as the day Jesus rose from the dead, so it is never a day of fasting.

Lent is a time of stripping down to essentials, as each Christian focuses on his or her individual relationship with God. No one asks another person to do without or to suffer during Lent- the sacrificial observance is private and personal. No Christian uses Lent as an excuse for self-righteousness. The focus of Lent is to study more deeply, to pray more sincerely and to show greater kindness.

Because Lent is a time for letting go of the bondage of sin, it is also a time of celebrating the freedom from the bondage of slavery. At the Feast of the Passover, all Jews give thanks for their freedom from the captivity of the Egyptians.

They remember Moses, their leader, when they celebrate the miracle of the Exodus.

The color of Lent is purple.

Prayer Pot Instructions

On Ash Wednesday: Place the prayer pot in a special place where it can't be missed—perhaps the center of the family table. It reminds everyone that Lent is here, but remains empty for the next few days.

On the First Sunday of Lent: A small heart cut from construction paper is placed in the pot during the main meal, to remind everyone of God's love and that they should show their love for, and be kind to, others.

On the Second Sunday of Lent: A small seed is placed in the pot to remind everyone that God's love for them constantly grows and that they should show love and compassion for other people.

On the third Sunday of Lent: Place a rubber band in the pot as a reminder that God always stretches His patience and everyone should do the same for others, especially when it isn't easy.

On the fourth Sunday of Lent: A marble is placed in the pot to remind everyone to take turns and share with others in all that they do.

On the fifth Sunday of Lent: Add a band-aid to the pot to remind everyone to help other people when they are sad or hurt.

On Palm Sunday: Place a tiny piece of the palm you get at church, to remind everyone that Jesus is their King and they should remember to say their prayers to Him.

On Easter Sunday: The last item is a tiny piece of eggshell to remind everyone that Jesus will be with them always and is always ready to hear their prayers.

CARE & PRAYER LIST: (Red indicates new prayer for this week.)

- **Karen Cruse** will have a complete reverse shoulder replacement surgery on Tues., March 7 at the James OSU Hospital;
- **Larry Farley** (The Lords' friend) back at Riverside with infection;
- **Doris Laughlin** (Church friend), is more than half way through her chemotherapy. Please pray for her strength as she continues therapy & for a successful outcome.
- **Isaac Solove** (Jamie Bowlby's nephew) needs prayer & guidance;
- **Tom Wandersleben** (Eric's brother) hospitalized with pneumonia. He's been battling an incurable condition the past five years and got sick after beginning his latest round of dialysis.
- **Sympathies to the Family of William VanWinkle** (former member), age 40, passed unexpectedly 2/16; funeral was 2/25;
- **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;

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/Care Centers

Connie & Victor DeRose, Howard Efaw, Faye Hammond,

Claudia Johnston, Anne Nixon

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

Karen Johnston wants to take this time to remember her best friend, Phortia Stevens, who passed away two years ago March 3rd. Phortia was a very sweet lady and she is missed greatly by Karen and her church family here at First Presbyterian Church! We are so thankful that we had her in our midst – until we meet again!!

Old First Church News – March 5, 2017

Childcare offered 9:30 – Noon in the Lower Level Nursery.
If you are visiting today, we thank you for your visit and hope you enjoy the “Welcome Packet” provided by our Church Greeter.

Please call the Office 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.
PLEASE NOTE: Assisted Listening Devices are available in the Sanctuary during Worship. If you need instructions, please see the Greeter.

After Worship, please join us upstairs in Fellowship Hall, for coffee & light refreshments!



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
Table Take With Jesus (w/ Jim Boggs) at 1 - 2 p.m.
- MONDAY:** Clogging, 7:30-8:30 p.m.
- TUESDAY:** Cub Scout Pack #4021 (2nd & 4th Tuesdays), 6 – 8 p.m.
- WEDS:** Karate Class, 6:30-8 p.m. – Choir Practice, 7:30 p.m.
Illumin8 Youth Gathering – Every Other Wednesday, 6 – 8 p.m.
Thy Will Be Done (w/ Rev. Jen) at 10 a.m. / Dinner at 6 p.m.
Thy Will Be Done (w/ Kathy Wallace) 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- THURS:** Girl Scout Troop #386, 5:30 – 9:00 p.m. (Every week)

*** SPECIAL CALENDAR DATES ***

- Good News Club February 23 – March 23 (after School)
- Bible Study “Table Talk With Jesus” (Jim Boggs) Today at 1 p.m.
- Bible Study “Thy Will Be Done” Weds, March 8, 10–11 a.m. (Rev. Jen) and 6:30-7:30 p.m. (Kathy Wallace) -- Dinner at 6 p.m.
- Bridal Shower / Fellowship Hall – Sat., March 11, 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- Bereans Meeting – Thurs., March 23 at Noon/Fellowship Hall

Giving Totals for Sunday, Feb. 26, 2017

Deacons \$40.01 Lilies \$16 Missions (S.H.4Jesus) \$75
Per Capita \$33 Rental Proceeds \$1,020 **Plate \$2,605**

Past Attendance & PLATE Offering - Budget needs \$3,700 weekly

2/5: 48 / \$4,262.87 2/12: 46 / \$3,290 2/19: 66 / \$2,522 2/26: 59 / \$2,605

Our Church at Worship
First Presbyterian Church of Pataskala
March 5th, 2017 ~ 10:45 a.m.

Gathering of God's People

Ringing of the Steeple Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Ritual of Friendship (*Please sign & pass the black pew pads*)

Greeting and Passing of the Peace

Prelude and the Lighting of the Candles

Choral Introit

Call to Worship

Leader: The trumpet of the Lord sounds, calling us to
examine our souls,

**People: for we have not only met temptation, we
have felt its grip.**

Leader: The trumpet of the Lord sounds, calling us to mend
our ways,

**People: for we have not only committed sin, we have
felt it sting.**

Leader: The trumpet of the Lord sounds, calling us to rend
our hearts,

**People: for we have not only witnessed forgiveness,
we have felt its power.**

ALL: O come, let us worship the Lord!

***Opening Hymn of Praise No. 11:**

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

Journey with us, O holy God,
as we begin our way to the cross.
Sharpen our focus, that our attention
may center more on you than ourselves.
Lead us through the shadows of darkness and
prepare our hearts,
that we might be a people of prayer,
ready to perceive and respond to your Son and our
Savior, Jesus Christ.
In his name we pray. Amen.

***Responsive Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: The Lord God said:
I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit
within you;

**People: I will remove from you your heart of stone
and give you a heart of flesh.**

Leader: In Christ, all God's promises are "Yes."

**People: Hear the good news: Through Christ,
our minds and hearts are cleansed, healed,
and renewed!**

***Gloria Patri / Response No. 546:**

*Glory be to the Father
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be
world without end. Amen, Amen.*

Proclamation of God's Word

Children's Message

By Linda Glenn

Anthem: "Create In Me a Clean Heart, O God"

Carl F. Mueller

Scripture Reading

Mark 14: 26 – 42

Sermon

By The Rev. Dr. Jennifer L. Turick

"Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane: and the Angels Wept"

***Hymn of Response No. 275: "Amazing Grace"**

***Affirmation of Faith**

During his whole life on earth,
but especially at the end,
Christ sustained
in body and soul
the anger of God against the sin of the whole human race.
This he did in order that, by his suffering as the only
atoning sacrifice,
he might set us free, body and soul,
from eternal condemnation,
and gain for us God's grace,
righteousness, and eternal life.

Response to God's Word

Call to Stewardship

Offertory

***Doxology**

Unison Prayer of Dedication

Compassionate God,
we offer you these gifts as signs of our time and labor.
Receive the offering of our lives and feed us with your
grace,
that in the midst of death all creation might feast
on your unending life in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy
kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the
power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Choral Response

Communion Anthem: "Lord of All, Most Holy"

Hal Hopson

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Consecration

Fellowship of the Communion Meal

Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving

Go Out as God's People in the World

***Closing Hymn No. 190:** *"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"*

***Benediction**

***Choral Response**

A special thank you to Riah Turick who typed the original format of this Sunday's bulletin. Denise truly appreciates your willingness of time and effort to help out while away with her mother-in-law in the hospital.

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For immediate needs, prayer or counsel – call a church elder.



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CHURCH STAFF

Minister: The Rev. Dr. Jennifer L. Turick
The Rev. Dr. Richard Ellsworth, Pastor Associate
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