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THE PRESBYTERIAN MESSENGER

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March 17 – Fifth Sunday in Lent

Soup Luncheon following worship

Scriptures: Jeremiah 31:31-34
Hebrews 5:5-10
John 12:27-33



Sermon: "What God Promises"

Liturgist: Ruth Newman

Music: Haviland Choir;
Bravura Woodwind Quintet

March 24 – Palm/Passion Sunday

Scriptures: Isaiah 50:4-9a
Philippians 2:5-11
Mark 14:32-42

Sermon: "Behold Your God"

Liturgist: Lynn Zocolo

Music: Haviland Choir



Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday service on March 24 10:30 a.m. ~ *Maundy Thursday* service on March 28 at 7:30 p.m.
Good Friday service on March 29 at 12:15 p.m. ~ *Easter Sunday* service on March 31 at 10:30 a.m.
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated on Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday.

Maundy Thursday and what is Tenebrae?

Maundy Thursday service will be at 7:30 PM on March 28 at First Presbyterian Church. Maundy means "commandment" is when Jesus shared The Last Supper with his disciples three days before his crucifixion and commanded them to love one another. We will celebrate Communion at this service and then strip the Table of all adornments to symbolize Christ's impending death.

We will celebrate Tenebrae after Communion. Tenebrae means darkness. This very special religious service is characterized by the reading of Scripture and extinguishing one of 14 candles after each reading. The Sanctuary is left in darkness with only the Christ Candle burning, which is then escorted out of the church. The service concludes with a LOUD NOISE representing the earthquake that followed the death of Christ.

"Were You There When They Crucified My Lord" is sung from the balcony as the Congregation leaves in silence.

Just as Christmas brings Christ's light into the world, Tenebrae brings us the darkness of sorrow when Our Lord is symbolically hidden from our view. Then Easter brings us the joy of His Resurrection.

I encourage you to share in this somber but beautiful service during Holy Week.

Respectfully submitted by Elder Barb Yonker

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Thank You Notes:

Your prayers and concern were very much appreciated. ~ *Joshua, Tonya & 3 children (son & family of Gloria Shafer)*

Thank you for the thoughts and prayers for my surgery and recovery. ~ *Tom Shafer*

The Board Members, Staff and Volunteers would like to thank you for your recent donation. Gifts like yours allow us to continue to provide services to our Salem neighbors during these challenging times. Your \$300 donation is much appreciated and helps put food on the tables of children, adults and seniors who otherwise might be missing meals because they lack resources to purchase food. Sincerely, *Rose Converse, Treasurer, Salem Community Pantry Inc.*

Our LOGOS Middle School Group will meet on Sunday afternoons for the first 3 weeks of March with the Middle School youth of the Canfield Presbyterian Church. Our youth will carpool following church each Sunday. Activities include laser Tag, a Clue Mystery game at the Canfield church, and a Where's Waldo (Pastor Larry) event for youth and parents at the mall. Questions? Contact Bill Penfold for details.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance – *Restore Streets to Live In*
Presbyterian Hunger Program – *Share Bread with the Hungry*
Self-Development of People - *Loose the Bonds of Injustice*



We are there – For 75 years, **One Great Hour of Sharing** has partnered with others to take action to share God's love. Through these three life-saving programs, we are there to advance the causes of justice, resilience, and sustainability. Please give what you can. If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot!

As of March 10, we have received \$1,598 towards our goal of \$3,500.

NEWS from The First Presbyterian Preschool

Presbyterian Scholarship Fund: The First Presbyterian Preschool has started an initiative to provide financial assistance to preschool aged children whose parents may need some monetary help in attending preschool this fall. A separate church fund has been established as a means for church members, community members as well as organizations to contribute to this fund to support this project. The fund is called "Preschool Scholarship Fund". The Preschool Board is also discussing ways to support the funding through fundraisers, etc. If church members wish to help in this effort to assist parents who need some financial support to send their child to our preschool this fall, you may do so by contributing through your church contributions. Putting the words "Preschool Scholarship Fund" on your check would indicate that you are supporting this fund. Money in church envelopes could also be designated on the envelope with the words "Preschool Scholarship Fund". The Preschool Board thanks you in advance for your consideration in supporting this important preschool scholarship initiative.





Preschool Spring Fundraiser: Little Critters Soda from Kast Iron – March 1 to March 14

There are four flavors: root beer, orange, black cherry, and blue raspberry. They are one bottle for \$3.00 or two for \$5.00. The Preschool will be selling the soda during Coffee Hour this Sunday, March 17.



Presbyterian Preschool Easter Egg Hunt – Tuesday morning, March 26

We are looking for some people who would like to help our preschoolers enjoy that fun Easter Tradition by filling plastic Easter eggs. The Christian Education Committee has informed us that there are lots of plastic eggs available for us to use. All you would have to do is fill them. If you would like to help fill some eggs, please contact Carol Ricciardi for details.

ANNUAL CHURCH GARAGE SALE

Saturday, April 27, 2024 (7 a.m. – 3 p.m.)

“Early Bird” for church members (Friday, April 26, 1-3 p.m.)

Please help by looking for clean, usable items you no longer need. There will be tables for Kitchen, Music, Holiday, Working Lamps, Linens, Garage, Jewelry, Kids and Toys, Small Furniture, Bikes etc., Antiques, Books, Pictures.

PLEASE: No Clothing, No Shoes, No Electronics, No TVs, No Computers, No Upholstered Furniture, No Food, No Open Toiletries or Makeup

Place all donation items on the stage in Fellowship Hall no later than Sunday, April 21.

Need pick-up? Call Melissa at 330-853-1955. Proceeds to LOGOS/Sunday School Mission.

March: *Happy Birthday! Karen Dennison (22), Dick Shanker (24)*

- 13 / Weds 10:00 Tai Chi Class (FH)
6:15 Carillon Ringers (200)
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Finance and Administration Committee via Zoom
- 14 / Thurs **5:30 Preschool Board of Trustees (L)**
- 15 / Fri 9:00-12:00 Church Office Hours
- 17 / Sun 9:00 Church School for Grades 6-12 (209)
9:00 Church School for Adults (L)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Service of Worship
11:30 Soup Luncheon (FH)
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (Scout Room)
- 18 / Mon 10:00 Tai Chi Class (FH)
6:00 Scouts Troop 3 (SR) and 2003G (209)
- 20 / Weds 10:00 Tai Chi Class (FH)
6:15 Carillon Ringers (200)
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)



Café Justo's great Organic Coffee is what we serve every Sunday during Coffee Hour. Cost is \$12 for a 1-pound bag of Regular, Decaf, or Whole Bean Coffee. Cooperative members own the entire business from the growing through the roasting, and the coffee is famous for its smooth taste and low acidity. It is Organic certified and has a Fair Trade Plus certification. If you want to purchase, stop in the Church Office during the week.

21 / Thurs **7:00 Regular Session Meeting (L) – In Person & Hybrid**

24 / Sun 9:00 Church School for Grades 6-12 (209)
9:00 Church School for Adults (L)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Service of Worship
11:30 Environmental Team (L)
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (Scout Room)

25 / Mon 10:00 Tai Chi Class (FH)
6:00 Scouts Troop 3 (SR) and 2003G (209)

26 / Tues **Preschool Easter Egg Hunt** in the morning

27 / Weds 10:00 Tai Chi Class (FH)
6:15 Carillon Ringers (200)
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)

28 / Thur **7:30 Maundy Thursday Service and Tenebrae**
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

29 / Fri 9:00-12:00 Church Office Hours
12:15 Good Friday Service (S)

31 / **Easter**
Sunday 9:00 Church School for Grades 6-12 (209)
9:00 Church School for Adults (L)
10:00 Coffee Hour
10:30 Service of Worship