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February 14
Ash Wednesday
Service at 6:30 p.m.



Meditation:
*"The Journey of
Dust and Ashes"*

February 18
First Sunday of Lent

Scriptures: Genesis 9:8-17;
1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15

Sermon: "How God Acts"

Liturgist: Ruth Newman

Music: Haviland Choir



February 25
Second Sunday of Lent

Scriptures: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16;
Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38

Sermon: "Children of Abraham;
Disciples of Jesus Christ"

Liturgist: Lynn Zocolo

Music: Haviland Choir,
Brass and Timpani



Monthly update from the Pastor Nominating Committee on our search as of today.

December, January, and most of February we did not receive any resumes from pastors. I spoke with Barry Chance, our General Presbyter, since we were concerned. His response was the Christmas season is so busy for pastors that this is not unusual, and we would see a change in mid to late February.

During this slow time, we placed ads on several national job boards along with social media platforms to help expedite this process.

As Barry predicted, this did change, and we have 8 resumes that have been received in the past 2 weeks. Last week interviewed one pastor in person and two others via zoom. We have additional zoom interviews planned, and 2nd interviews for several of the candidates have been scheduled over the next 2 weeks.

There are many things to consider as we move forward, however the committee remains encouraged and united as we move forward in the process.

We continue to ask for your support, prayers, and patience as God leads us to the person he has chosen for our congregation.

Ray Cox, Moderator
Pastor Search Committee

CHURCH INFORMATION:

Temporary Pastoral Leadership:

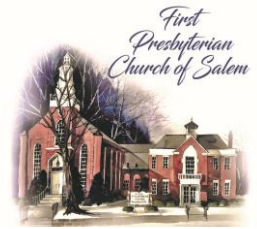
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You Tube: www.youtube.com / FPCSALEM (Service streamed 10:30 am on Sunday)



Thank You Notes:

I would like to thank the anonymous bulletin donor for the gift of appreciation. It made me feel really good.

Thank you. ~ *Judy Sicilia*

Thanks for the flowers. Thanks to the Good Lord for health and happiness for 72 years of marriage.

~ *Gladys and Art Votaw*



Café Justo's great Organic Coffee 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.

HELP! Salem Mobile Meals really needs drivers. If you can help in any way, please call 330-332-2160.

Geoff Goll, President

ANNUAL CHURCH



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 & 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.

Thanks for your help!!

Proceeds to LOGOS/Sunday School Mission



The **Preschool** is trying to get information out to the community about opportunities for preschool classes for this year and for registration for classes next school year. With the popularity of Facebook, it is felt that this is a great way to spread the news about our program. So, if you are on Facebook, would you please become a friend of the Preschool then share the announcements and posts about the Preschool’s activities? The Preschool is so appreciative of the congregations’ continued support. If you want more information, please call Administrator Jennifer Gillis at 330-332-8620.

Facebook: First Presbyterian Preschool
Email: Preschool@fpcsalem.org

Per Capita Apportionment for 2023 is \$32.50 per Active Member. Per Capita is an assessment paid to General Assembly, Synod, and the Presbytery for each member of the congregation. Per Capita funding is how Presbyterians mutually share the costs of coming together to discern the Spirit’s leading for the future.



Each gift to **One Great Hour of Sharing** helps improve the lives of the suffering and the vulnerable through three life-changing programs – Presbyterian Disaster Assistance – *Restore Streets to Live In*; Presbyterian Hunger Program – *Share your Bread with the Hungry*; Self-Development of People – *Loose the Bonds of Injustice*. A One Great Hour of Sharing offering envelope is included with this newsletter.

Help us to delight in you, O God, that we might become agents of healing and hope, repair and restoration. Transform our brokenness and fear into justice and mercy, and bless our work to share your love. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

February: *Happy Birthday! Sue Lewis (17)*

- 14 / Weds 10:00 Tai Chi Class (FH)
6:30 Ash Wednesday Service (S)
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
- 15 / Thurs **7:00 Regular Session Meeting** (Library, in person and Hybrid)
- 18 / Sun 9:00 Church School for Grades 6-12 (209)
Lent 1 9:00 Adult Church School (L)
10:00 Celebration of Sue Lewis' 90th Birthday (FH)
10:30 Service of Worship
- 19/ Mon 10:00 Tai Chi Class (FH)
- 21 / Weds 10:00 Tai Chi Class (FH)
6:15 Carillon Ringers (200)
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
- 24 / Sat 12:00-2:00 Baby Shower (FH) – *Jon & Megan Karmazin*
- 25 / Sun 9:00 Church School for Grades 6-12 (209)
Lent 2 9:00 Adult Church School (L)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Service of Worship – *Brass & Timpani*
11:30 Environmental Team (L)
2:00-5:00 Birthday Party (FH) – *Tom & Gloria Shafer's grandson*
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (Scout Room)
- 26 / Mon 10:00 Tai Chi Class (FH)
6:00 Scouts Troop 3 (SR) and 2003G (209)
- 28 / Weds 10:00 Tai Chi Class (FH)
6:15 Carillon Ringers (200)
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)

March: *Happy Birthday!*

Sharon Bortz (6), Karen Dennison (22), Dick Shanker (24)

- 3 / Sun 9:00 Church School for Grades 6-12 (209)
Lent 3 9:00 Adult Church School (L)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Service of Worship – *Communion*
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (Scout Room)
- 4 / Mon 10:00 Tai Chi Class (FH)
6:00 Scouts Troop 3 (SR) and 2003G (209)
7:00 Board of Deacons (L)
- 5 / Tues 1:00-9:00 United Quilt Guild (FH)
- 6 / Weds 10:00 Tai Chi Class (FH)
12:00 Daytimers (FH)
6:00 Moderators Meeting via Zoom
6:15 Carillon Ringers (200) / 7:00 Haviland Choir (S)