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### THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

**Sunday, March 24**

**PALM SUNDAY**

8:30 a.m. – Worship

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School, Choir Rehearsal

11:00 a.m. – Worship

**Monday, March 25**

**Tuesday, March 26**

**Wednesday, March 27**

7:15 p.m. – *Soulstice*

**Thursday, March 28**



**MAUNDY THURSDAY**

11:30 a.m. – Fairview Fairmont Board Mtg.

7:30 p.m. – *Tenebrae with Holy Communion*

**Friday, March 29**



**GOOD FRIDAY**

12:00 p.m. – *Musical Reflections on the Seven Last Words of Christ*

**Saturday, March 30**

**Sunday, March 31**



**EASTER SUNDAY**

8:30 a.m. – Worship

9:30 a.m. – Choir Rehearsal

*No Sunday School*

11:00 a.m. – Worship with Choir and Brass Quintet

### Attendance Last Week (March 17):

8:30 a.m.: 41

11:00 a.m.: 84

Online Views: 36

Total Giving - \$4,607.79

2024 Per Capita to date – \$4,722.00

2024 Per Capita Budgeted – \$6,000.00

Total Due to Presbytery – \$20,774.00

(2024 Per Capita per member - \$34.00)



**“Holy Week is the most significant week of the year for Christian worship. During this week the church remembers the events of Christ’s passion and death.** The attention of each worshiper during this week is directed to the Lamb of God, the Suffering Servant, the Savior of the world. In worship the church traces Jesus’ life through the events of the last days before his death. In doing so, it sees again its own sin and failure, but marvels at the love of Christ for the world. This is a week for careful attention, prayer-filled reverence, and profound wonder at the love of God shown in Jesus.”

The Services of the Christian Year, ed. Robert E. Webber. (Peabody, Mass. Hendrickson Publishers, Inc. 1993.) p. 272.

## WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**March 24, 2024**

Welcome to this service of prayer and praise at First Presbyterian Church. If we can be of service to you in any way, please call the church office weekdays from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at (814) 333-2161. Childcare is available downstairs in Cornerstone Child Care during the worship service.

### SERVING THIS MORNING

- **The Audio/Video Technician** today is Dan Smith at 11:00 a.m.
- **The Liturgist** today is Ross Feltz.
- **The Greeters** today are Kendra Fischer and Brandi Schutz at 8:30; Chuck Jones, Mark Szitas, Tim and Kandy Davis at 11:00 a.m.
- **The Acolytes** today are Macon O'Shea at 8:30 a.m.; Owen Dill at 11:00 a.m.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR

† **Friends and members hospitalized, ill, and recovering:** Bonnie Murphy, Joe Shutts, Selene McGowen, Bob Hotchkiss, Marlene Braham, Christianne Marawba, Lydia Marquinez, Virginia Oback, Linda Bennett, Ruth Cooper, Darrell and Kathy Sivik, Cathy McKinney, Erin Hart, Marilyn and John Robb, Tom and Cheri McFate, Jeremy Pruskowski, Carol Young, Ginny Burchfield.

† **The concerns of Lake Erie Presbytery this week:** Waterford Presbyterian Church and Rev. Robin Sharp; Rev. Sheldon Logan and Rev. Chuck Cammarata, Honorably Retired.

† **Members' and Friends' Loved Ones Being Deployed:** Tyler Schmidt, and Shawn Woolstrum.

† **Service Personnel:** Karalyn Adams, Ben Bartoe, Donald Albaugh, Andrew Hall, Travis Jensen, Kirk Mumau and Kloe Peterson.

† **“The work at Fairview/Fairmont Family Center.”** Staff - Rosanne Sommers, Family Center Director, Emily Seibel, Assistant, and Allegheny Bonner students Azalia and Niyah.

† **The mission work of** Ross and Mary Hunter (Ecuador), Rev. Celestin Musekura (E. Africa - ALARM), Donnie Brake (South Sudan - SEA Partners), Andrew and Amy Funka (Czech Republic - Along Side Ministry Int.), Medical Benevolence, Living Waters of the World, Presbytery of Redstone, (PA Wee Kirk Conferences), Presbyterian Disaster Relief, Haiti Children - Carlos and Mimine (Compassion International), Myoung Ho Yang and Ji Yeon Yoo (Thailand - Payap University), The Carter Foundation, Josh Heikkila (West Africa - PCUSA), Rev. Mark Adams and Miriam Escobar (U.S./Mexican Border - PCUSA), Cindy Corell (Joining Hands Against Hunger, Haiti - PCUSA), Rev. Cathy Chang and Juan Lopez (Migration and Human Trafficking, Philippines - PCUSA), Dr. Larry and Inge Shreshley (Health, Hunger and Malnutrition Programs, Democratic Republic of the Congo - PCUSA).



The church would like to take advantage of its online presence to connect with members of the community outside our walls. If you have photos of a church activity or group, you can send them to [kdill@allegheny.edu](mailto:kdill@allegheny.edu) so he can post them on our website or Facebook page. If you're a Facebook user yourself, please 'like' and share our posts so your friends can see what we're up to. Let's spread the word about what goes on here!

## NEWS OF THE CHURCH ALIVE



**THE PRAYER LIFELINE** is available to pray for your joys and concerns. Call the church office at 814-333-2161 to make your request. You can also e-mail Laurel Porter at [hlporter20@yahoo.com](mailto:hlporter20@yahoo.com). All requests will be kept confidential.



**Soulstice gatherings** continue this coming Wednesday. Join us at 7:15 PM in the downstairs chapel for a time of music, prayer, and silence.



If for some reason you must leave the sanctuary during the 11:00 a.m. worship service, but would like to watch the service, we now have the capability of watching our services in the youth room.



### The Pastoral Nominating Committee

has continued to meet regularly and has completed the Ministry Discernment Profile. The profile has now been submitted for both session and presbytery approvals. After approval, the committee will upload the profile to the Church Leadership Connection system where we will be matched with profiles of prospective candidates. The committee thanks the congregation for their continued support and prayers.



**Praying for Children** ([momsinprayer.org](http://momsinprayer.org)) will resume meeting every Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. starting April 16. All are invited to come together to pray for children and schools. **Prayer focus for our children this month is from Matthew 10:29-31.**

**Update from Presbyterian Women:** Check the April Evangel to learn more about our new monthly mission partner, Common Roots. Also, brochures are available in the church office or check their website at [commonrootspa.org](http://commonrootspa.org).



### STEPHEN MINISTRY:

If you have an immediate prayer need, contact the on-call Stephen Minister listed below. (Please note this is meant to supplement, not replace, the prayer line, which offers long-term, ongoing prayer.) Our goal is simply to offer the important ministry of one-on-one, confidential conversation and prayer as the immediate need arises. We can visit with you by way of phone calls, virtual connection, or social distancing. **For this week, the on-call Stephen Minister is Veronica Asay. She can be reached at 814-336-5408.**



**New Members will be received in the near future.** If you are interested on becoming a member of First Presbyterian Church, please let Rev. Corll or an elder know.



### Presbyterian Women's April Mission Focus:

The women are collecting **monetary donations** to make "Welcome Kits" for new residents arriving at Fairview/Fairmont Apartments. The "Welcome Kits will provide a few of the essentials needed to get an apartment started. If you choose to donate, please make checks payable to "First Presbyterian Church" and write "F/F Welcome Kits" in the memo. Donations can be mailed, dropped off at the church office or put in the Sunday offering plate.



### Soup Kitchen Volunteers:

If you have worked at the Meadville Area Soup Kitchen over the years and would like to attend Beverly Nutter's Retirement Dinner on June 1, 2024, please stop in the church office, on or before April 15, for more information and a registration form.



One Great Hour of Sharing will be received during the month of March. 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: **The Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** (Restoring Streets to Live In), **The Presbyterian Hunger Program** (Sharing Bread with the Hungry) and **The Self-Development of People** (Loosing the Bonds of Injustice). Please give what you can. If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot!



**Presbyterian Women of Lake Erie Presbytery Spring Gathering is on Saturday, April 20** from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Girard

Presbyterian Church. Keynote speaker Katie Kretz, Executive Director of the Multi-Cultural Community Resource Center in Erie, will share with us how MCRC assists refugees in resettling in our communities. **If you have any questions, please contact PWLEP Moderator Karen Haas at 814-397-1619 or [karenhaas79@gmail.com](mailto:karenhaas79@gmail.com).**



**The April Congregational Lunch will be held on Sunday, April 7, after 11:00 a.m. Worship.** The Mission

Committee is planning to prepare some delicious pulled pork sandwiches. They are asking the congregation to bring side dishes and desserts to share. Please plan to attend!



**Adult Sunday School:** Matthew 25 on April 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup>. Matthew 25 has become an important focus in the mission and ministry of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Specifically, it informs, inspires, and influences

our work on three strategic priorities: eradicating systemic poverty, dismantling structural racism and building congregational vitality. The adult Sunday school class will be considering how Matthew 25: 31-46 speaks to, and leads us to pursue, these areas of work. We also will look at three different ways of interpreting the biblical text: a literal/plain reading, a historical/critical reading, and a spiritual/symbolic reading. Join us as we read, reflect, and respond to how God's word speaks to us as we strive to live a life that reflects Christian love.