

First Presbyterian Church Newsletter April 5, 2017



### THANK YOU!

The FPC Garage Sale Committee wants to express their sincere **thank you to all** of our Church family for donations as well as to our helpers who helped to prepare, set up, work during the sale, and clean up. Our Sale held this past Thursday, Friday and Saturday, was definitely a success raising \$2,593.98 for our youth program.

Thank you, from the Committee:  
Nola, Mary O, Barbara, & Karen



As you are able to do so, we encourage you to **send a card** to our former pastor, Rev. Dr. Cecil Culverhouse, and his wife Jane. Cecil is currently receiving Hospice Care, so we are sure that he and Jane would treasure cards with which we might express our love and offer our prayers for them both. Cards may be mailed to their home address: **133 Glenhill Drive, Birmingham, AL 35213.** Thank you very much.

*The Christian Education Committee would like to thank our current Sunday School teachers and those individuals willing to fill in, as needed, for their faithful service this past program year. Summer is approaching and our teachers need a chance to rest and renew their faith. If you are interesting in teaching this summer, please contact Karen Dungan (310-9171) or Angela Grogan (592-9303). If you can't commit to the whole summer volunteering for one or two Sundays a month would also be a huge help. Curriculum is available for all ages.*

*As a child of God we are all called into discipleship. Laying a solid foundation for a child's faith and nurturing ones spiritual growth as adults is essential for the well-being and work of the church. Thank you in advance for prayerfully considering this opportunity to serve so that the children and adults in our church may grow in their spiritual understanding.*



### Preparation for Worship

**Palm Sunday  
April 9, 2017**

**8:30am Early Worship**

**9:45am Sunday School**

**11am Traditional Worship**

**Sermon: U Turn**

**Scriptures:  
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29  
Matthew 21:1-11**

**Liturgist: Gemma Fickess  
Usher Captain: Jeff Mayne  
Acolyte: Cheyenne Studer**

The Season of Lent calls Christians to journey from sinfulness to salvation. But if we are to reach our destination, we must turn to Jesus, who provides us with waypoints along our path. Each Sunday in Lent, our sermon will focus our attention on a Gospel lesson in which our Savior reveals a new way for people of faith who are seeking to find the way back home to God. On Palm Sunday, we witness Jesus enter the city of Jerusalem to shouts of "Hosanna!" But when Jesus turns back to Bethany, we are left to consider whether we might be so obedient when challenged to follow God's plan for our lives.



### ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

This Easter season, Presbyterians have the opportunity to share their resources with our brothers and sisters here in the United States and around the world. The One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering helps people facing emergencies through Presbyterian Disaster Relief. OGHS also is there for people with long term needs. Self development funds give people a hand in establishing a better life for their families.

For over 60 years, this program has continued the tradition it has maintained through history – standing with our partners in the face of suffering. Donations to OGHS are distributed as follows: 36% to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, 32% to the Presbyterian Hunger Program and 32% to the Self-Development of People Program. So please prayerfully consider making a gift over the coming weeks leading up to Easter. OGHS envelopes may be found in the church bulletin or one may drop off a check at the church office.

**-Mission Committee**



Our 6<sup>th</sup> annual "Ryan's Case for Smiles" sewing workshop will be held Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at First Presbyterian Church in Fulton. Between the hours of 9am-2pm, we'll be sewing bright, cheery pillowcases for children in Mid-MO hospitals who are dealing with a life-changing illness. If you an experienced seamstress, or just beginning to sew, this event is your chance to sew pillowcase "smiles." If you aren't interested in sewing, we also need individuals who can pin, press, fold, bag and tag the pillowcases. If you'll be sewing, please bring your machine (or serger), extension cord, pins, thread, and scissors. Fabric should be 100% cotton, pre-washed, with non-scented detergent, and NO dryer sheets...7/8 yard for the main body, 1/3 yard for the border. Sparkly or textured fabrics are not recommended. We'll have coffee and donuts to get us "geared up" for sewing, but you'll need to bring a sack lunch. Beverages and dessert will be provided. If you're not able to sew, we're always happy to have donations of cotton fabric, or funds to purchase fabric. Call Ginger Beasley (592-7539) or Karen Luther (590-1624) to reserve your space.



**Prayer Corner**

"All this rain is God telling us we need a really good bath" -3 year old

Prayers of Comfort and joy for:

- Ariys Kremer
- Shirley Payne and family
- The continue recovery of those in need
- The safe return of our HS band members from their trip
- Our successful yard sale and all those who helped. ]
- Karen Luther, who bravely took on the worst job.
- Our partner churches in Kibungo, Rwanda & the two Reformed churches in Encs & Vizsoly, Hungary
- Curryville Presbyterian Church



Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Bless those we love, & those no one loves.

**Last Week's Attendance**

8:30am Contemporary Worship.....26  
 11am Traditional Worship.....80

**Good things are happening and there is room for you! Come and see, stay and learn!**

**Session Members**

**Class of 2017**

- Karen Dungan
- Barbara Huddleston
- Judy McKinnon
- Tim Wilkerson

**Class of 2018**

- Joe Davis
- Michael Eibel
- Nola Garner

**Class of 2019**

- Angela Grogan
- Kathleen Jeffries
- Mary Osburn

The Adult Sunday School Bible Study Class meets in the Church Library at 9:45am Sunday mornings. April 9<sup>th</sup> we will discuss "God's Saving Love in Christ." The scripture is from *John 3:1-21*.



**BRING FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY**

During the month of **April**, please bring **macaroni & cheese** for our collection for the SERVE Food Pantry. Any other item you may wish to bring will be appreciated as well. Please put your donation in the basket in the church kitchen.



**CALENDAR**



**Sunday, April 9**

(Palm Sunday)

- 8:30am Early Worship
- 9:30am Fellowship Break
- 9:45am Sunday School
- 10:45am Fellowship Break
- 11am Traditional Worship
- 5-7pm Youth Group

**Monday, April 10**

- 8am-12 & 12:30-3:30pm Church Office Open
- 5:30pm Christian Ed Com Meeting- Lobby

**Tuesday, April 11**

- 8am-12 & 12:30-3:30pm Church Office Open
- 6pm Property Com Meeting- Library
- 7pm Mission Com Meeting- Lobby
- 7pm Outreach Com Meeting- Library
- 7pm Pastoral Care Com Meeting- Choir Rm
- 7pm Worship Com Meeting- Fellowship Hall
- 7pm Boy Scout Troop 53 Meeting

**Wednesday, April 12**

- 8am-12 & 12:30-3:30pm Church Office Open
- Noon Lunch Bunch
- 4-8pm ACS- Community Room
- 7pm Choir Practice

**Thursday, April 13**

- 8am-12 & 12:30-3:30pm Church Office Open
- 6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Worship

**Friday, April 14**

- 8am-12 & 12:30-3:30pm Church Office Open
- 6:30pm Good Friday Worship

**Sunday, April 16**

(Easter Sunday)

- 8:30am Early Worship
- 9:30am Fellowship Break
- 9:45am Sunday School
- 10:45am Fellowship Break
- 11am Traditional Worship
- 5-7pm Youth Group

**\*AA meets in the Community Room**

**M, T, Th, at 6pm & F, Sat at 7:30pm.**

Return Services Requested

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