

First Presbyterian Church Newsletter March 22, 2017



Order Easter Lilies for Easter Sunday

\$15 for a single stem plant
\$35 for a double stem plant

Deadline to order is April 2nd Please stop by the church office to place your order.



Preparation for Worship

**4th Sunday in Lent
March 26, 2017**

8:30am Early Worship

9:45am Sunday School

11am Traditional Worship

Sermon: Slow: Work Zone Ahead

Scriptures:

**1 Samuel 16:1-13
John 9:1-41**

Liturgist: Patrice Zap

Usher Captain: Robert Craghead

Acolyte: Rev. Aaron White

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. In this Sunday's sermon, "Slow: Work Zone Ahead," we see Jesus heal a man blind from birth. If God's works are being revealed through him, are they also being revealed through us too?

God's GPS



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH – GARAGE SALE
WE WANT YOUR STUFF!**

We will hold a garage sale **March 30, March 31 & April 1**. All proceeds will go towards church youth programming. **Donations from our Church family will be accepted until March 28th.**

We ask that all donated items, such as infant & children clothing (up to size 12-14), be in a good, clean condition. Any electronics in good working order (include any adaptors and manuals). All furniture in good stable condition. We are also asking for donations of plastic grocery bags. **Please notify Karen or Mary before you drop off your donated items** in the fellowship hall.

Items that are **NOT accepted** include: **adult clothing, tube televisions, old computers, mattresses & magazines.**

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Nola nomaegar-ner@charter.net or 642-7772. For questions, contact Karen Luther kluther54@gmail.com, 590-1624 or

Mary Osburn maryosburn1959@gmail.com, 220-7633.



2017 LENTEN LUNCHES

Hosted by First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) 12:00 noon

Hard to Dance with the Devil on Your Back

by Ray Buckley

- March 3
"The Dance"
Rev. Mindy Kiepe
First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
- March 10
"A Parable"
Rev. Rebecca Peak
United Methodist Ministries in Fulton
- March 17
"The Wronged"
Rev. Richie Thomas
Victory Fellowship
- March 24
"The Wrong"
Rev. Helen Logan
Fulton State Hospital
- March 31
"The Disciple Whom Jesus Loved: Judas"
Rev. Mike Haldeman
First Assembly of God
- April 7
"When Worlds Collide"
Rev. Heather Patten
First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
6 East 7th Street
Fulton, MO
(573) 642-6635

Lunch is provided.
Offering will be taken to benefit a local charity.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

IT'S REMARKABLE WHAT ONE'S GIFT CAN DO!

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



Prayer Corner

"Faith is believing without seeing"

Prayers of comfort and joy for:

- the family of Martha Bell, on her passing
- our friends still in the process of healing from surgeries and illnesses
- the success of our church yard sale
- our students and teachers on spring break
- the promise of a beautiful spring
- Our partner churches in Kibungo, Rwanda & the two Reformed churches in Encs & Vizsoly, Hungary
- Climax Spring Presbyterian Church

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



CALENDAR



Sunday, March 26

(4th Sunday in Lent)

- 8:30am Early Worship
- 9:30am Fellowship Break
- 9:45am Sunday School
- 10:45am Fellowship Break
- 11am Traditional Worship

Monday, March 27

- 8am-12 & 12:30-3:30pm Church Office Open

Tuesday, March 28

- 8am-12 & 12:30-3:30pm Church Office Open
- 7pm Boy Scout Troop 53 Meeting

Wednesday, March 29

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

Thursday, March 30

- 8am-12 & 12:30-3:30pm Church Office Open

Friday, March 31

- 8am-12 & 12:30-3:30pm Church Office Open

Sunday, April 2

(5th Sunday in Lent)

- 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.**

Nominating Committee Seeks Your Input:

The Nominating Committee is currently seeking people to serve on Session. A nomination form will be available at both worship services, which you can place in the offering plate. You can also email a nomination to Joe Davis at joseph.davis@williamwoods.edu. The committee would like your nominations for elders to represent the following committees on Session:

Class of 2020:

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| Administration committee | Outreach committee |
| Property committee | Worship committee |

Class of 2019:

- Pastoral Care committee

Class of 2018:

- Outreach committee

Come Learn What a Difference 24 Hours Can Make!

No single event in human history has received more attention than the suffering and crucifixion of Jesus of Nazareth. This Lent, you're invited to participate in a journey through the last twenty-four hours of Jesus' life. Through video presentations by Pastor Adam Hamilton, as well as through participant discussions, we will experience and increase our understanding of the significance of Jesus' final hours. We welcome you to join us for this conversation, whether you are a long-time Christian or simply curious about the story of Christ's crucifixion. We'll gather in the **Fellowship Hall at 9:45am** each Sunday throughout Lent. All are welcome!



The Adult Sunday School Bible Study Class meets in the **Church Library at 9:45am Sunday mornings**. March 26th we will discuss "God's Love Restores." The scripture is from *Joel 2*.



Last Week's Attendance

- Lunch Bunch.....12
- 8:30am Contemporary Worship.....11
- 11am Traditional Worship.....60

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

BRING FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY

During the month of **March**, please bring **canned fruit** 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.



Return Services Requested

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