

First Presby's Weekly News

March 26, 2023

Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. (Worship is broadcast at 11:00 a.m. on WCHS-580AM)

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PRESCHOOL ART WALK FUNDRAISER

The Preschool Art Walk fundraiser is tomorrow, Monday March 27th from 5:30-7pm. Everyone is invited to come see the exhibits and enter a chance to win prizes from local vendors and our very own little artists. We hope to see many of you there!

WEDNESDAY'S LENTEN REST

Two more Wednesdays left to rest with us! March 29 and April 5 at 12:30pm all adults are invited to come to our chapel where a comfortable pew is waiting for you. Our lives get so busy and our minds so muddled. With candles lit we will be playing Taize music for a half hour while you lie in the pew and rest or sit, listen and pray. Bring your lunch and eat for 15 minutes in room 117, then turn off your phone and focus on the peace which passes all understanding that God can give you. (bring a pillow/blanket if you like.)

PALM SUNDAY EGG HUNT

On Palm Sunday, April 2 at 11:30ish our church will host an Easter Egg Hunt for children one year (with assistance) to 6th grade. Our egg hunt will be focused on Holy Week, plus some candy, of course! When the eggs have been collected we will gather where we started in the chapel and open our eggs together. Have your children meet Margie Myers in the chapel after worship. Look for the Egg Sign and bring a basket!

EASTERTIDE BREAKFAST

Break the Lenten fast with us on Easter Sunday morning at 9:15 in the Dining Room. Join us for *break-fast* and bring a dish to share or a special bread (like you used to do). Table service will be provided. Bring your whole family and rejoice together that our Lord is Risen. Please sign up in the back of the sanctuary or the sign up table in the Panera hallway if you plan to come.

EASTER BASKETS FOR COLLEGE KIDS

The Christian Education Committee would like to send an Easter Basket to our college students. We need flat items to go into a small postage box. We will send to 12 students. If you would like to donate something, please leave it in the box under the sign-in table next to the office.

If you would like to help stuff and send out care packages please e-mail Margie at Margie@firstpresby.com. We will be stuffing on Monday, April 3 in the afternoon.



EASTER TREATS AVAILABLE

Be sure and stop by our HOPE AND JUSTICE FAIR TRADE MARKET after church today. Selling for \$12.00 you will find mini chocolates gift wrapped for Easter. Our market is fully stocked with goodies for gifting during this season of Lent.

LENTEN MEMORIALS

First Presby is accepting contributions to our Worship Memorial Fund in honor or in memory of loved ones. Please look for the Lenten Memorial envelopes in your pew and designate checks for Lenten Memorial Fund. Contributions received in the church office prior to Wednesday, April 5th will be printed in a special insert for the Easter worship bulletin. These Lenten Worship Memorials are used to beautify the sanctuary with potted flowers for the Easter season and provide for special music. Thank you for your gift.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for some volunteers to help us assess and organize the A/V closet on the 4th floor. There are a multitude of items up there such as computer monitors, keyboards, TV's, etc. Are they in working order? Do we need them? If we don't need them, where can we donate them? That sort of thing. Please let Diana know if you could be of any assistance. Thank you!

FAITH IN ACTION VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY

Faith in Action of the Greater Kanawha Valley is a volunteer organization providing free services to older adults in Kanawha and Putnam counties. Our volunteers assist seniors with transportation to medical appointments, trips to the grocery store, friendly check-in phone calls, and minor home repairs and maintenance projects. Our volunteers appreciate the flexibility they have in scheduling and the variety of meaningful ways to engage. Our seniors appreciate the reliable and friendly personal attention they receive. For more information on how you can get involved or to RSVP for an upcoming training, visit faithinactionkv.com or contact 304.881.7253.

Upcoming Volunteer Trainings (Offered In-person & Online)

Tuesday, April 4 @ 4:30pm
Thursday, April 20 @ 4:30pm
Tuesday, May 9 @ 4:30pm
Tuesday, May 23 @ 4:30pm

HELP US FEED MUSICIANS

Sunday, April 2 our church is hosting a large group of people who will be performing "The Seven Last Words of Christ" at the amazing concert Jayson has planned for us that night. We have been asked to provide a light supper of soup and salad for 60 people at 5:00p.m. that night. If you would be able to help make food and or serve, please sign up on the list at the back of the sanctuary or in the Panera hall, or let the church office know ASAP. We will be making soup on Thursday, March 30 at 2:00.

15th ANNUAL MEN'S RETREAT - BLUESTONE

The Guy's Weekend at Bluestone camp will take place May 5-7th at Bluestone. You will be encouraged in your faith to Jesus Christ by great keynote speakers, employing your gifts of service to the ministry of Bluestone and glorify God forever through work, worship and fellowship. The \$85 fee includes two nights of lodging, three meals on Saturday and one meal on Sunday. Youth are encouraged to attend if accompanied by an adult. Registration deadline is May 4th. You can email mark@bluestonecamp.org or visit the website bluestonecamp.org/guys-weekend.

FESTIVAL OF FAITH

First Presbyterian Church is hosting the Festival of Faith on April 1st from 9:00am - 4:00pm. If you are interested in volunteering to be a door monitor or assist directing individuals, please contact the church office and speak to Diana. If you can only volunteer for part of the day, that is perfectly fine!

ADULT LOGOS

Wednesday, March 29, we will continue our discussion of the "He Gets Us" campaign, looking at the unexplainable forgiveness Jesus expressed. You may find the video and a brief reflection at the link: [Jesus chose forgiveness. - He Gets Us](#) Bring your thoughts and questions, Pastor Myers will bring a few of his as well, for this faith - challenging, changing, inspiring - time of reflection.

MARCH YOUTH EVENT

This afternoon the Youth Group will be meeting from 2-4pm at the South Charleston Memorial Ice Arena (20 RHL Blvd, South Charleston, WV 25309) for ice skating, fun, and fellowship. They also have bumper cars and a lot of other fun stuff, so skating is not a required activity! First Presby will cover all costs including snacks and drinks. Siblings are always welcome. Contact Taylor Raab (304-546-1820) with any questions or transportation concerns. We can't wait to see you there!

WEEKEND FOOD BAGS

The weekend food bags continue to be well received and much appreciated by Chandler Academy. Anyone who would like to help by donating food items, we can use individual pop-top meal items such as all pastas, chicken noodle soup, beef stew cans, Vienna sausages, beanie weenies, little chicken packs, and beef or chicken ramen noodles (requested by kids). Please leave in hallway by weekend food collection table. Thank you First Presby for continuing to show our Chandler Academy students you care! All are welcome to help pack bags or deliver food on Fridays, please see the sign-up sheet in hallway.

40 CANS FOR 40 DAYS!

WEEK 5 (beginning Sunday March 19th) highlights **CANNED BEANS AND RICE** for our Lenten project to assist our neighbors who are experiencing food insecurity.

Please place your jars of **CANNED BEANS AND RICE** on the table in the main hallway. Our goal is to exceed the 2,000+ food donations received during last year's Lenten project.

THE COMPLETE SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS:

Week 1: Peanut Butter and Jelly	Week beginning Sunday 2/26
Week 2: Canned Soup and Canned Pasta	Week beginning Sunday 3/5
Week 3: Canned Fruit and Dried Fruit	Week beginning Sunday 3/12
Week 4: Canned Meat and Tuna	Week beginning Sunday 3/19
Week 5: Canned Beans and Rice	Week beginning Sunday 3/26
Week 6: Cereal/Canned or Dry Milk	Week beginning Sunday 4/2

Additional items needed: Toilet Paper

PRESBYTERY CHURCH PRAYERS

Each week we pray for other congregations in our presbytery, along with the Presbytery of West Virginia and other ministry partners. This week please pray First Presbyterian Church in Ripley and Waverly-Bethel Presbyterian Church in Waverly.

WORSHIP LIVE ON YOUTUBE

If you would like to worship with us on YouTube, tune into our YouTube Channel at 10:30am. The link to our YouTube channel is emailed with the worship bulletin, hymns and Green Sheet on Thursdays. (Check your Junk/Spam folder if you're not receiving an expected email.) This link is also available on our website (www.firstpresby.com) on the home page above the Green Sheet and Bulletin buttons. (If you tune into the YouTube stream a few minutes before 10:30am, the video might not be up yet. Please make sure you are on the "LIVE" tab) The First Presby morning worship service will also continue to be broadcast on the radio WCHS-580AM at 11:00am every Sunday. Please subscribe to the channel so that you will be notified when we go live! You can do that by following these steps:

Go to www.firstpresby.com

1. Click on the YouTube link at the bottom of the home page.
2. In the top right corner of the YouTube page, click the red SUBSCRIBE button. Thank you!

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBY

Sunday, March 26

8:30 AM Confirmation
9:15 AM Sunday School
9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal
10:30 AM Worship
11:00 AM Worship broadcast on WCHS-580AM
2:00 PM Youth Event - South Charleston Ice Arena
6:00 PM Basketball Banquet

Monday, March 27

8:30 AM Aerobics - Rec Room
5:30 PM Preschool Art Walk Fundraiser

Tuesday, March 28

10:00 AM Staff Meeting
7:00 PM Civic Chorus Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30 PM Troop 5

Wednesday, March 29

8:30 AM Aerobics - Rec Room
5:00 PM LOGOS - Dining Room
6:00 PM Adult Logos - Ruffner Room

Thursday, March 30

3:00 PM Dubois Concert Organ Practice - Sanctuary
4:30 PM Time for Refreshment - Ruffner Room
5:30 PM Hand Bells Rehearsal - Choir Room

Friday, March 31

8:30 AM Aerobics - Rec. Room

Saturday, April 1

9:00 AM Festival of Faith

DAILY SCRIPTURE READING

Sunday, March 26	Mark 8:31-9:1
Monday, March 27	John 9:1-17
Tuesday, March 28	John 9:18-41
Wednesday, March 29	John 10:1-18
Thursday, March 30	John 10:19-42
Friday, March 31	John 11:1-27
Saturday, April 1	John 11:28-44