

First Presby's Weekly News

February 11, 2024

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

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NEW MEMBER CLASS

Would you like to know more about the ministry of FPC? Pastor Myers will be leading a New Member Inquirers' Class on Sunday, February 18. We'll meet from 11:30 am until 2:30 pm in the Dining Room (Activities Building). We'll gather for a light lunch and discuss the ministry of FPC and how you can play an active part in our life together. If you're able to attend, please contact the church office (304) 343-8961. If you're unable to attend the class, but would still like to become a member of FPC, please contact Pastor Myers (pastormyers@firstpresby.com)

COATED WITH KINDNESS - COAT COLLECTION

The Mission Committee is asking members of First Presby to donate gently-used coats during the next few cold months. We will donate these items regularly to United Way, the Bream warming station, or other agencies with needs. Hang your coats on the coat rack in the main church hallway. Many blessings during these wintry days!

SOUP-ER BOWL SUNDAY

The Super Bowl Football game will be played Sunday, Feb 11 and our youth group and their leader, Taylor Raab, are asking the congregation to join in the fun! Please place your cash donations in a bucket for the team you think might win the SB; online donations will be accepted too. With the funds collected, the youth group will shop for and deliver items to Covenant House or other agencies, providing the youth with a service-learning opportunity.

LOGOS CHILDRENS CHOIR

LOGOS Children's Choir is off to a great start this semester. Miss Martha and Miss Harriet are very excited about sharing their new songs and beautiful voices during church services very soon.

KVFH - FUNDRAISER

One of our mission partners, Kanawha Valley Fellowship Home, is having a dinner fundraiser with silent auction on Wednesday, March 20th from 6-9pm at the Clay Center in the main lobby. It will be a great evening full of great food, entertainment by Bob Thompson and Friends and inspiration as we celebrate helping men and their families recover from alcoholism, drug addiction and substance use disorder since 1967. Sponsorship opportunities and single tickets are now available, please see the flyer included with your bulletin.

SPECIAL LENTEN CLASSES

Sundays: Beginning February 18th a light lunch will be served in the Dining room following worship until noon. Then from noon-12:45 classes for children and adults will be offered.

For Children...

Adults will need to pick up their kids from Children's Church to take them to lunch. When the kids are finished eating, they can head down to the gym for some play time and the Lenten class teachers will pick them up there to go to their class in Room 117 together. If you're not able to stay for the class, there are copies of the devotional for you to take home and use as a family when it's most convenient for you.

An Illustrated Lent for Families: God is Still With Us is an opportunity for families to take time each week during Lent to be intentional and focus on their faith. As we journey through this season of Lent together, participants are invited to remember that from the foundations of the world, the Holy Spirit hovered over creation. The Spirit hovers, even now. When God's people seemed abandoned in Egypt, God guided them into the Promised Land. God guides us, even now. In the birth of Jesus—Immanuel—God was with us. And God is still with us, even now.

This Lent, we will explore Gospel passages that remind us that God is still with us. The good news of the gospel is that Jesus experienced the fullness of humanity—comfort and pain, celebration and heartache, and joy and suffering. And when he had the choice to escape ridicule or rejection, Jesus stuck with the outsiders, the oppressed, and the hurting. The life of Jesus demonstrates that God knows what it is to be human and to be with us in all our experiences, especially in our suffering.

For Adults...

Following lunch, adults are invited to class in Room 201 (in the Activities Building across from the dining room) to a study centered on Matthew 25. The group will discuss the week's theme from the daily devotional "Lord, When Did We See You: A Matthew 25 Lenten Experience," how it relates to the denomination's Matthew 25 Initiative, and how we see our own faith journey in light of this commitment. As a Matthew 25 church we have committed to these three foci along with hundreds of other PC(USA) congregations across the country:

- [Building congregational vitality](#) by challenging people and congregations to deepen their faith and get actively and joyfully engaged with their community and the world.
- [Dismantling structural racism](#) by advocating and acting to break down the systems, practices and thinking that underlie discrimination, bias, prejudice and oppression of people of color.
- [Eradicating systemic poverty](#) by working to change laws, policies, plans and structures in our society that perpetuate economic exploitation of people who are poor.

ADULT LOGOS

For Logos Adults from 6-7pm in the Ruffner Room...

The study, "With Creation: A Native and Indigenous Lenten Devotional" from Unbound will highlight Native American and Indigenous voices and perspectives on creation and our faith life, from Ash Wednesday to Easter. Through the season of Lent 12 Native American or Indigenous writers will be featured and the devotional is intended to fill a need within the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

"Native and Indigenous voices and perspectives are often ignored or silenced, especially in the context of the church and faith, though their voices and perspectives have always been here," said the Rev. Lee Catoe, editor of Unbound. "It is crucial that the people who have been here, will be here and will always be here have a platform to express their spiritualities and their perspectives. This isn't only a devotional but a calling to an invitation to be challenged, to grow and to be at one with the Creator and Creation."

40 CANS/40 DAYS

“I was hungry and you gave me something to eat...” Matt. 25:35

Christ calls us to feed the hungry. As we enter the season of Lent, we are invited to assist our neighbors who are experiencing food insecurity by bringing food staples to the church each week during Lent. Our donations will be delivered to Covenant House during the week following Easter. Please bring your food gifts to church on Sunday morning or during weekday office hours and place them on the tables in the hallway!

Imagine if each person in our congregation contributed forty cans during the forty+ days of Lent!
The following schedule is suggested to help us organize our shopping:

“Truly I tell you, whatever you did for the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.” (Matt. 25:40)



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 for Big Spring Presbyterian Church in Slatyfork, First United Presbyterian Church in Ravenswood and Kesler Memorial Presbyterian Church in Hico.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBY

Sunday, February 11

10:30 AM Worship
11:00 AM Worship broadcast on WCHS-580AM

Monday, February 12

8:30 AM Aerobics
9:30 AM PEO Meeting - Ruffner Room
5:30 PM CE Committee Meeting
6:00 PM CCRA Basketball

Tuesday, February 13

10:00 AM Staff Meeting
10:30 AM PW Book Study - Edgewood Summit
4:30 PM Trustee Meeting -E117
6:00 PM CCRA Basketball
7:00 PM Civic Chorus Rehearsal - Chapel

Wednesday, February 14

8:30 AM Aerobics
10:30 AM Orchard Manor
5:00 PM LOGOS
6:00 PM Adult LOGOS
6:30 PM Ash Wednesday Service

Thursday, February 15

6:00 PM CCRA Basketball

Friday, February 16

8:30 AM Aerobics

Saturday, February 17

DAILY SCRIPTURE READING

Sunday, February 11 Luke 9:18-27
Monday, February 12 John 18:15-18,25-27
Tuesday, February 13 John 18:28-38
Wednesday, February 14 Luke 18:9-14
Thursday, February 15 John 17:1-8
Friday, February 16 John 17:9-19
Saturday, February 17 John 17:20-26

DISCOVERY CLASS

- 2.11 - The Presbyterian Authorized Lay Leadership Program (ALP) - Sallie Daugherty
- 2.18 - Hearts in the Bible - Rick Vorhees
- 2.25 - Happenings at Daymark - Beth Scohy, Exec. Dir.
- 3.3 - Kan. Valley Fellowship Home - Dick Daugherty



First Presbyterian Church

Ash Wednesday
2024

February 14th

Communion service

6:30pm

"God formed man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature."
Genesis 2:7