

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH



Sunday, February 18

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

8:30 a.m. – Worship/Communion
9:30 a.m. – Sunday School,
Choir Rehearsal, and Youth Group
11:00 a.m. – Worship/Communion

Monday, February 19

PRESIDENT'S DAY

5:30 p.m. – Cornerstone Child Care
Board Meeting
7:00 p.m. – Men's Basketball

Tuesday, February 20

5:45 p.m. – Liberty Bells Rehearsal

Wednesday, February 21

10:00 a.m. – Staff Meeting
3:45 p.m. – P.R.A.Y.
7:15 p.m. – *Soulstice*
7:45 p.m. – Worship and Music
Committee Meeting

Thursday, February 22

NO Trustee Meeting
7:00 p.m. – Men's Basketball

Friday, February 23

Saturday, February 24

Sunday, February 25

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Blankets Plus Sunday and Offering
8:30 a.m. – Worship
9:30 a.m. – Sunday School and
Choir Rehearsal
11:00 a.m. – Worship

Attendance Last Week (February 11):

8:30 a.m.: 40
11:00 a.m.: 84
Online Views: 36
Total Giving - \$8,230.58
2024 Per Capita to date – \$340.00
(2024 Per Capita per member - \$34.00)



PASTORAL VISITS AND MINISTERIAL CARE.

If you or a loved one have been hospitalized, have undergone a large life change, or would like to receive a visit from your pastor, please contact Dr. Corll or the church office. Additionally, The Stephen Ministry has 6 persons who are available to pray with you and render spiritual support.



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 Barb Grzegorzewski. She can be reached at 814-336-1447.**



gym. Come join us!

Attention Men of the Church! Men's Basketball will be playing every Monday and Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 18, 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 are Ross Feltz and Lydia Green.
- **The Liturgist** today is Nancy Smith.
- **The Greeters** today are Barb Grzegorzewski and Carol Huggins at 8:30; Chuck Claspy, Mark Bartoe and Emmet Stoner, Clare and Owen Dill at 11:00 a.m.
- **The Acolytes** today are Quinn O'Shea at 8:30 a.m.; Perry Hilburn at 11:00 a.m.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

† **Friends and members hospitalized, ill, and recovering:** Bill Douglass, Marlene Braham, Dr. Priscilla Suntay, Christianne Marawba, Lydia Marquinez, Virginia Oback, Linda Bennett, Mary Truran, Bonnie Murphy, 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:** Oil City Presbyterian Church and Commissioned Pastor Josh Botts; Rev. Emily Chudy, Board of Pensions, Regional Representative.

† **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 Sthreshley (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 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

PRAYER REQUESTS

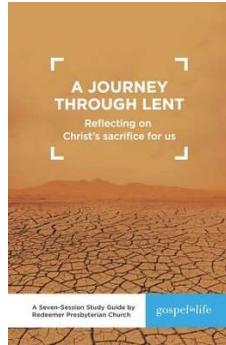
THE PRAYER LIFELINE

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. All requests will be kept confidential.

Soulstice gatherings will take place on Wednesdays during Lent, beginning on February 21st. Join us at 7:15 PM in the downstairs chapel for a time of music, prayer, and silence.



The liturgical color for Lent is purple. In the ancient world, purple dye was extracted by hand from mollusks: a labor-intensive process. It was therefore afforded only by the rich and worn most exclusively by royalty. The Gospels recount that Roman soldiers placed a “purple garment” on Christ as a way of mocking both him and his followers. Purple is therefore used during this season of self-examination as a symbol of sacrifice and repentance.



Lenten Study: Beginning February 18, the Adult Ed class will begin looking at a Lenten video series by Timothy Keller. Timothy J. Keller (1950-2023), who was the founding pastor of Redeemer Presbyterian Church in New York City, co-founder of Redeemer City to City, and the author of several books. The Adult Ed will study “A Journey Through Lent, Reflecting on Christ’s Sacrifice for Us.” The series focuses on seven separate Psalms which, according to the series promo, “address the wilderness experiences we often face.” The sessions consider these Psalms as individual prayers: Prayer of Confession, Prayer of Seeking, Prayer of Thirst, Prayer of Rest, Prayer for the World, Prayer for the King, Prayer for Security. We often think of Lent as a time for giving something up. *Please consider joining in on this class which meets at 9:30 a.m. Sunday mornings in the Culbertson Theater Room, and add something to your Lenten journey! Chris Lafferty will be the facilitator.*



Praying for Children (momsinprayer.org) During the winter months we will meet via email. If you would like to receive a guide sheet to pray for children and their schools, during your devotional time, email Laurel Porter at hlporter20@yahoo.com. Prayer focus for our children in February is from Luke 6:36. Father, May _____ be merciful, just as you are merciful.



Presbyterian Women’s Mission Focus for February is Church World Service Blankets Plus: For over 75 years, Church World Service has been helping people of faith bring God’s hope and healing to people in the U.S. and around the world. When difficult times happen, a kind and loving response can make all the difference. That’s why the CWS Blankets program was created—to give a kind, loving and tangible response to someone facing a difficult time, reminding them that they are not alone. Through the generosity of CWS partners, our most vulnerable neighbors around the world can feel safe and keep warm with fresh linens and clean sleeping quarters. When our neighbors are in need, even \$10 for a single blanket goes a long way. Please make checks out to “First Presbyterian Church” and put “PW Blankets Plus” in the memo. **Be part of the miracle. Blanket the world with love.**

ASH WEDNESDAY SOUP AND SERVICE

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.



Our Youth in Action



“On Souper Bowl Sunday” The young disciples of our church collected non-perishable items for our church’s food pantry. Thank you to everyone who donated food, and to the youth of our church for helping collect the food! Thank you, Board of Deacons, for putting all the food away in our food pantry. **Four large carts** of food have been collected along with \$1,941 in cash donations. Thank you for helping stock our food pantry so families in our community can be fed.

Valentine’s Day Party during Sunday School: The Children had a wonderful time making valentine cards for our shut-ins.

