



THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

Sunday, March 9

First Sunday of Lent

Daylight Savings Time Begins

8:30 a.m. – Worship/Communion

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School/Youth Group

11:00 a.m. – Worship/Communion

Monday, March 10

6:30 p.m. – Deacons Meeting

Tuesday, March 11

5:30 p.m. – Liberty Bells Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 12

1:00 p.m. – Knit Unto Others

3:45 p.m. – P.R.A.Y.

5:00 p.m. – Session Meeting

7:15 p.m. – *Soulstice*

Thursday, March 13

9:30 a.m. – Grace Bible Study

1:30 p.m. – Hope Bible Study

Friday, March 14

Saturday, March 15

Sunday, March 16

Second Sunday of Lent

8:30 a.m. – Worship

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School, Confirmation

Class, Choir Rehearsal

11:00 a.m. – Worship

Attendance Last Week (March 2, 2025):

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.: 100

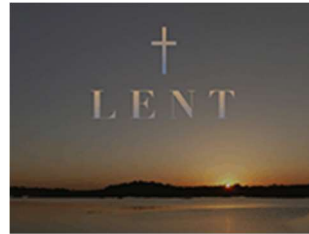
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Total Giving – \$12,026.34

2025 Per Capita to date – \$629.00

Total Due to Presbytery – \$20,860.00

(2025 Per Capita per member - \$35.00)



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.



Sunday School

Elementary Sunday School: Our Sunday school hour will continue with the unit entitled “Emotions.” We started on February 23rd with the story “Hannah’s Joyful Surprise” found in 1 Samuel 1:1-20. This lesson emphasized the JOY we feel when we trust in Jesus. The other lessons take a close look at FEAR, TRUST, and ANGER. These Stories will grow our awareness of the emotions God has given to all of us and how we should take these feelings to Him.

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 9, 2025

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 on weekdays from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at (814) 333-2161. Childcare is available in Cornerstone Child Care during the worship service.

SERVING THIS MORNING:

- **The Audio/Video Technician** today is Ryan Claspy.
- **The Liturgist** today is Dianne Eakin.
- **The Greeters** today are Henry Dewey and Patti Wetherbee at 8:30 a.m.; and Mark Szitas, Chuck Claspy, Jerry and Madalyn Davis at 11:00 a.m.
- **The Acolytes** today are Mac O’Shea at 8:30 a.m.; and Kendall Claspy at 11:00 a.m.
- **The Cantor** today is Nancy Smith at 11:00 a.m.

The Chancel Flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Henry and Sam Fischer’s birthdays by Bob and Vickie Fischer.

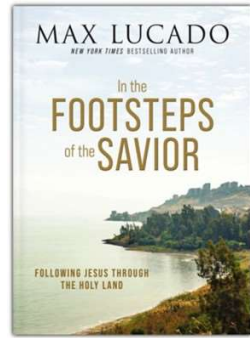
PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- † **Friends and members hospitalized, ill, and recovering:** Rebecca Borthwick-Aiken, Darrell Sivik, Marlene Braham, Randy Puno, Blessie Santos, Ruth Cooper, Erin Hart, Marilyn Robb, Cheri McFate, Jeremy Pruskowski, Carol Young, Ginny Burchfield.
- † **Sympathy to Marilyn Robb and Family** on the death of her husband, Dr. John Robb, on Saturday, March 1.
- † **Sympathy to Ruth Prest and Family** on the death of her sister, Dolores Pancoast, on Thursday, February 27.
- † **The concerns of Lake Erie Presbytery this week:** Retired Rev. Dr. Lt. Col. Bliss Divine Agbeko, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Ghana; Rev. Dr. Lawson Dzanku, Clerk of the G.A. Pr. Dr. Salome Otame-Abutiante, Presbyter Executive of the General Assembly.
- † **Members’ and Friends’ Loved Ones Being Deployed:** Shawn Woolstrum.
- † **Service Personnel:** Tyler Schmidt, 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 (Ingalls Creek, WA), Medical Benevolence, Living Waters of the World, Presbytery of Redstone, (PA Wee Kirk Conferences), Presbyterian Disaster Relief, Haiti Children (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), Josh and Carli Cumpston (Frozen Chosen Artic Barnabas Ministry) Remote Alaska.

NEWS OF THE CHURCH ALIVE



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. **For this week, the on-call Stephen Minister is Veronica Asay. She can be reached at 814-336-1447.**



Adult Bible Study: Join Max Lucado on an inspirational journey through the Holy Land. Discover God's heart for his people and his deep love for you. As Max weaves together the insights from his own travels to Israel, he

will guide you to walk where Jesus walked and ponder the promises he made. This video Bible study will provide you an encounter with the life-changing Holy One as you follow in the footsteps of the Savior through the Holy Land.



Our next Soulstice gatherings will be on Wednesday, March 12, 19, 26 and April 2 and 9 at 7:15 p.m. These are all the Wednesdays in Lent.



The WiNS Project needs good clean plastic bags (no wine and spirits bags). Please collect your bags and drop them off at their designated spot across from the church office. Thank you.



Food Pantry Needs The following items are needed to help fill our food pantry: Spaghetti sauce, pasta, canned chicken, canned tuna, canned soup, peanut butter, saltine crackers, oatmeal, cereal, and powdered milk.



“Praying for Children” (momsinprayer.org) February prayer focus for our children: James 1:17 Lord, may my children see their many blessings and be grateful.



Cornerstone Child Care is doing a fun pasta fundraising event. All proceeds go to buying cars, bikes, and other materials for our kids. If you would like to help support us, you can do so by visiting the link below. Payments and orders are all online. Thank you!
<https://funpastafundraising.com/2025-spring-cornerstone-child-care/susan-gehr/>



Knit Unto Others **KNIT UNTO OTHERS:** Get your needles and yarn out! Knit Unto Others will meet on Wednesday, March 12 at 1:00 p.m. in the church library. Anyone interested in the fellowship of knitting, crocheting or cross stitching is welcome. We make prayer shawls for those in need of the warmth of God's love, and the comfort, prayers, and support from their friends of faith. If you have any questions, you can contact Kandy Davis at ksdavis70@zoominternet.net or 814-807-0156.



Grace will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 13th in the Church Library.
Hope will meet at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 13th in the Church Library.



Rebecca Borthwick-Aiken is now residing in Rolling Fields Eldercare Community. She is in Dogwood room 9. You can visit or send cards to Becky at: Rolling Fields Eldercare Community, 9108 State Highway 198 Conneautville, PA 16406



PASTORAL VISITS AND MINISTERIAL CARE. If you or a loved one have been hospitalized, have undergone a large life change, or need spiritual guidance and would like a visit from your pastor, please contact Rev. Ben Black or the church office. **Additionally, The Stephen Ministry has 6 people who are available to pray with you and render spiritual support.**



IT'S A BEAUTIFUL DAY IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD: Mr. Fred Rogers' birthday is **MARCH 20** and the day that the PC(USA) has chosen to highlight all we can learn from his work. Fred Rogers was an ordained minister of word and sacrament for the PC(USA) and is a notable public figure whose work around peace and reconciliation are worth remembering. Mr. Rogers was also a pioneer in the world of Christian education and formation of young children.



Stop in the Church Library or check out the display at the top of the stairs for some great reads! COME IN and CHECK THEM OUT!



The Church will be closed on Saturday mornings unless there is a major event taking place. **So please plan your events accordingly.**



The Annual “Easter Egg Hunt and Fun” family event is planned for Saturday, April 12, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00. The children of the church and friends are invited to come to share in the fun.



Easter Candy Request: Our annual “Easter Egg Hunt and Fun” is coming on April 12th in Fellowship Hall. Please consider donating a bag or two of small Easter candies that will fit into plastic Easter eggs. A signup sheet is available in the foyer. Please leave your name and contact number if you are willing to donate. Donations need to be in the church office **NO** later than April 9th. Thank you! –Vickie



Presbyterian Women of Lake Erie Presbytery: The Women's Spring Gathering will take place at the Oil City First Presbyterian Church on Saturday, April 5th starting at 10:00 a.m. The theme this year is “Be Still and Know That I Am God!” (Psalm 46:10) Anita Bernhardt and Karen Haas will present information on their recent trip to Ghana Mission Network Conference. To register please call Kathy Hohmann at 814-758-0701 or email her at hohmannc@comcast.net. Registration deadline is March 24th.



WHERE'S THE CHOIR? The Allegheny College students in our choir will be returning to campus later today after their well-deserved Spring Break, and some of our other singers are traveling as well. The choir will resume singing at the 11:00 AM service next Sunday.

