



**Librarian's Picks for
March: March is
"Reading Awareness
Month." Take a stroll
through our Library and
pick a good book or DVD. "Every Bunny is
Welcome!" Come in and Check Them Out!**

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

Sunday, March 17

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

8:30 a.m. – Worship

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School, Choir Rehearsal,
and Youth Group

11:00 a.m. – Worship

12:00 p.m. – Congregational Lunch

Monday, March 18

5:30 p.m. – Cornerstone Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 19



5:30 p.m. – Liberty Bells Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 20

Mr. Rogers Day

10:00 a.m. – Staff Meeting

3:45 p.m. – P.R.A.Y.

4:00 p.m. – Mission Committee Meeting

6:15 p.m. – Christian Education Committee
Meeting

7:15 p.m. – *Soulstice*

Thursday, March 21

10:00 a.m. – Teen Mission Trip Meeting

5:00 p.m. – Trustee Meeting

6:15 p.m. – Pastor Nominating Comm. Mtg.

Friday, March 22

Saturday, March 23

10:00 a.m. – Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, March 24

PALM SUNDAY

8:30 a.m. – Worship

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School, Choir Rehearsal

11:00 a.m. – Worship

Attendance Last Week (March 10):

8:30 a.m.: 37

11:00 a.m.: 76

Online Views: 44

Total Giving - \$2,321.00

2024 Per Capita to date – \$4,144.00

2024 Per Capita Budgeted – \$6,000.00

Total Due to Presbytery – \$20,774.00

(2024 Per Capita per member - \$34.00)



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.**



Our Congregational Lunch will be held after the 11:00 a.m. service today. The Personnel and Property Committee is preparing some delicious Irish Stew for us to share. Sandwiches will also be provided for the kids who may not want to try the stew.

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 17, 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 is Ryan Clasp at 11:00 a.m.
- **The Liturgist** today is Henry Dewey.
- **The Greeters** today are John and Nancy Alexander at 8:30; Kandy Davis, Doris Morrow, Emily Moose and Madyson Washburn at 11:00 a.m.
- **The Acolytes** today are Eva Fischer at 8:30 a.m.; Perry Hilburn at 11:00 a.m.
- **The Choir Accompanist** today is James Ross at 11:00 a.m.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

† **Friends and members hospitalized, ill, and recovering:** Joe Shutsa, Selene McGowen, Bob Hotchkiss, Marlene Braham, Christianne Marawba, Lydia Marquinez, Virginia Oback, Linda Bennett, 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.

† **Sympathy to Ann Harned and Family** on the death of her niece, Connie Meiflahn, on March 11.

† **Congratulations to Andrew and Kirstie Bartoe** on the birth of their son, Brooks Thomas Bartoe, on March 12th. The Proud grandparents are Mark and Mary Lynn Bartoe.

† **The concerns of Lake Erie Presbytery this week:** Rev. Barry Cressman, Rev. Jim McCormack, Rev. Mary Louise McCullough, and Rev. Jim Haas, Honorably Retired.

† **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 Schreshley (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 kdiill@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



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 continue each Wednesday during Lent. Join us at 7:15 PM in the downstairs chapel for a time of music, prayer, and silence.



The Annual “**Easter Egg Hunt and Fun**” family event is planned for Saturday, March 23rd, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00. We will be doing a special service project for Embassy on Park Avenue and playing EASTER games. The children of the church and friends are invited to come to share in the fun. Please complete the registration form and return it by March 19th to the church office.



If for some reason you must leave the sanctuary during the 11:00 a.m. worship service, but would like to watch the service, we now have the capability of watching our services in the youth room.

Update from Presbyterian Women: Check the April Evangel to learn more about our new monthly mission partner, Common Roots. Also, brochures are available in the church office or check their website at commonrootspa.org.



New Members will be received in the near future. If you are interested on becoming a member of First Presbyterian Church, please let Rev. Corll or an elder know.



The Pastoral Nominating Committee

had their first meeting on Tuesday, February 27 where they were oriented by General Presbyter, Anita Bernhardt, on the process and requirements of the PNC. As part of this meeting, Ryan Claspay was selected PNC Chair, Chris Lafferty was selected as the PNC Clerk, and Joy Jordan was selected as the PNC Communication Coordinator. Their next meetings will be Thursday, March 21 where they will continue developing our Ministry Discernment Profile.



“Praying for Children” (momsinprayer.org) Thank you Teachers, Staff and Administrators for serving the children of our community and persevering day after day! Suggested prayer focus for our children and their schools this month is from **Psalm 3:3**. Lord, may you be a shield around _____. Be his/her glory and the one who lifts him/her up.



Thank you for all the prayers, cards, calls, and visits from my church family during my recent knee surgery.

Selene McGowen



Presbyterian Women's March Mission Focus: This month we will be collecting 16-ounce jars of peanut butter and 14/15-ounce boxes of graham crackers for the WiNS Project. The WiNS Project provides weekend nutrition bags to students in Crawford Central School District. Volunteers pack and distribute over 500 bags each week. Peanut butter and graham crackers will be sent home with the children (along with other items) for the long Easter break. Please place your donations into the purple “WiNS” bin in the church office. **Thank you for your support and prayers!**



The church newsletter can now be found on our website. If you would prefer to read it online, please contact the church office so we can remove your name and address from the mailing list. Thank you!



SPECIAL OFFERINGS ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

One Great Hour of Sharing will be received during the month of March. For 75 years, One Great Hour of Sharing has partnered with others to take action to share God's love. Through these three life-saving programs, WE ARE THERE to advance the causes of justice, resilience, and sustainability: **The Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** (Restoring Streets to Live In), **The Presbyterian Hunger Program** (Sharing Bread with the Hungry) and **The Self-Development of People** (Loosing the Bonds of Injustice). Please give what you can. If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot!



Saturday, April 20th is “The Presbyterian Women of Lake Erie Presbytery Spring Gathering” at Girard Presbyterian Church from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Registration and Tours of the church from 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. *Dee Roberts will give tours of the church and history including God's guidance to rebuild the church after it was destroyed by fire. *Katie Kretz, Executive Director of the Multi-Cultural Community Resource Center in Erie, will share how MCRC assists refugees in resettling in our communities. *Coming with Katie will be a few refugees who will tell firsthand about their journey to Erie and about their experiences learning to rebuild their lives in a different county.



Adult Sunday School: Matthew 25 on April 14th, 21st, and 28th. Matthew 25 has become an important focus in the mission and ministry of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Specifically, it informs, inspires, and influences our work on three strategic priorities: eradicating systemic poverty, dismantling structural racism and building congregational vitality. The adult Sunday school class will be considering how Matthew 25: 31-46 speaks to—and leads us to pursue these areas of work. We also will look at three different ways of interpreting the biblical text: a literal/plain reading, a historical/critical reading, and a spiritual/symbolic reading. Join us as we read, reflect, and respond to how God's word speaks to us as we strive to live a life that reflects Christian love.