



# Presbyterian

## R E P O R T E R

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## JOIN FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FOR HOLY WEEK



**April 5, Palm Sunday – 11:00 AM** Worship Service with communion by intinction in our sanctuary

**April 9, Maundy Thursday – 7:30 PM** Service with seated communion in our sanctuary

**April 10, Good Friday – 7:30 PM** Service in our sanctuary

**April 12, Easter Sunday:**  
**7:00 AM Sunrise Service** at Rocky Gap State Park, Mountain View Pavilion

**11:00 AM Worship Service** with special music in our sanctuary

# CONNECT WITH FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Pam Jan	2-Mar
Mikayla Dodge	4-Mar
Joe Aurigemma	6-Mar
Sheri Sterne	6-Mar
Suanne Casseday	8-Mar
Chelsea Boor	11-Mar
Sandra Burton	11-Mar
Randy Stroup	15-Mar
John Johnson	17-Mar
Linda Smith	17-Mar
Jackie Boor	19-Mar
Gary Hartung	20-Mar
Kay Williams	20-Mar
Zach Dodge	22-Mar
Joe Weaver	25-Mar
Rolfe Singerman	27-Mar
Bryan Wodaski	30-Mar



Just a reminder that daylight savings time begins next Sunday, March 8th. Be sure to turn your clocks forward one hour on Saturday night!



Thank you, Julie Courtney, for bringing us the delicious cookies that the youth made and decorated. We really enjoyed them; they didn't last long! Thanks to Carolyn Mathews for the beautiful poinsettias, but most of all for her visit. Even though we watch the service on YouTube, it's really nice to talk to someone about what's happening at church. Thanks to Joe for doing such an excellent job of scanning the sanctuary and choir loft with Bryan at the organ.. Thanks to Barbara Leasure and Carolyn Mathews for bringing home communion. That was very meaningful and very much appreciated. Last but not least, thanks to Rev. Jim Young for your visits and prayers. Special thanks also to Brittany for mailing the bulletins every week.

Thank you all again and God bless!

Bill & Carlotta Shaffer



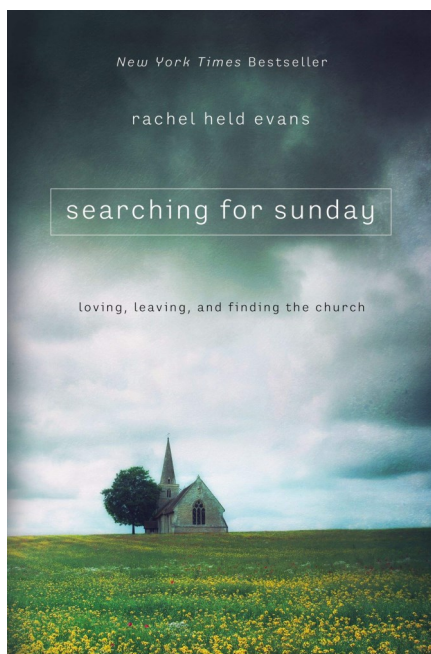


The Congregational Care and Outreach committee would like to begin planning another trip to Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA. They will begin showing their new musical, *Queen Esther*, in March. Weekend spots at the theater are filling up rapidly. Ticket prices for the seats range between \$60.00 and \$90.00 depending on the day of the week. Transportation costs will vary depending on the number of people attending and method of transportation. Last time we rented a 15-passenger van which added \$25.00 to each person's total cost. Please contact Josh Gilhart if you have any questions or if you are interested in attending.

## LENTEN STUDY SERIES

On Thursdays, March 19, 26, and April 2, we will have a light supper at 5:30 PM followed by a study led by Rev. Young and taken from the Lenten devotional, *Becoming a Beloved Community*. Join us on these evenings to try and grow together as the "beloved community" by "facing our fears, prejudices and our flawed understandings, so that in Christ, wrongs may be righted, hearts may be changed and we might live together in peace." If you are in need of childcare, let Ann Kellermeyer or Julie Courtney know.

## SUNDAY MORNING BOOK GROUP



A few weeks ago, we began a weekly book group which meets from 10:00 AM to 10:50 AM on Sunday mornings. Participants read and discuss books on religious, social, and other topics of interest. The Faith Formation committee will suggest a list of books, but we also encourage participants to suggest books they are personally interested in to add to the list.

The committee selected a book to start us out, but moving forward all books will be voted on by the group. Our first book is Searching for Sunday by Rachel Held Evans. This book deals with the author's struggles with loving, falling away from, and finding her way back to church. The book is available for \$9.49 at [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com). Anyone interested please contact Joshua Gilhart. If anyone interested is in need of child care please let him know in advance and it will be arranged.

## ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO SOUTH DAKOTA THIS SUMMER?



If you would like to learn more about the 11<sup>th</sup> annual Learning Camp, please join Robin Bissell and Janet Hendershot after worship on Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> and March 22<sup>nd</sup> in the Chapel for a short slideshow and plenty of time for your questions. Other times to discuss the camp may be arranged by contacting Robin at [rbissell444@gmail.com](mailto:rbissell444@gmail.com).

## INTERFAITH FOOD DONATION BOX

The Mission Committee is looking for a volunteer from the congregation to monitor the box located in the lobby which is used to collect food for the Interfaith Food Pantry. This person would be responsible for checking the bin and when it is full, taking the food items to the food pantry. Anyone interested in taking on this important mission opportunity, please contact Pam Jan or Aaron Hendrickson for further details.

## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING  
SPECIAL OFFERINGS  
HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

One Great Hour of Sharing makes a difference in the world.

On Easter Sunday, our congregation will be contributing to the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering, one of four special offerings sponsored by the Presbyterian Church USA.

Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. This Offering seeks to alleviate these conditions by the following programs:

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE (PDA) works alongside communities as they recover and find hope after the devastation of natural or human-caused disasters, and support for refugees. It receives 32% of funds raised.

PRESBYTERIAN HUNGER PROGRAM (PHP) takes action to alleviate hunger, care for creation, and the systemic causes of poverty so all may be fed. It receives 36% of funds raised.

SELF-DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE (SDOP) Invests in communities responding to their experiences of oppression, poverty and injustice and educates Presbyterians about the impact of these issues. It receives 32% of funds raised.

As you can see, the One Great Hour of Sharing makes a difference in the world. Please consider giving generously to this offering on April 12.

# OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

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## REASON FOR THE SEASON UPDATE

“Reason for the Season” began 23 years ago by the Mission Committee as a less commercial way to give gifts. It’s been God’s project all of those years and He’s blessed it every time by touching your hearts to respond. This year the final total was \$7,085.

That’s a lot of “straw” filling Jesus’ manger with acts of love and kindness!

What God DOES with the money, through human hands, is what’s important.

At Kinnaird Academy in Lahore, Pakistan, students who otherwise could not afford the tuition will continue receiving a quality education thanks to your donation of \$2,081. It will be exciting to see God’s plans for them in the future!

You gave \$366 to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to help victims of Hurricane Dorian in the Bahamas. Evacuees in shelters with emergency needs are being assisted, and plans made for long-term recovery.

The Fuller Center for Housing will use your \$437 to build and repair homes for low-income families in 60 U.S. cities and 16 countries. Church members have helped in New Bern, NC, and we’ve given members of the Fuller Center lodging in the church as they fund-raise with a cross-country bike ride.

Another relationship we are building is with Pressley Ridge in Cumberland. The \$337 will provide training in parenting and coping skills for at-risk families through the Homebuilder’s Program and three other programs that help children.

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) speak for abused or neglected children in courts, school, and in the community. Your \$417 will help train the volunteers who are God’s presence, advocating for the needs of a child. Volunteering is another way to help.

The all-volunteer staff at Interfaith Community Food Pantry on Cumberland St. will be busy stocking their shelves with your \$502. They provide much needed emergency food resources and vouchers for perishable food. God is working in the midst of us. He (and they) could use your hands as well as your funds.

Other missions benefiting are: “This Child Here” in Ukraine; orphans at Q Mountain, Lesotho; Mulange Hospital, Malawi; Welfare Assoc. for Children, Nepal; Juna Amagara, Uganda; SD Learning Camp; Special Ministries; Union Rescue Mission; Salvation Army; Family Crisis Resource Center; Western MD Food Bank; and Allegany Health Right. Of the final total, \$2,945 was given to these other missions. God is everywhere!

The Mission Committee truly thanks all who gave to, or prayed for these missions. Please keep all of the people and work involved with these missions in your prayers. They do pray for us, which is humbling.

Linda Smith  
Mission Committee

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## EASTER FLOWERS 2020

If you would like to purchase flowers for the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, please indicate below whether you wish to take your flowers home afterward, or if you wish them to be given to one of our in-home or nursing care members. Please indicate your selection and total below. **Orders are due by Sunday, April 5th.**

	Price Each	Quantity	Total
Lily	\$6.00	_____	\$_____
Tulips	\$6.00	_____	\$_____
Hyacinths	\$6.00	_____	\$_____
Chrysanthemums	\$6.00	_____	\$_____
<b>Total</b>		_____	<b>\$_____</b>

My floral gift is in honor/memory of: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Given to the Glory of God by: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate: I would like to take my flowers home \_\_\_\_\_ I would like to donate the flowers \_\_\_\_\_

## EASTER MUSIC 2020

You can also celebrate Easter by contributing to the Special Music Fund. This fund is separate from the budget and is used to pay guest musicians who provide special music during worship on holidays and throughout the year.

*Note: Special Music contributions may also be given any time of the year.*

**Special Music Contribution** \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

My Special Music gift is in honor/memory of: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Given to the Glory of God by: \_\_\_\_\_

Checks for music should be made payable to First Presbyterian Church and the form returned to the church no later than **Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>** if you want your dedication listed in the bulletin.



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**We Thank God For:**

*March*

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