

April 2021



First Presbyterian Church E-News

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Session Meeting Highlights

The Session of First Presbyterian Church met at 7:00 PM on Thursday, March 18, 2021 in the Gathering Place for its stated monthly meeting. With the departure of Rev. Dr. Young, Rev. Glasgow served as moderator via Zoom. The session thanks Rev. Glasgow for his willingness to serve as moderator.

The Worship and Music Committee submitted a list of pastors that will serve as our guest preachers through May 2. The following list was approved by session.

Day	Date	Pastor/Lay	Liturgist
Sunday	March 14	Carolyn Mathews	David Stickler
Sunday	March 21	Rev. Walt Peters	Buck Belt
Palm Sunday	March 28	Rev. Walt Peters	Carolyn Mathews
Maundy Thursday	April 1	Rev. Walt Peters	Cathy Levitas
Good Friday	April 2	Rev. Walt Peters	
Sunrise Easter Service	April 4	Rev. Walt Peters	Carolyn Mathews
Easter Sunday	April 4	Rev. Walt Peters	Robert Courtney
Holy Humor Sunday	April 11	Rev. Rebecca Vardiman	Sharon Kazary
Sunday	April 18	Lucas Taylor	Buck Belt
Sunday	April 25	Gail Plitnik	Sharon Kazary
Sunday	May 2	Rev. Walt Peters	David Stickler

The session approved the installation of new boilers in the furnace room. The funds of \$60,280 will come from the Capital Improvement account. The work will be completed by All Season Air Conditioning and Heating.

The current Lenten study is nearing completion. As of this date, there are no plans for April, but a book study is being planned for May.

The Mission Committee reminded session that the South Dakota Soup Sale is in progress. Orders are to be placed by March 26th, with a pick-up date March 28th.

I wish you and yours a Happy Easter.

David Stickler, Clerk

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Joys and Concerns



April Birthdays

Bill Workman 3-Apr
Chris Gallo 5-Apr
Nancy Hodges 14-Apr
Bob Kazary 14-Apr
Ann Kellermeyer 14-Apr
Mary Gallion 17-Apr
Brenda Luger 17-Apr
Dale Corley 22-Apr

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS



Monday 8:30 AM- 4:00 PM
Tuesday 8:30 AM- 4:00 PM
Wednesday 8:30 AM- 4:00 PM
Thursday 8:30 AM- 4:00 PM
Friday 8:30 AM- 1:00 PM

Please note that on Fridays when the office closes at 1:00 PM, Brittany is still available by phone and email until 4:00 PM.

Beginning Monday, April 19th, the Church Office will open the hours listed above and additionally Friday's office hours will return to 8:30-4:00 PM.



The Church office will be CLOSED on Monday, April 5th in observance of Easter.

Thank you for all your prayers, cards, and condolences after my father's death in January. My parents always enjoyed worshipping at First Presbyterian Church when they visited Cumberland.

-Linda Smith



Opportunities for Serve



This Sunday, we will have the opportunity to donate to the **One Great Hour of Sharing Offering**. The money we donate is distributed among three programs of the Presbyterian Church. They are:

THE PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE (PDA) (Receives **32%** of funds raised):

- Works alongside communities as they recover and find hope after the devastation of natural or human-caused disasters.
- Offers support for refugees

PRESBYTERIAN HUNGER PROGRAM (PHP) (Receives **36%** of funds raised):

- Takes action to alleviate hunger, care for creation, and the systemic causes of poverty so all may be fed.

SELF-DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE (SDOP) (Receives **32%** of funds raised):

- Invests in communities responding to their experiences of oppression, poverty and injustice and educates Presbyterians about the impact of these issues

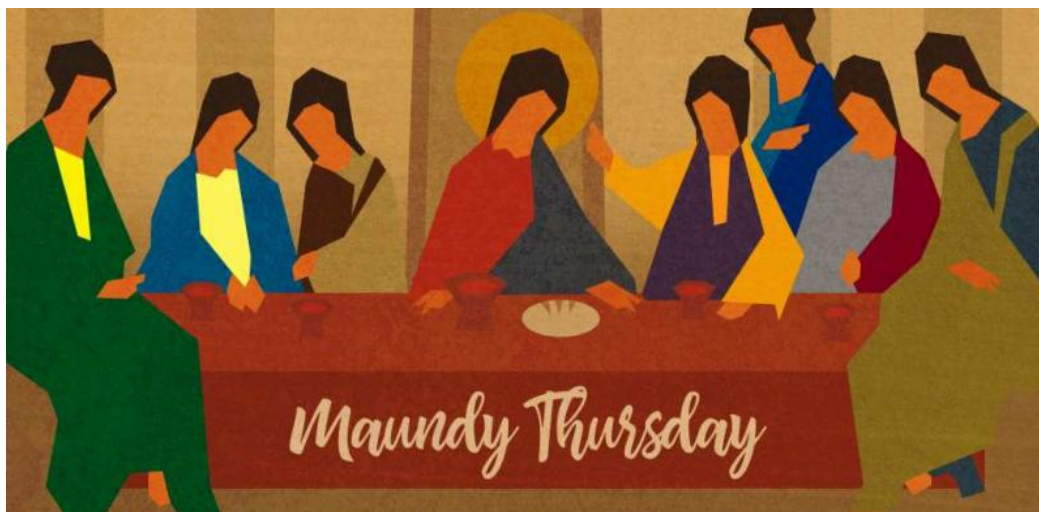
This past year has seen more disasters, more hunger, and more overwhelming difficulties than ever before in recent times. Please consider giving generously to this offering. It is one way that we can help.

Worship With Us

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE



Thursday, April 1st at 7:00 PM
FPC Sanctuary & Live-streamed
Rev. Dr. Walt Peters, Preacher

Our traditional Maundy Thursday service will be celebrated in our sanctuary. Walt Peters and our elders will host the traditional Last Supper Communion. The sanctuary will be stripped at the end of the service.

The offering collected during our Maundy Thursday service will be donated to the Cumberland YMCA's new program, At Risk After School. This program offers an after school meal for children who qualify for reduced lunches in the Allegany County school system. Currently, 30 to 35 children participate in this program. The cost of a meal is \$3.85 and the meals are available five days a week. The Mission Committee of First Presbyterian supports this effort to help our community.



GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, April 2nd Virtual Service

Our Good Friday service will be held virtually for congregational participation throughout the day. The service will feature special readings and musical reflections. A link will be sent via email to view the service.



Sunday, April 4th at 7:00 AM Rocky Gap State Park Rev. Dr. Walt Peters, Preacher

We will gather at the Mountain View pavilion, in the day use area of Rocky Gap State Park. We will greet the sunrise and celebrate the joy of Easter. People should dress warmly to ward off early morning chill and dampness, bring blankets to put on the picnic table benches for comfortable seating, and if desired, bring their own hot drinks. No refreshments will be

provided.



Sunday, April 4th at 11:00 AM
FPC Sanctuary & Live-streamed
Rev. Dr. Walt Peters, Preacher

A traditional Easter Sunday service will be celebrated in our sanctuary with Rev. Walt Peters. Hymns, prayers, a sermon and communion to worship The Lord on his great day.



Holy Humor Sunday, April 11th
Rev. Rebecca Vardiman

Holy Humor Sunday is celebrating God's big joke on the Devil. "Jesus has returned!" We will welcome back Rev. Rebecca Vardiman as our guest preacher. Please come to church ready to celebrate! You are welcome to wear funny hats, outlandish clothes, silly shoes, etc..

Community Events



Western MD Health System Prayer Vigil

Our congregation has been invited to join the community in a prayer vigil on Sunday, April 4th at 8:00 PM at Western MD Health System. You are invited to surround the hospital in your vehicles and lift up thanks to the Lord for the decrease in covid-19 cases and also pray for nurses, doctors and staff of the hospital, as well as, the community.