WORSHIP SCHEDULE for LENT

Wednesday
Lenten Dinner and Worship
Open to all
Dinner at 5:30 pm and Worship at 6:15 pm.

Ash Wednesday
February 13th
February 20th
February 27th
March 6th
March 13th
March 20th

Holy Week
March 24th – Palm Sunday services at 8:30 am and 11:00 am
Maundy Thursday
Seder Supper and service at 5:30 pm
Good Friday service at 7:00 pm
Easter Sunday, March 31, 2013
Easter Breakfast at 9:30 am
Easter Sunday services at 8:30 am and 11:00 am
Get Centred at 10:00 pm

Thursday Morning Lenten Breakfast
All men and boys of the church are invited to a series of Lenten Breakfasts on Thursday mornings at 7:00 a.m. at AJ’s Country Café (formerly the Red Rooster).
Please let Jim Stewart know if you plan on coming so he can let the café know an approximate number.

Special points of interest:
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- KY Health Policy Day, Page 6
- Session and New Officers, Page 10
Dear Friends,

You’ve heard it said that sometimes we can’t see the forest for the trees. Generally what we mean is that sometimes we get so caught up with details that we can’t see the bigger picture, that we become consumed with busynesses that we forget our greater purpose.

It’s not hard for that to happen. We have meetings to attend, tasks that have to be done immediately. It’s like being on a treadmill or a merry-go-round. It’s easy to lose sight of our original intent or our purpose.

I had two reminders of what’s important recently. The first was an article in The Presbyterian Outlook by the editor, Jack Haberer. His article was about what he calls the “Resurrection Generation.” He admits that his generation, the boomers, and the preceding generation, the builders, have often gotten sidetracked and in his words “wrecked the church.” He then says, the good news is that “the newer generations are poised to resurrect it.” I think his assessment is a bit harsh on the boomers and the builders, but illustrates the problem of missing the forest for the trees. I think that happens to all of us, that each generation gets deceived into thinking that running on the treadmill is the same as getting someplace.

What I liked, however, about his article is its focus on resurrection. We all need to hear a message of second chances, of new life and rebirth. It really is a transformative message. Perhaps those of us who are older have become so jaded by life that we fail to hear it. And perhaps the younger generations who have been shaped by the Great Recession, by a growing multi-cultural society in which there is greater ethnic and racial diversity and sexual orientation is less and less of an issue, may be poised to embrace the good news as they seek that which is genuine and real. And maybe their interest and enthusiasm and optimism will sow some seeds of rebirth and new life. That’s reason for hope, and that is a good thing. It helps restore our vision so we can see the forest and that which is most important.

The second reminder I had came from an email from an old friend, a seminary colleague who serves a church in Nebraska. His wife is also a Presbyterian minister. They’ve had a rough life. My friend grew up in a dysfunctional home, made some mistakes, was given the option of going to jail or joining the military, opted for the later and ended up in Vietnam where he was pretty messed up by the time he came home. Floundering, he stumbled upon a storefront ministry in California aimed at the misfits and rejects of society, and he gave his life to Christ and he’s been committed ever since. He straightened out his life, got off drugs and alcohol, got married to a woman who like him was a seeker, put himself through college, and ended up in seminary and has been serving churches for the past 25 years.

My friend isn’t good at doing church. Organizing and running a complex structure isn’t his strong suit. He sometimes lacks tact or correctness when dealing with people. But no one can question his convictions, his thorough and deep understanding of scripture, or theology or the history of the church. He’s a wonderful preacher, and he is extremely compassionate, particularly to the ones Jesus calls “the least of these my brothers and sisters.” He gets the important stuff right. He sees the forest, and a recent email reminded me of that.

We’re coming up on the season of Lent. It’s a good season to refocus, to look for the forest and not the trees. We’ll be once again offering midweek Lenten services on Wednesday evenings. We’ll have a simple meal at 5:30, followed by a devotional worship service from 6:15-6:45. I encourage you to all join us in this Lenten observance and discipline. A Presbyterian minister from a church in Wisconsin suggests this Lenten challenge to her congregation. I think it offers something for all of us.

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Lenten Challenge – Will You Join Us in Practicing These Spiritual Disciplines?

Week One: Sunday, February 17 – Scripture Challenge – Read the Bible every day. Fast – Fast from Facebook for the entire week. (If you aren’t on Facebook, you are invited to give up games and puzzles.)

Week Two: Sunday, February 24 – Prayer Challenge – Pray each morning and each evening. Fast – Fast from news (TV, newspaper, Internet) for the entire week.

Week Three: Sunday, March 3 – Fasting Challenge – Fast for one day or one meal (If not able to give up food due to medical reasons, fast from beverages except water for one day). Fast – Fast from food or beverages for one day or one meal.

Week Four: Sunday, March 10 – Sabbath Challenge – Take a Sabbath (one day where you do no work, but instead rest and worship) Fast – Fast from filling work for one full day (including housework!)

Week Five: Sunday, March 17 – Service Challenge – Practice an act of service toward a neighbor, friend, or stranger Fast – Fast from radio/music.

Week Six: Sunday, March 24 (Palm Sunday) – Worship Challenge – Attend each church service during Holy Week (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter) Fast – Fast from TV for the entire week.

Stay focused on the forest, or as Isaiah says, Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?...eat what is good...Seek the Lord while the Lord may be found....

Grace & peace,

Jim

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One of the many ways this church supports its members is by providing meals for families and individuals in crisis. When someone is recovering from surgery or an accident, suffering from a serious illness, caring for a new baby, or consumed with tending a sick family member, the gift of a meal can ease their burden. Members living alone who are elderly or handicapped appreciate these meals as well. A meal delivered to the door can be a godsend, and not just because it provides food for their physical needs. A meal planned with care, made with love, and hand-delivered at a time of stress, pain or uncertainty is emotionally healing, too.

The chairman of the Crisis Meals Committee contacts the family to see what foods and schedule would be most helpful then sends out a call to the long list of generous volunteers. Meals are usually provided two or three times a week as long as needed. All of you who cook up a casserole, toss a salad, or bake a cake, are greatly appreciated. The only thing that will be remembered and appreciated longer than the meal itself is the love and friendship that went into preparing it. This is how a church family takes care of its own. Thank you.
February 24, 2013  
2nd Sunday in Lent  
Gen. 15:1-12, 17-18; Ps. 27  
Phil. 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35

March 3, 2013  
3rd Sunday in Lent  
Isa. 55:1-9; Ps. 63:1-8  
1 Cor. 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9  
(Daylight Savings Time Begins)

March 10, 2013  
4th Sunday in Lent  
Josh. 5:9-12; Ps. 32; 2 Cor. 5:16-21  

March 17, 2013  
5th Sunday in Lent  
Isa. 43:16-21; Ps. 126  
Phil. 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8

March 24, 2013  
Palm Sunday  

Passion: Isa. 50:4-9a; Phil. 2:5-11  

Our Food Pantries are desperately low on food donations. They are having to purchase food with funds that are usually used to provide for other needs. We are receiving food donations in the food basket in the Walnut Street Foyer.

Thank you.

Canned: Meat, Soup, Fruit, Beans, Spaghetti, Ravioli, etc.
Instant Potato Mixes
Cornbread Mixes
Ramien Noodles
Pasta & Sauce
Peanut butter & Jelly
Rice - flavored & regular
Cereal, Oatmeal, Pop Tarts, Cereal Bars, Pancake Mixes & Syrup, etc.
“Meals In A Box” – Tuna Helper, Hamburger helper, Macaroni & Cheese etc.
Flour, sugar, oil, etc. (NOT large sizes)
Donations for Spring Flowers and Easter Lilies for the sanctuary on Easter Sunday or to be delivered to homebound members will be $10.00 this year. Please complete the information below to indicate who you would like to acknowledge and return this form to the church office with your check before Friday, March 23rd.

_______ Please use my gift to provide Spring Flowers and Easter Lilies for the Sanctuary.

OR

_______ Please use my gift to provide Easter lilies to homebound members.

in honor of _____________________________________________________________

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in memory of _________________________________________________________

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My Name ____________________________________________________________

Phone _______________________________________________________________

My check for $________________________ is enclosed.
save the date

May 7, 2013

KENTUCKY HEALTH POLICY DAY

KENTUCKY INTERNATIONAL
CONVENTION CENTER
May 7, 2013
LOUISVILLE, KY 10AM - 3PM

Kentucky Health Policy Day
This event is being held in conjunction with the National Rural Health Association’s Annual Conference (May 8-10) in Louisville.

"Doing Care Differently In Rural Kentucky"
May 7 2013

For more information, contact:
David A. Gross, 606.783.6468 or dagross@st-claire.org

Agenda and registration information will be emailed soon
Church-Wide Lenten Reading Challenge

This year, are you looking for a Lenten discipline that doesn’t involve giving up chocolate? The congregation is invited to dig deeper into Scripture with a reading challenge on the Book of Acts (The Epistle lectionary reading for after Easter). On the tables in the lobby, Fellowship Hall, and Sanctuary entrance, you’ll find a bookmark for your Bible with a different Acts reading for each day during Lent, starting on Ash Wednesday. Join us, and see what you discover in God’s Word during this season of contemplation and spiritual growth.

Retreats and Conferences

Invitation to a Deeper Spiritual Life
Montreat Conference Center
(Montreat, NC)
April 7-10, 2013

Discover the key ideas and foundational practices for the grand adventure of life in the Spirit! During this Sunday-Wednesday Spirituality Immersion Experience, you will explore the origins of the Christian spiritual tradition, while learning the formative elements of Biblical, monastic, and Reformed spirituality. Our schedule includes time for personal reflection through guided meditative journaling—an exercise for exploring your own unique journey with the living God. Getting to know your fellow students, in both small group and one-on-one settings, will support your practical application of the knowledge acquired over the course.

Marriage Enrichment Retreat
Montreat Conference Center
(Montreat, NC)
April 12-14, 2013

Come join us for a spring weekend in Montreat where the focus will be on “Maximizing Your Marriage Potential.” We believe that marriage is a gift from God and we invite you to nurture and celebrate that gift! In this Retreat from the distractions of everyday life and in the company of others with the same goal, you and your spouse will have opportunity to enjoy each other, assess your marriage potential, strengthen communication and conflict management skills, worship and dream for your future. The weekend’s design will offer education, time for individual couple work, times for sharing and learning with other couples and of course, time for exploration and recreation in this mountain community.

Ecumenical Advocacy Days
Theme: “At God’s Table: Food Justice for a Healthy World”
Doubletree Hotel, Crystal City, VA
(Washington, D.C.)
April 5-8, 2013

Ecumenical Advocacy Days is a movement of the ecumenical Christian community, and its recognized partners and allies, grounded in biblical witness and our shared traditions of justice, peace and the integrity of creation. Our goal, through worship, theological reflection and opportunities for learning and witness, is to strengthen our Christian voice and to mobilize for advocacy on a wide variety of U.S. domestic and international policy issues. For more information, visit the website at http://www.advocacydays.org

For more information on any of these conferences or retreats, please contact Rev. Jillian Embrey (jillian@presbydan.org)

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Formation Classes for March

Generation Faith (Ongoing)
Fellowship Hall
Convener: Liz Erwin

Grab your coffee and come join the Generation Faith class for fellowship and discussion among friends! We're currently working on the study, "My One Word," and will also be viewing the documentary "Happy." If you've never been to Sunday School, or are looking for a comfortable atmosphere to explore how God is working in our lives, this is the place for you!

Religion and Politics in the Bible
Room 120
Convener: Dr. Robert Bosco
(Centre College)

This course will explore the potential political interpretations of the Bible, including both Old and New Testaments. The purpose of the course is to consider tensions and ambiguities in Bible stories, books, character, and episodes, not to arrive at the "truth" of what the Bible "really says" about political matters. We will focus on Genesis, Exodus, Kings, Job, the Prophetic Books, Acts, and the political meanings in

Living Alone
Room 122
Convener: Katherine Orton

Death of a spouse, divorce, or choice are just a few of the reasons why people today might live alone. Using the book, “Living Alone” by Herbert Anderson and Freda Gardner as a guide, this class will seek to support those facing this situation. Asking the question, “Can I live alone and still be whole?”, they maintain that wholeness in God’s sight depends on how we live our lives – whether with another or alone.

Join us for Sunday Fellowship –
A time of learning, food, and of course, fellowship, on Sunday evenings at 5:00 PM. Children have art and music classes, while adults meet for Bible study. Everyone meets back together at 6:00 PM for a potluck supper. There is something for everyone, and everyone is invited – we hope to see you!
March

Sunday, February 24
8:30 am Worship with Eucharist
9:30 am Church School
11:00 am Worship
5:00 pm PYC
5:00 pm Sunday Fellowship
10:00 pm Get Centred

Monday, February 25
Tuesday, February 26
Wednesday, February 27
5:30 pm Lenten Dinner
6:15 pm Lenten Service
7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 28
7:00 am Lenten Breakfast (men and boys)
10:30 am Thursday Morning Bible Study
12:00 pm Salt Shaker Deadline
6:30 pm Worship and Music Committee

Friday, March 1
Saturday, March 2
Sunday, March 3

Daylight Savings Time Begins
8:30 am Worship with Eucharist
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5:00 pm PYC
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Monday, March 4


February 28, 2013
(12:00 noon)
March 14, 2013
(12:00 noon)

Lay Readers for 8:30 am Worship Service
February 24: Don Good
March 3: LeeAnne McCann
March 10: Youth
March 17: Joanie Lukins
March 24: Ned Frazer
March 31: Eric Smith

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Maundy Thursday, March 28, 2013
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March 5
5:30 pm Membership Meeting

Wednesday, March 6
5:30 pm Lenten Dinner
6:15 pm Lenten Service
7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 7
7:00 am Lenten Breakfast (men and boys)
10:30 am Thursday Morning Bible Study
Friday, March 8
9:00 am Soup on Us

Sunday, March 10
Daylight Savings Time Begins
Cents-Ability Offering
8:30 am Worship with Eucharist
9:30 am Church School
11:00 am Worship
12:00 pm Seeker’s Circle
5:00 pm Lenten Service
6:15 pm Lenten Service
7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

March 11
7:00 pm Budget and Finance Meeting
7:30 pm DEACON’S MEETING

Tuesday, March 12

Wednesday, March 13
12:00 pm Seeker’s Circle
10:00 pm Get Centred

Thursday, March 14
7:00 am Lenten Breakfast (men and boys)
10:30 am Thursday Morning Bible Study
12:00 pm Salt Shaker Deadline
7:00 pm SESSION MEETING
Friday, March 15
Saturday, March 16
4:00 pm PYC Winter Jam Concert

Sunday, March 17
St. Patrick’s Day
8:30 am Worship with Eucharist
9:30 am Church School
11:00 am Worship
5:00 pm PYC
5:00 pm Sunday Fellowship

Monday, March 18
6:30 pm Stephen Ministry
Tuesday, March 19
7:00 pm Local Mission

Wednesday, March 20
5:30 pm Lenten Dinner
6:15 pm Lenten Service
7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 21
10:30 am Thursday Morning Bible Study
12:00 pm Communications and Outreach
Friday, March 22
Saturday, March 23
Sunday, March 24
Palm Sunday
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March: * Joel Boitnott, Jamey Leahey,
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Nursery Volunteers
February 24: Barbara Waters
March 3: Tom Quilligan
March 10: Sid Woolcott
March 17: Cara Angel
March 24: Susan Matherly
March 31: Megan Shelton

Greeters
February: Gay McGuire
March: Katherine Orton

Acolytes
February 24: Olivia Conman
March 3: Eli Goggins
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Rehearsal

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