

Presbyterian Times
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A Message from Our Pastor
Rev. Lou Ellen Hartley

We will soon enter the season of Easter, a season shaped by hope and joy in the resurrection of our Lord. During this season we recognize and celebrate life to its fullest as we offer thanks and praise for the light of Christ shining in the darkness that was Lent.

Before we arrive at our resurrection destination, however we will go through Palm and Passion Sunday as well as Maundy Thursday. These special services help us to remember why and how the events unfolded that led to the cross.

On Maundy Thursday we will celebrate the Lord's Supper with a light supper of our own and some time for reflection as we share the story of the events in the upper room before Jesus' arrest. The days leading up to our Easter celebrations remind us of all the sacrifices offered by Christ on our behalf.

On Easter morning the light will shine and we will gather to offer our thanks and praise for love and grace of God we know through Christ. Special music will begin at 9:30, so plan to arrive early. The service will be followed by a special Easter fellowship.

I hope you all have a very meaningful end to the Lenten season and fine great joy as we enter Eastertide. Through each season I pray we all find wisdom, grace, and peace as we grow in Christ.

Blessings,
Pastor Lou Ellen

April 2 Fifth Sunday in Lent Ezekiel 37:1-14 Them Bones, Them Bones

April 9 Palms to Passion

April 13 Maundy Thursday "Voices from the Past"

Meet at 6:30 in the fellowship hall for a light supper
Celebrate the Lord's Supper and hear dramatic readings surrounding the last days of Christ

April 16 Easter Celebrations John 20:1-18

9:30 special music will begin
Special fellowship following the service

April 23 Easter 2---- I Peter 1:3-9. "A New Birth into a Living Hope"

April 30 Easter 3--- 1 Peter 1:17-23 "Love One Another Deeply from the Heart"

Memorial Garden

Marilyn Schmidt

Over the past several years there have been 62 engraved Memorial Bricks and 4 (without dates) placed in the Memorial Garden in memory of church members, family members, or, friends.

Each spring orders are taken for the Memorial Bricks. The orders are sent to the Acme Brick Company for engraving (this process takes approximately 6-8 week). In the fall the engraved bricks are placed in the Memorial Garden. Following a Sunday Worship Service the congregation is invited to the Memorial Garden for a Prayer of Dedication for the newly placed bricks.

During the next couple of months, if you wish, you may place an order for a Memorial Brick in memory of a church member, family, or, friend.

The cost of the brick is \$100.00, part of which pays for maintenance of the Garden.

Please contact Betti Jo in the church office or Marilyn Schmidt if you wish to purchase a brick.

Lenten Luncheon

Betti Jo Pyatt

Please join us for our third and final Lenten Luncheon this year on Thursday, April 6 at 11:45 am in the Fellowship Hall. The guest speaker will be Rev. Hartley. Please call in to make your reservation by Wednesday the day before.



Preschool News

Rachel Allison, Director

Hello Friends! We are moving right along and getting closer and closer to the end of another amazing school year! I want to say thank you to Joann Anderson for feeding hungry teachers on our most recent work day! What a blessing! And thank you to the PMC who are feeding us during our very busy conference week! And while I'm thanking people thank you to all of YOU who do things little and big to benefit our preschool!

For our Spring Community Fundraiser we held our first "Penny Wars" and results will be in this week but I am amazed at the enthusiasm and generosity of our students giving! I heard a story about two sweet little girls wanting to donate their own egg money and another student challenged her grandparents to match everything she gave! We are so proud of these little citizens! Lt. Dan was able to come back and visit to encourage our efforts! He was so proud of us when he heard that we decide to raise money for the USO!

As I am writing this we are in the middle of celebrating St. Pat's Day and green is everywhere and we are on the hunt for sneaky little leprechauns. I am amazed at the creativity and effort our staff puts in everyday for students. I truly consider us **BLESSED** and not merely *lucky* to be a part of this program!

In April we will be visiting Strain Farm and Earth Day at Missouri S & T. We will be visiting with the Easter Bunny and having our pictures taken with that guy. We will hunt for Easter eggs; learn about space from S & T and SO MUCH MORE! It's a downhill race to the finish! Hold on folks...it may be a wild ride! ☺

Don't ask the Lord to guide your footsteps if you are not willing to move your feet.

Guideposts

First Friday Night Out

Bob May

Join us April 7th at Los Arcos on Hwy 72 at 6 pm for food, fun, and fellowship.

Change the way you look at things and the things you look at change.

Wayne W. Dyer, Author

Presbyterians Cook

Carol Jessop

I'm sure most families have their own traditional Easter Menu, so this month I am going to introduce you to a couple of recipes from the Presbyterian Preschool Cookbook. These recipes were submitted by the children in the preschool.

Pancakes

Joey Fisher

(Cooked by Dad)

I don't know what he does because I never watch him. They are really good except the ones that are black.

Spaghetti

Gibson Bowen

Bread, Ketchup, A lot of cheese, 5 meatballs

Cook in the oven 100 minutes.

Eat it!

From the Office

Betti Jo Pyatt, Office Manager

Welcome to spring and all its' beauty!

Happy Birthday wishes go out to Deanne Jackson, Cynthia Hobart, Bruce Russell, Mariesa Crow-Drewniak, Marilyn Schmidt, Britt Whitaker, Rhonda Kimball, Amy Whitaker, Carrie Aswegan and Ming Leu.

Happy Anniversary wishes go out to Carol and Frank Jessop, Jim and Deanne Jackson, and Bob & Earline Morrison.

I will be out of the office on March 27, 28, and 29. I will be back in the office on Monday, April 3.

Upcoming events for April ...

7th – First Friday Night Out – Los Arcos, Hwy 72 at 6 pm

14th – Preschool closed

24th – Newsletter article deadline date for May

26th – Cardinal vs Toronto Blue Jays game in St. Louis