

1st Presbyterian Church Newsletter

February - March 2025



everything [in] between

Meeting God **in** the midst of extremes

JOIN US FOR LENT | MARCH 5, 2025 - APRIL 24, 2025

ASH WEDNESDAY | MARCH 5TH | 5:30PM

PALM SUNDAY | APRIL 13TH | 10AM

MAUNDY THURSDAY | APRIL 17TH | 6PM

GOOD FRIDAY | APRIL 18TH

EASTER | APRIL 20TH | 10AM

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Celebrating Christ's love for all people

Pastor's Page:



"So the king said, 'Bring me a sword,' and they brought a sword before the king. The king said, 'Divide the living boy in two; then give half to the one, and half to the other.'" —I Kings 3:24-25

Dear Siblings in Christ,

The season of Lent is almost upon us! Ash Wednesday is March, 5, 2025. Our very timely worship and devotional theme for Lent this year comes to us again from the wonderful people at *Sanctified Arts*, and it is all about living in the messy middle. It is all about the places we have to wade into in order to pull ourselves out of the dangerous extremes we find all around us.

The passage I quoted above is a story recorded in the Hebrew Scriptures of our Bible about a time when two prostitutes went into confinement together because they were both due to give birth. One baby lived and the other died. The woman who's baby died, swapped her dead child for the living child of the other woman in the night. Realizing this, the mother of the living child resisted. Ultimately, they were brought before King Solomon in order to receive a judgement on who could keep the baby. With no evidence on hand for a decision, he devised a test—split the baby in half—extreme equality. Luckily, his idea led to a different outcome and the birth mother was given the child. Even luckier for him, this instance was considered part of the growing evidence that he, Solomon, was very, very wise, indeed. I think we might now say, "creative," but, yes, he was a quick thinker.

We are ourselves in a time that demands of us nimbleness, flexibility, wide-sight, and creativity, so that we may judge and act well. I invite you this Lent to engage in simple and regular practices that will maintain your limber-ness in mind and body, thought and action.

Before we get to Lent though, we are going to celebrate another baptism. This coming Sunday, Feb. 16, John and Katie Rodeman are presenting Reagan Marie Rodeman for the sacrament of baptism. What a joy! *We are also going to have the last of our series of Congregational Meetings for awhile, on Sun., Feb. 23. You don't want to miss this! The annual report will be presented in the form of a Job Fair after worship.* And we will finish up our six-week sermon series on **The Great Ends of the Church: The proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind; The shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God; The maintenance of divine worship; The preservation of the truth; The promotion of social righteousness; And the exhibition of the Kingdom of heaven to the world.** We hold these six mandates before us as we strive into the messy middle, and we follow the way of Jesus into the healing goodness of eternal life. May it be so. ~ KERT



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

“NOTHING WILL SEPARATE US FROM THE LOVE OF GOD.”

ROMANS 8:39

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING - SPECIAL OFFERING

IN ISAIAH 58, WE ARE CALLED TO BE THE REPAIRERS OF THE BREACH.

KICKOFF DATE: MARCH 2ND - ENDING DATE: MARCH 16TH

PCU: FEBRUARY 23RD IS HAMBURGER HELPER “ONE DAY SUNDAY”

FREE RUMMAGE SALE

SCHEDULED DATE: SEPTEMBER 13TH

START PACKING AWAY YOUR GENTLY USED ITEMS.

NOSA CARDS: JANUARY TOTAL = \$2160 GREAT START, THANK YOU!

THE TABLE: FEBRUARY 19TH ENTRÉE - HOMEMADE LASAGNA



**Join the
Fun at the
Walleye
Game!**

Faith & Family Night

WHEN | Sunday, March 9, 2025

TIME | 5:15 pm

**COST | \$19 per ticket (cash/check/
Venmo to Jo Salvage)**

**DEADLINE TO SIGN-UP Sunday, February 23
(Sign-up sheet posted on the CHURCH bulletin
board)**

A big thank you to Tom and Karen Lingeman for their amazing work in revitalizing the creche figures. They meticulously cleaned and restored everything to nearly its original glory. We can't wait to see the unveiling next Advent season!



Clabeyl - *Lincoln* **Workcamp**

JUNE 15-21, 2025

www.cl-workcamp.org

COST: \$375 OR \$350 if registered by May 1, 2025

COMMUNITY OUTREACH TEAM WILL COVER THE COST.

AGE REQUIREMENTS: Participants must be 14 years of age or older and be a rising 9th grader. Those younger than 14 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian who must work on the same crew/lodge with that youth. These arrangements must be discussed with the director when applying.

A labor of love that will leave a lasting imprint on your heart.

Christian Education



Our Jr. Worship kids are starting a new series called "Awesome Adventures." We will learn about God's people on Mountains and Seas. Our first lesson is about our very old friend Noah, who is 600 years old, along with his family and many animals. We will use this material until the first Sunday in Lent.

Nick and Claire are doing great work with our middle and high school students during their weekly discussion time after the sermon. This time is important for sharing thoughts and concerns about their faith, school, and family. Thank you, Claire and Nick!

DURING LENT, OUR CLASS WILL LEARN THE SAME LESSONS THAT THE CHURCH IS SHARING. WE WILL USE SKITS, FUN ACTIVITIES, AND STORIES TO TEACH THE KIDS HOW TO BE GOOD SAMARITANS, GET CLOSER TO GOD, AND UNDERSTAND THAT WE ARE PART OF GOD'S FAMILY, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

Christian Education

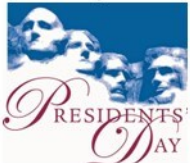
LIZZY AND SARAH CRAWFORD ARE STILL OUR LOYAL NURSERY HELPERS.

WE ARE THANKFUL FOR THEIR WEEKLY COMMITMENT TO TAKING CARE OF OUR LITTLE ONES.



Visit the Christian Education table at the Job Fair on February 23rd. Learn about our activities that keep children engaged and connected to our church community. We hope you discover a way to help us with this mission. The children have some exciting surprises planned for you!

February 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9	10	11 10am Bible Study 6:30pm Session	12 6pm AIAnon	13	14 	15 9am Stephen Ministry
16 10am Worship Baptism of Reagan Marie Rodeman	17  5:30pm S/F/M Teams	18 10am Bible Study 10am MVP Meeting	19 5:30pm The Table 6pm AIAnon	20	21 5:45 pm Toastmasters	22 9am Stephen Ministry
23 10am Worship Cong Meeting & Job Fair	24 Pastor KRT away on Spiritual Retreat—> 5pm Cong Life Team Meeting	25 10am Bible Study 6pm Joy Belles	26 6pm AIAnon	27 ←Pastor KRT away on Spiritual Retreat	28	

UPCOMING WORSHIP LEADERS:

February 16: Stephen Potts, Cecilia Richardson & Delbert Duckins/Marty Sloan, Allison Mackin, Gretchen Downs

February 23: Don Youel, Sarah & Lizzie Crawford/Allison Mackin, Rhyn Davies, Stephen Potts

March 2: Stephen Potts, Rick & Mary Beth Gilts, Gretchen Downs, Nancy Gates

Communion: Rick & Mary Beth Gilts, Matt Hollar & Michelle Chavez

March 9: Don Youel, Jay & Jo Salvage, Kathy East, Kathy Jarosz

March 16: Stephen Potts, Rauscher Family, Jay Salvage, Gretchen Downs

March 23: Don Youel, Tom & Karen Lingeman, Kathy Jarosz, Stephen Potts

March 30: Stephen Potts, Dennis & Jean Thayer, Lizzy Crawford/Allison Mackin, Marty Sloan

March 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 9am Stephen Ministry
2 10am Worship 11:15am Christian Ed Team Meeting	3	4 10am Bible Study	5 5:30pm Ash Wednesday 6pm Community Outreach 6pm AIAnon	6	7	8 9am Stephen Ministry 11am Toastmasters
9  10am Worship 5:15pm Walleye Game	10	11 10am Bible Study	12 5pm Worship & Music Team 6pm AIAnon	13	14	15 9am Stephen Ministry
16 10am Worship	17 	18 10am Bible Study	19 5:30pm The Table 6pm AIAnon	20  1pm Cong Care Team Meeting	21 5:45 pm Toastmasters	22 9am Stephen Ministry
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