



Holy Week & Easter

- Palm Sunday, March 20 – Worship at 10:00 with Palms and Hosannas!
• Maundy Thursday, March 24 – Soup supper at 6:00 pm with Worship to follow
• Good Friday, March 25 – Worship at 7:00 pm
• Easter Sunday March 27 --Sunrise Service at Bluegill

Bay Park (time to be announced)

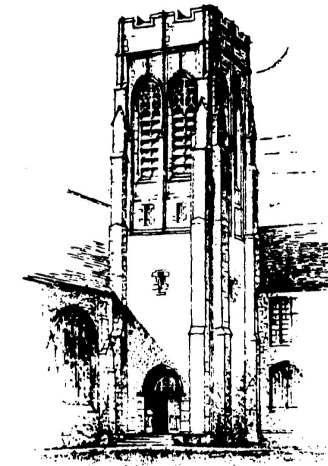
- Easter Breakfast-- 8:30 am in Fellowship Hall
• Easter Sunday Service – 10:00 am in the Sanctuary. Brass, Lilies, Easter egg hunt for children!

Save the date for these special services!

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MONDAY—THURSDAY 9:00A.M. -3:00 P.M.

WORSHIP

SUNDAY 10:00 A.M.

The Beam

First Presbyterian Church, Wausau, is a family of believers, called by God, taught by Christ and guided by the Holy Spirit. We are committed to continuing Christ's ministry within our congregation, community and world.

Thoughts from Pastor Rachel

With an early date for Easter this year, the Season of Lent will quickly arrive, beginning with Ash Wednesday on February 10. A joint worship service will be hosted by the Methodist Church, details to come. Similar to Advent, Lent is a period of time for both personal and corporate reflection and introspection. The season follows the journey of Jesus as he makes his way to Jerusalem, and throughout Holy Week we walk alongside him during his final days.

During this six week time of reflection and preparation, many Christians explore the various spiritual disciplines and use them to mature in their faith. Classical types of disciplines include prayer, meditation, fasting, and study. It is a time of inward growth as we intentionally seek to develop our spiritual lives.

On Wednesdays during Lent, the church will be hosting a brown bag lunch noon study on the basics of spiritual disciplines. This study will explore some of the traditional spiritual disciplines and will encourage the practice of these disciplines during Lent and beyond. The study will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 10.

Additionally we are offering an adult study on the spiritual discipline "Forgiveness" on the Sundays throughout Lent, following the morning worship service. This is a six-week study using materials written by Marjorie Thompson, and it will be co-led by Mary Anderson and me, beginning on February 14.

As we enter the Season of Lent, I encourage each of you to make time daily to focus and nurture your spiritual selves. If you don't already practice a discipline, Lent is a perfect time to start.



Nominating Committee

A Message from the 2016 Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee of our Church is composed of 4 members at large who are elected by the congregation, 2 Ruling Elders currently on Session and 1 Deacon currently serving on the Board of Deacons. The committee develops a slate of candidates for church office that is presented to the congregation for election at a spring congregational meeting. The committee nominates 4 Elders, 4 Deacons and 4 Members at Large to the nominating committee.

Elders form a group called the Session, which is the governing body of the church. First Presbyterian's Session has 12 Elders. Their responsibilities include receiving new members, leading the congregation in mission, providing for worship and the administration of the sacraments (baptism and communion), offering educational programs, pastoral care, fellowship opportunities, and challenging the congregation in its stewardship of time, talent and financial resources. These functions are divided among 4 Ministry Teams- Worship, Mission, Discipleship and Support. Each team is led by an Elder and composed of congregational members.

Deacons (comprising a board of 12) are often called "the heart of the church." Their ministries include visitation-home and hospital, extending the table (home communion following communion during worship), "Meals with Love", Home Helpers, Medical Loan Closet, Carebreakers, Transportation, Caring Arms, the Christmas Angel project and many other related caring opportunities. The deacons have many church members working within each of the Ministry Groups.

A nominee for Deacon or Elder must be a member of First Presbyterian church, faithful in worship attendance, and active in the life of the church. The term of office is 3 years for Deacon and Elder.

The election of church officers is at the heart of what it means to be a Presbyterian. Please give prayerful thought to any individuals you feel have demonstrated gifts for leadership and a commitment to the life and ministry of this congregation. If you have recommendations, please complete the form at the bottom of this page and return it to the church office or a member of the nominating committee.

The 2016 Nominating Committee: Mary Aughenbaugh, Member at Large; Andy Bethel, Member at Large; Jen Faust, Member at Large; Donna Staples, Member at Large; Doug Klingberg, Elder; Judy North, Elder Chairperson; Gail Smith, Deacon; Staff, Rachel Wann

Recommendation Form for Church Office - Please return forms by February 14, 2016.

I recommend that the Nominating Committee consider the follow person(s) for church office:

Name _____ Deacon or Elder _____

- 1.
- 2.

Please attach additional names on another sheet.

Recommended by: Name: _____ Date: _____

If you have news items regarding your family and would like to share them, please let Kathy know by the Beam deadline. The office number is 715-842-2116 or use the email address on the front page .

News of our Members

We are saddened by the death of William "Bill" Hall who died Monday, January 18, 2016. A Memorial Service will be held on January 30, 2016 at 1:00 pm at the First Presbyterian Church in Wausau. A time of visitation and refreshments will follow in the Parlor after the service. Pastor Joy Nelson-Jeffers and Pastor Rachel Wann will officiate.

Discipleship Team—Christian Education

Adult Education Opportunities:

Each Wednesday during Lent, you are encouraged to join us at the church at noon, for a brown bag lunch and a study on the basics of spiritual disciplines. The study begins on Ash Wednesday, February 10, 2016 and continues through Lent.

Beginning on Sunday, February 14, we will also be offering an adult study on "Forgiveness", one of the spiritual disciplines, following morning worship. This is a six week study which will be lead by Rev. Wann and Mary Anderson.

Triennium Planning Meeting

February 13th. High School Age Youth are invited to attend the 2016 Presbyterian Youth Triennium July 19 - 23 at Purdue University in Lafayette, Indiana. Scholarship monies are available to help offset part of the fee. An informational meeting to help build a delegation from our presbytery will be held on Saturday, February 13, 2016 from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm at First Presbyterian Church Green Bay. Address: 200 S Ashland Avenue, Green Bay, WI 54303. This year theme *GO Into This World and Make Disciples*. This is a life changing event and high school youth are encouraged to attend! Parents and youth are encouraged to attend this meeting.

Youth from **Dew Inspirations** are asking for your donations of canned and non-perishable food along with monetary donations to assist the local community needs. Please bring your food items to our church on February 7th to help stamp out hunger in our community. Help us to be mindful of those who do not have a bowl of soup to eat! Youth look forward to your support no matter how big or small. The Souper Bowl of caring is you helping our community, 1 can and \$1.00 at a time. Let's make a difference in this year's food drive. Thanks from the DEW Inspirations youth group here at First Presbyterian.

Lisa Riehle, Work: 715-842-2116
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Discipleship Team



Christian Education

The Souper Bowl of Caring is you helping our community, 1 can and \$1.00 at a time.



From the Worship Team

Worship Team celebrated January by truly being the face of Janus – the Roman god who looks both backward and forward. We reflected over the Christmas season, mulled over ideas for next Christmas and began to look forward to Ash Wednesday, Lent and Easter. **Ash Wednesday** comes early this year – on **February 10th**. Our service will be held at **First United Methodist Church at 7:00 pm**. Put this on your calendar and be there! It's a thoughtful way to begin the Lenten journey, and a time to celebrate the community we have with the participating churches: First Methodist and Grace United Church of Christ.

On **Ash Wednesday**, Handbell Choir will NOT meet at 7:30 (Bell ringers should come to the worship service instead!) New Creation Singers WILL MEET at 4:30 to rehearse their song for the following Sunday, February 14.

Communion Sunday for February will be on Sunday, **February 7**. To begin the day, the Families at First (**FAF**) service starts **at 9:15 in the Chapel**. This is a family-oriented service, and everyone is invited to attend.

On the **first Sunday of Lent, February 14**, as mentioned above, New Creation Singers and Worship Troupe will bring music to our 10:00 worship service. Worship Troupe will be ringing handbells. Rehearsals to prepare for this must be faithfully attended, Worship Troupers!

Special Offerings in Lent: Check out the Adult Education opportunities elsewhere in this BEAM for Bible study opportunities on Sundays and Wednesdays here at First Presbyterian.

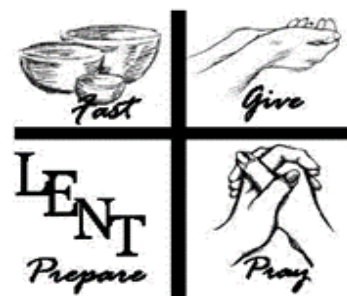
Friday **Lenten Meditations** on Fridays February 19, 26, March 4, 11, and 18, from 12:15-12:45 pm. This year's location is St. Mark's Lutheran Church on Stevens Drive near West High School. Sponsored by the local chapter of the American Guild of Organists (AGO), these short organ recitals give us a chance to listen and to pray. Come hear a different organist each Friday.

The Deacons

The Deacons appreciated and enjoyed taking part in the January 7th joint gathering which Pastors Joy and Rachel put together for the deacons and elders.

There were conversations during a delicious spaghetti dinner concerning the state of the church along with a Get-to-Know-Your-Officers activity.

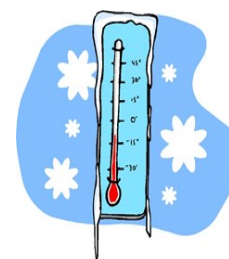
Please save the date, March 6, 2:00, for the upcoming afternoon Lenten Communion Service.



From the Mission Team

The homeless population in Wausau is growing and the Wausau Community Warming Shelter is bursting at the seams.

Marilyn Paulson is looking for compassionate people who will accept these homeless men and women for who they are, and will help provide them with shelter and



food, and ensure their safety during the cold, bitter nights. She would like to form a team of people to work with her at the shelter on Thursdays, February 4 and 18, March 3 and 17, and April 7 and 21. Hours for volunteering are 6:30 – 9 pm; 9 pm to 2 am; 2 am to 8 am; or 6 am to 8 am. Consider a call to help the least, the lost, and the lonely. Contact Marilyn at 715-359-0804 to learn how you can help.

Small Group Activities

The Men's Study Group meets every Thursday morning at 8:30 am in room 201. All men are welcome.

Hops and The Heavens meets at Vino Latte in Wausau every first and third Monday at 5:30 pm.

Thank you to all who have volunteered to provide a meal for the **Wausau Community Warming Center**. We have several open dates in the coming weeks. Feb. 19, April 1, and April 15. A basket for **Wausau Community Warming Center** donations is near the Mission board across from the parlor.

“Where Do You Fit In?” Piece of the Mission Puzzle T-shirts are \$15, 2 for \$25!

Thank you for your support of our **Food Pantry** as you support our **Youth** with a **“Souper” Bowl** donation!

The Mission Team hopes that we are able to help you find an opportunity to use your gifts in ways you may not have realized were available for you. Mission Opportunities are always available. To find your **"Piece of the Mission Puzzle"**, contact Chuck Schlitz, Mission Team cschlitz@charter.net or 715-573-8565.

Creative Sewing The Creative Sewing group will meet on Feb. 17 @ 1:00 in room B2. Bring any work completed. Creative Sewing decided to continue making pillow case dresses and would appreciate any **donations of good, useable pillow cases**. They may be brought to the church office. Contact Karen Martinson with questions.

MISSIONS
Wausau Warming Center... Consider a call to help the least, the lost, and the lonely.



SMALL GROUPS
Activities for the month of February



First Presbyterian Church February, 2016

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Sat. |
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| 7 9:15 am Families at First (FAF) * Sunday Schedule Communion Youth Souper Bowl Sunday | 1 5:30 pm Hops and the Heavens | 2 Noon Soup's On 1:00 pm Food Pantry 1:00 pm Staff Meeting 5:30 pm Worship Team | 3 ** Wednesday Evening Schedule | 4 8:30 am Men's Study Group 4:30 pm Mission Team 6:00 pm Discipleship | 5 All Day—Building Closed 1:00 pm Pro Musica Rehearsal | 6 3:00 pm Youth Lock-In begins |
| 14 * Sunday Schedule 11:15 am Adult Ed Lenten Study | 8 15 Noon March BEAM Deadline 5:30 pm Hops and the Heavens | 9 16 Noon Soup's On 1:00 pm Food Pantry 1:00 pm Staff Meeting 4:00 pm Support Team | 10 Ash Wednesday Noon Lenten Study begins 4:30 pm New Creation Singers Rehearsal—No Chancel Choir or Bell's Rehearsal 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service at First United Methodist | 11 8:30 am Men's Study Group | 12 All Day—Building Closed 1:00 pm Pro Musica Rehearsal | 13 9:00 am Presbytery Meeting in Green Bay |
| 21 * Sunday Schedule 11:15 am Adult Ed Lenten Study 11:15 am Adult Ed Extending the Table with Pastor Joy | 22 22 6:30 pm In-Focus 7:00 pm Session | 23 6:30 pm In-Focus 7:00 pm Session | 17 Noon—Lenten Study (Brown Bag Lunch) 1:30 pm Creative Sewing ** Wednesday Evening Schedule | 18 8:30 am Men's Study Group 5:30 pm Deacons | 19 All Day—Building Closed 1:00 pm Pro Musica Rehearsal | 20 All Day—Lyric Choir Rehearsal |
| 28 * Sunday Schedule 11:15 am Adult Ed Lenten Study 4:00 pm Wausau Symphonic Band Concert | 29 | 29 | 24 10:00 am BEAM Assembly Noon—Lenten Study (Brown Bag Lunch) ** Wednesday Evening Schedule | 25 8:30 am Men's Study Group | 26 All Day—Building Closed 1:00 pm Pro Musica Rehearsal | 27 |
| *Sunday Schedule 10:00 am Worship & Sunday School 11:15 am Fellowship time in the Parlor 11:15 am Worship Troupe | | | ** Wednesday Schedule 4:30 pm New Creation singers 6:00 pm Chancel Choir 7:30 pm Hand-bells Rehearsal | | | Office Hours: Monday through Thursday, 9:00 am—3:00 pm Closed on Friday |

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Support Team

Thank you to all who pledged for 2016! We almost met our goal. We received 127 pledges for a total of \$364,668 which is 97.1% of the total pledges we needed to have a balanced budget. Those of you who have not made your pledge, it's not too late to do so! Contact Kathy in the church office.

Our **Property Committee** has been busy! If you haven't already noticed, there is a thin rubber mat along the edge of the carpet in the sanctuary where the chairs are located. The loose carpet had become a tripping hazard so it was sealed. There has also been painting done upstairs and in the lower level and we have had the thermostat in the carport entry and on the west wall in the parlor replaced. We are also working on replacing the locking mechanisms on the two carport exterior doors.

The **Personnel Committee** is working with the staff on their goals for the new year as well as coming up with accurate job descriptions for each position.

By the end of January, we hope to have made the switch to Spectrum Business with both our **internet and phone service**. The internet will be much faster with Spectrum Business which will help with efficiency.

We appreciate the hard work all our sub-committees do to keep things functioning well here at the church.

February Birthdays

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| 3—Helen Brenton, Haley Houghton | 17—Susan Schaefer |
| 7—Jean Heisler, Phyllis Sann | 18—Mia Kluever |
| 8—Peg Allen, Virginia Schlitz, Elaine Younger | 19—Amanda Burgess |
| 11—Rudy Poznecki, Melissa Quintanilla | 20—Nick Smith |
| 12—Ellen Tietz | 21—Jesse Bueno, Rebecca Erdman |
| 13—Burton Flagel | 23—Betty Jo Klingberg |
| 14—John Webb | 24—Karen Martinson |
| 15—Tristan Abbiehl | 25—Doug Klingberg |
| 16—William Jones | 28—Ann Lovell, Connor Riley |

Support Team

Revenue: \$16,043.95

Expenses: \$14,528.02

Per Capita: \$ 2,179

Thanks to all who have paid their Per Capita for 2016. This year's apportionment is \$31.60 and is due now.

Thank you.



Happy Birthday to You!
Special blessings on your day!