

Easter Flowers

Purchasing Easter Lilies or Spring Flowers in celebration of Easter Sunday is a wonderful way to remember or honor someone special in your life.

Please fill out this form and return it to the church office by **Wednesday, March 15**. Your plant(s) will be used to help beautify the sanctuary and your name will be listed in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

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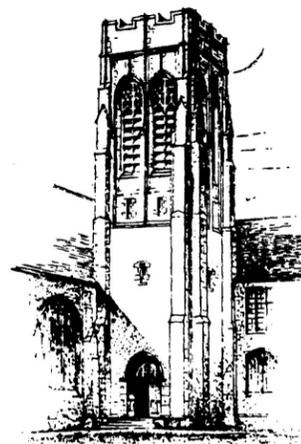
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MONDAY—THURSDAY
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WORSHIP

SUNDAY 10:00 A.M.



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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

For many Presbyterians, evangelism is a scary word. We have a difficult time talking about our faith, especially with people we don't know. It's not that we do not WANT people to come to know God through Jesus Christ. We just don't always know how to begin the conversation. Especially with a random person who says "hi" to us in the produce section at the grocery store. It is much easier when we can show people our faith through who we are and what we do. Fortunately, we have a perfect opportunity to do just that!

On Saturday, May 14, the Wausau River District is hosting a Downtown Open House and they have asked us to participate. There are many unique and interesting buildings in the downtown area including our magnificent church. This Open House will encourage visitors to explore the downtown buildings, learning about its architecture, history and social impact on the city.

We are putting together a small team of people to organize and plan our part of the event. If you'd like to be on this team or have any ideas that could enhance this event, let me know ASAP. Additionally, we will need several volunteers to serve throughout the day on Saturday, May 14, in a variety of roles including hospitality, historians, tour guides, and general helpers. We are putting together a brochure with information about our church, its programs and its history.

It is likely that this event will bring people into our church who have never before visited. Our goal is to show that we are a welcoming and vibrant community of faith, committed to sharing the love of Jesus Christ with all people. Won't you help us?

Save the Date! Saturday, May 14!

*This and That...***A HOLY WEEK SPIRITUAL PRACTICE – MATINS**

Matins is a Latin term for Morning Prayer. Please plan to join Connie Peckham and Marilyn Paulson during Holy Week (Monday – Friday, March 21-25) for a 30 minute Morning Prayer time. We will gather in the Chapel from 7 to 7:30 AM each morning. Our daily themes will be drawn from Celtic Prayers from Iona, by J. Philip Newell, and from selections of services in the Spirit of Taize. For more information contact either Connie or Marilyn.



Have you noticed the new furniture and lamps in the parlor? The two couches, chairs and lamps were purchased with proceeds from the August "gently used" sale and memorial monies. Our thanks again to George Houghton for the gift of the beautiful round table. The clock was purchased as a gift from the Juedes and Molinaro families as a memorial to Marilyn Molinaro. Decorating advice provided by Nigbur's Fine Furniture.

Presbyterian Women

The co-chairs for the Funeral Luncheon/Reception Committee wish to retire their leadership role. They are willing to be of support to the next two volunteers. There are usually 3-4 events in the year. Please contact Mary Sperduto or Diane Ehrhardt with any questions. Job description is posted on the library bulletin board. Please don't wait to be asked.

Dates to put on your calendar: The **Spring PW Gathering will be held on April 30** at Frame Memorial Presbyterian Church in Stevens Point. Denise English, a previous recipient of \$3,000 for her work in Egypt from our Women's Association, will be the guest speaker about her global trip to Guyana, South America .

June 15-18, 2016 will be the Synod Gathering in South Dakota. www.lakesandprairies.org/resources-women.html

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

Congratulations to Katie Sauer who had the lead role in her school play, "The Princess Knight". **Congratulations to Maddy Riehle** who also performed in "The Princess Knight" at the Horace Mann Middle School earlier in February.

Congratulations to Virginia "Gini" Schlitz who had a two-day 90th birthday celebration with her family on February 7 and 8.

Congratulations to our Music Director, Susan Schaefer, who celebrated a special birthday on February 17. She says, "Dear Friends of FPC, Many thanks to you for your kind birthday wishes! I was truly 'showered' with cards! Someone mentioned that they doubted any cards were left in the stores! You have always been generous and appreciative, and I hope I have shown how much your friendship and support mean to me. Even in my "dotage"! Love, Susan

Discipleship Team—Christian Education

Please join us in the parlor
Easter Morning
for a light breakfast
of egg-stremely good pastries,
fruit and other surprises.
We will "buffet" from 8:30-9:45 AM
and again after the service.
Please e-mail Pudge Kimbel at
pknak@charter.net if you'd like to
contribute something special.
Thank you!

**Christian Education News****Donations Needed....**

Our childcare is growing and so is the space that is used. Discipleship Team is asking for toys and monetary donations for children, toddler and preschool age, to set-up a childcare room in the lower level. The monetary donation would be used to purchase a low storage unit with fabric bins. Some suggested items would be Lego's, play dough, toys and games that create interactive play. Please place donated items in or next to the box outside of the Parlor. We thank you ahead of time for your willingness to help.



Dew Inspirations will meet again in March. Some thoughts include meeting for service at the local Humane's Society or creating a local mission project to help those who come to our church food pantry and community warming center. More details will be coming. We will meet either March 6 or 13 after worship.

FAF Sunday, March 6 - Families at First Family Friendly Worship will be at 9:15 in the chapel. Come join us and many other families for a shortened 30 minute worship service intended for children and youth. FAF allows everyone to experience the elements of a traditional Presbyterian Worship service through music, liturgy, stories, fellowship, and communion. Many families stay so their children can participate in Sunday school afterwards. We hope to see you on the 6th!

Discipleship Team

Please e-mail
Pudge Kimbel at
pknak@charter.net if
you'd like to contribute
something special.

Christian Education

The DEW Inspirations youth group thank you for your support on Super Bowl Sunday. You gave over 110 cans of soup and \$260.00 for our food pantry.

Thank You!

From the Worship Team

To get the most from this article, you'll need three things: A March calendar, a pencil or pen, and a Lenten Devotional booklet and/or a Bible. March brings many opportunities for worship and spiritual growth. **"Be Holy"**, the Presbyterian 2016 Lenten Devotional booklet, is available on the table at the front of the Sanctuary. Take advantage of this free booklet for your Lenten journey.

Sunday, March 6: Families at First (FAF) service in the Chapel at 9:15. Worship at 10:00 am with Communion. Also the Sunday afternoon worship with Communion at 2:00 pm.

Sunday, March 13: Worship at 10:00, with Handbell music

HOLY WEEK:

Palm Sunday, March 20 – Worship at 10:00 with Palms and Hosannas!

Maundy Thursday, March 24 – Soup supper at 6:00 pm in Fellowship hall, Worship following

Good Friday, March 25 – Worship at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary

Easter Sunday March 27 – 6:30 Sunrise Service at Bluegill Bay Park

Easter Breakfast—Continental breakfast

Easter Sunday Service – 10:00 am in the Sanctuary. Brass, Lilies, Easter egg hunt for children!



Also: Friday *Lenten Meditations* on Fridays February 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. (Susan and Rachel play on March 11)

The Deacons

Sunday, March 6 at 2:00 pm, the Deacons will host our afternoon Lenten communion service. The whole congregation is invited to join us. Following worship, we will enjoy refreshments around tables in the adjacent coatroom. Come, and bring a friend, to this special service.

Pastor Joy will need elders and deacons to come with her in home communion visits during Lent. Contact her if you could join her in celebrating the Lord's Supper with our members who are homebound.

Keep our Lending Closet in mind when you need to borrow a piece of durable medical equipment such as a walker, cane, or lift for a toilet seat. Call Art Kimbel for questions.

Call Andy Schell for transportation to church or for a needed medical appointment. It would be nice to have a few more drivers standing by as well. Let Andy know if you can help.

Deacons are looking for a few more folks who would like to be part of the rotation of teams that extend the celebration of our Sunday morning communion to members in their homes immediately following worship. This enables members who are homebound to celebrate The Lord's Supper along with us on those Sunday mornings as we "Extend the Table". Call Ann Wicklund if you are interested in this ministry. We will train you and send you out with experienced people

Need a break being a care-giver? We have deacon CareBreakers who will sit with your loved one (young or elderly) for a few hours while you get a needed break. Call Amanda Burgess or Joy Nelson-Jeffers.

Deacons look forward to providing another Easter Egg Hunt for our kids following worship Easter Sunday. Parents, bring your children to the chapel right after worship for instructions.

From the Mission Team

Homelessness can be described as lacking a stable or adequate home – couch-surfing, living in a car, a motel, under a bridge, in a shelter – with relatively few if any resources available. The Wausau biannual Point-in-Time count on January 28 found an increase in numbers of people on the streets this year as compared to last. Though "only" 10 were found this year, and 6 last year, these were the people who didn't even make it to some kind of shelter – they were on the streets. The Point-in-Time doesn't count the over 680 people (adults and children) who stayed in shelters last year. The Catholic Charities Warming Shelter has been at or near capacity most of this season. There are still 2 ½ more months in the season, and there are still **opportunities to volunteer**. Contact Marilyn Paulson if you have interest in volunteering. Pope Francis suggested that a Lenten practice for this year be to fast from "the globalization of indifference" and make room to serve.

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.

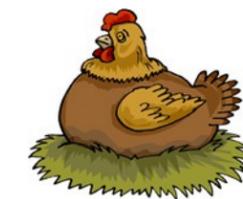
A gift to **One Great Hour of Sharing** enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed. Our **OGHS offering** will be collected on **Palm Sunday 3-20**.

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. **April 1**, and **April 15**. A basket for **Wausau Community Warming Center** donations is near the Mission board across from the parlor.

Mission Opportunities are always available. To find your "**Piece of the Mission Puzzle**", contact Chuck Schlitz, Mission Team cbschlitz@charter.net

MISSIONS

*The age old debate about what came first, the **chicken** or the **cow**, will continue with our **Annual Egg and Cheese** collection for our **Food Pantry** on **Sunday, March 13**.*



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**SMALL GROUPS**

Activities for the month of March

Creative Sewing 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.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
6 9:15 am Families at First (FAF) *Sunday Schedule 11:15 am Lenten Study 2:00 pm Afternoon Lenten Communion	7 5:30 pm Hops and the Heavens	8 1:00 pm Staff Meeting	9 Noon-Brown Bag Lunch Lenten Study **Wednesday Schedule	10 8:30 am Men's Study Group	11 Building Closed All Day Noon-AGO Musical Meditations at St. Mark's, Susan Schaefer	12
13 Daylight Saving Time Begins *Sunday Schedule Mission Team Egg and Cheese Day for Food Pantry 11:15 am Lenten Study	14	15 Noon Soup's On 1:00 pm Food Pantry 1:00 pm Staff Meeting 4:00 pm Support Team	16 Noon-Brown Bag Lunch Lenten Study **Wednesday Schedule	17 8:30 am Men's Study Group 5:30 pm Deacons	18 Building Closed All Day	19
20 Palm Sunday *Sunday Schedule 11:15 am Lenten Study	21 7 am Morning Matin Noon BEAM Deadline 5:30 pm Hops and the Heavens 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross	22 7:00 am Morning Matins 6:30 pm In-Focus 7:00 pm Session	23 7:00 am Morning Matins **Wednesday Schedule	24 Maunder Thursday 7:00 am Morning Matins 8:30 am Men's Study Group 6:00 pm Soup Supper and Communion Service	25 Good Friday 7:00 am Morning Matins 7:00 pm Good Friday Service	26 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal
27 Easter Sunday 6:30 am Sunrise Service at Blue Gill Bay Park 8:30 am Breakfast in the Parlor 10:00 am Worship Service 11:15 am Fellowship Time and Children's Egg Hunt	28 Easter Monday—Building Closed	29	30 10:00 am BEAM Assembly No Wednesday Rehearsals—Spring Break	31 8:30 am Men's Study Group	Office Hours: Monday through Thursday, 9:00 am—3:00 pm Closed on Friday	

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Support Team

There are a number of **maintenance items** that have been completed and we hope you have noticed. Property Chairman Art Kimbel and his painting crew painted the downstairs hallway and the 3rd floor hallway. There have been numerous areas where the paint has been touched up. Art painted the metal partitions in the men's restroom on first floor, the top railings from first floor to the kitchen, and Art and Neal Gavinski painted the ceiling in the bell-tower after Art scrapped off the peeling/falling plaster. Pudge Kimbel painted a closet in room 203. Some of the lower level rooms had areas of mold which were sprayed with bleach and cleaned. We now have new working thermostats in the Parlor, the carport entry and room 201 and the Grant Street entrance thermostats have been recalibrated by Stainless Specialists. Our thanks to Art, Pudge, Neal and all those who helped with the painting and Art for his direction in getting other things done! With spring just around the corner, we would like to get some work done on the grounds. If you would be willing to help out in this way, please let Art know.

Ruth Griswold and Jean Houghton have been approved to work as Monday morning offering counters. Jean will begin her training this month.

The **Per Capita** for 2016 is \$31.60 and is **due now** for all active members. Please pay yours as soon as you are able as the church must pay the full amount by March. As you can see in the report, we are way behind the \$9,513 we are required to pay. Thank you for paying your portion as soon as possible.

March Birthdays

- 1- Sharyn Forbes
- 2- Jeff Davis
- 3- Jill Jagler
- 4- Sarah Miller, Judy North
- 7- Minnie Moon, Marilyn McCann
- 8- Barbara Gwidt, Payton Black
- 9- Joyce Dustrude, Brielle Simons
- 10- Kennedy Bueno, Jeremy Kluever, Joycelyn Hsu, Scarlett Hsu
- 14- Mary Jo Anderson, Art Kimbel
- 15- Jennifer Vlietstra, Bryce Dively
- 16- Timothy Dively

- 18- Robert Rhyner, Benna Stengl, Samuel Reimer
- 19- Peter Heinz
- 20- Tom Gwidt
- 21- Becky Austin
- 22- Brady Phelps, Tim Burnett, Ginny Barkley
- 23- Kay Griffin
- 25- Steve Martinson
- 26- Dorris Doerres, Louanne Roehr
- 27- Joe Riehle
- 29- Connie Peckham,
- 30- Robin Hugas, Michael Jelen
- 31- Cindy Gwidt-Schiebe, Alissa Burnett

Support Team

Revenue: \$104,912.36

Expenses: \$58,771.88

Per Capita: \$ 3,550.80

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

Thank you.

