

Community Presbyterian Church

1100 College Avenue

April 2023



Pastor's Corner

I have had the privilege of visiting with Marjorie Martin and John Bouwman on a few occasions recently. They are two of the people who have made lasting impressions upon me...I know many of you feel the same.

Their impact upon me has only grown as each of them faces the end of their life with a grace and courage that is inspiring. Their strength of spirit is solidly rooted in their faith in God, and the assurance that when this life ends, Life (with a capital L) awaits them, as it awaits all of us. I am so comforted by Christ's assurance that the grief we feel when someone we love dies is only temporary, and that one day we will all be joyfully reunited in the presence of the Living God.

Perhaps it is because I have spent so much time at sea, but I have found great comfort and hope in these words, written by Henry Van Dyke:

I am standing upon the seashore. A ship at my side spreads her white sails to the morning breeze and starts for the blue ocean. She is an object of beauty and strength. I stand and watch her until at length she hangs like a speck of white cloud just where the sea and sky come to mingle with each other.

Then someone at my side says: "There, she is gone!"

"Gone where?"

Gone from my sight. That is all. She is just as large in mast and hull and spar as she was when she left my side and she is just as able to bear her load of living freight to her destined port.

Her diminished size is in me, not in her. And just at the moment when someone at my side says: "There, she is gone!" there are other eyes watching her coming, and other voices ready to take up the glad shout, "Here she comes!"

And that is dying.

May God's Spirit guide us with fair winds and following seas, wherever our journeys may take us.

— Pastor John

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My oh my! Where shall we start? An idea blossomed into dollars for kids on Saturday, March 11, 2023. The Worship Committee followed through with an "idea" to raise money.....this way: first, we were told by Penny and Clark's daughter, Kim, about an "ACTION GRANT" available through Thrivent Financial, previously for Lutherans, now open to anyone, for a \$250.00 gift card.

We applied by writing an event "proposal." It was accepted and we received a VISA gift card for \$250.00, 25 tee shirts, small notebooks,



thank-you cards and hints for putting on a productive gathering. We were also contacted by a local Thrivent representative who offered assistance as well as cookies!



We chose to host a **BINGO FOR KIDS** evening, complete with chili or soup supper, desserts for auction, and bingo cards for \$5.00 for the night.

We had donations of chili and soup, lemonade, shredded cheese, chips and queso, and oyster crackers. Some of which was purchased with the grant dollars. We paid for the newspaper ad with the grant and spent the rest on prizes for the games. We shopped in 11 local stores for prizes and two of those donated items for us without being asked! We borrowed the bingo cards from the ELKS. So many helpers did the physical work of setting up tables, getting white boards up to write numbers on, putting out 64 chairs and helped clean up too.

We really want to thank Richard and Lana



Schumacker from the jewelry store for the donation of the beautiful silver cross that we saved for the final "black-out" game at the end. Shirley Dugger was the happy winner. Also, we thank the Blue Goose, Craig Wicks/Brian Miller for the donation of the

fishing pole which Jett Barbour won.

After our minimal expenses were taken out...we had a total of \$1,271.00. With this amount we have been able to generously help 4 of our young people register for church camp this summer. (There was still \$400 from our last two Bazaars for that too.) Camp costs are \$275 for younger kids and \$555 for the older ones. SHEESH!!!

Then we did some research into helping kids EAT! By contacting the Food Service Director, we learned that the local school lunch

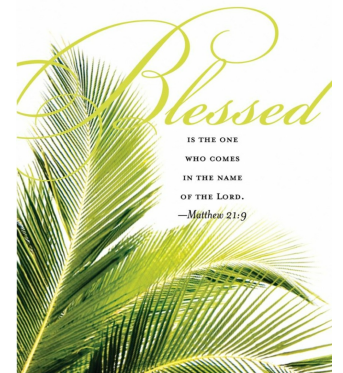
program has varying levels of cost...., for really low-income families, lunches are free and some are on a reduced-fee program. All the others must pay at these rates: Heyburn lunch - \$3.20; Middle school - \$3.40; High school - \$3.60; and Upriver school is a mix of those. The **TOTAL** outstanding debt right now, from families paying full price, for all 4 of those schools is \$864.00. We voted to pay that debt down by \$500.00! Praise the Lord! THANK YOU to everyone involved!



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| Bonnie Arrhenius | 4/01 |
| Sharon Jensen    | 4/01 |
| Gary Foster      | 4/04 |
| Kirsten Miller   | 4/13 |
| Kristin Burns    | 4/16 |
| Evvie Pannell    | 4/24 |
| Gwen Edwards     | 4/25 |
| Lola Chamblee    | 4/26 |

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PALM SUNDAY
April 2

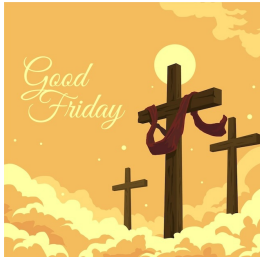


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April 6





April 7

ear to ear, the three ladies happily yelled in unison... "We were at your birthday party yesterday!"

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VALLEY VISTA WORSHIP

Directory addition:

The Prestons - Brad, Jenny, Ava and Wade
Street address: 311 S 14th Street
Mailing address: PO Box 352, St. Maries

Birthdays:

- Wade May 17th
- Jenny June 14th
- Brad November 1st
- Ava December 13th

Brad & Jenny's anniversary July 18th

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Three mischievous old grannies were sitting on a bench outside a nursing home when an old man walked by.

One of the old ladies called out, saying, "We bet we can tell exactly how old you are."

The old man responded, "There is no way you can."

One of the women said, "Sure we can! Just drop your pants and undershorts and we can tell your exact age."

Embarrassed just a little, but anxious to prove they couldn't do it, he dropped his drawers.

They asked him to first turn around a couple of times and to jump up and down several times.

Then they all piped up and said, "You're 87 years old!"

Standing with his pants down around his ankles, the old gent asked, "How in the world did you guess?"

Slapping their knees and grinning from



On March 12, our church provided the Sunday Service for residents at Valley Vista Care Center. Bill and Kay Cowin brought several

individuals to the service and some came on their own. We opened the service with prayer and the hymn "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." Penny gave the message on FAITH using items found in the room. Following the message, we had a wonderful treat from the children of the St. Maries Christian Mission School with teacher, Mae Clark. They all played ukeleles and sang several songs for us. Little Jonah gave his talk and sang. Davin Clark gave an "illustrated" story about Zaccheus and we all sang the song. Everyone really enjoyed their gifts of music and the Bible stories!



April 22  
EARTH DAY

# From the "Happy to be Presbyterian" Facebook page

A little something I read that is thought provoking:

## SHOES IN CHURCH

I showered and shaved..... I adjusted my tie.

I got there and sat..... In a pew just in time.

Bowing my head in prayer..... As I closed my eyes.

I saw the shoe of the man next to me..... Touching my own. I sighed.



With plenty of room on either side..... I thought, 'Why must our soles touch?'

It bothered me, his shoe touching mine.. But it didn't bother him much.

A prayer began: 'Our Father'..... I thought, 'This man with the shoes, has no pride. They're dusty, worn, and scratched. Even worse, there are holes on the side!'

'Thank You for blessings,' the prayer went on.

The shoe man said..... A quiet 'Amen.'

I tried to focus on the prayer..... But my thoughts were on his shoes again..

Aren't we supposed to look our best. When walking through that door?

'Well, this certainly isn't it,' I thought, glancing toward the floor.

Then the prayer was ended..... And the songs of praise began .

The shoe man was certainly loud..... Sounding proud as he sang.

His voice lifted the rafters..... His hands were raised high.

The Lord could surely hear.. The shoe man's voice from the sky.

It was time for the offering..... And what I threw in was steep.

I watched as the shoe man reached.... Into his pockets so deep.

I saw what was pulled out..... What the shoe man put in.

Then I heard a soft 'clink' as when silver hits tin.

The sermon really bored me..... To tears, and that's no lie.

It was the same for the shoe man... For tears

fell from his eyes.

At the end of the service..... As is the custom here.

We must greet new visitors, And show them all good cheer.

But I felt moved somehow..... And wanted to meet the shoe man.

So after the closing prayer..... I reached over and shook his hand.

He was old and his skin was dark..... And his hair was truly a mess....

But I thanked him for coming..... For being our guest...

He said, 'My name's Charlie..... I'm glad to meet you, my friend.'

There were tears in his eyes..... But he had a large, wide grin..

'Let me explain,' he said..... Wiping tears from his eyes.

'I've been coming here for months..... And you're the first to say 'Hi.'"

'I know that my appearance.....Is not like all the rest.

'But I really do try.....To always look my best.'

'I always clean and polish my shoes...Before my very long walk.'

'But by the time I get here.....They're dirty and dusty, like chalk.'

My heart filled with pain..... And I swallowed to hide my tears.

As he continued to apologize..... For daring to sit so near

He said, 'When I get here..... I know I must look a sight.'

'But I thought if I could touch you....Then maybe our souls might unite.'

I was silent for a moment..... Knowing whatever was said

Would pale in comparison.... I spoke from my heart, not my head.

'Oh, you've touched me,' I said.....'And taught me, in part'

'That the best of any man.....Is what is found in his heart.'

The rest, I thought,..... This shoe man will never know.

Like just how thankful I really am.... That his dirty old shoe touched my soul.

Live each day as your last, for we never know our time here on earth. Love and Peace My Friends and remember that it is not how we look on the outside but how we look within .

# GOOD FRIDAY WORD SEARCH

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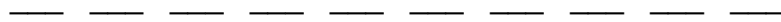
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MARCH WORD SEARCH WORD: **POWER OF TONGUE**

If it seems, familiar, it's because this is the 3<sup>rd</sup> year for this.

## Holy Week Timeline

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| Palm Sunday<br>April 2             | <p>A. Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem</p> <p>B. Spends the night in Bethany</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Matthew 21:1; Mark 11:1; Luke 19:29; John 12:12</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Monday<br>April 3                  | <p>A. Leaves Bethany</p> <p>B. Curses the fig tree on the way into the city</p> <p>C. Weeps over Jerusalem</p> <p>D. Cleanses the temple for the second time in His ministry</p> <p>E. Late in day, looks into the Temple, then leaves the city</p> <p>F. Spends the night in Bethany</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Matthew 21:12; Mark 11:22; Luke 19:45</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Tuesday<br>April 4                 | <p>A. Leaves Bethany</p> <p>B. Finds the fig tree withered; teaches on faith</p> <p>C. Possesses the temple and its precincts; confounds and pronounces woes upon His enemies</p> <p>D. Leaves city; Olivet Discourse on way back to Bethany</p> <p>E. Judas bargains with Sanhedrin to betray Jesus</p> <p>F. Spends the night in Bethany</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Matthew 21:20; Mark 11:20; Luke 20:36; John 12:20</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Wednesday<br>Silent Day<br>April 5 | <p>No record in the Gospels, but much activity as Jesus prepares for Last Supper and as Judas and Sanhedrin prepare for Jesus' arrest</p> <p>Remains in Bethany throughout the day, stays night there</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Maundy<br>Thursday<br>April 6      | <p>A. Peter and John sent to make preparation for Passover meal</p> <p>B. After sunset, eats meal with the twelve; washes disciples; Judas departs</p> <p>C. Lord's Supper instituted</p> <p>D. To Garden of Gethsemane; Jesus' agony</p> <p>E. Betrayal by Judas; arrest by Sanhedrin</p> <p>F. To house of High Priest as Sanhedrin is convened; Peter betrays Jesus</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Matthew 26:1; Mark 14:1; Luke 22:1</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Good<br>Friday<br>April 7          | <p><b>The Trials of Jesus Christ</b></p> <p>A. <b>First trial</b>, before Annas [nighttime hours]; Annas is looking for an accusation, biding time till Sanhedrin is gathered at High Priestly villa</p> <p>B. <b>Second [and primary] trial</b> before Sanhedrin, Jesus is condemned, misused</p> <p>C. <b>Third trial</b>, immediately at dawn [meanwhile, Peter denies Jesus a third time; Jesus looks upon him]; the condemnation repeated, then Jesus taken to Romans</p> <p>D. <b>Fourth trial</b> before Pilate [till "beginning at Galilee"]</p> <p>E. <b>Fifth trial</b> before Herod [looks for miracle]</p> <p>F. <b>6th trial before Pilate</b></p> <p>G. Jesus is scourged; the city cries, "Crucify Him or we will tell Rome!"</p> <p>H. Jesus is finally turned over to be crucified</p> <p>I. Jesus mocked (Roman soldiers); crown of thorns</p> <p>J. Judas hangs himself</p> <p>K. Jesus bears His cross to gate on north of city and is crucified around 9 am</p> <p>L. The Death of God-Man. About 3 pm; veil torn, rocks rent; some graves opened and people rise [to mortality] and go into the city</p> <p>M. Jesus' side pierced</p> <p>N. Passover lambs slain in temple</p> <p>O. Jesus buried by sundown</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Matthew 26:1; Mark 14:53; Luke 22:54; John 18:13</i></p> |
| Saturday<br>April 8                | <p>At the request of the Jewish leadership, Pilate grants a guard and sets a seal on the tomb of Jesus</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Matthew 27:66</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Easter<br>Sunday<br>April 9        | <p>Jesus Christ rises from the dead (before dawn) and makes five appearances on the day of His rising:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To Mary Magdalene [given a message to the disciples]</li> <li>To the other women who come to the tomb [intending to complete the burial preparation of His body]</li> <li>To two disciples on the Road to Emmaus</li> <li>To Simon Peter [nowhere recorded, but alluded to in Luke 24:33 and 1 Corinthians 1:5]</li> <li>To the astonished disciples [Thomas is absent]</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Matthew 28:1; Mark 16:1; Luke 24:1; John 20:1</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |