

The Spire

UPCOMING SPIRE DEADLINES:

April 21st @ 2:00pm

Dear Friends,

This Lent we have used resources from *A Sanctified Art* for worship liturgy, discussions during our mid-week study, and for digital art. I have particularly appreciated the poetry that goes with each's scripture, and this is the one I love for our Easter celebration.

"lost and found"

Mary wept.
Standing in the garden,
soft dirt under her feet,
sun still tucked away,
sleeping under the horizon.

The other disciples left,
but Mary stayed.
Mary wept.
Shoulders shaking,
tears running down her face.
She said, *They have taken my Lord away,
and I don't know where they put him.*

But here's what Easter taught me:
if you think you've lost God,
if it feels like heaven has slipped through the cracks,
if you feel like the night will never end,
then know, there is no hide-and-seek
with the divine that doesn't end in you being found

Stay still.
Keep breathing.
God is closer than you think.
- Sarah Speed

It's been a tough couple of months for many: school shootings, a death by suicide at the high school, the deaths of beloved members of our congregational family and family members. Our knees hurt, our backs ache, and sometimes our hearts are heavy.

Remember: Jesus calls each of us by name. Jesus wept. Jesus lives, and God's love ensures that no failure is ever final, that God loves the people we love even more than we do. Good Friday shows what Jesus is willing to do out of love for us, Easter shows what Jesus will do for us - raise us up, give us abundant life before death, and life beyond death. God is always on the move!

Join us to worship our Almighty, Everlasting, Ever-loving God: Maundy Thursday, April 6 for seder at 5:15 pm, Tenebrae Service of Darkness at 7 pm; Good Friday Quiet in Sanctuary at noon; Easter at 10:15 am!!

FYI: We will have Good Friday-to-Go kits available for your personal devotion.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Caroline

Financial Planning Seminar and Dinner

On Monday, April 24, 5 pm Ellie Johns-Kelley from the Presbyterian Foundation will lead a seminar on estate planning, wills, bequests, trusts and possible ways to provide for the church through charitable giving now and creating a legacy for after your death. We will meet in the parlor, and a light meal will be served. Ms. Johns-Kelley will meet with church's Finance Committee at 3:30 beforehand.

Online giving will soon be available as an option thanks to our participation in a program offered by the Presbyterian Foundation. Keep your eyes open for the announcement when it is up and running.



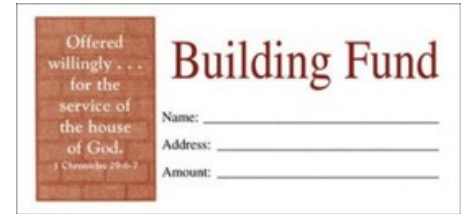
April Birthdays:

10 Jaden Glenn 16 Susan Zimmerman 17 Sarah Thompson
 11 George Buckey 17 Nancy Glenn



BUILDING FUND

The Building Fund balance is currently \$13,238.75.
 Thank you for your continued support.



Session in a nutshell

Highlights from the February Session Meeting:

- We will be setting up an on-line giving option through the Presbyterian Foundation.
- Rev. Ellie Johns-Kelley will join us on April 24th to talk about estate planning. All are invited.
- Now that the Fellowship Hall has been painted, we are getting quotes to replace the floor and upgrade to LED lighting.



Monthly Church Financial Snapshot

February 2023



Financial Snapshot

	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Received/Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Weekly Contributions	\$7,916.57	\$9,358.00	\$1,441.33
Outside Support (special collections and Memorials & Facilities Income)		\$186.00	Total Income: \$9,714.27 Net Ordinary Income: (\$7,259.03)
Expenses	\$16,920.41	\$16,790.30	

Total funds available in checking and Money Market account totals \$518,778.45
 In February we received an additional - \$65,678.89 which is now in the above amount.

This amount includes gift from Jean Brinser Will that will be designated in the future. We will be setting aside 1/10th of total amount received for Mission purposes. Session is currently discussing the designating for the remained amount. The Fellowship Hall has been repainted and will soon have new lighting and flooring.

Now available the February 2023 Statement of Activity
 Contact - Gloria Socks, Treasurer



You are invited to a very special Seder Meal for Maundy Thursday, April 6th from 5:15pm – 6:45pm in Fellowship Hall

Following the meal there will be a Tenebrae Service in the Sanctuary beginning at 7:00pm.

You can come to the Seder, the Tenebrae Service, or both.

A free will offering will be taken at the Service.



During the Season of Lent we are collecting donations for One Great Hour of Sharing.

Offering envelopes are in the pews.

This offering will be dedicated on Easter Sunday, April 9th.



Potluck Luncheon – Sunday, April 30th

Join us following Worship on Sunday, April 30th for a Potluck Luncheon.

Bring your favorite dish to share!
Drinks will be provided.

NEW Journey Group Forming:

Do you knit, crochet, cross-stitch, embroider, weave, quilt, or do any other fabric art?

Then mark your calendar for Friday Fiber Art Friends on Friday, April 14 for an evening of doing crafts, working with fiber, and spending time with friends new and old.





Palm Sunday - April 2nd Worship @ 10:15am, Easter Egg Decorating @ 5:00pm

Maundy Thursday - April 6th Seder Meal @ 5:15pm, Worship Service @ 7:00pm

Good Friday - April 7th Good Friday Service @ 7:30am at the YMCA, Quiet Time in the Sanctuary from 12:00pm - 1:00pm

Easter Sunday - April 9th Worship @ 10:15am

Joy in Jesus Sunday - April 16th Worship @ 10:15am

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Holy Humor Sunday services not only give Christians an opportunity for ongoing celebrations of the greatest miracle in human history - Jesus' resurrection - it also gives each of us an opportunity to celebrate, and give thanks for, our own smaller resurrections in this world and this life.

From time to time in our earthly lives, many of us have been dead - from illness, depression, physical injuries, emotional wounds, the loss of loved ones, financial losses - and yet have come alive and endured while looking forward to the Great Resurrection. Many American churches are resurrecting an old Easter custom begun by the Greeks in the early centuries of Christianity-"Holy Humor Sunday" celebrations of Jesus' resurrection on the Sunday after Easter.

For centuries in Eastern Orthodox, Catholic and Protestant countries, the week following Easter Sunday, including "Bright Sunday" (the Sunday after Easter), was observed by the faithful as "days of joy and laughter" with parties and picnics to celebrate Jesus' resurrection.

Churchgoers and pastors played practical jokes on each other, drenched each other with water, told jokes, sang, and danced.

The custom was rooted in the musings of early church theologians (like Augustine, Gregory of Nyssa, and John Chrysostom) that God played a practical joke on the devil by raising Jesus from the dead. "*Risus paschalis* - the Easter laugh," the early theologians called it.

So this year, we will have our own Holy Humor Sunday, Joy in Jesus, and you are invited to wear a wild hat, or crazy tie or silly shirt to worship. Following worship, we will have face painting, treats, and some silly other fun things to keep the laughter and joy flowing. Come, bring some G-rated jokes and share!



Prayer Ministry

Church Family Who Need Our Prayer:

- ~ Harry Brooks ~ Martha Rhines
- ~ Virginia Rahn ~ Jim Hale
- ~ Marty Swink ~ Gertrude Stilts

Home Bound Members:

- Shirley Stephenson at Quincy
- Helen Hill at Shook Home
- Dottie Hutton at Paramount
- Jim Hale at Menno Haven
- Janet Zook
- Marty Swink at Providence Place
- Joan Clemmons
- Virginia Rahn at Quincy Parker House 2



Family and Friends Who Need Our Prayers

Malinda Miller, Michael Kunze, Matthew Tuckey,
Janet Keener, & The Jessen's
Sympathy to the family of Sean McFarland

**PRAY FOR OUR
MILITARY**

Please pray for peace for the people of Iraq, Afghanistan, Ukraine and throughout the world. Also please be in prayer for our church family serving in the military:

- Andrew Glenn - Maranda Ore
- Jesse Thompson - Elliott Swink
- David Henke - Robert Douglas

As part of the TUXIS Ministry, you are invited to send small gifts and/or cards to our active military folks.

*Please contact the office for addresses.
** denotes deployment*



Outreach **Ministry**

Week of April 2nd

- ~ Young Life Franklin County
- ~ Millers/BIC World Mission

Week of April 9th

- ~ C.R.O.S.S.
- ~ EPIC International - Pursley/Turkey

Week of April 16th

- ~ Fruit Belt Farm Workers Ministries
- ~ Henry/Mission to the World

Week of April 23rd

- ~ House of Grace
- ~ Ibrahim/Pioneers

Week of April 30th

- ~ New Hope Shelter
- ~ Millers/BIC World Mission

Prayer Focus

Week of April 2nd - Malee Cook, David & Salena Culton, Joyce Deane, Dorsey & Shela Dick, Anne Dunn, Dori Francis, Carole Gerhardt

Week of April 9th - Nancy Glenn, The Michael Glenn Family, Jim Hale, Chris Hamberger, Phil Hammond, Helen Hill

Week of April 16th - Margie Honodel, Dottie Hutton, Alice Karppinen, Donna Kennedy, Donna & Mark Lipko, Mary Kay McCleary, Jenny McFarland & Family

Week of April 23rd - Linda McFarland, The Robin Meyers Family, Miranda Ore, Virginia Rahn, Martha Rhines, Turk & Keann Russell, Tom & Jeanne Singer

Week of April 30th - Larry & Gloria Socks, Carl & Bernice Solomon, The Jason Stains Family, Shirley Stephenson, Gertrude Stilts, Lori Sutton, Marty Swink

Knowing Christ, Growing in Christ, & Showing Christ to the World!

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Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday from 10:15am - 1:15pm

**Public worship is posted to The Presbyterian Church of Waynesboro's
YouTube Channel every Sunday.**

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