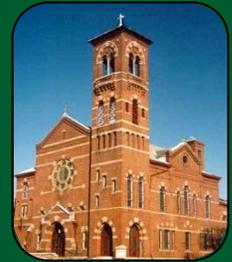


The Call



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**First
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Church**

Church Happenings

- **COMMUNION**
March 1
- **MISSION COMMITTEE
MEETING**
March 1 following
Worship
- **SESSION MEETING**
March 22 following
Worship?



March Servers

Lay Liturgist:

Mike Gommel

Greeter:

Marilyn Woods

Ushers:

Howard and
Doreen Wilkison

Refreshments:

Susan Wilson

Counters:

Terri Pleak and
Larry Clark

Wally Words

Lent started Wednesday, February 26, with the **Ash Wednesday Service** at 6:30. Ashes were imposed on the foreheads of those who came forward. Lent lasts 40 days and ends with Easter. I will preach sermons through Lent based on I Samuel 4-6 - the Ark Narrative, or temporary loss thereof. They lost the Ark, the symbol of Jahweh's presence among God's people. The Ark was placed in a pagan temple next to their enemy's idol. What happened next? Was that the end? Well, no. But there was a lot of grief all around. We don't talk much about the role of grief in our practice of faith. Join me and your fellow church members on a journey from an inescapable sense of loss to the totally unexpected Finale of the drama of Lent!

Also during Lent I will be leading the Sunday Conversations class in exploring **Barbara Brown Taylor's** book, *An Altar in the World*. We will learn to look for the presence of the Divine in ordinary things. Often the experience of God is right under our feet. Whether you're a regular or not, I invite you to give it a try. This is really good stuff and the conversation amongst the group is a delightful lead-in to our worship services. Class will start at 9:15 **sharp**.

God Bless,

Wally

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Presbyterian Women and Friendship & Talent

Spring is right around the corner! Friendship and Talent resumes for lunch and a guest speaker. In March we have a brief Mission Program after lunch. Join us on March 11 at noon for lunch. Our mission speaker is Leslie Straight, Executive Director of New Directions, our local Domestic Violence Center for Services & Shelter. After Leslie's informative talk, we'll have a short meeting. Kathy Denny will be taking reservations.

In the Church Library- Mike Gommel

A WINDY SPRING DAY

By Wendy Dunham

When a big wind goes *whoosh*, Skunk is afraid and needs a friend. Braving the storm to check on his best pal, Raccoon comes for a visit and brings a big surprise...supplies to build a kite. Skunk and Raccoon invite their friends to come fly it with them. And even though the wind still blows, Skunk discovers there's no reason to be afraid.

STORIES FOR A WOMAN'S HEART

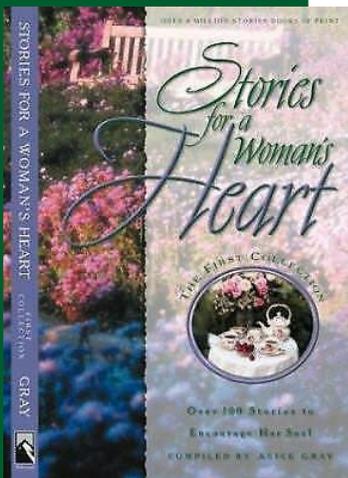
Compiled by Alice Gray

A collection of stories celebrating the wondrous ways of women that may inspire your thoughts and stir your soul. Laughter, friendship, special moments that reach across generations, and tender stories of compassion that are sure to tug at your heart.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MOSES

By Athol Dickson

Recognizing that Christians are grafted onto the rich olive tree of Israel, the author explores Torah (the knowledge and law in Jewish scripture) to discover the treasure that awaits us at the heart of the Christian gospel.



These inspirational stories compiled by Alice Gray instill Christian values and virtues. They motivate, encourage, and honor women.

Preaching Schedule for Lent: Ichabod: The Journey of God's Glory

DATE	TITLE	SCRIPTURE
March 1	Decay & Indictment	I Sam 2:12-17,22-25,,27-36 Mark 11:15-17
March 8	Ichabod	I Samuel 4:15-22 Mark 15:33-41
March 15 Roger Sherwood, Guest	My God, My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?	I Samuel 4:1-22 Matthew 27:27-50
March 22	Trouble in the Night	I Sam 5:1-8a Luke 23:50-24:3
March 29	God on the Loose	I Sam 5:8a-12 John 11:17-44
April 5 Palm Sunday	A Grand Procession	I Sam 6:1-9 Mark 11:1-10
April 9 Maundy Thursday		
April 12 Easter	Emancipation	I Sam 6:8-12/Res Story Mark 16:1-8

One Great Hour Of Sharing



in a world of disaster, hunger, and
oppression

Millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity.

The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

A fun way to save for the One Great Hour of Sharing is by using the coin boxes to put your loose coins in each day. Fish boxes (pictured above) can be found in the Narthex.

Specialofferings.pcusa.org

March Prayer Focus

Origins of World Day of Prayer

The origins of World Day of Prayer date back to the 19th century when Christian women of the United States and Canada initiated women's involvement in mission at home and in other parts of the world.

World Day of Prayer is a worldwide ecumenical movement of Christian women who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year. It is initiated and carried out by women in more than 170 countries and regions, and observed on the first Friday in March. This year World Day of Prayer will be on March 6.

Women had a vision of Christian unity that was essential to their exercise of mission. By 1897 six denominations had formed a committee for a united day of prayer for home missions, but all men, women, and children are welcome to join in prayer.

In today's world, prayer is especially essential to foster peace throughout the globe. Prayers are not restricted to any place, time, setting, age or gender. Communicating with God moves us in countless ways to draw nearer to Him.

wdp.usa.org/origins-of-world-day-of-prayer/

Doreen Wilkison, Care of Parish Committee

*Loving God,
please help us
to pray often
and to make a
lasting difference
in others lives
through my
intercession for
thee.*

SESSION NEWS

- ◇ At the Annual Congregational Meeting a change to the by-laws was approved that reduces the required number of elders on Session from 9 to at least 5.
- ◇ Kingston/Springhill Churches have invited us to join them for their Ice Cream Social in July and Hayride in the fall.

Mission— Plans are in the works for a Singles Ministry.

Presbyterian Women—are planning a card party for their fundraiser again this year.

Pastor's Report— Pastor Wally noted that he will be leading the adult Sunday Conversations Class through Lent or longer.

COMMITTEE NEWS

Trustees— are looking at new carpet for the floor in the kitchen off Reception Hall. The plan is to also paint the walls in that kitchen as well as the men's restroom near the front door. They hope to have work completed by May 6.



Session

Members of Session 2020

Polly Matlock

David Schlemmer

David Narwold

Mary Stradley

Judy Rust

Mike Gommel

Terri Pleak



Life Journeys

For several months throughout the past couple of years, we have shared the stories in our newsletters of the lives and faith journeys of some of our congregation members. It has been an enjoyable experience to read about and get to know our fellow members and friends. We have learned much about them that we didn't know before we read their stories. This is an endeavor I would love to continue, but the problem is finding the people and time to do the interviewing. To help keep our stories going, I ask that anyone wishing to submit a story of your own lives are welcome to do so. If you need help with the writing of the story, I would be happy to help; I can possibly interview you and write your story if I have the time available. We have a nice book in the office with the Faith stories we have written so far and I would love to add to it. If you are interested in telling your story, call the office and let me know.

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Worshiping God with joy,
Nurturing the life of each individual,
Carrying Christ's message to all the world, and
Seeking to live God's word by serving others.

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