



Church Happenings

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| Communion | March 3 |
| Ash Wednesday Service—6:30 p.m. | March 6 |
| Friendship & Talent—Noon | March 13 |
| Care of Parish—1:30 p.m. | March 13 |
| Session Meeting—5:30 p.m. | March 19 |

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

MARCH SERVERS

LAY LITURGIST:
Cathy Lincourt & Laura Simmonds
GREETER:
Marilyn Woods
USHERS:
Dennis and Susan Wilson
REFRESHMENTS:
Susan Wilson
COUNTERS:
Larry Clark & Katy Prairie

Wally Words

Wednesday, March 6, at our 6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service, we will begin that season of the Church Year we call Lent. *Lento* is a musical term indicating slowly, pensively, maybe 48-52 beats per minute. Applied to the Church's Liturgical Calendar, Lent is the season preceding Easter. It is a time to disengage from our usual frenetic activity in order to create space to reflect on our lives and on the tremendous love of our sacrificial God. Some people fast or make other sacrifices that simplify their lives in order to focus on what is most important: God's love, God's sacrifice, God's abundance. What does *lent* mean, and how will you observe it?

Our observance of the season of Lent reminds us that just as Jesus was tempted in the wilderness, so are we. We still wander in wildernesses of our making. The nature of your Lenten sacrifice may be to give up something you enjoy; or it could be performing a sacrifice of service, such as taking meals to someone who is home bound, or seeking out someone to take to the doctor, or helping at an agency of your choice. It could mean spending some time with someone who is lonely, listening to their stories.

We will mark the beginning of Lent with a light supper on March 6 at 5:45, and move into our Ash Wednesday service around 6:30. In addition, you will find in your church bulletin an insert each week with ideas for reflection through the Church season. Blessings to all of you.

Wally



WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

PW Friendship & Talent

Mark Wednesday, March 13th on your calendars to come to the next Friendship and Talent lunch and meeting!! Join us for an always delicious meal, card signing for friends and members we know, and a brief meeting. A special guest will speak to us instead of our usual devotions time. Our guest is Theresa Ruble, Director of Speranza House, just a few houses away from church. Speranza House is a women's shelter whose mission is to provide a nurturing, sober, home-like environment to women who are struggling with addiction. Theresa will tell us about Speranza House and answer any questions you might have about the shelter. Please join us. Kathy Denny will be taking reservations for the lunch.



May Day—Play Day

A new mission fundraiser, sponsored by our Presbyterian Women's group, will take place on Wednesday, May 1. P.W. is holding a **May Day—Play Day**. All women and men are welcome to come and play any type of cards: Euchre, Bridge, Canasta, Bunco, etc., and/or table games of your choice. A lunch will be served at noon, followed by the games. At 3:00 p.m. we will have drawings for prizes. The cost is \$20 per person and the money raised will go to benefit Clarity Pregnancy Center, New Directions, **and the Speranza House, all local women's missions in Decatur County.**

Stay tuned for more information on this fundraiser in April.



IN THE CHURCH LIBRARY

Mike Gommel

SCENES FROM HOME, Memories of Indiana (CD)

Improvisational piano by **Justin Rust**. Justin's music interpretations are centered mostly on Rush County, but there is one **piece entitled "Greensburg."** A fine presentation that will bring visuals to your mind.

I WILL

By Thom S. Rainer

Every day we are faced with the needs of those around us. Emotional. Physical. Spiritual. Are these problems for our pastor to address or is there also a way for the church member to make an impact that will last? The author offers nine simple traits that all church members can incorporate into his/her life no matter the background, stage of life, or sense of **capability**. **Stand up and say "I will."**

THE HOLY CITY...AND A GARDEN (DVD)

An upbeat, informative journey through Jerusalem. Visit **some of the Holy City's most** intriguing attractions — the Wailing Wall, the Dome of the Rock, the Garden Tomb — and discover the history behind their triumphant yet turbulent past.

Session News—Session met on Tuesday, February 19, 2019.

- ◆ **It was decided to move the church's investments from Hilliard Lyons to Ameriprise.** Hilliard Lyons is being sold to another company, and Greg Rust has moved to Ameriprise. The Finance committee discussed that Greg has done a good job with the **investments and the committee decided to move the church's accounts to Greg (from Hilliard to Ameriprise)** in recognition of the good job that Greg has done in the past. Recommendation of the committee was approved and motion was passed.
- ◆ PW/Friendship & Talent requested permission to hold a May Day– Play Day event as a fundraiser on May 1. Proceeds will support Clarity Pregnancy Center, New Directions, and Speranza House. This was approved.
- ◆ Elder Carey Anne Curran is resigning from Session effective immediately because she will be moving to Ohio for her job. We will be sad to see Carey Anne and Joe leave. They will be missed very much.
- ◆ **Tree City Quilters have been approved to open an account under the church's name as they have been meeting here at the church every month for many years. (They are having trouble opening an account under the Tree City Quilters name.)**
- ◆ Dave Narwold was ordained as an elder on January 27 and he and Mary Stradley were installed as Ruling Elders for the Class of 2021. There will be another installation ceremony coming soon to install Judy Rust as Ruling Elder to the Class of 2021 as well.
- ◆ **There is talk of reenergizing the church's website. Stay tuned!**
- ◆ The nominating committee is looking towards working on naming a Pastoral Nominating Committee (PNC).



Ash Wednesday Service Wednesday, March 6

Begins with a light supper at 5:45 p.m.
Service around 6:30 p.m.



Committee Chairs for 2019

Trustees– Co Chairs: Mary Stradley and Dave Schlemmer

Spiritual Formation– Co Chairs: Katy Prairie & ?

Finance, Investment, and Stewardship– Chair: Roy Simpson

Worship & Music– Chair: Jeff Lincourt

Mission, Outreach, and Advertising– Chair: Judy Rust



PRAYER FOCUS FOR MARCH:

As a church and as individuals, we renew our devotion to the Lord through the discipline of prayer. Our prayer focus for the month of March will be: **Pursuing Greater Personal Devotion to the Lord**. Here are some topics you might focus on in your prayers:

- + Pray for God to show you how to commit your life to Him.
- + Ask God to show you ways in which you can better serve Him within the context of the church.
- + **Seek God's wisdom in finding ways that you can have an increased impact on our community.**
- + Pray for those that are suffering persecution for the name of Christ.
- + Search your heart for unconfessed sin and bring it before God with a repentant heart.
- + **Pray for increased personal participation in the unfolding of God's plans for the future of our church.**
- + Pray for the physical safety and spiritual instruction of the men and women who are fighting for our country, and for first responders in our community.
- + Ask God to show you any fractured relationships in your life. By His grace go and seek reconciliation.
- + Pray that today God would reveal Himself to you more completely through your study of His Word.
- + Pray for God to protect the minds and guard the hearts of the children.
- + Pray for wisdom for those that are in leadership positions within our community, our country, and our world.
- + Pray that God will prepare you for a new period of growth in your relationship with Him.

Polly Matlock, Care of Parish Team

Under the Shadow of the Cross

It is very important to take a step back from our highly competitive, fast-paced, over-consuming rat race and take a second look at ourselves and ponder over the meaning of life and where we are headed. The Lenten season provides an occasion for that. The cross of Jesus Christ, and his life which led up to it, provides a frame for a proper perspective on our life and its preoccupations.



During the Lenten season, fasting and abstinence from foods provide us with an occasion to remind ourselves that life has a meaning beyond eating, drinking and satisfying our basic needs. While it is true that those basic needs are essential for life, we are reminded that "Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God" (Matt. 4:4). This is often referred to as the spiritual dimension of human beings. Human beings have a special calling to live in obedience to God and in responsibility to their fellow humanity and the world of nature to which they are inextricably bound.

by Thomas John

Ash Wednesday is the entry point for Lenten preparation. It is a service rich in ritual and symbolism. Participants on Ash Wednesday come forward for a minister or elder to mark their foreheads with the **sign of the cross in ashes, saying the words, "You are dust, and to dust you shall return" (Genesis 3:19)**. With these words, disciples are reminded of their mortality and, when combined with the sign of the cross, they are also reminded of the hope of the resurrection.

Christians receive the sign of the cross to focus on who they are as human beings, bound in death and life to Christ. Ash Wednesday and the season of Lent provide time to explore the mystery at the heart of the gospel that being a Christian means a new life through Christ.

www.presbyterianmission.org



The Story of My Life

By Mary Ellen (Richey-Brown) Narwold

Mary Narwold's Faith Journey

I was born in Milroy, Indiana on May 3, 1926. My parents were Stella Louise Fishback and Edward Asbury (Pete) Richey. Out of five sisters, two brothers, two half-sisters, and two half-brothers, I had only one older brother and I was the oldest girl. We were all raised together as one big family.

I started going to the Presbyterian Church in Milroy at the age of four. I was on the Cradle Roll and I really thought I was something. (On the wall hung paper cradles with our names on them.) My dad worked at a garage across the street from the church, so he dropped me off and picked me up. Although my parents were other denominations, they never went to church with us, but they always made sure we attended church and this church was close to where we lived. I attended the Presbyterian Church during most of my childhood and was baptized in 1935 at age nine. (That is when I received my first bible, which I still have today.) As I grew older, my friend and I sang in the choir and helped the pastor clean the church. We attended morning and evening services on Sundays, and had prayer meetings on Wednesday nights.

My mom and dad were very poor, but we always had plenty to eat, especially when the government truck came bringing food and material (it was during the depression). Mom would make our clothes on her Singer sewing machine (her pride and joy). She made us dresses out of the material from the government and when we went to school, half of the girls in class would be wearing dresses just like ours. We took a bath every Saturday night in the old tin wash tub. The youngest got to go first so the water was getting pretty dirty by the time it was my turn. We kids had to work and my dad had me clean house for my Aunt and Uncle Richey. My aunt was wonderful to me and taught me everything about keeping a house clean. I made \$1 a week.

I met my first husband, Staff Sgt. Carlos (Granny) Brown, in 1941. He was home on leave. We wrote letters to each other for the next two years and were married on August 30, 1943 at the church in Milroy I grew up in. We spent four nights at the Decatur Hotel in Greensburg for our honeymoon before he was shipped out. The war ended in 1945 and he came home for good in October of that year.

1945 was a happy and a sad year for me. My pastor, who I'd known my whole life, retired and the church in Milroy closed its doors. The building was sold to a Playhouse group and the beautiful stained glass windows were boarded up.

After my husband's return, we moved to Greensburg. We had four children, the sunshine of our lives, and Carlos went to work at Garland Mills (located on Monfort Street across from where Maddux Auction now stands). He had a heart attack in 1956 and was on disability until his death in 1964. He was a really good husband and father. This is when my faith in God really kicked in. I had three teenagers and a two year old to support. I went to work at G C Murphy and worked there for 12 years.

In October 1966, I met Robert (Sticky) Narwold. He made me want to live again. We joined the First Presbyterian Church in Greensburg in 1970. Robert had four children from a previous marriage and with my four, we had a lot of love to go around. We had a good life together until Robert died in 2008.

I have worked hard during my lifetime. It is what kept me going. My mom **always said, "Idle hands are no good, and always do for others and you will be paid back a hundred-fold." She was right!**

God has been my rock all these years. I have said my prayers every single **night since I was a child. I couldn't have** made it all these years without my Lord Jesus. I have been blessed so many times and he has brought me and my family through so many dark times during our lifetime. He is #1 in our lives, and he walks beside me all the way. I pray for our church to attract new members and be the way I remember it in the past.

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- New Directions • 812-662-8822
- Meals on Wheels • 812-663-6099
- AGAPE Center • 812-222-4273
- Champions of Youth (formerly BB) • 812-663-7556
- Kids Closet • 812-663-2084
- Decatur County Special Olympics • 812-663-4690
- Decatur County United Fund Adult Literacy Program • 812-560-3820



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PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR
CONTINUED PRAYERS:

Shut-ins

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Hazel Shonk
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Don McKinney
At Home,
206 E. 5th Street
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PRAYERS

Joe Westhafer
Danny Fruchtnicht
Max and Brenda Smiley
and family
Robena Shepherd
Judy Lozier

YOUR PRAYERS DO
MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Spring Forward!



**Don't forget to set
your clocks forward
one hour on
Saturday night, March 9,
before you go to bed,
or Sunday morning,
March 10.**



Meet the newest addition to the Schlemmer family. Jax Joseph Schlemmer