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WORSHIP

SUNDAYS 10 AM

8:30 a.m. Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Fellowship

GREAT FOOD IN MARCH!

Join us in March for our many food and fellowship opportunities:

March 5 - Camp & Conference Soup Supper

March 18 - Food at First

March 29 - Deacons' Appreciation Brunch

See page 3 for more details. We hope to see you there.

SPECIAL LENTEN BIBLE STUDY! SEE PAGE 7.

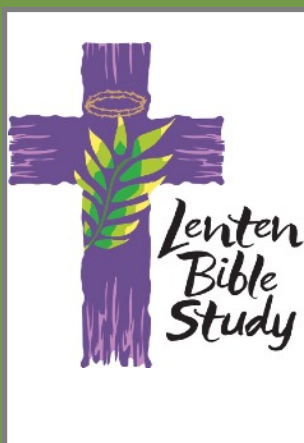
NEWS AT FIRST

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Come to the Waters

As the ice starts to melt and the waters begin to flow, we sense that spring is on its way. This is exciting in terms of our faith, because we are, spiritually, children of the waters. We are daughters and sons of the river. We are sisters and brothers of baptism.

This month, I invite you to our Lenten Bible Study called *Come to the Waters*. We'll be meeting in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings at 8:15 for a breakfast provided by the Deacons, followed by a wonderful discussion about our spiritual journeys. This is a perfect opportunity for you to slow down and reflect upon your relationship with God as you follow Christ's footsteps toward the resurrection of Easter morning.

If you'd like to join us for this Lenten Bible Study, please RSVP to the office (319-465-3393) and we'll reserve a booklet and a slice of egg and sausage casserole for you Sunday morning!

These are the dates:

Sunday, March 8 Absence of Water - Thirst and Longing

Sunday, March 15 Stormy Waters of Faith

Sunday, March 22 Streams of Mercy

Come to the Waters is based on Judy Record Fletcher's Horizon curriculum for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Judy has been a pastor in Texas, North Carolina and Arkansas and is a wonderful writer. I'm sure you will enjoy her ideas!

See you then!

Pastor Emory

GREAT FOOD IN MARCH!



Camp and Conference Soup Supper

Thursday, March 5th from 4:30 - 7:00 p.m.

MENU: Chili, Potato Soup, Vegetable Beef Soup,
homemade bread, dessert and drink

Cost \$7.00



Food at First

Food * Peace * Community

Wednesday, March 18th from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

MENU: Spaghetti supper, rolls and dessert

Congratulations to David Hoffner, February's gift certificate winner. There will be a \$20 gift certificate giveaway to The Cone Shoppe in March. If anyone would like to donate something or help in any way, please contact Jo Zirkelbach at (319) 480-5703.

Deacons' Appreciation Brunch

Sunday, March 29th following worship

There will be no fellowship on Sunday,
March 29 before our brunch.

MENU: Breakfast casseroles, pastries, milk and juice

This is a Deacon's Appreciation Brunch.

Members do not need to bring food.

Freewill donations are welcome.



May you have warm words on a cold evening, a full moon on a dark night, and the road downhill all the way to your door. —Irish Blessing

Presbyterian Pie Service

Need something sweet after that corned beef and cabbage? 

The Pie Committee will be working on the following Mondays: **March 9th and 23rd.**

- Cost of pies is \$10.00.
- Crust in tins is \$2.00.
- Pie crust flats are \$2.00.

The committee always has fruit pies in the freezer at the church, and they also offer gift certificates. Please contact the church office at (319) 465-3393 or Pam at (319) 480-7700 to place orders.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

HAVE NEWS OR INFORMATION TO SUBMIT TO FPC'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER? SUBMIT INFORMATION BY THE 20TH OF THE MONTH TO THE OFFICE VIA PHONE 319-465-3393 OR SEND AN EMAIL TO OFFICE@FPCMONTICELLO.ORG FOR PUBLISHING. THANKS!



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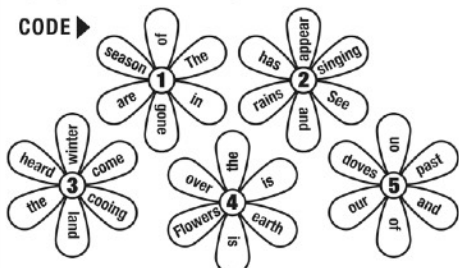
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Puzzle!

Using the flower code, fill in the blanks to complete the springtime words from Song of Solomon 2:11-12, NIV.

CODE ►



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_____ , _____ ;

_____ , _____ ;

_____ , _____ ;

_____ , _____ ;

_____ , _____ ;

SONG OF SOLOMON 2:11-12, NIV

Answer: See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone. Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooling of doves is heard in our land. Song of Solomon 2:11-12, NIV



Confirmation class will meet on the following Wednesdays in the month of March:

March 4

March 18



The Rebecca Circle women's group will meet **Wednesday, March 11th at 1 p.m.** at the Pennington Square, Monticello. They will continue their discussion of the Presbytery Women's Bible Study on the 10 Commandments, conversations about faith and serve communion to residents of the care center and assisted living facility.



Lent is a time for restoring balance to our lives. The Eskimos practice balance as they venture into freezing Arctic waters in little boats. If you've ever paddled a kayak, you know how easy they are to tip. Thankfully, kayaks are just as easy to turn back upright.

That isn't a bad image for Lent — or for life as a whole. Whatever spiritual disciplines we adopt, if we succumb to temptation, it's no biggie. One of the lessons of Lent is that, as long as we're traveling light, it takes only a quick twist of the paddle to right us. That paddle twist might take the form of a quick but heartfelt prayer: "Jesus, set me straight again!" Or it might mean some extra time set aside for quiet meditation with God. Don't get worried if your spiritual discipline fails now and then. Just let Jesus help you get upright once more, and keep paddling!

—adapted from Carlos Wilton, in *Homiletics*



Life Line Screenings

Lifeline Screening will be at first Presbyterian Church on **Monday, April 20th**. Screenings offered by lifeline go beyond regular check ups to look inside your arteries for signs of plaque buildup. Screening is simple, painless and non-invasive. You can sign up on the bulletin board outside of the church office or three other ways, provided on the flyer. Flyers are available in and outside of the church office.

Don't forget!

March 8th



**TILT
TOGETHER**
PARENT GROUP

TiLT

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ARE YOU THE
PARENT OF A
"DIFFERENTLY
WIRED" CHILD?



PLEASE JOIN US

AUTISM, ADHD, ANXIETY,
LEARNING DIFFERENCES,
SENSORY PROCESSING . . .

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EVERY TUESDAY NIGHT
(STARTING SEPTEMBER 17, 2019)

6:00-7:30 PM

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CONTACT:

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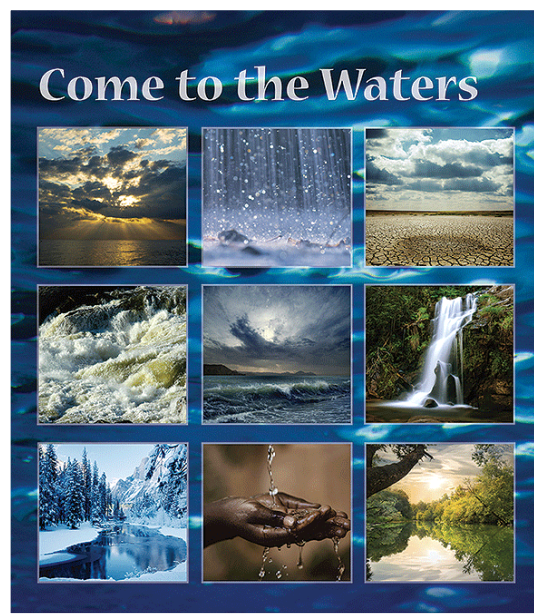
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Tilt will meet on Tuesdays at 6 pm at First Presbyterian Church. Please note the following changes for the month of March:

March 3 - Regular meeting with TiLT member facilitating (Lindsay in school conferences).

March 10 - NO TiLT

March 17, 24 and 31 - Regular community circle meeting; no guest speaker.



For Lent, Pastor Emory will be teaching a 3-week Bible study called *Come to the Waters*, based on Judy Fletcher's Presbyterian Bible Study. RSVP to the office (319-465-3393) and we'll reserve a booklet for you Sunday morning.

The Deacons will provide a breakfast at 8:15 followed by our Bible study in the Fellowship Hall at 8:30. Sundays:

March 24, 31 and April 7.

Childcare provided.

Ancient guidance on prayer

When we pray, we are not to pray for ourselves alone. We do not say, "My Father, who art in heaven" or, "Give me this day my daily bread"; we do not ask for our own trespasses alone to be forgiven; and when we pray that we may be delivered from evil, we are not praying only for ourselves either.

Our prayer is for the general good, for the common good. When we pray, we do not pray for our own single selves; we pray for all God's people, because they and we are one.

—Cyprian, bishop of Carthage (third century)

MARCH 6

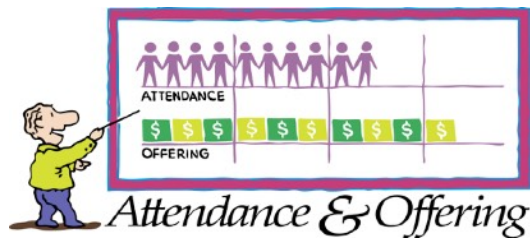


Bible Quiz

Who came to Jesus by night to ask him questions, and what famous Bible verse was part of Jesus' answer?

- A. Martha; "I am the resurrection and the life ..."
- B. Peter; "Do to others what you would have them do ..."
- C. Thomas; "I am the way and the truth and the life ..."
- D. Nicodemus; "For God so loved the world ..."

Answer: D (See John 3:1-16.)



Contributions

Jan 5 \$2,588.00

SS \$2.00

Jan 12 \$945.00

SS \$5.00

Jan 19 \$786.00

SS \$5.00

Jan 26 \$889.99

SS \$1.00

Jan auto deposit \$850.00

Total \$6,071.00

Expenses \$11,763.84

ATTENDANCE	Worship	SS
February 2	52	8
February 9	49	8
February 16	36	8
February 23	40	7

SERVING THIS MONTH

Greeters

March 1 OPEN

March 8 OPEN

March 15 OPEN

March 22 OPEN

March 29 OPEN

Reader

March 1 OPEN

March 8 OPEN

March 15 OPEN

March 22 OPEN

March 29 OPEN

THANK YOU!
 (...IN ADVANCE. PLEASE CALL THE
 OFFICE TO SIGN UP!)

OF ROCKS AND REPENTANCE



Before recently closing to tourists, Australia's majestic Uluru (formerly called Ayers Rock) was popular with climbers. Many took home illegal souvenirs, sometimes later mailing them back to park rangers after experiencing what they considered bad luck.

So many pilfered mementos were returned, often with notes of apology, that rangers called them "sorry rocks." The returns merely created more work for park staff, who urged visitors not to take specimens in the first place.

"Sorry rocks" is a fitting image for our sins, which the Bible describes as weights and entanglements (see Hebrews 12:1). As sinners, we can't remove those heavy burdens on our own. But through Christ's redeeming work on our behalf, we can "return" the rocks of wrongdoing. When we repent and seek forgiveness, God promises to "remember [our] sins no more" (Hebrews 8:12).



MAKE MUSIC TO THE LORD

 People of the Bible used many different instruments to worship God through music. 

Directions: Using the clues, unscramble the names of instruments found in Psalm 150. Then write the circled letters in order in the spaces below to complete verse 6.



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| A type of horn | ___ _ _ _ _ <input type="checkbox"/> | MURTETP |
| Played by King David | <input type="checkbox"/> _ _ _ | PRHA |
| Plucked to make sound | _ <input type="checkbox"/> _ _ _ _ _ | IGSNSTR |
| Similar to a tambourine | _ _ _ <input type="checkbox"/> _ _ _ | MRBELIT |
| A type of harp | _ _ _ <input type="checkbox"/> | ELRY |
| Blown through to make sound | _ _ <input type="checkbox"/> _ | EPPI |
| A percussion instrument | _ _ _ _ _ <input type="checkbox"/> _ | YBLACMS |

Le_ everyt_ing tha_ has _r_ath
_raise the _ORD. Psalm 150:6, NIV

Answer: trumpet, harp, strings, timbrel, lyre, pipe, cymbals;
Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Psalm 150:6, NIV