



PresbyPress

*"Everyday...is the day the Lord has made—
Rejoice! and be glad in it!"*

March, 2012

The Pastor's Pew

The Season of Lent has begun. In the early Christian Church, the purpose of Lent (the word is derived from the Middle English "Lente" which means "springtime") was 40 days of instruction for new believers who would then be baptized on Palm Sunday. (Jesus spent 40 days in the wilderness in prayer and fasting before beginning His ministry.) It evolved into practices for the whole church body to make preparations for Easter Morning. There is wisdom here, for when we take time for personal reflection and spiritual practices, we come to better appreciate and enjoy the stories of the Cross (forgiveness) and the Tomb (resurrection). This season of Lent can be a time for strengthening your faith, a deeply spiritual season, as you grow in your love for Christ, who loves you.

Fasting once per week has been a common practice of Lent,
but this year think in terms of fasting and feasting

Fast from judging others	Feast on Christ dwelling in you.
Fast from words of criticism	Feast on Christ's encouragement
Fast from worry	Feast on Christ's grace
Fast from bitterness	Feast on Christ's forgiveness
Fast from anger	Feast on Christ's patience.
Fast from complaining	Feast on appreciation of Christ
Fast from discouragement	Feast on prayer that sustains
Fast from anxiety	Feast on Christ's eternal Truth
Fast from sorrow	Feast on Christ's serenity

**Young at Heart
Lunch for all
Monday, March 5th
12:00 noon**

*Meat & Drinks Provided
Please bring a covered-dish and bring a Friend*

Our Special Guest Speaker
General “Stonewall” Jackson

Come on out! Eating begins at noon with the program to follow. Bring a covered dish and a friend. Enjoy good Presbyterian Food with great Fellowship and a wonderful event!



Stephen Cassle has portrayed General Thomas Jackson since 1998 and has appeared at numerous Civil War events, reenactments, and ceremonies in West Virginia and Virginia. His depiction of Stonewall Jackson includes the various uniforms worn by the general during the Civil War which includes the Virginia Military Institute Faculty uniform that Jackson wore at the beginning of the war and the gray Confederate government issued uniform that is documented in period photographs of the General.

Cassle also owns and wears one of the gray uniforms made especially for actor Stephen Lang for his portrayal of Stonewall Jackson in the movie "Gods and Generals." His living history presentation attempts to recreate life as it was during the Civil War with no modern day items that can be distractive to the public. Learn about Jackson's humble beginnings in Clarksburg and Jackson's Mill through his life during the Civil War

Children's Easter Festival
Annual Easter Egg Hunt
Wednesday, March 28
6:00 – 7:30 pm



Children and their Friends (ages 3 years to 5th grade) are invited. We'll have pizza for dinner (no charge). Activities include decorating cookies, dyeing eggs, playing games, and music. The Special Event of the evening will be the annual

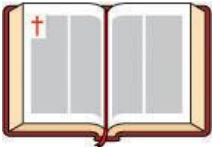
Easter Egg Hunt.

We are asking for donations of the following items:

Wrapped candy (to place in eggs)
Baked sugar cookies and vanilla icing
Easter egg coloring kits
Stuffed animals for prizes

Place in the "Easter Festival" Box in the Mizpah Room
(We will stuff eggs during WOW on March 14 and 21,
so please bring wrapped candy on those dates.)

The children from the Child Development Center and the Sojourner's Shelter will be joining us. Please invite your friends, neighbors, and family to our exciting Easter Festival. It's a great opportunity for them to see just one way First Presby reaches out to our community



Wednesday Night Bible Study
Mizpah Room, 6:35 pm

Jesus Preaches on the Laws of Love
Do you really know the Ten Commandments?
Sermon on the Mount -- Matthew 5



Second Annual
Bible & Creeds
Comprehension Contest

will be held March 18th
Sunday School Hour

It is a challenging hour
of Bible Questions on
important and vital topics
that the contestants have
studied and prepared

It is an oral exam
in front of
a live studio audience

Last year six young people
of our church competed
for the grand prize

Collin Nelson was the
very first Contest Winner



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| March 4 | Leslie Long
Marsha McIlwain |
| March 5 | Jean Harkins |
| March 12 | Mark Nelson
Charlie Raines |
| March 14 | Joanne Canterbury |
| March 18 | Sadie Holland |
| March 20 | Rick Hayes
Mickey Rector |
| March 22 | Marilee Cyrus
Mary Ann Rapalee |
| March 26 | Martha Racer |
| March 27 | Gene Anderson |
| March 29 | Katelyn Kimmons |
| March 31 | Barbara Lyons
Lois Poe |



Circle of Faith Thursday, March 8, 12:00 pm, Mizpah Room

The Circle of Faith welcomes any woman to join us in the Mizpah Room on the 2nd Thursday of each month at noon. You'll learn from and enjoy the Bible Lesson taught by Marilyn Sherman and the fellowship of all the women.

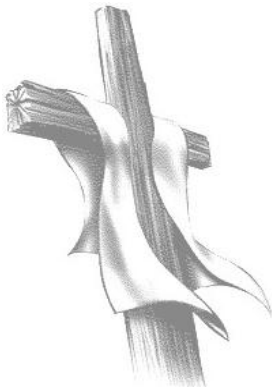
Circle of Love Tuesday, March 13, 7:00 pm, Parlor

Let's celebrate this windy month of rebirth as we prepare for Easter on Tuesday, March 13, at 7:00 for Bible Study and fellowship. Our hostesses are Mary Patteson & Dottie Calderwood. See ya!

Mark your calendar now for the following events:

1. All women are invited to bring their daughters, granddaughters and guests to an ***EASTER BRUNCH*** on Saturday, April 7, at 10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Nancy Bennett will give the Blessing, Minnie Cobb is our guest soloist, and Martha Racer will give an Easter Devotion. We hope you will come and enjoy good fellowship, a delicious brunch, and wonderful music. And it's all free!!! Our Menu: Fruit cup, breakfast casseroles, breads, juice, coffee, and milk.
2. **RIVER OF HOPE** is the theme of the 2012 Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women which will be held at Gaylord Palms Resort & Convention Center in Orlando, Florida, July 18-22. Close your eyes and imagine a place overflowing with thousands of Presbyterian women celebrating in prayer, song and worship while participating in workshops and lively discussions. Do you see yourself in the midst of this celebration? You can experience all of this (and more) under one roof (your accommodations and the gathering). Register by May 15 to save \$40 on full registration. You can also apply for a PWWV scholarship of \$200 to help defray the cost. Airline reservations should be made soon.

See Joan Eads or Marilyn Sherman for more details.



Holy Week

Palm Sunday, April 1, 10:55 am

It is the beginning of Holy Week.
Jesus enters Jerusalem for the last time.
As the crowd welcomed Jesus
o also we welcome Jesus on this day
Special Presentation by Youth & Children

Maundy Thursday Worship, April 5, 7:00 pm

Jesus met with His disciples in an upper room for Passover.
During the meal, He talked about His Body and His Blood
Then He gave the Great Mandate (Maundy):
“Love others as you have been loved.”
Music by Bare Bones, Special Guest Artists
Additional Music by the Adult Choir
The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated

Good Friday — The Crucifixion of Jesus Christ

It is a day to reflect on our self-centeredness
and the price Jesus Christ paid for our selfishness (sin)

Saturday Easter Eve Brunch for All Women, 10:30 am

All women are invited to bring
guests, daughters, granddaughters, mothers, friends
to a delicious Brunch at 10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.
Special music by Minnie Cobb, with good fellowship,
and, of course, a wonderful brunch (no charge). On the Menu:
Fruit, breakfast casseroles, breads, juice, coffee, milk

Easter Morning Worship, April 8, 10:55 am

The Celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ!
Rejoices over the Power of Good over Evil
Lots of Music



Lida E. Knight was a missionary in Brazil for 40+ years. She was a specialist in Bible Education at Presbyterian School of Christian Education, and the founder and publisher of the Perennial Praise Newspaper which published at regular intervals sacrum music. Our church helped to sponsor her for a number of years, at that time.

Marilee Cyrus was one of our members who corresponded with her. The last several years the Presbyterian Women's organization of our church sent her cards and a monetary gift at Christmas time. She had become ill and a friend of hers in Ohio received her mail and sent it to her. We did not know of her passing and sent a check again this past Christmas only to have the friend return it informing us of Lida's death. Our PW group has decided to donate that money to the Youth Mission Trip fund in memory of Lida Knight.



Luncheon for all -- March 18th -- following worship hour

Menu is *Chicken Divan, fruit salad, rolls, and dessert*. No charge for the lunch but donations will be accepted to help Habitat for Humanity build decent housing and give hope to a family for a better life.

Our church is scheduled to provide volunteers for Habitat on Saturday, March 24th and Saturday, May 19th. Also, we provide lunch for 15 people both days. Please consider spending a Saturday giving of your time to help build a home. Look for the sign-up sheets and be a good neighbor for a great cause.

Please plan to have lunch at church on March 18th and invite your friends. This is an exciting way to glorify God by coming together in a common mission and letting our light shine for a family who needs some light in their lives.

Any questions, please call Judy Lowe..

News from the Pews

Our Christian Sympathy and Support to

Ray Hoppe at the loss of his wife, **Annabelle**

We rejoice in the assurance of eternal life
that is ours in Jesus Christ

Thursday Morning Lenten Devotions

Thursday Morning Lenten Devotions by e-mail is a ministry of the First Presbyterian Church of South Charleston. Lent is the perfect season to practice a bit of silent meditation and spiritual reflection to strengthen our faith. First Presby offers an e-mail spiritual resource to remind Christian believers to make time and space in their hearts and minds to reflect on the season of Lent. The brief e-mail includes poetry, humorous stories, reflections, and scripture, all intended to more closely examine the call to follow and obey Christ. The popularity of these devotions continues to grow each month; and there are now nearly 100 subscribers. Each Thursday morning, we e-mail the church family and friends a short devotion and also a link to our Church Website page. On the Church Website, you can see the next Sunday Bulletin and the monthly Newsletter, both in color, and youth videos, photos from Haiti, announcements of mission projects, information on church events, and much more. You can click on Remember in Prayer and use that page to pray over our church members. If you are not receiving this mail, then the church may not have your correct e-mail address or the mail may be going directly to your SPAM folder. To receive these Thursday Morning Devotions, please send your current e-mail address to fpcscgm4@gmail.com.

May God bless your prayer and devotion time.

We give thanks to God for those who placed flowers in the sanctuary on Sundays in February.



Jim & Judy Lowe placed flowers in the sanctuary to the glory of God, for all the special gifts Gods shares with our church family

Brian & Jan Cole placed flowers in the sanctuary to the glory of God, and in celebration of the second birthday of their daughter, **Ellie**

Flowers were placed in the sanctuary to the glory of God, and in honor of the **Haiti Medical Mission Team** trip to Fort Liberté

Easter Flowers Memorials & Honorariums

Easter Flowers are \$15^{.00}. Deadline for ordering is Mar 29

_____ Lily

_____ Tulip

Given in Memory of _____

Given in Honor of _____

Given by _____

Please include payment with this form

The Haiti Medical Mission Team will give a report to the church on Sunday, **March 25**, 10:55 am. A 30-member team traveled to Fort Liberte February 23 to March 4, including Sandy Melton, Lisa Calderwood, Rick & Lora Hayes, and Jack & Malissa Smith

*We come into Thy house, Thy home, once more to give thanks:
for earth and sea and sky in harmony of color, the air of the eternal seeping through the physical,
the everlasting glory dipping into time. We praise Thee, O God.* George MacLeod

Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness where He was tempted by the devil.
And He fasted forty days and forty nights. Then the devil left Him.

Matthew 4: 1-11



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