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Church Secretary - Karin Hill
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Audio/Visual - Rob Harrah
Director of Christian Education - Cindy Hodges
Nursery - Carol Petersen and Karen Trobl
Custodian - Angelica Alfaro
Ministers - The Members of First
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Committee Chairpersons for 2022

Building & Grounds - Doug Huebner
Christian Education - Karin Hill
Congregational Care – Debbie Dennard
Finance/Stewardship – Greg
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Nominating - Greg Westmoreland
and Doug Huebner
Outreach & Mission - Carol Petersen
Personnel - Jim Coe
Worship – Donna Baskin

THE PRESBYTERIAN PROCLAIMER



March 2022

A Word From Our Pastor.....

It is great to be looking forward to Lent coming this first week in March. We will have an Ash Wednesday service at Noon on March 2 with the Imposition of Ashes. I am looking forward to you being there! Lent is a time for us to look into ourselves, to prepare the way, spiritually, for Easter Week. Christ was crucified, buried, and blessedly resurrected to give us eternal life if we but believe in our hearts that Jesus Christ is Lord and give forth a true confession of that belief. As many of you have heard, I bruised my knee and then, almost two weeks later, tore the meniscus in the same knee. Life goes on. I am slowly getting better, so yes, some things do get better with time. Speaking of which, March 13 is when Daylight Savings Time takes effect. I don't foresee that changing much except the sunlight hours will be nice.

A young boy once asked, "What does Jesus want from me?" The response was "that you realize that God loves you enough to die for you and one other thing only." "And what is that?" came the question. "To believe in the Christ." "I do!" said the boy of only 13. "Then you will be saved" came the reply. Twenty years later, after many broken roads in life's journey, the boy, now a man with children, entered bible college, then seminary. The message here is to always keep following the Christ. One never knows who or what you may see in life. One never knows what God can do with a life, your life. No matter where you have been, or what you have ever done, Jesus the Christ can, and **will** change you if you but believe in Him! May you have a blessed Lenten season. May you give what the Christ is asking of you and may you find a deeper peace than ever before while doing it. Praying for you all....

Please Join Us in Prayer For.....

Peggy Badders, Donna Baskin, Ann Bond, Marcus & Clinton (requested by Donna Baskin), Hubert Boeker, Sharon Bumgardner, Jackie Dancer, Flo Dreher, Autumn Eggleston, Family of Jesse Findley (Linda Townsend's father), First Presbyterian Church in Bay City & growth, Rob Gentry, Adel Ghais & Family, Marie Hestand, John Hodges & Family, Doug Huebner, Giovanni (Natalie Mullen's nephew), Jason James, Scott Kietzmann (Karin Hill's brother), Family of Adam Kimball, Dr. Bob Kelly, Nancy Knapik, Ruth Leissner, Sarah Leverett, Judy Metcalf, Lisa Morales, Joanne Marshall, Natalie Mullen, Reeselyn & Brad Pierce (Donna Baskins' great niece), Father James Ramsey, Zelda Regalado, Louise Russell, Nancy Ryman, Rev. Frank Seaman, David Selwood, Ray Sexton, Pastor Charley, JayE Shurtz's recovery, Britney & Zac Shurtz, Mark Svatek, Mrs. Thomas (loss of her daughter), Donna Townsend, Karen Trobl & Family, Ann Uher, Sonja Varnell & Family, Ethel Williams.

All those who have suffered and been impacted by COVID.

Students and school personnel for safe, spring 2022 semester.

Our local homeless community (Billy).

Spencer Hill, Army, deployment to South Korea.

Our military, veterans, and law enforcement.

People of Afghanistan, Haiti, our border crisis.

It's that Time Again!

First Presbyterian Church SCHOLARSHIP

For anyone interested, come by the church office and pick one up! The guidelines are attached to the application. Just remember, the deadline for applying is APRIL 1, 2022. If you have any questions, please call Karin Hill, Chair of the Christian Education Committee.

LOOKING FOR LAY LEADERS

Are you feeling nudged by God to expand your devotion to Him?

If the answer is "Yes," then please contact Marie Hestand and ask to be added to the Lay Leader schedule. We need you!

March 2022 – Lectionary Readings

March 6 -1st Sunday in Lent

Deuteronomy 26:1-11 and Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13

March 13 – 2nd Sunday in Lent

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 and Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35

March 20 – 3rd Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 55:1-9 and Psalm 63:1-8; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

March 27 – 4th Sunday in Lent

Joshua 5:9-12 and Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Diaper Disciple Dates

March 12

March 26

March Birthdays

March 1: Virginia Rhymes

March 4: Denise Frazier

Haley Mullen

Sherman Mullen

March 10: Carolyn Barclay

March 15: Jerry West

March 20: Hubert Boeker

March Anniversaries

March 16: Justin and Rachel Helmick

March 29: Jug and Virginia Rhymes

MOVIE NIGHT IN ROBBINS HALL

When? Friday, March 18

Time? 6:00 PM

Movie Being Shown? *Heaven is for Real*

Bring your favorite movie munchies and drinks to share.
Popcorn will be provided

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU....

We collected \$72.50 for Souper Bowl of Caring. Your generous support will be given to the Food Bank our church helps support in Van Vleck. Thanks to you, we are making a difference to those who are hungry in our community.

Did You Know?

Our church services are being livestreamed on Facebook!

For a complete, online worship experience, please visit

www.facebook.com/fpcbaycity

MARCH KITCHEN CREW

Doreen Bounds, Chair	245-9169
Melissa Guynes	429-1896
Marie Hestand	245-2800

MARCH WORSHIP LEADERS

March 6	Ronnie Mullen
March 13	Marc or Karin Hill
March 20	Doreen Bounds
March 27	Linda Brown

Easter is Coming, Hallelujah!

Would you like to order an Easter lily in honor or remembrance of a loved one?

They are only \$12 each.

Order forms will be available on Sunday, March 6, in the narthex.

From the Music Stand

Have you listened to the radio and heard something new? Have you heard the theme song from a new show or movie and that song became an “earworm”? Something about that song grabbed your attention and you go through the next few minutes humming this tune? This is how you learn new things without even trying.

Hearing and singing a new song can sometimes be uncomfortable. This is understandable, but how do you learn something new? You give it a try. If you don’t know the words or tune, you listen and suddenly pick up on the pattern (songs all have patterns, repeated sections). When you get to the part that you know, sing out! When we are in the worship service, I can guarantee that others want you to sing out with gusto. When you are worshipping, there are times for soft reflection and there are times to praise aloud. I’m just gonna say, you won’t find me praising softly. I’m so glad and grateful I can praise my God with all my heart and with a loud voice. Please join me when we are singing.

OK. There are always new songs coming out or old songs you have not been exposed to. Some will get your attention while others will not. As a music director, I have always been on the look/earout for new music that speaks to me. (Clue, if it makes me cry, then I incorporate it into our service.)

Learning something new is not always “fun,” but it can become fun after learning it. When you hear a song that speaks to you, please let me know, so I can learn and share it with others.

Your sister in Christ,

Donna Baskin

MARCH'S IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER...

Sunday School for Youth and Adults:	Every Sunday at 9:15 AM
Worship:	Every Sunday at 10:30 AM
Children's Church:	Every Sunday at 10:45 AM
Prayer Group:	Every Tuesday at 10:00 AM
Bible Study:	Every Tuesday at 10:30 AM
Chancel Choir Rehearsal:	Every Wednesday at 6:30 PM
PW Council:	Wednesday, March 2, at 4:30 PM
Worship Committee:	Tuesday, March 8, at 1:00 PM
Christian Education Committee:	Tuesday, March 8, at 4:00 PM
Afternoon Women's Circle:	Wednesday, March 9, at 1:30 PM
Second Sunday Lunch:	March 13, at 11:30 AM
Sunday Women's Circle:	March 13, right after lunch
Congregational Care Committee:	Tuesday, March 22, at 9:30 AM
Newsletter Deadline:	Tuesday, March 22
Diaper Disciples:	Saturday, March 12 & March 26 10:00 AM – Noon
Wednesday Night Supper:	March 23, at 6:00 PM
Session Meeting:	Sunday, March 27, at 11:30 AM

LENTEN SCHEDULE

March 2:	Ash Wednesday, Imposition of Ashes Pastor Charley Shurtz First Presbyterian Church at Noon
March 9:	Julie Floyd First United Methodist Chapel at Noon
March 16:	Lector Eric Locke from St. Paul Lutheran First Presbyterian Church at Noon
March 23:	Pastor John Williams First United Methodist Chapel at Noon
March 30:	Liz Locke First Presbyterian Church at Noon
April 6:	Pastor Wade Floyd First United Methodist Chapel at Noon
April 13:	Rev. JayE Shurtz Passion Week Wednesday First Presbyterian Church at Noon
April 14:	Seder Meal with Service First Presbyterian Church at 6:00 PM