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# THE GOOD NEWS

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A Monthly Newsletter

April 2011

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## *Holy Week Services*

### **Palm/Passion Sunday, April 17**

*Holy Week begins with a procession of palms.*  
Collection of the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering.



### **Maundy Thursday, April 21**

7 p.m.—Communion Service in the Sanctuary  
*We remember Jesus' last supper with his disciples.*

### **Easter Sunday, April 24**

9 a.m.—Easter Breakfast in Fellowship Hall  
*Bring a dish to share. Activities for the children.*

10:45 a.m.—Communion  
Celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord



***There will be no Sunday School classes on Easter.***



# One Great Hour of Sharing

Sharing Brings Joy to Others, to God,  
and to Us



Joy brings us to share our resources through One Great Hour of Sharing, our denominational Easter Offering. This offering supports the Presbyterian Disaster Program, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People.

Funds from One Great Hour of Sharing help to build homes, schools, medical clinics, and reliable food sources. One Great Hour of Sharing brings brighter futures for survivors of disaster and for people in poverty.

As we reach out in love, we open the way for God to reach more deeply into us. As one contributor said, "Giving feeds my soul ! This is what life is about – not collecting things, but helping people."

Let sharing change you as you help change  
the world.

Our One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be received at Easter.

Please give generously.

[www.onegreathourofsharing.org](http://www.onegreathourofsharing.org)



When Jesus told his disciples to “take no bag for your journey,” he didn't mean children being taken into foster care, with their only possessions packed up as if it was garbage.



The “Carry-On” campaign, launched in our congregation on March 27<sup>th</sup>, is a project sponsored by Mission WV and WV Department of Health and Human Resources to provide duffel bags or small carry-on luggage to children in the foster care program, so that no foster child will ever again have to leave home carrying their belongings in a trash bag.

New or gently used duffels and carry-ons can be brought to church by April 10<sup>th</sup>. Please include a luggage tag with each.

In addition to luggage, we are collecting essentials for these children, such as:

- toothbrushes and toothpaste
- non-perishable snacks
- stuffed animals
- hairbrushes and combs
- books
- journals
- crayons
- blankets
- disposable cameras

If you choose to put these items in the luggage you donate, please note on the luggage tag the age and gender of the child it has been packed for.

For more information contact Julie Zuercher at [JulieZuercher@hotmail.com](mailto:JulieZuercher@hotmail.com).

*Ahead of each person go 10,000 angels, crying,  
“Make way for the image of God!”*  
—Jewish proverb

#### **WORDS ABOUT THE LENTEN BANNER**

The cross is not facing the congregation but looking toward the darkness of the banner. This darkness depicts our Lenten journey in the wilderness - our time to evaluate ourselves and our relationship with God. All the black and purple fabric was sewn with the raw edges visible and loose strings showing. The bottom was purposely left uneven depicting the reality of our present life. The fabric of the cross, however, is completely finished with no loose strings, showing the permanency of God, Christ and the Holy Spirit.

Marilynn Slaughter

## Lilies & Azaleas

Lilies & Azaleas, which have been donated in memory or in honor of loved ones, are placed in the chancel on Easter Sunday. To order either, fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate or leave it in the church office. Flowers not taken home after the Easter service will brighten the day of a church member unable to attend worship. Plants will be delivered to those members confined to their homes. Lilies cost \$7.50 each. Azaleas cost \$10 each. The deadline for ordering is April 18.



Please write or print legibly

Your name \_\_\_\_\_

Your phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Number of lilies you want to order \_\_\_\_\_

Number of azaleas you want to order \_\_\_\_\_

Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*In memory of:* \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

*In honor of:* \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

I will pick my up plant \_\_\_\_\_

My plant may be delivered to a shut-in \_\_\_\_\_





# Help Us Clean Up May 21

The church's spring work day has been scheduled for Saturday, May 21.

Workers are needed to do a host of jobs to beautify the buildings and grounds. Some of them are picking up outdoor trash, weeding, trimming shrubbery, washing windows and cleaning winter's debris from parking lots. Your gift of help would be greatly appreciated. Thank you and may God bless.

-Property Management Committee

Thanks to all for the cards, emails, words of comfort and encouragement following the death of my sister, Jeanette Nelson.

Mary Zuercher and family.

## April Baptisms

4/8/1990	Zach Cooke	4/12/1992	Stevie Burtner
	Emily Rousseau		Ben Portaro
4/8/2001	Clay Bailey	4/18/2010	Ellie Grace Parsons
4/9/1995	Taylor Cooke	4/19/1987	Teresa Vanhorn
4/10/1955	Richard Parsons	4/21/1968	Chris Martin
4/11/1993	Miranda Cummings		
4/12/1987	Adam Mizes		
	Chris Mizes		

## April Birthdays

1	Scott Frame	19	Simon La Sala
	Melody Knott Wilkins	20	Janna Kisner
5	Shelly Barrick Parsons		Meredith Larkin
9	Willy Angelozzi		Betty McCartney
11	Ann Paterson		Richard Schreiber
12	Chris Mizes	21	Sophia Lester
14	Joan Solorio	22	John Hamilton
15	Clay Bailey		Jason Harper
16	Barry McMillan	23	Chet Parsons
17	Joan Barnett	25	Deborah Harris
	Cyrus Moats	26	Matt Chase
	Eli Saffel	27	Sophia Burtner
	John Zuercher	29	John Bolt
18	Donald Calhoun		Eberhard Werner
	Ansusan Inskip	30	Merry Beth Hornbrook

# Pictures from Waynesburg University Choir visit on March 20



## **Easter Breakfast**

Celebrate Easter morning by beginning your day at the Easter Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall from 9:15—10:30 a.m. The Breakfast is a pot luck and you are encouraged to bring “breakfast-y” kinds of treats – fruit, breads, muffins, and hot dishes. We will have orange juice, coffee and tea available.

The children will participate in an Easter Egg Hunt, bring a basket or borrow ours, decorate cookies, get a “tattoo,” color pictures, play with balloons and many other activities.

-The Deacon’s Fellowship Committee

## **Easter Food Drive to Benefit Bartlett House**

The food items the church collects in April will be delivered to Bartlett House and will also count toward a matching grant from the Feinstein Foundation. For each food item (or dollar donated) Bartlett House receives money from this Foundation.

Bartlett House provides some of the needed services to the homeless here in the Morgantown area.

Good items to bring in include: canned pork and beans, soups, canned spaghetti, canned fruit and vegetables, cereal.

You can also bring personal care items such as toothpaste and toothbrushes, bars of soap and shampoo.

Make your donations work twice as hard – once for direct use by the people of Bartlett House, and twice by helping Bartlett House to receive matching funds from the Feinstein Foundation.

**Are you interested in documenting, preserving, or just learning about the history of First Presbyterian Church?** It’s been a long time since this history was systematically compiled, and some aspects of the church and its life have never been documented. There also are artifacts from the church’s past that have not been catalogued or preserved, including photographs and documents, communion ware, and other items. The Session invites anyone interested in forming a historic preservation group to contact the church office (296-8236 or [presby@commpluswv.net](mailto:presby@commpluswv.net)) or Clerk of Session, George Lilley (599-2352 or [mgranlil@frontier.com](mailto:mgranlil@frontier.com)).

# Talent Auction

## Fiesta!

**Saturday, May 7**

5:30-7:00pm—Silent Auction and Dinner

7:00-8:00pm—Live Auction Begins!

Last year's Talent Auction was such a rousing party that this year we will be having a Cinco de Mayo Fiesta! At church beginning April 3, buy your tickets and sign up to donate your talents to benefit the Youth Mission Trip. Up for bidding last year: gardening work, homemade dinners, flowers and produce, a mountain condo, and cookies for a year! What talent can you showcase this year?



## “Welcoming the stranger...”

*News from the Membership Committee*

Everybody knows that feeling of arriving some place new and wondering “what now?” How welcome it can be to be welcomed!



Reaching out to visitors at our worship service has always been an important part of who we are as a congregation. On any Sunday, take a look around the parlor before or after worship and you’ll be sure to hear lots of friendly meeting and greeting. To take things a step further, a few months back our committee decided to establish a Hospitality Team. Members include Paul Atkins, Margaret Bolt, Susan Eason, Mavis Grant-Lilley, Scott Lyons, Leslie Moats, Ellen Trovato, and the members of the Membership Committee: elders Linda Grandon and Suzanne Glock and deacons Linda Hagerty, Rae Jean Sielen, and Amy Zeiders.

We have all committed to doing our best to –

- Offer a seat, direct to restrooms, drinking fountain, or a cup of coffee

- Make an effort to know what’s going on at FPC (read Good News, brochures, web site, etc.), to be in a good position to let visitors know about things they might be interested in.

- Wear nametags

- Give a tour (daycare, classrooms, fellowship hall, etc.

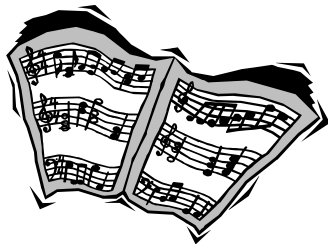
- Ask: How can we help you? What are you looking for?

- Introduce visitors to at least one other person (co-pastor, team member, other, etc.)

We know many members of FPC are already doing many of these things (and some have been for decades!). However, if not, we would like to invite you to consider our list above and jump right in.

Also, you may have noticed the jars that some visitors have received. Members of our team distribute these little gifts to visitors, especially once they’ve come back a time or two. They have a choice of jars: one with ice tea bags or one with hot tea bags. Affixed to each jar is a label with our cross on one side and FPC information on the other.

Amelia Haddox and Catherine Kirby traveled to St. Alexis Church in Wexford, PA on March 5 to participate in the Seventeenth Annual Children's Choir Festival sponsored by the Greater Pittsburgh Chapter of the Choristers Guild. Thank you, Catherine and Amelia, for representing FPC with such beautiful singing!



# April 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 9:00 AM Lenten Retreat 4:30 PM NA 6:00 PM NA
3 8:00 AM Community Breakfast 8:45 AM Handchimes 9:30 AM Christian Education 10:45 AM Worship - Stefan Waligur 12:00 PM Youth Car Wash	4 12:00 PM Presbyterian Women 5:30 PM Membership Committee	5 10:00 AM Dulcimer Group 6:30 PM Youth Ministry Team 7:00 PM NA	6 6:00 PM Property Management 6:30 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Finance & Legal 7:30 PM Adult Choir 8:30 PM AA	7 5:00 PM Presby Dancers 7:00 PM Mission Committee 7:15 PM Nurture & Learning 8:30 PM AA	8	9 4:30 PM NA 6:00 PM NA
10 8:00 AM Community Breakfast 8:45 AM Handchimes 9:30 AM Christian Education 10:45 AM Worship 12:00 PM Confirmation Class 12:00 PM Worship Committee 5:00 PM Cub Scouts 6:00 PM Session 6:30 PM Living the Questions	11	12 10:00 AM Dulcimer Group 6:00 PM Habitat 7:00 PM NA	13 6:30 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Adult Choir 8:30 PM AA	14 12:30 PM Task Force on Homelessness 5:00 PM PCDC Council 5:00 PM Presby Dancers 8:30 PM AA	15 Good News Deadline	16 4:30 PM NA 6:00 PM NA
17 Palm/Passion Sunday 8:00 AM Community Breakfast 8:45 AM Handchimes 9:30 AM Christian Education 10:45 AM Worship - Cents- Ability Offering 12:00 PM Deacons	18	19 10:00 AM Dulcimer Group 5:30 PM Membership Committee 7:00 PM NA	20 6:30 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Adult Choir 8:30 PM AA	21 10:00 AM Sew & Sew Stitching Group 12:00 PM Mon Valley Homeless Initiative 5:00 PM Presby Dancers 6:30 PM Prayer Shawl Group 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service 8:30 PM AA	22	23 4:30 PM NA 6:00 PM NA
24 Easter Sunday 8:00 AM Community Breakfast 8:45 AM Handchimes 9:15 AM Easter Breakfast 10:45 AM Worship 5:00 PM Cub Scouts	25 OFFICE CLOSED	26 10:00 AM Dulcimer Group 5:30 PM Habitat 7:00 PM NA	27 6:30 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Adult Choir 8:30 PM AA	28 5:00 PM Presby Dancers 8:30 PM AA	29	30 4:30 PM NA 6:00 PM NA