

March 2017

MARCH SERMON SERIES

THE BREASTPLATE OF ST PATRICK

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 6 am ~ 7am Korean Prayer Ash Wednesday 7pm Ash Wednesday Service	2 6 am ~ 7am Korean Prayer 5:30 pm Hospitality	3 9am Bulletin Folding 4pm Korean Language School 6:30 pm Korean Prayer	4 8am Men's and Son's Breakfast (Perkins) 9:30am Church Quilters
5 Communion 9am Contemporary 10am Sunday School 10am Choir Practice 11am Traditional 2pm Korean 4pm Praise Team	6 9am CD Ministry 1pm Community Quilters PEO Chapter D 6pm-9pm	7 Home Communion 6 am ~ 7am Korean Prayer 1pm Community Quilters 6pm Quilting class	8 6 am ~ 7am Korean Prayer 4pm Finance 6:30pm Church Quilters 7pm Communication	9 6 am ~ 7am Korean Prayer 7pm B&G	10 9am Bulletin Folding 4pm Korean Language School 6:30 pm Korean Prayer	11 9:30am Church Quilters
12 9am Contemporary 10am Sunday School 10am Annual Congressional Meeting 11am Traditional 2pm Korean 4pm Praise Team <i>Daylight Savings time begins</i>	13 9am CD Ministry 1pm Community Quilters	14 6 am ~ 7am Korean Prayer 1pm Community Quilters 6pm Quilting class	15 6 am ~ 7am Korean Prayer 6pm Mission 6:30pm Church Quilters 7pm Worship Committee	16 6 am ~ 7am Korean Prayer 10am Dream Grant 2pm After Eve	17 9am Bulletin Folding 4pm Korean Language School 6:30 pm Korean Prayer <i>***Newsletter Articles Due***</i>	18 9:30am Church Quilters
19 9am Contemporary 10am Sunday School 10am Choir Practice 11am Traditional 2pm Korean 4pm Praise Team 5 pm Music on the Edge	20 9am CD Ministry 1pm Community Quilters	21 6 am ~ 7am Korean Prayer 1pm Community Quilters 6pm Quilting class	22 6 am ~ 7am Korean Prayer 6:30pm Church Quilters 7pm M&A	23 6 am ~ 7am Korean Prayer 7pm Session	24 9am Bulletin Folding 4pm Korean Language School 6:30 pm Korean Prayer	25 9:30 Church Quilters Quilt Retreat 8am-9pm
26 Upper Elementary Class Greeting 9am Contemporary 10am Sunday School 10am Choir Practice 11am Traditional 2pm Korean 4pm Praise Team <i>*Last Day to order Easter Lilies*</i>	27 9am CD Ministry 1pm Community Quilters	28 6 am ~ 7am Korean Prayer 1pm Community Quilters 6pm Quilting Class	29 6 am ~ 7am Korean Prayer 1pm Newsletter folding	30 6 am ~ 7am Korean Prayer	31 9am Bulletin Folding 4pm Korean Language School 6:30 pm Korean Prayer	

CLERK'S CORNER

At its stated meeting in February, Session:

- **Heard the pastor:**
 - Averaged 45 hours a week worked, roughly 20-25 in the office.
 - Served communion 5 February 2017.
 - Did not serve Home communion in February 2017.
 - Attended Worship, Hospitality, M&A, Mission, CE, Finance and Communications committee mtgs.
 - Is teaching Adult Sunday School (Adam Hamilton, "The Way").
 - Assisted with Soup Sampler
 - Assisted with New Member Reception
 - Assisted with Love Feast
 - Attended Presbytery "Call-In" Event
 - Attended Men's Breakfast in February
 - Met with local "Youth for Christ" Director
 - Moderated Congregational Mtg. February 12th
 - Taught Presbytery "Officer Training" Event in Grafton
 - Finished "Deadliest Catch" sermon series (January)
 - Is implementing "The Struggle is Real" sermon series (February)
 - Is planning "The Breastplate of St. Patrick" sermon series (March)
- **Heard attendance** increased from 105 individuals who attended at least 4 Sundays in 2015 to 143 individuals who attended at least 4 Sundays in 2016.
- **Heard Hospitality Committee:**
 - Is continuing planning for sub-committees to assist with funerals.
 - Is deciding how to dedicate the \$1600 earned from the Lutefisk dinner. The 2017 event is penciled in for 9 December.
 - Is planning Music on the Edge for 19 March 2017.
 - Is planning a potluck breakfast for 30 April 2017 at 10:00 a.m.
- **Heard Ministry and Administration Committee:**
 - Discussed asking completion of a financial review for 2016.
 - Discussed changes to the Storm Day policy.
- **Heard Mission Committee:**
 - Discussed a Bdecan mission trip to assist with Vacation Bible School there.
 - Arranged 10 spots for volunteers to assist with Feed My Starving Children on 31 March from 1-3 p.m.
 - Discussed participating in Presbytery middle school mission trip to Minneapolis in June; costs would be \$150 per participant.
 - Discussed involvement in Youth for Christ.
- **Heard Worship Committee** is planning for Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services.
- **Heard Building and Grounds Committee** is discussing ways to avoid an annual \$8,000 fee that currently spares the church from brown-outs/black-outs.
- **Heard Christian Education Committee:**
 - Is planning for an End of Year Celebration on 21 May 2017, which will include a breakfast between services.
 - Is planning to involve children more in Sunday services.
 - Is planning Vacation Bible School for 26 –30 June 2017, with a Sunday VBS celebration on 2 July.
 - Report that beginning in March, the Sunday adult education class will be studying 24 Hours that Changed the World by Adam Hamilton. The class has had 16-20 people attending.
- **Heard Communications Committee:**
 - Is arranging for publicity for Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services.
 - Is discussing internal signage; temporary signs have been put up.
- **Heard Finance Committee** has asked two individuals to rotate duties as Head Counter each month.
- **Heard Dream Grant Committee** is firming up plans for a Faith and Fitness seminar on 6 May 2017.



Session now meets the fourth Thursday of most months at 7:00 p.m.; the next stated Session meeting is 23 March 2017. Members with concerns or ideas are encouraged to bring them to a Session member who can help ensure the appropriate committee gets an opportunity to work on the issue.

Happy Birthday

Ginger Smith	March 7
Zoe Elhard	March 10
Jake Hunter	March 10
Tate Brenner	March 11
Jessica Folson	March 11
Jennifer Jorde	March 12
John Botsford	March 13
Linda Shaw Elgin	March 13
Ron McGurk	March 13
Spencer Homan	March 21
Emerson Eastman	March 24
Ryan Graham	March 24
Sandi Kerr	March 26
James Pedersen	March 28
Norma Borden	March 30

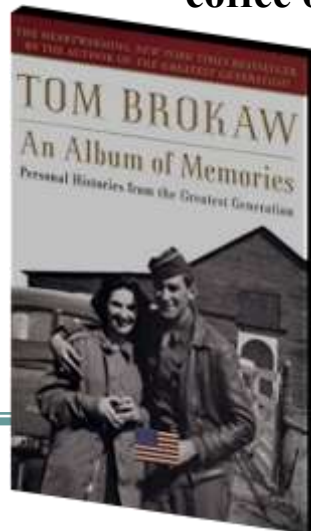
*If your birthday has been omitted,
please contact the church office.*

Thank you.

From Ann Porter

Thank you for continuing your support of Ethiopia Reads literacy programs. Since 2003, **your gifts have helped to fund children's libraries in every region of Ethiopia.** Ethiopia Reads is now focusing on putting easy to read books in local languages in these libraries. Your Noisy Offering will help Ethiopia Reads extend its literacy efforts in new and meaningful ways.

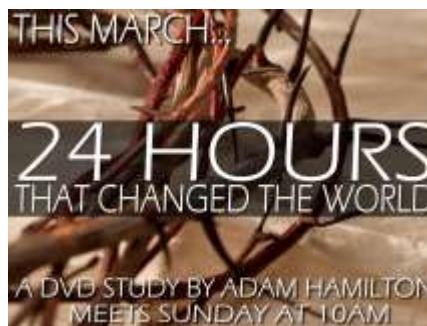
Check out this new Book in the Library while you are enjoying coffee on Sunday.



An Album of Memories

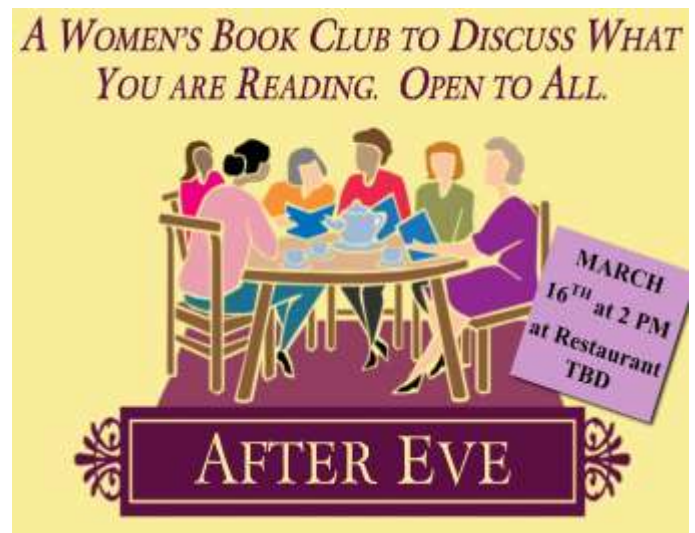
—edited by Tom Brokaw
Personal Histories from the Greatest Generation

New Adult Class Starts March 5th



A new adult bible study will begin on March 5th in room 110 between the two worship services (10:00 am). You may pick up a copy of

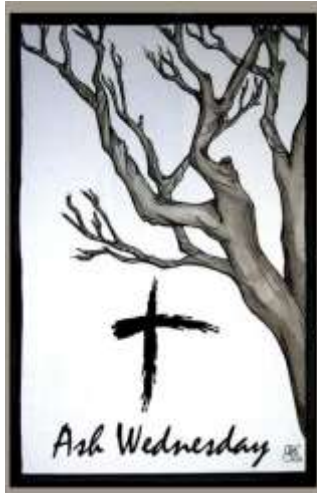
the book available next to the adult classroom today (hurry before they all disappear!) and join us as we go deep into the last 24 hours of Christ. Adam Hamilton engages the material with a short DVD lesson followed by discussion and study. Everyone is welcome and everyone is invited to this adult class that will go throughout the entire season of Lent.



Follow First Pres on Facebook and stay up to date with all of the current events happening in our ministry!



Lenten Reminders Ash Wednesday March 1st



Join us at 7 pm for an imposition of ashes worship service. On March 1st, we will be kicking off our 40 days of Lent with an Ash Wednesday service. This service will include communion and the imposition of ashes. The service reminds us that we need

Christ for our salvation, and we are helpless without him.

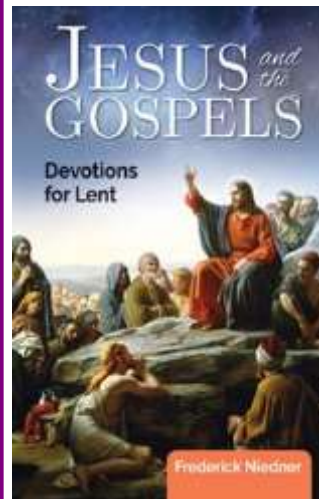
Lenten Devotional This year there are two free Lenten devotionals.



“Together In His Footsteps”

Bring the whole family along as you travel your Lenten journey with Jesus! Fun and enriching activities, family-centered reflections and prayers remind children and adults of the importance of deepening their

spiritual life during Lent. Well-known author Michelle Van Loon engages readers and encourages them to put their faith into action, fostering a habit that can last a lifetime.



“Jesus and the Gospels” The texts and reflections in this booklet for Lent by theologian Frederick Niedner follow the story of Jesus passion in a chronological order. These devotions seek to

proclaim the good news of Jesus life, death and resurrection by drawing on the diversity that comes from having four canonical gospels, thus providing us with a richer understanding of our Savior sacrifice for us.

This Year's Coin



Drawing from the words of St.

Patrick's Breastplate Prayer (“Christ before me, Christ above me, Christ behind me”), this is an

reminder of the central place of Jesus in our lives. Its Celtic design is reminiscent of the shamrock and St. Patrick's teaching on the Holy Trinity.

Easter Lilies



Sign-ups for Easter lilies will be available on the clipboards starting March 6th. If you wish to purchase an

Easter lily to be displayed in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, please fill out an envelope by March 13th.



PALM SUNDAY

April 9th



Contemporary Service 9 am

Traditional Service 11 am

MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 13 @ 7:00 pm



Drama: "From Bethlehem to Calvary"

The quiet, the darkness, Communion, music... it's all these elements working together to create solemn and focused Maundy Thursday worship. Zechariah and Elizabeth, Mary Magdalene, Pilate and Judas share heartfelt monologues, then snuff out a candle. The congregation departs in hushed stillness to ponder all they've seen and heard on this night of remembrance.

GOOD FRIDAY



April 14 @ 7:00 pm

Drama: "Trilogy"

Out of the darkness, three voices—Mary Magdalene, Peter, and the Centurion—grapple with the reality of Jesus' imminent crucifixion. Mary Magdalene feels her life ebb away, just as Jesus is about to lose his. Peter is bitter, feeling that he wasted the three years he was a disciple. The Centurion wonders whom he offended to be given execution detail. Then their Savior is crucified. Join us for this intense worship experience.

Easter Sunday



April 16th

Contemporary Service 9 am

Traditional Service 11 am

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