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“But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.”

Isaiah 40:31

DIGITAL CHURCH

We continue to remain digital for Sunday services. Please join us every Sunday at 10:30 am on Facebook for a service LIVE! Note you do not need a Facebook account to view past videos! You can access all of the previous services here: <https://www.facebook.com/greenwoodpres/live>.

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WELCOME CORY NEWNAM

Submitted by Lauren Underwood

I hope you all join me in welcoming Cory Newnam to GPC! Cory will be assisting with digital church. Cory comes with a lot of experience with audio equipment and we look forward to his knowledge and expertise to make online services even better! I will still be assisting as needed and we have a lot of training to do, but I am happy for Cory to join us!

SUBMISSIONS TO THE WEBSITE

Suzette Blythe is posting for us on the GPC website. If you have an event, information, etc. that should be shared on the website please send it to Suzette at suzibly@gmail.com by the 5th of the month. Please be specific with the date of the event so it can be removed when it is over and we can keep our website current. If you can't send it by email then call her at 630-379-2838.

PER CAPITA

Per Capita for 2021 is \$41.42. Your contribution of this above your pledge will enable more local mission.

CHURCH OPENING?

I've heard a number of our members ask if worship might open back for Easter. In a word, no. That was the consensus decision of Session this past meeting on February 23rd.

It was felt that the end of March is just too early to keep everyone safe. Not all of us will have had our vaccinations by then, and with Easter, we will have a number of attendees who are family members or friends. Not only might they not be vaccinated, but there might be far too many coming that we won't be able to seat folks at safe distancing.

Like many of you, I expect, I wish that we could return to a pre-pandemic "normal" if we're all vaccinated, but that just isn't the case. We don't know how the vaccine will act on these various mutations of the virus, nor do we yet know how long the vaccines will provide immunity. Further, until the whole world is vaccinated, the virus is out there, and variations and mutations will certainly travel and occur in the U.S.

So our church will await the word about best practices from the CDC, the State of Indiana, and from the Presbytery. But as for Easter, it seems it's just too early.

Celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord, and the new life we expect, along with us on Facebook!

Yours and His,
Pastor Peter

ONE GREAT HOUR 2021

Submitted by Pastor Peter Zinn

This year's theme for the One Great Hour of Sharing offering is, "You Shall be Called Repairers of the Breach." It's from Isaiah 58. The Jewish people have returned to Jerusalem, where the Temple—God's house—was in shambles. In that rubble, the prophet challenges the people to look beyond and above their personal loss, and care for the hungry, the weak, and the vulnerable, to repair the breach between people, the tearing of the fabric of faith, the fears that send us reeling off alone. The people of God are called to become the house of God, "repairers of the breach, restorers of streets to live in."

As you remember, One Great Hour of Sharing goes to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of Peoples. In the wake of COVID-19 which is still overwhelming our world, there is disaster; as there is in Texas, for one instance, in the wake of historic snows and cold; as there is in Sub-Saharan Africa in the grip of unrelenting draught. There are people—even in our own country—who wonder how they will be fed . . . or housed . . . or safe, even. Yet in the midst of it all, there will be communities of Christ who draw together and find ways to help each other through.

The church I grew up in, and all of those I have served, supported and promoted our One Great Hour of Sharing offering. Maybe not all of them promoted all four of the yearly offerings of the Church, but they all promoted this one. It's historic. It's part of a multi-denomination effort. And it resonates in my heart.

All through the life of Jesus we witness Him healing the sick, comforting the broken-hearted, and preaching good news to the poor. The ministries supported through One Great Hour of Sharing help the church embody and enact the compassion Jesus showed us. So we invite you to make a sacrificial offering towards the love and compassion of Jesus, our Christ, to be Repairers of the Breach.

Yours and His,
Pastor Peter Zinn

SESSION MINI-MINUTES

Submitted by Judy Lovejoy

We had a good financial report at the February Session meeting. We've done a great job keeping up with our contributions to the church during the Pandemic. Thanks to everyone for that. Also, about a third of us have paid our per capita for the year. If you haven't done yours yet, it's \$41.42. When we pay per capita on top of our regular pledge, we add that much to the amount available for the work of the local congregation.

Buildings and Grounds reported that we passed the annual inspection by the fire department. If you've been in the sanctuary lately you may have noticed one of the rear lights is not working. Fixing it requires negotiating ladders and pews so is not easy. It will be fixed soon. They are also waiting till spring to fix the broken latch on the parking lot gate, hence the bungee cord. B&G's work is never done.

Thanks to Chris and Alex Talley who put up the cross in the sanctuary. I think this was the first time they've done it without help from Dad, who's in Florida. I think there were a couple other men of the church involved but I didn't get their names. You know who you are and we do thank you, too. It's a very heavy cross and the stained glass window behind it is very fragile.

The Prayer Chain reported it had 40 separate requests for prayer in January. That may be a record and February won't be far behind. They picked up seven new requests at the Session meeting alone! As I write this the temperature is hovering around 60 degrees. Hopefully we'll all start feeling better when we can get out into the fresh air and sunshine. Get your vaccine shot, wear your mask, and wash your hands. We'll hope to see you in church sometime after Easter.

DEACONS UPDATE

Submitted by Kathy Wood

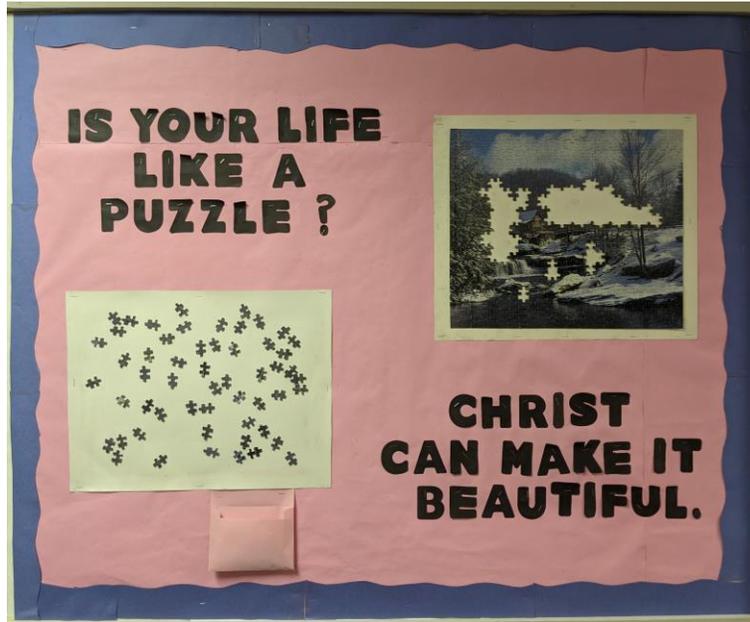
Please note that there will be NO Deacons meeting in March.

PUZZLE FEST

Submitted by Judy Lovejoy

Bulletin Board by Eleanor Mitchell

Have you checked out the puzzles in the Puzzle Fest box? Puzzles are a good way to bring the family together around a shared activity. They are also good for keeping your mind active while you are stuck at home. For those who are not able to get out and come to the church to find a puzzle we offer home delivery. Just call Judy Lovejoy at 317-881-0182.



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

BOY SCOUT NEWS

Submitted by Dave Baker

Liaison for BSA Troop #266

BSA Troop #266 Troop Meetings are
Thursdays from 7:00pm to 8:30 pm
Meeting in the Fellowship Hall

NOTE: Limited to 35 Scouts and Parents

(per the State of Indiana and GPC requirements until further notice)



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

- ❖ March Meetings are 3/4, 3/11, and 3/18 - No Meeting 3/25
- ❖ Friday, March 12th thru Sunday March 14th - Campout at Mounds State Park - Leave Church Parking Lot Friday at 5:30 pm and return back Sunday between noon - 2:00 pm
- ❖ Thursday March 18th Patrol Leaders Meeting 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall
- ❖ Sunday March 21st thru April 4th SPRING BREAK
- ❖ Sunday March 21st Adult Committee Meeting 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

CUB SCOUTS – TBA (Only have 1 Cub Scout)

BROWNIES – See Leaders for information. Meetings are every 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Tuesdays in Fellowship Hall - Time 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm NOTE: Limited to 35 Brownies and parents Anybody interested in Scouting please contact the Church Office.

Recipe of the Month



CHOPPED APPLE CAKE

Submitted from the kitchen of Dana Rose Baker

Ingredients:

- ❖ 2 C. sugar
- ❖ 1 C. crisco or butter
- ❖ 2 eggs
- ❖ 2 C. flour
- ❖ 2 tsp. soda
- ❖ 2 tsp. cinnamon
- ❖ 1/2 C. nuts (optional)
- ❖ 4 C. chopped apples



Directions:

- ❖ Add all sugar to apples until dissolved (let stand).
- ❖ Beat eggs, add to crisco/butter, and half of dry ingredients
- ❖ Fold in apples (low speed), add rest of dry ingredients, add nuts
- ❖ Pour into greased and floured 9X13 or jelly roll pan for thinner pieces for coffee fellowship
- ❖ Bake approx. 40 minutes at 350 degrees until tooth pick comes out clean.

Sauce:

- ❖ 1/2 cup white sugar
- ❖ 1/2 stick butter
- ❖ 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
- ❖ 3 T. flour
- ❖ 1 cup water
- ❖ Cook till thick, add 1 tsp. vanilla
- ❖ Pour over warm cake when it comes out of the oven.

Good served with ice cream, or by itself. Enjoy!

POETRY

Submitted by Fran Mitchell

MARCH 17

It's the luck of the Irish,
as the old saying goes--
What's at the end of the rainbow?
nobody knows!
It's time for green beer,
corned beef and cabbage--
Or, at least, that's always
been the old adage.
They dance in the morning,
and into the night.
They're happy go lucky,
greet anyone in sight,
and have lot's of fun--
So, let's all be Irish today
and join in, everyone.
Happy St. Patrick's Day
Fran M.

JUST FOR FUN

Submitted by Fran Mitchell

Fun Sayings and Quotes!

Do all the good you can, in all the ways you can, for all the people you can, while you can.

When the world says, "Give Up," hope whispers, "Try it one more time."

Praise loudly – correct softly.

"The most important word in the English language is hope." – Eleanor Roosevelt

Faith is believing that God is present when all we hear is silence.

"Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow." – Albert Einstein

Not Talking to You

At our weekly Bible study, the leader asked an elderly gentleman, Walt, to open the meeting with prayer. Walt did so in a soft voice. Another man, straining to hear, shouted, "I can't hear you!" Walt replied, "I wasn't talking to you."

Early or Second Service

In the foyer of a church, a young boy was looking at a plaque with the names of men and women who had died in various wars. He asked the pastor, "Who are these people?" The pastor said, "Those are members from our church who died in service."

The boy asked, "The early service or the second service?"

Seperate Your Paper From Your Plastics

My sister-in-law was teaching Sunday school class. The topic for the day: Easter Sunday and the Resurrection of Christ. "What did Jesus do on this day?" she asked. There was no response, so she gave her students a hint: "It starts with the letter R." One boy blurted, "Recycle!"

Reader's Digest-March 2021 (Submitted by Jan McFerran)

For Lent, I gave up ice cream, fast food, and pizza, but obviously not lying.

BIRTHDAYS



MARCH		APRIL	
1	Chuck Denlinger	2	Alex Talley
3	Helen Banton		Cindy Zeigler
5	Betsy Fulkerson	3	Margaret Denlinger
	Suzanne Coyle	5	Ingrid Hensley
8	Fred Hackett	8	Jan Mernone
10	Jim Barnes		Gloria Redhead
13	Gayle Talley	11	Kolt Nelson
14	Keith Hardin	12	Carole Stockton
	Jim Lowes	17	Ellen Wages
15	Fred Johnson	20	Donna Nelson
	Bill McFerran	23	Marcia Justus
16	Braeden Nelson		Lyric Meek
17	Jack Schier		Larry Todrank
18	Harry Hardin		
24	Joyce Baker		
25	Ashley Hubbard		
30	Kristi Hackett		

DON'T FORGET



Daylight Savings is Sunday, March 14th!

Bulletin Board by Eleanor Mitchell

