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“Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.”

Psalm 27:14

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Happy Mardi Gras! I am here writing my note with a full belly thanks to Neighborhood Outreach and the Pancake Supper tonight, March 1st! So much fun with mask decorating, coloring, guessing games and of course fellowship with our neighbors! I am sure this will become a welcome yearly tradition. Thank you to all who helped plan and those who attended – and especially thank you to Kay and Suzette for the cooking!

Your Editor, Lauren

ASH WEDNESDAY

We will have our annual Ash Wednesday service of worship Wednesday evening, March 2, at 7:00 p.m. Let's begin our Lent with worship, again this year.

2022 PER CAPITA

Per Capita for 2022 is **\$42.29**. Your contribution of this above your pledge will enable more local mission.

OUTREACH THANK YOU'S

We certainly have a very giving congregation and it is with much thanks that we are able to support so many good causes!

We collected \$105.25 for the Souper Bowl of Caring. The amount was divided between The Refuge and the Interchurch Food Pantry of Johnson County.

In addition, the chest in the narthex was overflowing with socks and underwear for Resources of Hope. We are sure they are very grateful since these were some of their top needed items!

Be sure to attend service on Sunday, March 6, for your next assignment! Lent is the time to Pay it Forward, and you will learn the details of that call then!

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Submitted by Pastor Peter Zinn

A Lenden mid-week Bible Study will be beginning on Wednesday mornings starting on March 9. The subject is the Cross of Christ. The study will be led by Pastor Peter and begin at 10 a.m.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING



Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) — Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People — all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. Received during the season of Lent (March 2 – April 17), each gift to OGHS helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations. The Offering provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need. **In fact, OGHS is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world.**

- PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE (PDA)
 - Works alongside communities as they recover and find hope after the devastation of natural or human-caused disasters, and support for refugees
 - Receives 32% of funds raised
 - In 2020, PDA granted \$6.5 million as more than 500 grants in the United States and 56 countries. Of that, \$3.5 million was for COVID-19 response.
- PRESBYTERIAN HUNGER PROGRAM (PHP)
 - Takes action to alleviate hunger, care for creation, and the systemic causes of poverty so all may be fed
 - Receives 36% of funds raised
 - In 2020, you helped PHP give 131 grants totaling nearly \$1 million, impacting 20 countries, including the United States. This included 46 COVID grants that were provided to congregations and organizations for addressing the food insecurity and other emergency needs emerging at the beginning of the pandemic.
- SELF-DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE (SDOP)
 - Invests in communities responding to their experiences of oppression, poverty and injustice and educates Presbyterians about the impact of these issues
 - Receives 32% of funds raised

SOUP'S ON SATURDAYS

Submitted by Pastor Peter, Outreach and Presbyterian Women

There have been 4 weeks of *Soup's On Saturdays* and only 2 more are currently planned! Be sure to come out and join us starting at 11:00 a.m., when Kay Talley leads relaxation exercises, and Pastor Peter does a devotion. Then it is time to enjoy one of Kathy Johnson's famous soups along with bread baked by Judy Lovejoy, and dessert at noon. After lunch those who wish to stay and visit are welcome to do so. Please bring a pillow or two if you want to participate in the relaxation exercises. A yoga mat, if you have one, may also be helpful but not necessary.

FEATHER IN YOUR CAP

I would like to nominate Jan Mernone to receive a feather in her cap because she accepted the big job of Clerk of Session, plus all the other things she does for the Church. Bless her heart. – Rita Kistner



I would like to nominate Fred Johnson to receive a feather in his cap because he was Bill's personal shopper so Bill could surprise me with a wonderful Valentine's card and Godiva chocolates! – Jan McFerran

The “Old Beam” Wooden Cross: And the “Rest of the Story”

Submitted by Ebbie Crawford (original from March 29, 2019)

Each year, since “forever” it seems, at the beginning of the Lenten Season and extending through the Easter Season to Pentecost, our GPC members and guests have been comforted by the presence of the “Old Beam” Wooden Cross stationed in the front of the Sanctuary. The common assumption has always been that the beams of the Cross came from the foundation of the original wooden building (a 40' x 60' structure) built at the present location at Main St and Brewer in 1853 and replaced by the present brick Sanctuary structure in 1898.

However, some of the actual details as to “when and by whom” our Cross was constructed have become hazy with the passing of some of our earlier Church leaders. So, the Nurture Group decided to document, as much as possible, this beautiful story of our Cross.

First and most importantly, our “Old Beam” Cross is exactly that.....beams that formed part of the original wooden structure that served Greenwood Presbyterians from 1853-1898. What happened next is part of “the rest of the story” for this writer.

Thanks to Linda Talley at the Johnson County Historical Museum, she found an article in the former GREENWOOD NEWS dated 10/31/1965 that documents the journey the wooden structure took in 1898. According to this historical account, the wooden structure was damaged (and was subsequently deemed unusable) by a storm that caused a fire and the collapse of the church steeple. When the congregation decided to build a new BRICK structure at the same location, the damaged wooden structure was dismantled and moved to the Linzie farm (the Linzie family still lives there) on the east side of Greenwood. The article continues:

“The lumber from the church was used to build a barn that remained in use until the 1960’s when the barn collapsed. The owners at that time, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Linzie, donated a large old beam to the Greenwood Museum and Historical Society (closed in 1981). At about this time, a few beams were also relocated to the church on Main St. They were stored until the time when a Cross was built to be used for Easter time in the Sanctuary.”

Greenwood News 10/31/1965

This must mean that our Cross was constructed sometime AFTER 1965 if one can believe the article facts above. Subsequent interviews with some of our remaining long-time members reveal that each

person contacted could not remember a time when the Cross was NOT there through Lent and Easter.

Bud Morack, pastor from 1981-1998, remembers his first Lenten Season in 1981, when members Bert Gunnoe and Ron Meek told him the “Old Beam” Cross story (as they were preparing to put it in place, a project now headed by Gayle Talley and his sons, Chris and Alex) that implied that this tradition was not new. Clerk of Session Judy Lovejoy remembers that the Cross was part of her first Lenten attendance in 1970.

This writer, then, is comfortable with the idea that our “Old Beam” wooden Cross was constructed with reclaimed beams of the original church foundation at Main and Brewer that dates back to 1853, that they served as a barn through the first part of the 20th century and then were made into a sweetly symbolic Cross that serves to continue the connection of the present congregation to those of the past.

To God be the Glory!

Ebbie Crawford, writer, Nurture Group



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



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

**Congratulations are in store for Mike Kellar in receiving the
Bill Dawson Award for his high honors in BSA troop #266 in Scouting.**

- ❖ MEETINGS THIS MONTH: March 3, 10, and 17. No meetings 3/24 or 3/31 due to Greenwood School Corporation Spring Break
- ❖ 3/5 - Saturday - Firecrafter Mid Winter Dinner @ Camp Kikthawenund, Leave GPC AT 5:30 PM
- ❖ 3/11 - Friday through 3/13 - Sunday - Campout @ Lincoln State Park, Leave GPC 5:30pm on Friday and return Sunday around Noon
- ❖ 3/12 - Saturday - Memorial for Doc Young @ The Rustic in Rockport, IN Leave GPC at 11:00 am
- ❖ 3/13 - Sunday - Firecrafter Alumni Association Meeting, @ Camp Belzer, Leave GPC AT 12:45 PM
- ❖ 3/14 - Monday - Adult Committee Meeting at GPC in the Board Room, Time 7:00 - 8:00 pm
- ❖ 3/17 - Thursday - Patrol Leaders Meeting GPC Time 6:00 - 7:00 pm
- ❖ 3/18 - Friday through 3/20 - Sunday - OA Spring Fellowship , Leave GPC AT 5:30 PM and return Sunday 3/20 around noon
- ❖ 3/19 - Saturday - Parking Fundraiser for Monster Energy AMA Supercross @ Lucas Oil Stadium Leave GPC at 5:00 pm

CUB SCOUTS #266-Meetings are every Thursday at 6 pm until 7 pm except the 4th Thursday go until 8:30

- ❖ No meetings 3/24 or 3/31 due to Greenwood School Corporation Spring Break
- ❖ 3/17 - Thursday - Patrol Leaders Meeting at 6:00 - 7:00 pm at GPC in the Board Room
- ❖ All other Activities with the Cub Scouts, See Scout Leaders for more information.

BROWNIES / GIRL SCOUTS - See Leaders for information. Meetings are every Tuesday in Fellowship Hall - Time 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

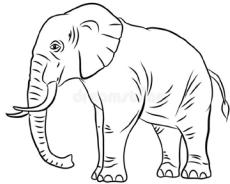
- ❖ Please see or call the Brownies Leaders for more Activities for the month of March.
- ❖ No meetings 3/22 or 3/29 due to Greenwood School Corporation Spring Break

Anybody interested in Scouting please contact the Scout Leaders or the Church Office.

Recipes of the Month

Submitted by Fran Mitchell

ELEPHANT STEW



- 1 elephant, medium size
- Salt and pepper
- Brown gravy to co
- 2 rabbits, optional

Cut elephant into bite size pieces. This should take about two months. Add the brown gravy and cook over kerosene fire about four weeks at 465 degrees. This will serve 3,800 people. If more are expected, two rabbits may be added, but do this only if necessary, as most people do not like to find hare in their stew!

A HAPPY HOME

Original Author Unknown

- 4 C. Love
- 2 C. Loyalty
- 3 C. Forgiveness
- 1 C. Friendship
- 5 Spoons Hope
- 2 Spoons Tenderness
- 4 Qts. Faith
- 1 Barrel Laughter

Take love and loyalty,
Mix thoroughly with faith.
Blend with tenderness,
Kindness and understanding.
Add friendship and hope;
Sprinkle abundantly with laughter.
Bake it with sunshine.
Serve daily with generous helpings!



POETRY

Submitted by Fran Mitchell

AH! SPRING

Spring is just around the corner--
I see robins in my yard.
It can't be too soon for me,
although the winter wasn't hard.
I love green grass and trees,
pretty blooming flowers--
Sitting on my front porch
spending countless hours.
I love to wave at passers-by,
entertain a friend or two.
Yes, life is good--
and, I hope it is for you, too.

Fran M.

DAILY JOURNAL ARTICLE

Submitted by Jan McFerran
Originally printed February 27, 2021

What if we gave up hatred for Lent?

Every spring, about this time, Christians enter the season of Lent. Not all Christian denominations observe the season, and those that do observe Lent often observe it differently.

Many people, and not just Christians, associate Lent with giving something up, usually something of value to a person. What is given up can be favorite foods, some forms of entertainment, or some less desirable habits such as gossip. Lent in this sense asks for a sacrifice.

There is another side to the Lent issue. Instead of taking something away, Christians are encouraged to add to their spiritual lives through more frequent worship, prayer, reading of Scripture and other sacred writings, and last but not least, offering more compassion for others, especially those in need.

Whether people choose to sacrifice something, add something to their spiritual lives, or do both, there is another practice that our country desperately needs to embrace this Lenten season. This need is best expressed in the ancient 4th century Lenten prayer of St. Ephraim:

"O Lord and Master of my life, take from me the spirit of sloth, despair, lust of power and idle talk. But rather give me the spirit of chastity,



DAVID
CARLSON
GUEST
COLUMNIST

humility, patience, and love to your servant. Grant me, O Lord and King, to see my own transgressions, and not to judge my brother (or sister), for blessed are you unto ages and ages, Amen."

Given what our country has gone through in the last year, it strikes me that all of us need to take St. Ephraim's advice to heart. Imagine the change in America if, for this 40-day period, every religious person focused solely on her or his faults rather than judging other people. No gossip, no putting another person down, no talking smack, no demonizing those whose politics are different and no hateful postings on social media.

A pandemic of hate, a disease far worse than the coronavirus, has gripped our country to a degree we haven't seen since the Civil War. As a treatment for this disease, imagine we all refrained for this 40-day period from hatred in all its forms.

Given the amount of judging of

others and hatred of those we disagree with in our society, it would be hard to give these habits up for one day.

Giving them up for 40 days might seem impossible and, in the beginning, we would likely return to those habits several times a day. But if we made a commitment to break the habits of judging others and dwelling on hateful thoughts and words, our inner lives and our relationships with others would change dramatically.

Imagine going to a doctor with a debilitating disease to which she prescribed 40 days of medicine. Would we not take the medication to return to health? St. Ephraim's prayer is the right prescription for our sick culture. Much as the doctor might tell us to take a pill twice a day, maybe for full effectiveness we would need to recite St. Ephraim's prayer when we rise in the morning and when we turn in at night.

And at the end of Lent, then what? We might find, instead of returning to the old habits of demonizing and hating, that we have developed a new habit, one that has healed our hearts and can heal our nation's wounds.

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OGHS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

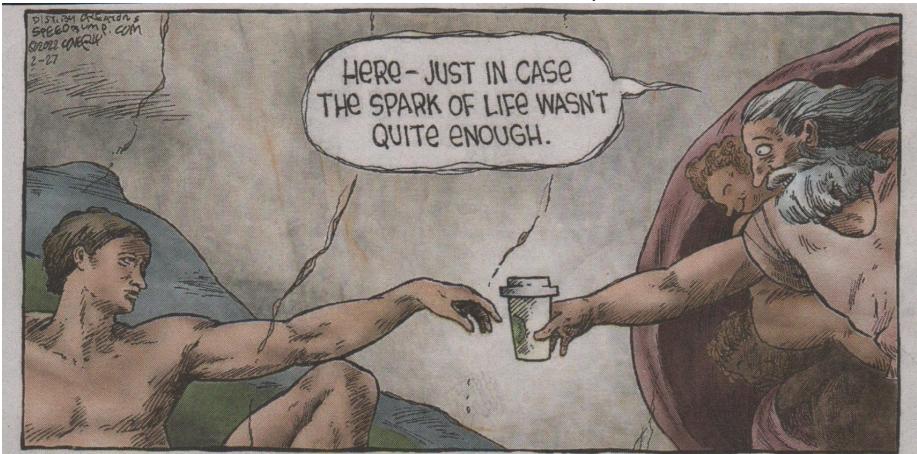
Be sure to check out the bonus page at the end of this Presby Press highlighting different things we can all do to make a difference this Lent.

Remember:

WHEN WE ALL
DO A LITTLE,
IT ADDS UP
TO A LOT!

JUST FOR FUN

Submitted by Jan McFerran and Fran Mitchell



To thrive in life you need three bones: A wishbone, a backbone and a funny bone.

Kids are fUnNy!

My husband was watching a basketball game on TV when our 4-year-old, Ashley, walked into the room and asked, "Why aren't they playing?" He told her, "They have a time-out." Ashley replied, "The whole team? They must have been really bad!"

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BIRTHDAYS

MARCH

- 3 Helen Banton
- 5 Suzanne Coyle
- 8 Fred Hackett
- 10 Jim Barnes
- 13 Gayle Talley
- 14 Keith Hardin
- Jim Lowes
- 15 Fred Johnson
- Bill McFerran
- Nancy Nelson
- 16 Braeden Nelson
- 17 Jack Shier
- 18 Harry Hardin
- 24 Joyce Baker
- 25 Ashley Hubbard
- 30 Kristi Hackett

APRIL

- 2 Alex Talley
- Cindy Zeigler
- 3 Margaret Denlinger
- 5 Ingrid Hensley
- 8 Jan Mernone
- Gloria Redhead
- 11 Kolt Nelson
- 12 Carole Stockton
- 17 Ellen Wages
- 20 Donna Nelson
- 23 Marcia Justus
- Lyric Meek
- Larry Todrank
- Will Scharfenberger



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