

## Lectionary for April

**April 7** - Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3:4b-14;  
John 12:1-8

**April 14 Palm Sunday** - Luke 19:28-40; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11;  
Luke 22:14-23:56

**April 18 Maundy Thursday** - Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14  
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35

**April 19 Good Friday** - Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22;  
Hebrews 10:16-25; John 18:1-19:42

**April 21 Easter Sunday** - Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:19-26; John 20:1-18  
1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48

**April 28** - Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 118:14-29; Revelation 1:4-8  
John 20:19-31

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## Second Presbyterian Church Newsletter April 2019



Seeking and Serving Christ, we are a Place for Growing Christians.

### We Invite You

#### to Join Second Presbyterian Church



If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to join Second Presbyterian Church. The Session will meet with those interesting in joining Second Presbyterian Church on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. We will meet prior to worship that day at 8:45 in the church library, and then for a brief amount of time after worship. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet on the sign-up table, mark the Fellowship Pad, or call the church office to let us know you're coming (792-1023). If you have questions, please talk with Jim Neumann.

### Lenten Soup Suppers and Studies

This Lent we are looking at the concept of Simple Gratitude. Gratitude is an essential part of a Christian's life. Join us to explore more about the benefits of gratitude in our lives.



We'll continue to meet on Thursday evenings during Lent (April 4, 11). Supper begins at 6:00 p.m., and our study time will go from about 6:45 - 7:30 p.m. The sign-up sheets are on the sign-up table.

### Please keep these folks in your prayers:

Winnie Bingham      Mary Turner      Stephanie Bennett  
Pat Perea      Sally Carney      Vera Dice      Ed Dewyse

## Maundy Thursday Worship at 7:00pm

Our Maundy Thursday worship on April 18 at 7:00pm, is a Service of Tenebrae. This is a solemn fourth century observance of the Lord's Supper. This service involves extinguishing candles as a reminder of the darkness that covered the face of the earth after the Passion and Crucifixion of Jesus Christ. We invite you to come celebrate the meal that Jesus shared with his disciples in the Upper Room.



## Good Friday Worship



The Good Friday Ecumenical services will be held on April 19, at First United Methodist Church, 4790 Gratiot. There are two ½ hour services at 12:00pm and 12:30pm. You can attend either or stay for both services.

## Easter Sunday, April 21 - Worship at 9:30am



Come and worship with us on Easter Sunday! Our service of worship will be at 9:30am. There will be no Sunday school on Easter and children and youth are encouraged to worship with their family. Nursery is available.

## The "Odd" Tuesday Bible Study

Our next study will be on April 30 (the fifth Tuesday). We will continue to look at the book of Exodus beginning at 7:00pm, and finish sometime between 8:00 and 8:30pm, depending on how discussion goes. So mark your calendars, bring your bible and join in!

## Men's Fellowship Breakfast

All men of the church are invited to join in on Saturday, April 6th, for breakfast, study and fellowship. We meet at 8:00 a.m. at the church, as we continue our study of the Acts of the Apostles. Come and join us for breakfast, study and fellowship!



## Florence Gilmour Circle

All women of the church are invited to join us on Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30am as we take a look at "What Presbyterians Believe".

## Confirmation

Confirmation for our 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> graders will take place on Palm Sunday, April 14 during the worship service. The confirmands this year are: **Sophia Egbert, Jacob Higley, Ethan Hoepfner, Anna Krugielki, and Claire Rousseau.**

## One Great Hour of Sharing



We will receive the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering on Palm Sunday, April 14. Millions of Christians join together through One Great Hour of Sharing to share God's love with people experiencing need. Recognizing that the hope we have in Christ is lived out in our hope for one another, we respond with gifts for people around the world to find hope for a brighter future. Your gifts will support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance, resettlement, and community development.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> @ Second Adult Education



We are continuing our study of the weekly Sunday lectionary through April. No advanced preparation is necessary - just grab a coffee, show up at 10:45AM in the library, and get ready to delve deeper into the readings of our morning worship service! **There will be NO class on April 14 (Palm Sunday) and April 21 (Easter).**

## Fish Fry and Bake Sale Update

Our March Fish Fry was a great success. The record-breaking profit from sales and donations was \$3,611.00 for the Presbyterian Men's group to use for our building and grounds projects and other major purchases. Sales and donations from the bake sale of \$675.00 support Presbyterian Women mission related projects.

## Youth Events

**Sunday, April 7th** - PYG 10:45am to noon. We will be shopping for the care packages we are going to send to college members!

**Sunday, April 14th** - PYG 10:45am to noon

**Sunday, April 21st** - no PYG - Happy Easter! Enjoy the day with your family!

**Sunday, April 28th** - Game Night!! See newsletter and bulletin for details

**Sunday, May 5th** - Loons Baseball Game! Mark your calendars!

## PYG Game Night

Join us on Sunday, April 28th from 5:30pm to 7:30pm for dinner and a game night!! We will be joined by youth from First Presbyterian Church!

## Come Sing with Us



If you have ever thought about how much fun it would be to sing with the choir, now is the time to give it a try! Everyone is welcome. If you're unable to sing every week, no problem... just sing when you can. If you would like to just sing with us on Palm Sunday and Easter, we would love to have you join us. The Chancel Choir rehearses every Wednesday at 7:00 pm. This is the perfect time to come and sing with us!

## Band Concert - April 29

The Saginaw Area Concert Band will be performing a concert at Second Presbyterian Church on Monday, April 29, at 7:00 pm. We hope you will mark your calendars and plan to



join us that night for a wonderful evening of music. Be sure to stay after the concert for a reception in the gathering area.

We are in need of cookies, muffins, or any other individually sized baked goods for the reception following the concert. Sign-up sheets are on the table in the gathering area.

## Mission News

### "Go also the second mile" - Matthew 5:4

The Mission Committee would like to thank all of the congregation for their support of the **Hope and Care Totes**. Last year we had 25, but this year we collected and delivered 34 Hope and Care Totes to the **Saginaw Rescue Mission**.

**We just finished up the Old Town Baby Pantry** and it is really looking great. Thank you all!

**Our April Mission Focus** will be the collection of non-perishable items for the **Food Pantry at First Presbyterian Church**. We'll be collecting money and/or food throughout this month.

## A Report from the Session

At the Annual Meeting in January, a suggestion was made that we get an estimate to renovate the kitchen. Session promised to look into this. The Session, at its meeting in both February and March, discussed the possibility of renovating the kitchen. The understanding is that renovations would bring the kitchen up to code for being a "licensed commercial kitchen". The Health Department was contacted, and some initial cost estimates were discussed. After discussion, the Session determined that the costs that would be incurred to renovate the kitchen would be too great and that it would not be economically feasible to undergo a kitchen renovation at this time.



## Scrip



Spring break, spring cleaning, spring fashion, spring projects? Scrip has you covered! Purchase gift cards for all your spring activities. We will order SCRIP **the first** of every month.

Scrip is basically free money for the church. We buy gift cards at a discount from 2-19% and you purchase them to use at face value. It's a *super* way to donate to the church! Stop in the office to see what we have on hand or to place an order.

## Vacation Bible School

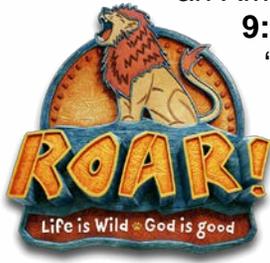
Have you “HERD”? It’s about to get WILD! We’re going on an African safari/adventure **June 24 – June 28 from**

**9:00AM – 11:45AM!!** Make “ROAR” VBS your

“mane” event this summer! At Roar, kids discover that God is good even when life get wild! Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, devour yummy treats, experience one-of-a-kind Wild Bible

Adventures, collect Bible Memory Buddies to

remind them of God’s love, and test out Sciency-Fun Gizmos they’ll take home and play with all summer long. Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Each day concludes with the Safari Celebration that gets everyone involved in living what they’ve learned.



**Registration forms and adult volunteer sign-up sheets are available in the Sunday school hallway.** Registration is open to children ages 4 year old - 6<sup>th</sup> grade, \$6 per child or \$12 per family. If you need help paying for VBS, please see Peggy.

**We will need Station leaders, Crew leaders, and many more assistants!** There is information available for you to decide where you would like to serve! It will be the best week of your summer! Come sign-up and join us! Hope to “spot” you there!

Also, if you have any décor that would fit an African scene/savanna such as grass skirts, grass/bamboo mats, stuffed animals, plastic “ants” or “termites”, bright African materials, etc., please let Peggy know! Thank you!

Check the Sunday school hallway for items we will need to have donated.

The advertisement features a man in a purple tank top and a baseball cap, hammering nails into a wooden structure. The background is a textured blue and purple wall. The text is arranged in a clean, modern layout.

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**You shall be called repairers of the breach**  
— ISAIAH 58

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Text SHARING to 56512 to learn more about how your gift to One Great Hour of Sharing makes a difference, or visit [www.pcusa.org/oghs](http://www.pcusa.org/oghs).

Presbyterian Church (USA) Presbyterian Mission

# Second Presbyterian Church

## APRIL 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
	<b>1</b> Busy Hands 1:00pm -3:00pm 	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 6:00pm Bell Choir 7:00pm Chancel	<b>4</b> 8:30am Prayer Group 	<b>5</b> 11:00am Exercise	<b>6</b> 8:00am Men's Breakfast 	
<b>7</b> 9:30am Worship & Nursery 2nd @Second PYG 10:45a - noon	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 2:00pm Exercise Committee Night	<b>10</b> 9:30am - Florence Gilmour Circle 6:00pm Bell Choir 7:00pm Chancel	<b>11</b> 8:30am Prayer Group	<b>12</b> 11:00am Exercise 	<b>13</b>	
<b>14</b>  Palm Sunday 9:30am Worship & Nursery Confirmation Class Joins	<b>15</b> 	<b>16</b> 2:00pm Exercise	<b>17</b> 6:00pm Bell Choir 7:00pm Chancel	<b>18</b> 8:30am Prayer Group 7pm Maundy Thursday Service	<b>19 Good Friday</b> Ecumenical Services at First United Methodist 12:00 & 12:30 pm	<b>20</b> 	
<b>21</b>  ALLELUIA! Easter 9:30am Worship & Nursery	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 2:00pm Exercise 7:00 Session	<b>24</b> 6:00pm Bell Choir 7:00pm Chancel	<b>25</b> 8:30am Prayer Group	<b>26</b> 11:00am Exercise	<b>27</b>	
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