

**April 2:** Ezekiel 37:1–14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6–11; John 11:1–45.

**April 9:** Liturgy of the Palms - Matthew 21:1–11; Psalm 118:1–2, 19–29; Liturgy of the Passion - Isaiah 50:4–9a; Psalm 31:9–16; Philippians 2:5–11; Matthew 26:14–27:66 or Matthew 27:11–54

**Maundy Thursday—April 13:** 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.

**Good Friday—April 14:** Isaiah 52:13–53:12; Psalm 22; Hebrews 10:16–25 or Hebrews 4:14–16; 5:7–9; John 18:1–19:42

**Easter—April 16:** Acts 10:34–43 or Jeremiah 31:1–6; Psalm 118:1–2, 14–24; Colossians 3:1–4 or Acts 10:34–43; John 20:1–18 or Matthew 28:1–10

**April 23:** Acts 2:14a, 22–32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1:3–9; John 20:19–31

**April 30:** Acts 2:14a, 36–41; Psalm 116:1–4, 12–19; 1 Peter 1:17–23; Luke 24:13–35

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### Maundy Thursday Worship at 7:00pm

On April 13, our Maundy Thursday worship 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 14 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 Worship at 9:30am

There will be one service of worship here on Easter Sunday 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.

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## Easter Drama on Palm Sunday

Please join us on Sunday, April 9, for our Easter Drama. We will follow the life of Christ as he teaches and performs miracles and to share the last supper, trial, crucifixion and resurrection. This is the perfect way to celebrate Easter. Gather your friends and relatives and join us for this special worship service!



## Easter Goodies

Following the drama, the cast and congregation will gather in Fellowship Hall for refreshments and fellowship. If you are able to share some cookies, muffins, rolls or other yummy goodies for fellowship hour, please bring them to Fellowship Hall the morning of the drama.

## Children in the Easter Drama

The children will rehearse in the sanctuary following worship on Sunday, April 2. We will bring the children to the sanctuary after Sunday school. Please pick up your child in the sanctuary that day.



## One Great Hour of Sharing

We will receive the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering on Palm Sunday, April 9. 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.



## Men's Fellowship Breakfast

All men of the church are invited to come and join in on Saturday, April 1, for breakfast, study and fellowship. We meet at 8:00 a.m. at the church. We are studying the Book of the *Acts of the Apostles*, and this month's study begins at Acts 3:11. Join us for breakfast, study and fellowship!



## Vacation Bible School

VBS will be on June 19 - 23, from 9:00am to 11:45am each morning! Join us in the ancient city of Rome as we sneak to the caves where the Underground Church meets! We'll visit the Apostle Paul (who's under house arrest), create cool Bible-time projects, experience thrilling real life dramas, play high energy games, sample tasty Mediterranean snacks, and hear unforgettable music! Plus, you get to meet lots of new friends! These experiences make God's word come alive with new meaning for all who participate.

Registration forms and adult volunteer signup sheets are available in the Sunday school hallway. Registration is open to children ages 4 years old through 6<sup>th</sup> grade, \$5 per child or \$10 per family. If you would like help paying for VBS, please see Peggy. We will need Roman Family leaders, Drama team players, Center leaders, shopkeepers, and many assistants! There is also information available for you to decide where you would like to serve. It will be the best week of your summer so come sign up and join us!

If you have any décor that would fit a Roman theme (roman fountains, statues, columns, etc.) please let Peggy know.

## Gift Given to the Church



Second Presbyterian Church has been the fortunate beneficiary of a generous gift. We have been given two spaces/crypts at Oakwood Mausoleum in a highly desirable area of the mausoleum. These include the opening and closing costs and lettering of the crypts. We are letting our congregation members have the first opportunity to purchase them. If you are interested, please stop into the office for more details.

## Lost Gloves

Have you lost a pair of gloves this year? A few weeks back, a nice pair of women's gloves were left in the sanctuary. Come into the office where we are keeping them in our lost and found box.



## Fish Fry and Bake Sale Profits



The Fish Fry was quite a success and we raised over \$2,500 for the Presbyterian Men and the projects they support here. We served 470 dinners! The Presbyterian Women made \$391 at their Bake Sale that day also. Thanks to everyone for all the hard work!



## Youth Progressive Dinner

The Youth Group will be visiting a few houses for a Progressive Dinner on Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. We will leave church at 5:00pm and call parents when we are on our way back. Please sign up so we can plan transportation!

## Youth Events



**Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>** – NO PYG

**Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>** – Progressive Dinner, leave church at 5pm

**Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>** – No PYG – HappyEaster!

**Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>** – PYG 10:45am to noon

**Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>** – PYG 10:45am to noon

\*\*\*\*Mark your calendars for a Loon's Baseball game on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>!



## Florence Gilmour Circle

Join the Florence Gilmour Circle as we continue to discuss the book, *Just Like Jesus* by Max Lucado. We will meet Wednesday, April 12, at 9:30am in the library and discuss Chapters 12 of the book. All women of the church are welcome!

## Busy Hands and Hearts



Busy Hands ministry group reaches out to our community by making lap quilts, hats, mittens and other items for local shelters. We will meet on Monday, April 3, from 1:00pm to 3:00pm so come and join us!

**There is NO Sunday school or 2nd @ Second** on Palm Sunday, April 9 and Easter Sunday, April 16. Please enjoy these worship services with your family.



## Lenten Soup Supper and Study

Our Lent study this year has been a *Faith and Values Film Festival*. The Rev. Dr. Dan Saperstein, the Executive Presbyter of our Presbytery, is leading this study. We watch a movie and then have time to discuss it in light of our faith. Our last study is Thursday, April 6. Supper begins at 6:00 p.m. and the study ends around 9:00 p.m. . Please make a reservation on the signup sheet by Tuesday, April 4, to help us know how many to plan for. Childcare is provided, so let us know if you're bringing children.

## Odd Tuesday Bible Study



Our Odd Tuesday Bible Study Bible Study will not meet during April. We will resume meeting on May 2 and 30 (the 1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month) at 7:00pm. So mark your May calendars for our Bible study, and join us then as we conclude our study of Genesis.

## Food Pantry



On April 9, Palm Sunday, we will have Communion. On communion Sundays we invite you to bring food and personal care items for the Food Pantry at First Presbyterian Church. We do so knowing that it is our privilege to feed the hungry and care for the poor as we are fed and sustained by the grace of God.



## Per Capita Apportionment

We are continuing to collect our 2017 Per Capita Apportionment for ecclesiastical expenses. Per Capita is part of being a Presbyterian and connecting to the Presbyterian Church as a whole. The per capita amount is \$26.17 per member (not per household) and so far we've received 51% of our total. Even if you pay it a little at a time then pressure on our budget is reduced. Please mark Per Capita on your check or envelope.



## SERRV Sale

We will have some great SERRV items out for sale in the gathering area on April



2 and April 9. These items are all Fair Trade which means that SERRV pays the artisan a wage that is fair. There are many new items to choose from including spring gifts and décor and Easter favorites also. Come and shop and support this worthy Mission project. Part of the profit goes to our Church's Mission funds.

## 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 Sunday of the month, April 2. 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.



IN OUR  
*Prayers*



## Please Keep these Folks in your Prayers

Warda Compton

Randy Hall

Jack Tinney

RuthAnne & Reg Rye










Bob Rusch

Vera Dice

## Our prayers and sympathy go to:

- Pat & Lee Shepherd at the death of Pat's brother, Robert Gilmour.
- Bob & Jennifer Egbert at the death of Bob's brother, Ken Egbert Jr.
- Kay Tait at the death of her daughter, Kim Medina.
- Sally Carney at the death of her husband, Jim.

# April 2017 Second Presbyterian Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Seeking and Serving Christ We are a Place for Growing Christians</i>						<b>1</b> 8:00am Men's Breakfast and Study
<b>2</b> 9:30am Worship & Nursery 2 <sup>nd</sup> @ Second SCRIP Order SERRV Sale	<b>3</b>  1:00 – 3:00pm Busy Hands & Hearts	<b>4</b> 2:00 pm Senior Exercise	<b>5</b>  6:00pm Bell Choir 7:00pm Chancel	<b>6</b> 8:30am Prayer Group  6:00pm Lenten Supper & Study	<b>7</b> 11:00am Exercise	<b>8</b> 9:00am 
<b>9</b> 9:30am Drama & Nursery SERRV Sale 5:00pm PYG Progressive Dinner	<b>10</b> 	<b>11</b> 2:00 pm Senior Exercise  Committee Night	<b>12</b> 9:30am Florence Gilmour Circle 6:00pm Bell Choir 7:00pm Chancel	<b>13</b> 8:30am Prayer Group  7pm Maundy Thursday Service	<b>14</b> <i>Good Friday</i> Ecumenical Services at First United Methodist 12:00 & 12:30 pm	<b>15</b> 
<b>16</b>  <i>Alleluia!</i> <i>Easter</i> 9:30am Worship & Nursery	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 2:00 pm Senior Exercise	<b>19</b>  6:00pm Bell Choir 7:00pm Chancel	<b>20</b> 8:30am Prayer Group  	<b>21</b> 11:00am Exercise	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 9:30am Worship & Nursery 2 <sup>nd</sup> @ Second 10:45am PYG	<b>24</b> 	<b>25</b> 2:00 pm Senior Exercise  7:00pm Session	<b>26</b>  6:00pm Bell Choir 7:00pm Chancel	<b>27</b> 8:30am Prayer Group	<b>28</b> 11:00am Exercise  	<b>29</b> 
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