

Midweek Message



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Midweek E-mail from First Presbyterian Church of Jamestown, New York

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As we continue our journey through Lent holding to our fasts and our abnegations (mine is to learn not to feel pity, sorrow or distaste for people who hold different political views from my own) the approach of Holy Week and Easter prompts me to wonder what to do with the Resurrection. The very idea of Resurrection suggests newness—not like the beginning of a new year but more like the beginning of a new self. If every day is truly the first day of the rest of one's life, how can Easter be that moment when we move from preparation to spontaneous re-combustion?

Perhaps the question is not really one of how we change but of will we. Jesus will rise from the dead and we can rise from the ashes of our former selves when we decide we truly believe that we will. If Lent is to be truly meaningful, for me

it must signify a renewed commitment, not merely a set period of sacrifice but a pathway to metamorphosis. It is my hope for all of us that we can see ourselves in an even brighter light through our focus on the change within to affect change around us.

David

REMEMBERING YOU IN OUR PRAYERS:

Gayle Schulte who is home now (praise the Lord); The family of Norma Willard mourning her loss; Continued prayers for Don Ray; Julie Dudgeon; Lucy Miller's son Paul who has surgery this week; Jane Lockwood; Marge Cochrane's cousin Gary; the children of our TON program and other students who have testing this week; a church member's brother who lays heavily on her heart, and for the members of our church and their ability to use the gifts that God has given them to use.

ACP Student for March: Anastasia and Lillian

Staff Member: Elisabeth Skillman

Don Ray's latest update this afternoon from Karen on Facebook following his seizures Monday night and current Hamot stay:

Dons update. Good morning all. Drs just did rounds and they plan to send him back to rehab tomorrow. Still has his room at Greenhurst. Will be on a seizure med at night. Staff here are amazed at his progress our roller coaster is now going in the right direction. Staff assured me that seizures are fairly common in stroke patients. (Wish I had known this). We both will be glad to be back home. Sending love and thanks for prayers received. Blessings. K

If you need a ride to church or a doctor's appointment, would like a visit from the Pastor, could use support from our Casserole and Cookie Crew, or would like to let us know about a prayer concern, please let the church office know. The Member Care Committee is ready to help you out.

Sunday, April 7th

Bell Choir 8:45 am
Sunday School Breakfast 9:00 am
Story time at 9:15, then Sunday school classes at 9:30 am
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 9:30 am
Worship is in the **Sanctuary** at 10:30 am
Communion will be served.

Worship Leaders for April 7th

Liturgist: Sheila Dunn

Greeters: Peggy Ambrose

Ushers: Beth and Bruce Archibald, Mark Naeser and Paul Hedin

Worship Leaders for April 14th

Liturgist: Pat Kinney

Greeter: CK Hennon

Ushers: Beth and Bruce Archibald, Heidi and Lee Marshall

Coming Soon!

BELL CHOIR!

It's not too late to join. Rehearsals are Sunday at 8:45 am. They will be followed by Chancel Choir at 9:30 am, and then the Youth choir will rehearse after church until Easter. Children's choir will rehearse Thursdays at 5:30 pm. Come be a part of this wonderful music ministry, especially during the Easter Season.

Lenten Prayer Service and Luncheon at Noon

Join First Pres and First Covenant on your lunch break Wednesdays this Lent at noon for our special Lenten services of reflection in the Bellinger Chapel at First Presbyterian Church.

When we think of darkness, we think of times of confusion, fear, uncertainty, doubts of God. But as we walk in faith through these times, on the other side are Christ's glory, serenity, and union with God.

This year, video liturgy with music and lyrics by *The Brilliance* will focus our reflections on the paradox of life and death, beauty and fragmentation. Through these 40 days of Lent, as we walk through the darkness of temptations taking hold, through the pain and the suffering, through the heartache and trembling of life may we find that there is no need to be afraid of the dark. We are held and loved by God.

Last Title from the Lenten Series Coming Up

April 10

Have You Forsaken Me?

SPECIAL HOLY WEEK EVENTS

Sunday, April 14 Palm Sunday: Parade of Palms & Passion Reading 10:30 am

Thursday, April 18 Maundy Thursday Service at First Covenant 7:00 pm

Friday, April 19 Good Friday Service in Bellinger Chapel 12:00 pm

Cross Walk: Begin at St. Luke's church at 3:00 pm

End at First Presbyterian @ 4:30 pm

Saturday, April 20 Risen: a Rock Musical at First Covenant 7:00 pm

Sunday, April 21 Resurrection Sunday Service 10:30 am in the Sanctuary

Easter Egg Hunt at 9:30 am followed by breakfast



Risen is a Rock Musical, written by Jamestown native, Jason Williams, that combines the resurrection stories into a narrative inspiring us to enjoy the new life Jesus brings.

Join us at 7pm, Holy Saturday, April 20th at First Covenant Church. A free will offering will be taken to benefit the worship ministries of First Covenant Church.

Help Wanted:

EASTER FLOWERS. If you would like to honor someone by placing an Easter lily in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, be sure to call the church office by Tuesday, April 16. The cost of a lily is \$10.00 and these Easter reminders will be given to our members who are home bound or aren't able to come to worship to remind them that they are still part of our worshipping community and remembered with love.

Rummage Sale

Spring Cleaning? Keep us in mind. Our Spring and Fall Rummage Sale is the best in town and provides much needed low cost items to our neighborhood friends. Drop you items off inside the 6th street door by Saturday, May 4th. The Sale will be held Wednesday and Thursday, May 8 & 9. AND WE NEED YOUR HELP WITH SET UP AND SALES!!! Please call Peggy Ambrose at 664-1120 if you can help in any way. It will be greatly appreciated!

DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

Church Business Hours:

Monday – Friday, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

- April 3 - TON 3:15 pm
- April 3 - Artist Workshop 6:30 pm
- April 4 - Aging and Saging 12:00 pm
- April 4 - Children's Choir 5:30 pm
- April 4 - Chancel Choir 7:00 pm
- April 4 - SCA 7:00 pm
- April 6 - Celebration of Mick Yates Life 10:00 am
- April 7 - First Sunday back in the Sanctuary
- April 7 - Bell Choir Rehearsal 8:45 am
- April 7 - Youth Choir Rehearsal 11:45 am
- April 7 - Youth Group 5:30 pm
- April 8 - Healthy Bones 9:30 am

April 9 - Christian Education Meeting 12:30 pm
April 9 - Duplicate Bridge 12:30 am
April 9 - Barbershoppers 7:00 pm
April 10 - Healthy Bones 9:30 am
April 10 - Last Lenten Luncheon/Service 12:00 pm
April 10 - TON 3:15 pm
April 10 - Artist Workshop 6:30 pm
April 11 - Aging and Saging 12:00 pm
April 11 - Funeral Service for Norma Willard 2:00 pm
April 11 - Children's Choir 5:30 pm
April 11 - Chancel Choir 7:00 pm
April 11 - SCA 7:00 pm
April 14 - Bell Choir Rehearsal 8:45 am
April 14 - Palm Sunday Service Beginning of Holy Week
April 15 - Healthy Bones 9:30 am
April 16 - Duplicate Bridge 12:30 pm
April 16 - Finance Meeting 5:00 pm
April 16 - Barbershoppers 7:00 pm
April 17 - Healthy Bones 9:30 am
April 17 - TON 3:15 pm
April 17 - Artist Workshop 6:30 pm
April 18 - Maundy Thursday Worship at First Covenant 7:00 pm
April 19 - Good Friday Service Bellinger Chapel 12:00 pm
April 19 - Cross Walk, begin at St. Luke's, end at First Pres. 3:00 pm
April 20 - RISEN: a rock musical at First Covenant 7:00 pm
April 21 - Easter Egg Hunt 9:30 am followed by breakfast
April 21 - Easter Service in the Sanctuary 10:30 am
April 22 - Church Offices will be closed but ACP will be open