



THE MESSENGER

APRIL 2017

Franklin Presbyterian Church



One Great Hour of Sharing

By Benjamin Matteson, Invitation and Outreach Team Lead

Our next giving opportunity is the denomination's One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS). As with prior years, Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing to share God's love with people experiencing need. Our gifts support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement and community develop-

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that help people find safe refuge, start new lives and work together to strengthen their families and communities.

The Presbyterian Hunger Program receives 36% of undesignated gifts, while Self-Development of People and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance each receives 32%. OGHS began Sunday, March 19, and the offering will be collected on Easter Sunday, April 16. Please give generously, as always, remembering our charge: *We are a community of believers, called by God, to live humbly in the spirit of Christ and to act as his voice and hands in our world.*

Keep an eye out for more information through bulletin inserts and announcements. Thank you in advance for your generous giving. If you have any questions as always feel free to contact me.

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REVEREND LOU VENTURA

I hope that you have been able to attend at least one of the Community Lenten Services that our church has been hosting since Ash Wednesday. It is always a joy to meet our brothers and sisters in Christ from the Franklin area churches; for me, hearing the preaching of other pastors is a real learning experience as well. It's an area that I feel I need to work on, and I take your thoughts and feedback to heart after each worship.

In case you missed the announcement in worship a couple of Sundays ago, I also wanted to let you know that I have been accepted to the Doctor of Ministry program at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. I am waiting for the school to send me a letter of intent to enroll, and the syllabi for the first two classes. I will be out of the office and the pulpit from Sunday, June 11 through Sunday, June 25 for on-site classes in Pittsburgh. Because the degree I've chosen focuses on parish ministry, I am required to have a committee of three congregation members to provide support, encouragement, and feedback on assignments. Robert Meredith, Kathryn Padgett, and Kaye Weaver have graciously agreed to assist in this capacity, and I covet your prayers.

Before I close, I would like to personally invite you to join me in leading worship at East Pavilion on April 29 at 3:00 p.m. It is always rewarding to worship with the residents, who are very appreciative.

Joyfully and with love in Christ,

Lou

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PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

By Vivian Christie, FPC Presbyterian Women Moderator



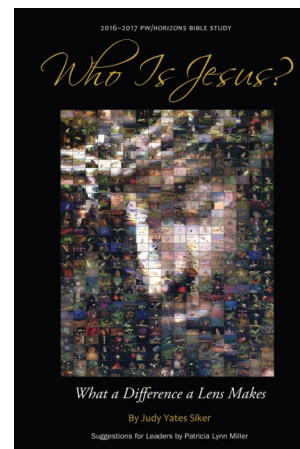
PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN

Our next Circle Meeting is April 4, at 10am, in Brenner Hall. We are studying Lesson Seven on Page 68 in your study book. As we continue to study who Jesus is, this month we learn about the missing years of Jesus and information about the diversity of early Christianity.

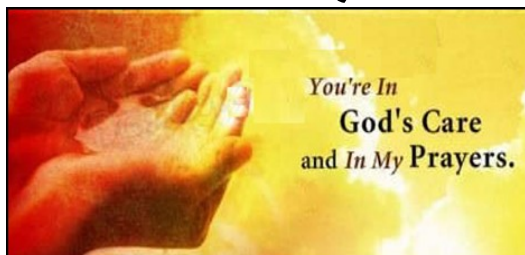
Our project for March and continuing into April is to assist with the Community Lenten Services. Many thanks to all who prepared, served, and cleaned up from our Wednesday in March. You are awesome!

Thanks to **Carol Holland** and **Pat Griffin** who helped clean out the kitchen pantry, the refrigerators and the storage closet. Thanks to **Harry Christie** for fixing our laminate in the kitchen too.

See page 4 for information on the Spring Gathering!



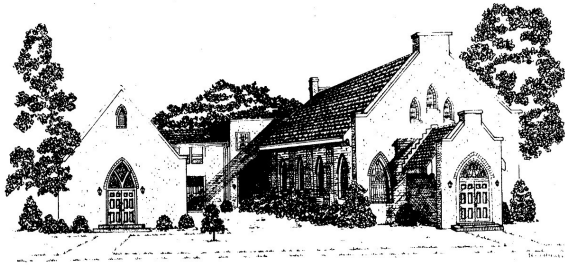
PRAYER REQUESTS



To add or remove a name or to request continued prayers, please contact the church office.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS

Mary Annette Dunn , friend of Lauren Harper, bypass surgery	Isaiah Baggett Friend of Deloris Joyner
Polly Edwards , sister-in-law of Katherine Weaver/Kaye Weaver's aunt	Karen McNair , sister of Jimmie and Terry Rose's neighbor, inoperable bone cancer
Betty and Don Fisher , Don ill with Hodgkin's lymphoma	Melvin and Barbara Gray Health, closing Franklin home
Doug Ventura Ron Ventura's brother	Hugh Coleman , lung cancer, friend of Deloris Joyner
Rosalind Cutchins Exec. Dir. of the Children's Center	Larry Jamerson Jackie Cutchin's brother, colon and lung cancer, improving
Rev. Marian Carmichael Diagnosed with breast cancer	Billy Lassiter Cousin of Linwood Drake, cancer
Mary Bridges Health issues	Estelle Edwards Kaye Weaver's aunt
Peggy , Ray Terrell's aunt, breast cancer	Linda Morgan , sister of Ray Terrell, upcoming surgeries
Charlie Lupton	Wayne & Earlene Sprouse
Jerry Cutchin , father-in-law of Jackie Cutchin, in East Pavilion, Room 150, EP East	Katherine Weaver mobility and back pain issues, pneumonia
Dee Council , neighbor of Kaye Weaver, gall bladder surgery last week	Ruth Gall , mother of Jimmie & Terry Roses's daughter-in-law, stroke and pneumonia— doing well!
The Family of Ed Cotton , brother of Jimmie and Terry Rose's neighbor, passed away last week	Ameshia Warren and her mother, Yvonne Grant , spot found on Yvonne's lung (Ameshia is a friend/co-worker of Tiffany Matteson)
Betty Jackson , mother of Carolyn Pollard (friend of the Christies), open heart surgery this week	High School Senior at Southampton Academy, volleyball team helper of Rebecca Harper , father died unexpectedly
The Family of Randy Harrell , neighbor of the Roses; mother Leona passed away	Kaye Weaver's cousin , waiting on biopsy results
The Family of Bobby Varmette , whose mother passed away last week	



2017 CHURCH SNAPSHOT

Month	New Members	Average Worship Attendance	Total Offering	Total Expenses
January	0	31	\$10,385.33	\$11,866.34
February	0	34	\$6,913.00	\$8,713.21
March	0	00	\$	\$
April	0	00	\$	\$
May	0	00	\$	\$
June	0	00	\$	\$
July	0	00	\$	\$
Aug	0	00	\$	\$
Sept	0	00	\$	\$
Oct	0	00	\$	\$
Nov	0	00	\$	\$
Dec	0	00	\$	\$

APRIL BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND OTHER CELEBRATIONS



23 Robert Meredith
30 Carlton Cutchin



24 Steven & Amy Thomas



ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP IN APRIL



2	Ben and Tiffany Matteson	Robert Meredith
9	Robert Meredith and Ray Terrell	
16	Asa Johnson and Jim Vasoti	
23	John and Pat Griffin	
30	Harry Christie and Frank Padgett	

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SESSION UPDATE

The FPC Session did not meet in March.



News Briefs



PW Spring Gathering April 29

The PEVA PW (Presbyterian Women) will hold their annual Spring Gathering on Saturday, April 29, at First PC Portsmouth (515 Court St., Olde Towne), starting at 9:15 AM. The theme is “Mission Work,” and the Rev. Steve Frazier will lead worship. Notify **Vivian Christie** or **Pastor Lou** if you would like to attend.



Stop Hunger Now Meal Packing Event at First Hampton PC April 25

You are invited to the presbytery-wide Stop Hunger Now meal packing event on Tuesday, April 25th (exact time still to be determined) at First Presbyterian Church Hampton just before the quarterly PEVA meeting.

Volunteers are needed to set up and take down packaging stations and equipment, fill bins with raw ingredients, scoop ingredients into meal bags, weigh and seal the bags, box and stack them on pal-

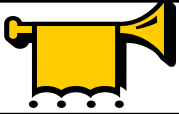
lets, and load the pallets and equipment onto a truck.

Funds are currently being gathered (and donations are accepted) to cover the cost of the materials (\$2,944.00) for 10,152 meals (approximately 29 cents per meal).

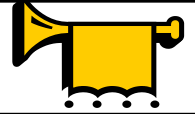
Stop Hunger Now distributes food and other life-saving aid to vulnerable children and families around the world, endeavoring to help end world hunger. They package and ship meals to feed people in need through community-supported meal-packaging programs like this one that engage half a million volunteers per year.

Everyone is invited—let's pack 10,152 meals! If you are interested in attending, let Pastor Lou know so we can get a carpool or caravan together.





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Community Lenten Services

Franklin Presbyterian Church will be the host church for all of the 2017 Community Lenten Services.

March 1 – April 5, 2017

Schedule

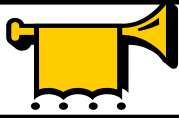
12:00 – 12:30 Lunch
12:30 – 1:00 Worship
1:00 – 1:30 Lunch

Offering: Cooperative Ministry

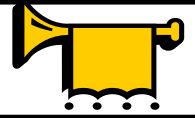
3/1/17	HSUMC	HSUMC
3/8/17	Franklin PC	Franklin PC
3/15/17	Emmanuel Episcopal	Emmanuel Episcopal
3/22/17	Fellowship Around the Word Church	Fellowship Around the Word Church
3/29/17	St. Jude Catholic	St. Jude Catholic
4/5/17	Franklin Baptist	Franklin Baptist

Volunteers are needed each week to:

- Be a resource for lunch leaders in Brenner Hall
- Be a resource for worship leaders and participants



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PRESBYTERIAN PILGRIMAGE WEEKEND: SUMMER 2017



Pilgrimage Weekend is a time to look at your own life in the light of God's will for you, and a time to learn and reflect on your place in His scheme of things.

The next PEVA Presbyterian Pilgrimage Weekend will take place during summer 2017. A brochure is available to explain all about this opportunity for spiritual development, or you can ask Pastor Lou, who participated in a pilgrimage in November 2011 and often serves as spiritual advisor for pilgrimage weekends.

If you would like to participate, contact Gale Pere at 804-815-1595 or gale57@cox.net. You may also contact Mary Jo Baylor: baylorform@outlook.com or 757-404-5083. They can provide you with more detailed information.

ZUNI HOMES' A DAY IN THE COUNTRY

The Zuni Homes' beloved annual event will be held on Saturday, April 22 from 10 AM to 3 PM at the Zuni Campus (5279 Homegrown Lane, Zuni VA). Because Zuni is closing, this will be their last celebration which is also a celebration of 50 years of service. Enjoy a beautiful day in the country, in appreciation of this ministry, which is located just beyond Bethany Presbyterian Church in Zuni.



HOLY LAND TOUR SEPT. 5-14

Pastor Fred McCall is seeking to form a small group to travel to the Holy Land with an optional extension to Jordan (including Petra) from September 5-14, 2017.



The trip will be organized by Educational Opportunities Tours.

If you are interested and would like more information, please call Fred at 757-631-1636. Brochures with full itinerary are available.



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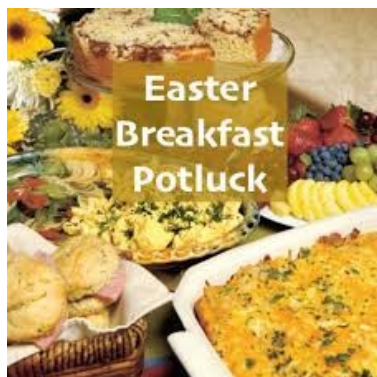
Starting a New Tradition...

In an effort to reduce allergic reactions to Easter lilies, this year we are ordering Easter **tulips**! Like our Christmas poinsettias (and Easter lilies of the past), they will be ordered from Johnson's Flowers and will cost the same as the lilies, \$12.00 each. They will come in a variety of colors.

Order forms will be in the bulletins on Sunday, March 26 and Sunday, April 2. If you need to place an order without a form, contact Melissa in the church office at 562-4313 or via email at franklinpreschurch@gmail.com.

We will continue our tradition of dedicating plants in honor of, in memory of, or to the glory of God, and will publish those in the Easter bulletin.

Orders will need to be placed with Johnson's Flowers by **Wednesday, April 5**, so have yours in to Melissa **by noon** that day!



...And Continuing A Tradition: Our 4th Annual Easter Potluck Breakfast

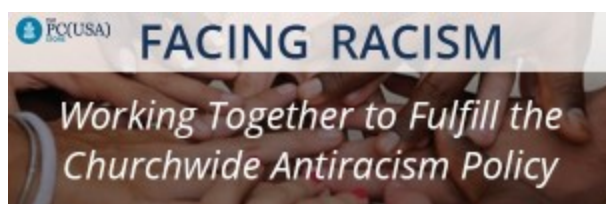
The 4th Annual Easter Potluck Breakfast will be Easter morning at 9:45 a.m. in Brenner Hall.

The sign-up sheet for food is in the narthex.

Let's celebrate the resurrection of our Lord with a family meal together before we celebrate with communion at worship.

FACING RACISM

As part of an ongoing campaign to address racial injustice, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is sharing a wealth of anti-racism resources — including studies, books and training — to equip the greater church to work against racism.



We hope you'll access this site frequently, as links to new resources will be added between now and the 223rd General Assembly in June 2018. You may also subscribe to Facing Racism updates at the same website that appears below.

Facing Racism: A Vision of the Intercultural Community: <https://facing-racism.pcusa.org/>

Community Lenten Services 2017



A full house on Ash Wednesday! Many people came forward to receive ashes, which were administered by Pastor Nathan Decker of High Street United Methodist Church.



The Reverend Lou Ventura leading worship Community Lenten Services on Wednesday, March 8th at Franklin Presbyterian Church to a crowd of about 80 worshipers.



Many different delicious soups and sandwiches were served by members of FPC on March 8th.



ABOVE/BELOW People enjoying food, fellowship, and worship at Franklin Presbyterian Church on March 8th.



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CONGREGATION'S CORNER

It's Brenner Time!!!



Come Join Us the
Second and
Fourth Sundays of
Every Month
Starting February 12th
in Brenner Hall

Sign-Up Sheet is
Located in the Narthex

Be Sure to Sign-Up and
Host A Sunday!!



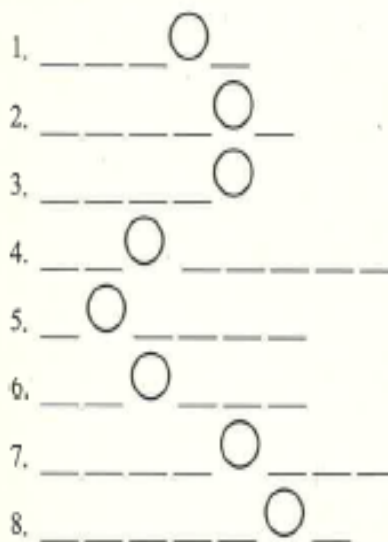
"These are vegetables, mother. You wouldn't want me to eat something I've given up for Lent, would you?"



7-Right Hand Clan

Out this clan, made famous for its archers and slingers, would come the first king of the Jews. Solve for the name that means "son of my right hand."
(1 SAMUEL 10)

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| 1. REBIT | 5. MYFIAL |
| 2. RRDBEO | 6. MUSELA |
| 3. KNEAT | 7. SINGROAR |
| 4. JDECREET | 8. NSPERET |



An issue of Israel.

Answer: _____



Ray's Joke

Corner by Ray Terrell

What four things are kin to each other?

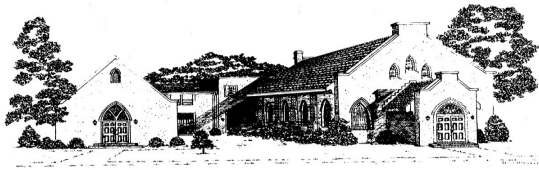
Pop cycle, ice cycle, bicycle, and tricycle.

What do you get when you cross a car with a dart board?




A moving target.

What kind of tree has fingers?

A palm tree.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 8:30 am Men of the Church Breakfast and Bible Study
2 11 am Worship	3	4 10 a.m. Presbyterian Women Mtg.	5 12—1:30 p.m. Community Lenten Service	6 11 a.m. AARP Board Mtg.	7	8
9 Palm Sunday 11 am Worship	10	11	12	13 Maundy Thursday 11 a.m. AARP Mtg.	14 Good Friday 5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross (Emmanuel Episcopal)	15
16 Easter Sunday 11 am Worship Holy Communion OGHS Offering	17	18	19 6 p.m. Session Mtg.	20 6 p.m. Lions Club Mtg.	21	22
23  11 am Worship	24 	25 1:00 p.m. PEVA Mtg. & Meal Packing Event (First Hampton)	26	27	28	29
30  11 am Worship 3 p.m. Worship at East Pavilion						



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Worship with us each Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS--APRIL 2017

1	8:30 a.m. Men of the Church Breakfast and Bible Study
2	11 a.m. Worship
4	10 a.m. Presbyterian Women Mtg.
5	12-1:30 p.m. Community Lenten Service
6	11 a.m. AARP Board Mtg.
9	Palm Sunday /11 a.m. Worship
13	Maundy Thursday/11 a.m. AARP Mtg.
14	Good Friday
16	Easter Sunday /9:45 a.m. Easter Potluck Breakfast/11 a.m. Worship/ Communion
19	6 p.m. Session Mtg.
20	6 p.m. Lions Club Mtg.
23	11 a.m. Worship
30	11 a.m. Worship/5 th Sunday Offering



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