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## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF

# Washington



Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. – John 20:1

#### PASTOR'S PEN

Dear Friends,

PCW CONNECT

He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

Every Easter morning, we sneak those words into our liturgy. And typically, when I either say "He is risen!" or when everyone responds with "He is Risen Indeed!" we overlook those exclamation points. And instead, we sound about as excited about Easter morning as we are a trip to the dentist.

Easter is a big deal! I know we've celebrated many Easters in our lifetime, but Jesus rising from the dead is about as big a deal as deal can get! Perhaps,

that's part of our problem. I've seen 51 Easters now (soon to be 52). I don't remember all of them or even half of them. I can probably only recall with distinction and clarity about a dozen Easters. We've been there and we've done that. Many of us know the resurrection story so well, it has lost any element of novelty. "Can we move on to Holy Humor Sunday, already?"

Even the possibility of life after death loses its luster for us. Death seems far away in the unknown future (or at least it does for many of us). Eternal life seems like an eternity away. "Why should I be so focused on eternal life when I have so many concerns in this one?" We behave and think as if Christ's resurrection bears little meaning on how we live in the here and now.

I'd like you to note a detail in the quote of John 20:1. Mary came to the tomb "while it was still dark." Now, that may seem like a fairly insignificant detail. It was early on that Sunday morning, so what? John could have just written "early on the first day" or "very early on the first day." But, each of the four Gospel writers record that the women came to the tomb in the dark. Mark and John both say, "while it was still dark." Matthew and Luke note they came "as it was dawning." As the knowledge of Christ's resurrection dawned on Mary, so too did the dawn pierce the darkness.

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

4/8 - 11am

Easter Egg Hunt
4/9 - 8:30a

Outdoor Service
4/9 - 10:15am

Easter Cantata
4/28-29—8a-6p

Book Sale

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Light overcoming darkness: a very prevalent theme of scripture. Easter morning carries the promise of victory over death. That means the loved ones we have lost recently and long ago, the loved ones we will lose sooner than we would like, can share in that victory. Easter means that WE get to share in that same victory. And, you know what? It feels good to win.

But, light overcoming darkness also means we can experience resurrection over all of those dark places of our lives. Victory over depression, divorce, anxiety, shame, addictions, loss of employment, and so on. All of the darkness in our lives that we are experiencing right here and right now can be overcome. We can experience resurrection and transformation today! That's not just Good News, that's Fantastic News!

Don't forget those exclamation points on Easter Sunday this year!

He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

Pastor Pat

#### **Office Closed**

To honor the
Easter weekend for
our staff, the office
will be closed on

Monday, April 10th.



#### Our MOW program is looking for bakers!

We'd like to occasionally provide our clients with homemade cookies, brownies or breads (banana, zucchini, etc.) made in our commercial kitchen.

The ingredients will be provided and you can bake most anytime as any prepared items can be stored in our chest freezer. Children are encouraged to join a team. If you only want to come in and bake cookies a cook can have the dough prepared for you.

If you would like to be part of a "cookie team" please let the office know.

### **April Birthdays**

4/3

**Jan Hardin** 

4/5

Patrick Gruber

4/17

**Nancy Thater** 

4/18

Scott Brauer

4/26

Kathy Van Der Kamp

	April 1st	April 8th	April 15th	April 22nd	April 29th
Cooks	Lifestream	Jolene Patterson & Barbara Mullins	Sarah Spear, Jane Bugele & Jean Weekley	Beth Bonney & Francie Turnure	First Methodist
Packers	Lifestream	Angie & Ian McCrack- en	Debbie Bandy & Mauri Truesdell	The Gruber's	Mauri Truesdell & Debbie Bandy
Drivers	Lifestream	The Kempf's, McCracken's, & Car- penter's	Val Baldwin, Vivian Marshall & Kathy Rog- ers	The Brehe's, Gruber's, & Anglin's	Peace Lutheran



#### **One Great Hour of Sharing**

For over 70 years, One Great Hour of Sharing has provided Presbyterians a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing - 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. We will collect the offering on Easter Sunday. Checks may be written out to the church.

#### **Holy Humor Sunday**

"Holy Humor Sunday" is a casual worship service of light, laughter and joy. Holy Humor Sunday will be April 16th. Please join us for a fun Sunday of worship and laughter and we celebrate God's gift of humor to us. If you are feeling particularly brave, you may want to wear your funniest/ ugliest tie, button or hat (yes, you have Pastor Pat's permission to wear a hat to church). Just make sure the humor on your attire is "church appropriate."



### Easter Morning Worship Schedule April 9<sup>th</sup>.

8:30am – Outdoor Worship Service (livestream not available) No Sunday School Classes 9:30am – Fellowship Hour/ Choir Rehearsal 10:15am – Easter Cantata



#### Maundy Thursday

At the beginning of Lent, back in February, we gathered for a very quiet and meditative Ash Wednesday service. As Lent comes to a close, we will again gather for worship for Maundy Thursday (7pm on April 6). This service will be done in a Tenebrae style of worship, incorporating diminishing candle light, dramatic scripture readings and symbolic props. We will also celebrate the Lord's Supper. Please make an effort to join us for this very special service that commemorates the last meal Christ ate with his disciples, and the arrest and crucifixion of our Lord.

#### **Inter-Generational Mission Trip**

Have fun serving God while in fellowship with Church friends!

We are going to do an overnight mission trip to Bethels Hills on June 2-3, 2023. Bethel Hills is an inclusive community

where people of all abilities thrive together, are connected, and have abundant opportunities. They are developing Phase 1 of 3 phases that will eventually house 70-80 residents. Currently they house approximately 15 residents and staff. Bethel Hills is located at 10450 Voelkerding Rd, Dutzow, MO.



We will be working on housing, gardening, and facility projects on their 127 acres of beautiful land. There is a job for everyone regardless of your physical ability or skill level. On Friday, June 2nd we will be arriving at 12:30 pm and doing service projects from 1-4:00 pm. Participants will then be joined by the staff and residents of Bethel Hills for dinner. You will get to meet some of the residents that we are working for and hear the faith journey that has created Bethel Hills.

After dinner, we will have a campfire worship service complete with guitars and singing that everyone will enjoy. If you need a comfortable lawn chair – you can bring one!

Youth and vetted chaperons can spend the night, which will include an evening of energetic activities and games in the gymnasium. Girls will be staying in the hostel section of the event center and the boys will be staying in the locker room section of the gymnasium. Sleeping bags will be required for everyone.

Saturday morning will start off with a hearty breakfast for those spending the night. Anyone joining us on Saturday will arrive at 9:00 am. Service projects will be from 9:30-11:30 am. Luncheon and worship service will be provided at noon. Afternoon service projects will be from 1-4:00 pm. With goodbyes and departure by 5:00 pm.

Sign-up lists for participants will be posted in the church in April.



#### **Liturgist:**

Beth Brehe

#### **Greeters:**

Kevin & Janet Carpenter

#### **Ushers**

4/2

Linda Booher & Kathy Rogers

4/9

Steve & Nancy Sebastian

4/16

Sarah Spear & Vivian Marshall

4/23

Christy Eckert & Michele Zumsteg

#### 4/30

Phyllis & Gary McElhinney

#### Sound

4/2

**Kevin Carpenter** 

4/9

Tom Ellenberger

4/16

Ed Bonney

4/23

Mark Thayer

4/30

**TBD** 



#### **New T-Shirts**

Thank you to everyone who has already ordered their new PCW polo shirts. If you still need to order yours, you can contact the church office. Shirts are \$25 each. The new shirts are a sharp sky-blue color with our new maroon and gold church logo. The shirts are available in men's and women's sizes small to XXXL. And, in youth sizes youth XS to youth XL. The shirts will be a wonderful way of identifying ourselves at events such as the book sale, harvest table, parades, the Easter Egg Hunt and other big events.



Each year the Presbytery sends us a bill for Per Capita, each month the church contributes \$250 to a designated Per Capita account to help cover this bill at the end of the year. Members are encouraged to help the church cover their amounts. Anything helps, even if it is \$5.00!

2023 Per Capita is \$35.00/Person



### PRESBY SCRIP PROGRAM

Presby Scrip Program-Last Minute Easter Gift Ideas Our next Scrip orders will be processed on Sunday, April 2. Please get your orders in before noon on that date.

You can bring your order form and payment to worship on that Sunday and give to Kathy Froning or leave in the Scrip basket in the office. Orders can also be left in the office any day during normal operating hours. April 2 orders will be available for pick up at the Church on Sunday, April 9. (If you prefer, you can always order online at

www.raiseright.com.). If you need your order delivered to your home before Sunday, please let Kathy know.

Please check out all the merchants on our order form plus the 800+ more on the website. All rebates go directly and immediately to our Church.

Any questions? Please contact this month's Presby Scrip coordinator, Kathy Froning or Gretchen Farrell or Becky Vogt.

May order date is Sunday, May 7.

#### April Book Sale

Can you believe this will be our 13th Annual Community Book Sale this year? And we just keep getting bigger and better! Our upcoming April Book Sale dates are Friday and Saturday, April 28 and 29, 2023, from 8am – 6pm. Plus, we are continuing to have our Thursday night, April 27th TEACHERS NIGHT where we give out FREE classroom books to any and all teachers! From 6pm – 8pm Thursday, 4/27, we actually GIVE out boxes and boxes of books to very happy teachers and it is GREAT! They get the first look at our Book Sale and it really is wonderful.

We take about ten days to set up our Book Sale (no heavy lifting required, as that will already be done!), starting on Monday, April 17 – Thursday, April 27, usually about 9am – 3pm. We hope to get out early and be done on our last day! We would really love some help with loosely organizing book categories on the tables. We are looking for four to five more people to take on two or three categories and just be responsible for those tables looking neat and tidy for the Book Sale. We have actually formed a Book Sale Committee this year and would love to have a few more members to help with ideas, changing things up, and especially to organize during set-up days. Please see Gretchen Farrell for more info or to sign-up.

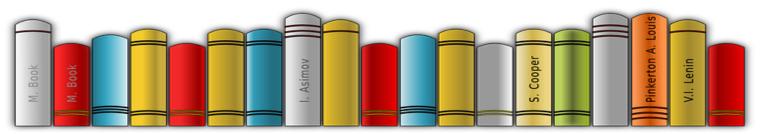
Do you have any books to donate? If you are a church member or friend, please feel free to drop them off at the church and place outside the Fellowship Hall kitchen area at any time. Gretchen will monitor that area and store them until the sale. If you know of anyone in the Washington area that would like to donate, and we have MANY people that are looking for places to drop off book boxes, please tell them the public drop off dates and times match our set-up days: Monday, April 17-26, 9am – 3pm (we will NOT take any books on our last set-up day on Thursday 4/27 so we can keep our sanity intact!)

Please feel free and I encourage anyone to sign up and volunteer to organize books into their categories for any set-up days and, the fun part!, for our two day Book Sale. No heavy lifting required at any point during set-up and the Book Sale, unless you are very able to! We can use all the help possible as it will get busy!! At the Sale, we need people to direct customers to certain areas (we have maps!), people to help check-out (very easy!), people to help bag books (super easy!), and, in general, people to help answer questions (generally easy, but Gretchen and Kathy are here for the tough questions!).

Did you know that we have several different types of missions that we do at our Book Sale? We have a collection tub at check out for the YMCA Literacy Program and tithe 10% of our total sales to them, we donate any and all classroom books to teachers from Pre-School through College, plus we donate to at least eight different agencies each year from overseas mission groups needing bibles, to prisons needing soft covered calming reading material, to Senior Centers wanting any reading material and many more.

Please come by our April Book Sale, check out our large 20,000+ items, pull up a cozy chair and try a book out, come buy a cup of coffee or donut and read at our new reading room area and support this wonderful big event at our church! Look for flyers at church soon and stayed tuned for them on social media. SPEAD THE WORD! And, YES, tell anyone that we take credit cards, debit cards, plastic gift cards for payment via Square besides the usual cash and check.

Any questions? Just contact Gretchen Farrell.



#### MEMBERS WITH CONTINUING NEEDS

Scott McCracken, Heather Miller, Joy Kopp, Jan Eade, Jamie Tucker, Sid Thayer, Bill Kellermann, Jocelyn VanBuskirk, Barbara Hagan, Brian Hall, Ollie Whyte, Jean Weekley,

UNION CARE CENTER: George Peters GROUP HOMES: Lisa Conrad, Laura Fenner

#### FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH REQUESTING PRAYERS:

Eddie & Sarah McGurthy & family

(daughter and son-in-law of Ollie & Virginia Whyte)

Patricia Hucke (daughter of Kay Hucke)

Pam Evangelist (sister of Sharon Fenner)

Grady Thayer (Grandson of Mark & Robbin Thayer)

Phyllis Rocco (Lois Kempf's Sister-in-Law)

Loyd & Louise Gordy (Parents of Beth Brehe)

Betsy Hazel (Daughter in Law of Kay Hazel)

Jane Lohmyer (Sister of Barbara Hagan)

Betty Buerk (Becky Vogt's Cousin)

Howard Thiesmann (friend of Tom Kempf)

Dennis Whitworth (friend of Anna Mae)

Lauren Kellermann (daughter of Bill and Pamela)

Dora Ficklin and Parents (Great Granddaughter of

Gary and Beth Brehe)

Bob Turnure (husband of Francie Turnure)

Andrea Brown (Daughter-in-law of Dean and

Ric Guthrie (Son in Law of Vivian Marshall)

Michael Fortner (friend of Marcy and Jeffrey Su)

Carol Perkins (Friend of Karen Ladd)

Josh Kresse (Mauri's Son in Law)

George Brehe (Brother of Gary)

George Miller (Heather's Husband)

Ralph (Nancy Thater's Father in Law)

Anna Roetheli (Wife of Ken Roetheli)

Peyton Valiquette (Pat's Step Nephew)

Family of Joann Schulz (Aunt of Karen Gruber)

Stacy Cliatt (Kathy Roger's Cousin)

Charlie Ninness (Former Employee)

The Family of Michael Lacy (Friend of Francie)

John Howe (Family Member of the Eade's)

Sherry Shehan (Cousin of Kathy Roger's)

Kelly Sewell (Son in Law of Virginia Boren)

Family of Carl Rademaker (Jan Hardin's Uncle)

Debbie Weichselbaum (Family Friend of Jaime Brinkmann)

Family of Ken Washburn

Bob Rafferty (Friend of John & Jane Bugele)

Herman Police Dept.

Family of Dennis J. Noelker (Friend of Jaime)



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**CHRISTIAN ED FINANCE OUTREACH** 3rd Tuesday at 7pm Meets the 2nd Monday at 12pm Meets the 2nd Thursday at 6:30pm Chair Ian McCracken Tom Farrell\* Tom Farrell \* Chair **Craig Matzes** Karen Ladd Ian McCracken Jocelyn VanBuskirk **Bruce Wiese Denise Brauer** Gerry Urban\* **Co-Chair** Linda Booher\* Katie Farrell Gary Brehe **Ed Bonney** Nancy Sebastian\* **Heather Miller** Phyllis McElhinney Heather Miller Jolene Patterson\* Elda Seener\* Lois Kempf Kathy Rogers\* Co-Chair **Andrew Brehe MISSION** Meets the 1st Monday at 11am **CHURCH LIFE PROPERTY** Jolene Patterson\* Chair 2nd Tuesday at 9:30am Meets the 2nd Sunday at 11:30am David Brunworth\* Sarah Spear\* Co-Chair Joe Hagan\* Chair **Christy Eckert** Karen Ladd John Bugele Gretchen Farrell Jean Weekley **Bob Eade** Lois Kempf **Shirley Coulter** David Brunworth\* **Debbie Bandy** Jan Hardin Roland Schwarzen Sarah Spear\* Sharon Wiese Steve Sebastian Barbara Mullins Jan Eade Mary Ellenberger Linda Booher\* Co-Chair Tom Kempf\* **WORSHIP Beth Bonney** Barbara Schofield Meets the 3rd Thursday Jane Bugele Mike Mullins at 7pm Barbara Mullins Jim Glamann Tom Kempf\* Chair Francie Turnure Vivian Marshall John Bugele **PERSONNEL** Tom Ellenberger Meets the 2nd Tuesday at 6pm

Mauri Truesdell\*

Chair

Kate Hall

Mike Becker

Joe Hagan\*

Mary Ellenberger

Gretchen Farrell

Tim Urban

Elda Seener\*

Nancy Sebastian\*

# 2023 Committee Members

#### PRESBY SCRIP PROGRAM

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CLOTHING/DEPT.STORES				•	Arby's \$10	8		
JCPenny \$25, \$100	5			l	Big Boy's Subs & Wings \$10	5		
Kohi's \$25, \$100	4				Bob Evans \$10	10		
Marshall's \$25, \$100	7				Burger King \$10	4		
Macy's \$25, \$100	10				Café Mosaic \$10	10		
Maurice's \$20	7				Colton's \$25	3		
Ross Dress for Less \$25	8				Cowan's \$25	5		
Sam's Club \$25, \$100, \$250	2.5				Dairy Delight \$10, \$20	5		
Shoe Carnival \$25	5				Dairy Queen \$10	3		
Target \$25, \$100	2.5				Domino's \$10	8		
Walmart \$25, \$100, \$250	2.5			•	Fazoli's \$25	9		
DRUG STORES					Hardees \$10	3		
Schroeder Drug \$5, \$10, \$25, \$50	5			1 1	Hawthorne Restaurant \$25	5		
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Bed, Bath and Beyond \$25, \$100	7			_	Steak'n Shake \$10	8		
Big Lots	4				Subway \$10	4.5		
Cabela's \$25, \$100	10				Sugarfire BBQ \$25	10		
Cinema One Plus \$20	.5				Taco Bell \$10	3		
Designer Threads \$25	15				The Creek Grill & Bar \$25	10		
Dicks Sports \$25, \$,100	8							
Fricke Photography \$20	5							
Great 8 Cine \$10	10				ADD-ON ORDERS			
Hallmark \$25	4							
Hillermann Nursery \$23, \$30	5							
LB.Nuts & Fruit Too \$20	10							
Jo-Ann Fabric \$23	6							
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# **April 2023**

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Happ	y Easter	4	5	6	7	1 Lifestream MOW 10a Pickleball
Communion Scrip Orders Due Youth Group Palm Sunday	11a Mission 7p Cemetery	9a Circle of Unity	5:30p Bells 6p Al-Anon 6:30p Choir	9a PFL 10a Bookclub 7p Maundy Thursday		MOW Easter Egg Hunt
9 Easter 8:30a Outdoor Service 10:15am – Easter Cantata	Office Closed	9a Circle of Unity 9:30a Church Life 6p Personnel	5:30p Bells 6p Al-Anon 6:30p Choir	9a PFL 10a Bookclub 6:30p Out- reach	14 Fellowship Hall Rental	15 MOW 10a Pickleball
16 Youth Group Holy Humor Sunday	17 12p Finance	18 9a Circle of Unity 6p Christian Ed	5:30p Bells 6p Al-Anon 6:30p Choir	20 9a PFL 10a Bookclub 7p Worship	21	MOW
23	24	25 9a Circle of Unity	26 5:30p Bells 6p Al-Anon 6:30p Choir	9a PFL 10a Bookclub 6:30p Session	28 Booksale 8a-6p	29 Peace Lutheran MOW Booksale 8a-6p
30		April	16-26 Bo	ok Sale So	etup	

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