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"[Jesus] called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." – Mark 8:34

PRES-BITS NEWSLETTER

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Friends,

I remember one week, early in my call here in Washington, I went exploring around the building to see what I could find. And, I stumbled across the big wooden cross that now sits on the chancel in the sanctuary. I don't remember if I found it in the basement or stuffed away in one of the back sanctuary hallways, but I do remember thinking the cross looked largely forgotten. And, I remember thinking how great it would look in the sanctuary.

And, I also remember trying stubbornly to move that great big cross on my own. I'm a midwestern man, and midwestern men are supposed to man-up and get physical jobs done on their own. Well...it didn't go so well. The cross is heavy, but the cross is also not a conducive shape to carrying. I believe it was David Brunworth who finally helped me get it into the sanctuary. With another person helping, the cross wasn't that burdensome.

Now, you'd think I'd have learned my lesson when it comes to carrying that old rugged cross, but if you did think that, you'd be wrong. We've used the cross in many Maundy Thursday services, moving it down to the front of the sanctuary to where the Lord's Table often sits. We've even moved it over the Fellowship Hall. And, almost every time it got moved, I tried moving it myself. And, every time, I regretted trying to lug it around on my own.

I remember one year in particular, I'm pretty sure it was Mike Becker and Tom Kempf who came and insisted that they help carry the cross. And, it was my delight to find out yet again, how much

easier it was carrying the cross when I had help from my church family.

In the 8th chapter of Mark, Jesus tells his disciples that if any of them would like to be his disciple, they would need to "Take up your cross and follow me." In a nutshell, this means we as the church need to be willing to shoulder the load, be willing to endure hardships, and to deny yourself by putting God and others first. This is all very hard work.

But, here is the good news. Just as I discovered that carrying a cross with others like David, Mike or Tom is easier than carrying a cross on your own, discipleship is much easier when we work together instead of on our own. Our church family is there for all who are going through hard times, enduring hardships, etc. There are many of us willing to say, "Here, let me help you carry that load."

So, if you are carrying a heavy burden, or are worried about the heavy cost of discipleship, remember that you don't have to carry that cross on your own. And, be ready to always help others carry their crosses as well. Be willing to help, and be willing to ask for help.

This Lenten season, don't be intimidated by carrying your cross in following Jesus. Know that there are others who want to help shoulder that load if you are willing to help shoulder theirs as well.

Blessings in Christ,
 Pastor Pat



Staff & Volunteer Appreciation

PCW ended the 2020 fiscal year on a positive note which warranted discussing a way to recognize the staff, who are not receiving a salary raise for 2021. There are also key volunteers who have been instrumental in providing their time and expertise to bring Sunday morning worship to all member of the via the internet. The Personnel & Finance committees worked jointly, utilizing available PPP funds, to provide the staff and these volunteers with a one time bonus to show appreciation for all that they have done. A proposal totaling \$7,675 was presented and approved by session at their meeting February 22nd.

Daylight Saving Time

Spring forward! Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night, March 13th.

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. In a world of disaster, hunger, and oppression. Millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. 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. If you would like to contribute to One Great Hour of Sharing, send in your contributions by Monday, April 5th. Checks should be written out to the church. Please designate your gifts (checks or online contributions) as "One Great Hour of Sharing." Thank you for your continued generosity.

Reel Faith

March's "Reel Faith" Movie Club will meet at 6pm via Zoom on Tuesday, March 23rd. We will discuss the 2018 movie, "Come Sunday." A crisis of faith sets renowned fundamentalist preacher Carlton Pearson on a new spiritual path that jeopardizes everything he holds dear. Based on a true story, "Come Sunday" (rated PG-13) is playing now on Netflix. Please watch the movie during the month of March and join us via Zoom. If you need the Zoom link sent to you, please contact Pastor Pat.

New Staff Member: Jenny Bieg!

Last month, PCW added another fresh face to our staff. Please join us in welcoming our own Jenny Bieg as our Church Event Coordinator! Jenny will be our point person in handling rentals and acting as host for many of our rental events, especially weddings and receptions. Welcome to the staff, Jenny!

Cemetery

When we visit the grave of loved ones, we like to see that it has been neatly mowed and trimmed, but have you considered who does the mowing and trimming? It takes a substantial amount of money for the upkeep of the Cemetery. The board hires someone to mow and maintain The Presbyterian Cemetery. The mowing cost per year is over \$8500. This care needs to be funded in some way.

Financial contributions to the Cemetery provide for the vital upkeep of the grounds. Would you please consider making a contribution to support the upkeep and care of The Presbyterian Cemetery? You will find a Cemetery envelope in your packet of church envelopes each quarter. The next envelope is dated "March".

If you do not have envelopes, just make the check payable to The Presbyterian Cemetery and mail to the church or leave in the church office. Thank you to those who have made donations, your donations make a difference!



Dear Members of Presbyterian Church of Washington,

This is Keith Jackson, son of Charlene Jackson who is a member of the Presbyterian Church of Washington. Neither me or my brother, Glenn Jackson, live near Washington, so last fall, 2020, we moved our mother to Wichita, Kansas, so she could be close to Glenn who lives in Wichita.

She had been doing fine except for a fall she had a couple of weeks ago in which she broke her hip. Her surgery went well and she has been receiving therapy and we're hoping she can regain some mobility. Her 94th birthday was last Monday. I talked to her on the phone a little while ago and she was watching the snow come down through the window of her room at the rehabilitation facility she's at. No family is allowed to visit her inside due to Covid, but can wave at her through her window on the first floor.

If anyone wants to write her she can be contacted via:

Charlene Jackson
Glenn Jackson
2969 Wild Rose Court
Wichita Kansas 67205
Her phone: (316) 258-0714
Sincerely,
Keith Jackson



March 7th is our upcoming Scrip Order date!

Sunday, March 7th is the first Sunday of the month and that is our next order date for our PCW Scrip Program, so please get any orders in by 12 noon on that day. Please feel free to drop them off at the church office and place in the box on Jaime's desk or just give it to Jaime as she will get to us. Please check out the national Scrip website at www.shopwithscrip.com to see the almost 800 merchants that we can purchase from. If you regularly shop at Walmart, Target, Amazon, or pick up meals at some local restaurants, you can easily help out our church by using Scrip gift cards. There are SO MANY merchants to buy from! With all the celebrations that are bound to happen soon, ordering any Easter gifts, birthday gifts, wedding gifts, and baby gifts are EASY and our church gets good rebates immediately! Please contact us with any questions and help out our church with any amount of a Scrip order on March 7th.



Thank you! Gretchen Farrell, Becky Vogt and Kathy Froning, PCW Scrip Coordinators



SOUP-ER BOWL 2021



A big THANK YOU to all for the Soup-er Bowl donations!

Many, many thanks for all the items received by the Youth Group for their Soup-er Bowl Collection this year! We had two drive through, drop-off events at our church during some really cold February weather and everyone stepped up their game to donate \$180 in cash donations and 385 non-perishable food items! This was one of the highest totals that we have collected in about 22 years of doing this wonderful national mission event! We had five Youth Group members help out on the first Sunday and four help out on the second Sunday, all masked up and social distancing and still having a fun time with this collection drive.

Thank you, again, everyone for your continued generosity! The Christian Ed. Committee and Youth Group Leaders

SMILE....as in AMAZON SMILE!!

The Amazon Company. A name most people know by now as the giant online shipping and shopping company. But, did you know that Amazon has a fundraising side to their company? They do and it's called **Amazon Smile** and it's been in existence for seven years donating millions of dollars to organizations around the US and the world! **Amazon Smile** is exactly like their parent company's homepage, has the exact same products at the same prices BUT all the merchants have agreed to donate .5 % to a charitable organization of the user's choosing. There are literally thousands of charitable organizations that have signed up, **Amazon Smile** has strict guidelines to do so, and after several months, our Mission Committee has done it! We just got the great news that our church has recently been designated as an official charitable organization with **Amazon Smile** to automatically receive funds under our listed name of **PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WASHINGTON, WASHINGTON, MISSOURI**, so please check it out ONLINE at smile.amazon.com. (Our church is listed under the letter P for Presbyterian NOT the letter T as in THE, that is just how it is.)

Now .5 % (yes, that is a half percent) does not seem like a lot, but like everything else, when you add it up with many people doing it, it can make a big difference to our church and that will be more money we can use for mission outreach. We can spread the word to everyone we know that uses Amazon to now check out **Amazon Smile** and get our church listed as the charitable organization of their choice. There will soon be information on our church website, on our church FaceBook page, and even a video tutorial on how to easily sign up, and there is NO COST to doing this!

How to sign up our church as a charitable organization with AMAZON SMILE:

Go online to smile.amazon.com and sign UP or sign ON to your **Amazon Smile** account. You can use the same sign-in for your regular Amazon account or not, but Amazon will know you by your email or telephone number.

In the upper left corner of the screen, you will see the **Amazon Smile** logo (with the actual yellow smile arrow IN the Amazon icon name, going from A to Z!). You are now IN and one of the first things you should see is the **Amazon Smile** tab right below that icon, click on that tab.

On this Amazon Smile window, you can now choose your charitable organization. In the box of 'Pick your own Charitable Organization', put in **Presbyterian Church of Washington (no address)** and a list of Presbyterian Churches will come up. Our church should be the second one on the list after the Korean Presbyterian Church in VA. Strange, I know, but that is just how it is listed.

CLICK on our church's yellow SELECT box to the right of our name and you are done!

YES, THREE EASY, QUICK STEPS to sign up is all it takes! I am so impressed by everyone that has stopped to tell me they already did it and how easy it is! If you know and order from Amazon already, you know the millions of products they carry online. If you are NOT familiar with Amazon, you will be amazed at what you can find and get online...and all CONTACTLESS, which is fantastic during this pandemic environment we are in right now.

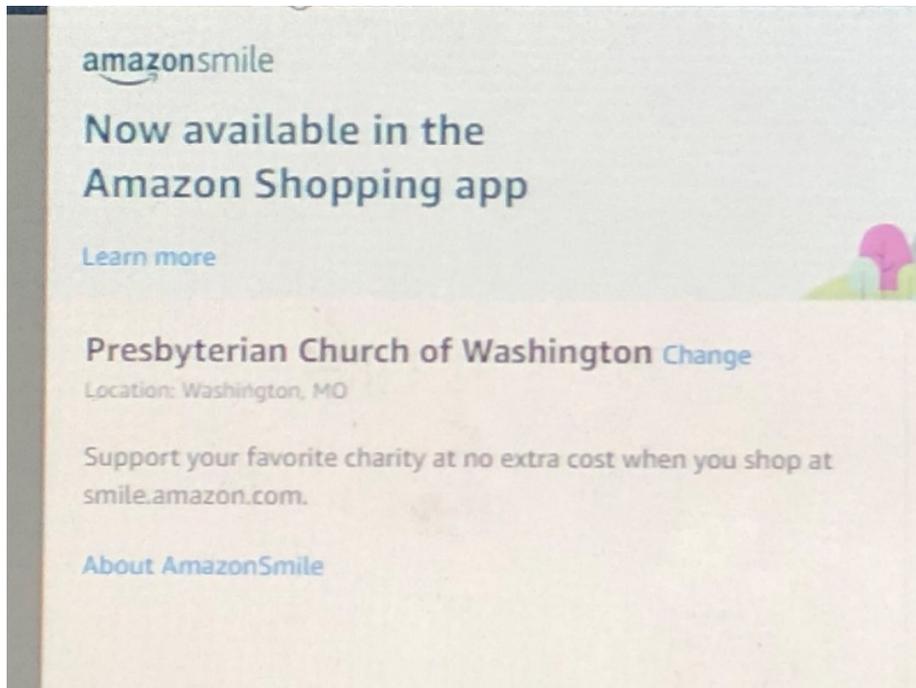
You can bookmark and/or favorite **Amazon Smile** to use it every time you order. Your **Amazon Smile** account will automatically keep a record of any orders you place and how much you have donated to our church and that is for your records only. Our church will get a quarterly deposit of funds with just one numerical figure for a grand total of what everyone has donated to our church. Due to obvious privacy rules, we, as a church, will never see what anyone has ordered or how much they individually donated or even who donates. We just appreciate everyone who has designated us as a charitable organization here!

If you are into Scrip cards like I am, you can even purchase Amazon scrip cards (with a 2.5% rebate that automatically and immediately goes to our church!) and use them on **Amazon Smile**, giving our church a total of 3% of a donation. **Amazon Smile** works with Amazon Prime and it also works on any smartphone app. It does not work on the app of tablets right now or just YET, so go to your browser and type in the website smile.amazon.com. If any of this sounds foreign to you, just talk with us and I will be glad to explain it and talk your ear off about it.

This really is an exciting opportunity for our church and we need to spread the word to family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, extended family...ANYONE can add our church on as a charitable organization on

Amazon Smile. You don't need to be a member of our church and you don't need to live in Washington, MO to do so. People all over the world can choose to designate our church to receive funds but they won't know about us if we don't say something.

Please feel free to learn more about the entire fundraising side to Amazon, **Amazon Smile** online at



org.amazon.com. Also, please feel free to ask us or anyone on the Mission Committee about Amazon Smile, please spread the word and remember our church and **Amazon Smile** the next time you need to order anything online.

Thank you!

Gretchen Farrell, Jolene Patterson
and the entire Mission Committee

Presbyterian Church of Washington
Bible Study & Readings in the Gospel of Mark for Lent, 2021

During the Season of Lent, the Presbyterian Church of Washington is going to be doing a group Bible Study on the Gospel of Mark. Reverend Patrick Gruber will be leading a Wednesday night Zoom meeting (7:30-8:30 pm). To prepare for each discussion, the following readings from the Gospel of Mark are suggested.

Wednesday, February 24, 2021 – Week One

Gospel of Mark, Chapter 1

Focus: Gospel Mark 1:13

Wednesday, March 3, 2021 – Week Two

Gospel of Mark, Chapters 1-3

Focus: Gospel Mark 1:14 – Mark 3:6

Wednesday, March 10, 2021 – Week Three

Gospel of Mark, Chapters 3-6

Focus: Gospel Mark 3:7 – Mark 6:6a

Wednesday, March 17, 2021 – Week Four

Gospel of Mark, Chapters 6-8

Focus: Gospel Mark 6:6b – Mark 8:26

Wednesday, March 24, 2021 – Week Five

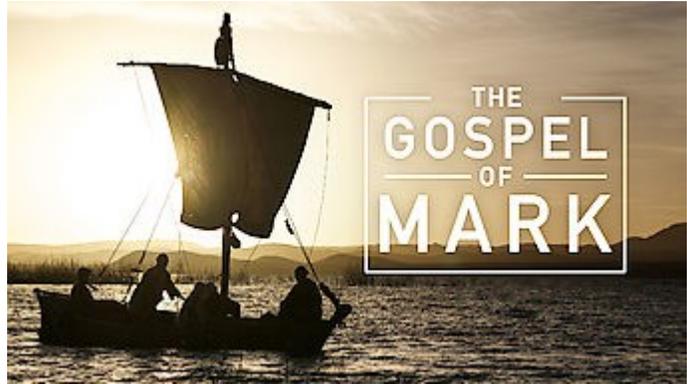
Gospel of Mark, Chapters 8-10

Focus: Gospel Mark 8:27 – Mark 10:52

Wednesday, March 31, 2021 – Week Six

Gospel of Mark, Chapters 11-16

Focus: Gospel Mark 11:1 – Mark 16:20



These Zoom Bible Study meetings can be accessed with the following information:

Zoom Meeting Topic: Lent Bible Study

**Time: This is a recurring meeting on Wednesday nights
7:30-8:30 pm**

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://zoom.us/j/97339000038?](https://zoom.us/j/97339000038?pwd=ZWt1c2N4QXhNQjVlTjFCeGtzNGpLZz09)

[pwd=ZWt1c2N4QXhNQjVlTjFCeGtzNGpLZz09](https://zoom.us/j/97339000038?pwd=ZWt1c2N4QXhNQjVlTjFCeGtzNGpLZz09)

Meeting ID: 973 3900 0038

Passcode: 48344834

EASTER 2021

Due to the current Covid-10 conditions, there will NOT be an Easter Egg Hunt again this year. We usually have it on the day before Easter but we feel we cannot safely hold this event in 2021. We hope and pray that we will be able to see this wonderful event make it's appearance next year on the beautiful back lawn of our church!

A BLAST FROM THE PAST

PICTURE TO THE RIGHT:

ROW 1: David Truesdell, Nancy Brockman, David Evert. Row 2: Jim Ronsick, Cynthia Laid, Unknown, Steve Lais. Row 3: Mike Gephardt, Barbara Mathews, Janet Bohling, Barbara Fonken. Row 4: Mildred Fonken, Unknown, Kay Kappleman, Lois Hausman, Unknown, Louise Bohling. Row 5: Agnes Meyer, Unknown, Unknown, Julie Shotwell, & Rev. Lloyd

PICTURE BELOW: CATECHISM CLASS OF 1959

Row 1: Mike Mathews, David Truesdell, David Evert, Nancy Brockman. Row 2: Anne Duncan, Steve Lais, Pam Duncan, Jim Ronsick, Janice Kastendieck, Row 3: Mike Gephardt, Kay Kappleman, Janet Bohling, Barbara Fonken Row 4: Cynthia Lais, Barbara Mathews, Butch Bierman, Julie Shotwell, Lois Hausmann



Pictures were provided by Janet Conrad



EASTER LILIES

We will be decorating the church with lilies for Easter, or you may choose to give to the Matthew 25 Hunger Fund. If more money is received than is needed to decorate the sanctuary, excess funds will be sent to the Matthew 25 Hunger Fund through the Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy.

One lily will cost \$15.00, or you can choose to give to the Matthew 25 Hunger Fund.

LILY ORDER FORM

_____ donates _____ lily(ies)
(Your Name) (# of Lilies)

_____ in loving memory of

- OR -

_____ in honor of

Name _____

MATHEW HUNGER FUND

\$_____ to the Matthew 25 Hunger Fund

_____ in loving memory of - OR -

_____ in honor of (please check one)

Name _____

Following worship service on Easter:

____ Have the lily delivered to a shut-in.

____ I will be taking lily home.



Please return this form with your check, made payable to The Presbyterian Church of Washington, to Jaime by March 25th, 2021.

CHURCH ELDERS

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Tom Farrell	Finance (Chair)	tom2000@charter.net

2021 Committee Members

Asterisk (*) Donates Session Members

Christian Education

Meets the 3rd Tuesday at 7p

Ian McCracken* Chair
Andy Wanager
Jocelyn VanBuskirk
Gerry Urban
Gary Brehe
Gretchen Farrell
Heather Miller
Jolene Patterson*
Rebecca Brehe

Church Life

Meets the 2nd Tuesday at 9:30am

Nancy Sebastian* Chair
Karen Ladd*
Jean Weekley
Judy Bierbaum
Shirley Coulter
Jan Hardin
Anna Mae Boehmer
Sharon Wiese
Jan Eade
Linda Booher
Heather Miller
Sarah Spear
Barbara Hagan
Beth Bonney
Jane Bugele

Finance

Meets the 2nd Monday at 12pm

Tom Farrell* Chair
Karen Ladd*
Bruce Wiese
Linda Booher
Ed Bonney

Mission/Outreach

Meets the 3rd Monday at 11am

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Pam Schwarzen
Debbie Bandy
Kathy Rogers
Mauri Truesdell*

Personnel

Meets the 2nd Tuesday at 6pm

Tim Urban* Chair
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Gretchen Farrell
Mauri Truesdell*
Richard Duemler

Property

Meets the 3rd Sunday at 11:30am

Joe Hagan* Chair
John Bugele*
Bob Eade
David Brunworth
Roland Schwarzen
Steve Sebastian
Mary Ellenberger

Worship

Meets the 3rd Monday at 7pm

John Anglin* Chair
Judy Bierbaum
Anna Mae Boehmer
Rebecca Brehe
Tom Kempf
John Bugele*
Tom Ellenberger
Barbara Duemler*



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

2nd Johnathan Farrell

15th Stanley Barnhart

3rd Anna Mae Boehmer

19th Dr. Tom Farrell

4th Dr. William Kellermann

20th Sharon Fenner

5th James Conley

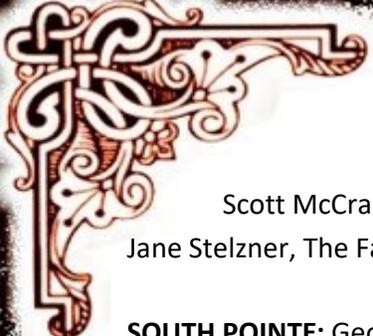
20th Debbie Bandy

7th Jan Eade

29th Elizabeth (Libby) Farrell

15th Sarah Spear





MEMBERS WITH CONTINUING NEEDS

Scott McCracken, Heather Miller, Laura Evans, Jan Eade, Joy Kopp, Eden Wanager, Al Leary, Kay Hazel, Jane Stelzner, The Family of Lorene Brunworth, Charlene Jackson, Marcy Su, Becky Vogt, Kenzlie Barnhart,

SOUTH POINTE: George Peters

CEDAR CREST: Dorothy Mutert, Connie Conrad

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)

Marjorie Hines (grandmother of Miles & Ian McCracken)

Diana Hayes (daughter of Barbara Schofield)

Tom Jett (cousin-in-law of Mauri Truesdell & Kathy Froning)

David Gruendler (brother of Laura Lawson)

Jane Kitt (aunt of Nancy Thater)

Gary & Sue Brauer (parents of Kevin Brauer & Scott Brauer)

Denise Gleeson (daughter of Anna Mae Boehmer)

Wendy Dennison (friend of Rebecca Brehe)

Grady Thayer (Grandson of Mark & Robbin Thayer)

Diane Rinehart (friend of Nancy Thater)

Charles Johnson (Friend of Jolene Patterson)

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

Karen Gehner (Sister of Christy Eckert)

David Landgraf (Friend of Francie Turnure)

Randy Boren (Great Nephew of Virginia Boren)

Joann Ellenberger (Mother of Tom Ellenberger)

Paul (Grandson of Phyllis Orgeich)

Bob Turnure (husband of Francie Turnure)

Sharon Panter (daughter of Jan Hardin)

Loyd Gordy (Father of Beth Brehe)

Jan (Sister-in-Law of Lois Kempf)

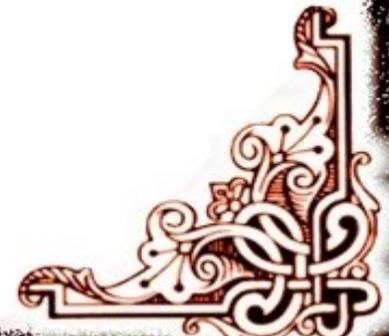
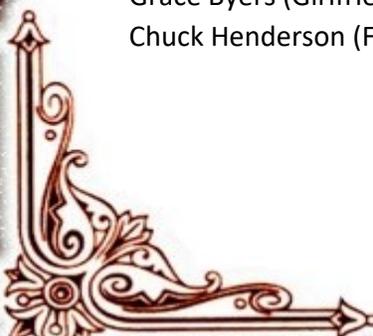
Samantha (Friend of Lois Kempf)

Betsy Hazel (Daughter in Law of Kay Hazel)

The Family of Dennis Napier (Deanna Napier's Father)

Grace Byers (Girlfriend of Alex Johnson)

Chuck Henderson (Father to Charlie Ninness)



March

2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	1 VB 6-9p	2	3 Bible Study 7:30p Al-Anon 6p VB 4-9p	4 PFL 9a Book Club 10a VB 4:30-9p	5	6
7	8 Finance 12p VB 6-9p	9 Church Life 9:30a	10 Bible Study 7:30p Al-Anon 6p VB 4-9p	11 PFL 9a Book Club 10a VB 4:30-9p	12	13 Al-Anon District Mtg. 10a-12p
14 	15 Mission 11:15a Worship 7p VB 6-9p	16 CE Meeting 7p	17  Bible Study 7:30p Al-Anon 6p VB 4-9p	18 PFL 9a Book Club 10a VB 4:30-9p	19	20 Fellowship Hall -Rental 3-6p
21 Property Mtg. 11:30a	22 Session 7p VB 6-9p	23 Movie Night 6p	24 Bible Study 7:30p Al-Anon 6p VB 4-9p	25 PFL 9a Book Club 10a VB 4:30-9p Lily Orders Due	26	27
28 Staff Mtg. 11:30a	29 VB 6-9p	30	31 Bible Study 7:30p Al-Anon 6p	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Notes:

14th- Daylight Saving – (Spring Forward) Remember to Set Your Clocks 1 Hour Ahead.

17th- If you are not wearing green, Jaime will pinch you! Happy St. Patrick's Day! No Pastor Pat...It is not your day!

25th – Easter Lily orders are due.

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