



Belton Presbyterian Church

Happenings

April 2024

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Notes from our Pastor

Pastor Rob Cromwell

Weekly Sunday Worship Service at 10 AM -- Masks Recommended, Not Required

As we enter the victorious Easter season, we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. By his death on the cross and his rising from the dead, Christ has conquered (in principle) the forces of sin, evil, the devil and death itself. Christ has defeated (in principle) the structural and systemic evils in our world, including racism, poverty, sexism, classism, violence and environmental devastation. Our Presbyterian and Reformed tradition, along with other Christian branches, has a history of speaking to timely social issues as we seek to create a better world for all people. As a “Matthew 25 church,” we share the hope of the Gospel with all the world, calling for social justice, peacemaking and earth care. Jesus said: “Just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me” (Matthew 25:40 NRSV).

Peace ~Pastor Rob

Congregational News: At a Called Congregational Meeting following Worship on March 10, the congregation voted to amend the Church’s By-Laws reducing the number of Ruling Elders on Session from 6 to 4 (to be phased in). Additionally, the congregation elected Susan Cromwell and Pam Powell to the office of Ruling Elder to fill 2 vacancies for the Session Class of 2026. Susan and Pam were ordained and installed during Worship on March 24, and attended their first Session meeting as elders that same day.

Session News:

Monthly Stated Session meetings have changed to the 4th Sunday of the month following Worship.

Ruling Elder Committee Assignments:

Worship & Christian Education: Susan Cromwell

Membership & Fellowship: Loretta Koder

Mission: Pam Powell

Finances & Stewardship: Winnie Gill

Property: Rich Gill

Winnie Gill continues as Clerk of Session. Rich Gill continues as Church Treasurer.

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April 2024 Calendar:

- April 2, Tuesday: Elections in Missouri (school board, local issues)
- April 7, 2nd Sunday of Easter: Worship – The Lord’s Supper
- April 13, Saturday: 8 am Men’s Breakfast, Tara’s (Main St), Belton
- April 14, 3rd Sunday of Easter: Worship, Refreshments & Fellowship following
- April 17, Wednesday: 11 am Women’s Luncheon, Oden’s BBQ (on Scott), Belton
- April 21, 4th Sunday of Easter: Worship – The Lord’s Supper
- April 28, 5th Sunday of Easter: Worship, Session Meeting following

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Special Guest: During Worship on Sunday, March 17, the Rev. Dale Jackson, Presbyter for Vision & Leadership, brought greetings on behalf of Heartland Presbytery.

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Wanted: Liturgists. If you feel called to help as a liturgist (worship leader) on Sunday morning, please sign up for one or more Sundays on the clipboard in the Fellowship Hall. Session contact: Susan Cromwell.

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Belton’s Annual **Senior Citizen Spring Luncheon** will be on Friday April 5 at 12:00 p.m. at the Belton High School Fieldhouse, 801 W. North Avenue, Belton MO.

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Prayer Requests: Opal Heaton, Mary Yeary, our President & elected officials, our service men & women, our veterans, peace in Israel-Palestine, Ukraine, Haiti, Sudan & throughout the earth.

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May *Happenings* church newsletter deadline: Wednesday, April 24. Please send your items to Winnie Gill at beltongills@gmail.com.

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Refreshments & Fellowship Time Change: We will have Refreshments & Fellowship following Worship on the 2nd Sunday monthly. Sign-up to provide refreshments - clipboard in the Fellowship Hall. Session contact: Loretta Koder.

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Belton Presbyterian Church’s website is now: beltonpresby.com. Please contact Rich Gill with any questions or comments.

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The monthly MEN’S breakfast will be on Saturday, April 13 at 8:00 at Tara’s on Main Street, Belton.

The monthly LADIES’ luncheon will be on Wednesday, April 17 at 11:00 at Oden’s BBQ on North Scott in Belton.

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There will be a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall for anyone who is available to mow the yard around the church. The church has a lawnmower, or you may bring your own.

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Pastoral Care: Thank you for keeping Pastor Rob informed of hospitalizations & other pastoral care needs.