

PRESBY-NOTES



**MARCH
2018**

Dear Members and Friends,

March continues the Lenten Journey to the Cross. We have been meditating on the Heart of the Cross – which is seen in all of its drama with Jesus on the Cross. That is where we see the Heart of God suffering and bleeding for you and me. For as we believe in the Trinity – God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – then we see God suffering as the Son as well as the Holy Spirit. It may be a heavy thought to try to embrace, but simply, but powerfully experienced, we see God die on the Cross for each of us. That is the real Heart of the Cross we have been reflecting about all Lent.

I call upon our hearts to embrace that spiritual reality which is both guilt-rending, but also guilt-freeing and liberating. May God lovingly confront what is not an easy fact of our sin, but also allow the loving light of His Spirit to dispel the darkness we may have shut in around ourselves. Through the Heart of the Cross, we encounter the day-break of resurrection and new life. These are not empty words but spirit-filled energizing words that will empower us in Resurrection living. That will be our Easter celebration for all of us. But, we get to Easter through the Heart of the Cross.

In Christ,
Pastor John J. Duling, Interim Pastor

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*It is the mission of First Presbyterian Church of Beatrice to know Christ, to make Christ known
and to exhibit Christ's love through worship, education and service*



Attendance in January: 1/7-60; 1/14-56; 1/21-53; 1/28-69 February: 2/4-55 2/11-58

We are hosting Mondays in Lent on March 5th.

We received a bid to repair the front stained-glass window and we voted to get on the waiting list to get it repaired.

First Church will be serving Warren's Table on March 6th. Volunteers are needed if you can help contact the church office.

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering this year will be split 50-50 between The Food Pantry and One Great Hour of Sharing.

On March 18 there will be a representative from Calvin Crest here give information on this Summers camping program. There will be a presentation during Sunday School and during worship.

There will be a soup and sandwich luncheon served Palm Sunday, March 25, by the JOYS. Proceeds will go toward mission trips.

The Boy Scouts thank everyone who came to the soup luncheon February 11, they cleared over \$200.

Next Session meeting will be March 19 at 6:30 committees meet at 6:00.

Suzanne Byler, Clerk of Session



Verna Light, Shirley Mitschler, Carol Straub, Donna Knoche, Keith Knoche, Bob Hancock, Josh Johnson, Charlotte Carney, Phyllis Engelman, Mary Hancock, Diane Mayer, Marie Kerl, Dennis Prebyl, Henry Kerl, Cindy Ahlstrand, Mary Mullen (hospice), Dorothy Appleget, Willard Engelman, Dorothy Rockemann, Ruth Jensen, and William Cook III.

Also: Lori Eckert, Pat Morris, Steve Arneal, Jake Frana, Elizabeth Shotkoski-Jurgens, Timothy Briskey (Jane Beavers' brother), Richard Crom, Carol Koslofsky (Fran Martin's sister), Skylar Nicola, Mike Willet, Elmer Cook, Linnel Rials, Earl & Vera Lyons, Shannon Fanning (Ardyth Orwen's son-in-law) Judy Knispel, Cathy Carel, Stan Martin (Gene Martin's brother), Nancy Chalupa, Jon Lucas Warren, Hope Johns (Maxine Arneal's great granddaughter and Imogene Johnson (Connie Dake's sister).

Sermons for March

4th: "The Heart of the Cross: Untapped Power" Psalm 19; 1 Cor. 1:18-25

11th: "The Heart of the Cross: Let Go and Let God!" Ephesians 2:1-10

18th: Craig Hoffman, Executive Director of Camp Calvin Crest, pulpit guest. This Sunday is set for summer camp. Craig will be sharing about the latest news from our church camp and opportunities that children, youth, adults, and families can have in the summer of 2018.

Holy Week

Palm and Passion Sunday, March 25th: "A Blood-Stained Red Carpet" Mark 11:1-11; Ephesians 2:5-11.

Maundy Thursday, March 29th: "Every Time" Exodus 12: 1-4, 11-4; 1 Cor. 11:23-26.

Easter Sunday, April 1st: "The Greatest Jest in History!" John 20:1-18



**DIRECTOR OF
Children & Youth
NEWS**

Lenten Kids will meet from 6:15-7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays March 7, 14, 21, and 28. Supper will be provided.

JOYS Salad and Sandwich Luncheon, Sunday, March 25, following worship in Fellowship Hall. Free will donation goes to JOYS Mission Trips.

Reminder - One Great Hour of Sharing Fish Banks need to be returned on Palm Sunday, March 25.

There will be no Sunday School on Easter Sunday.

Calling All Children!

Come join the children's choir - we'd love to have you! We meet every Sunday during the Sunday school hour and sing for church the first Sunday of ever month. All ages are welcome so please come lift your voice to God with us! Even if you cannot come every Sunday, you are always welcome!

We will sing for service on March 4th, so mark your calendars!



Westminster Guild



Westminster Guild will meet Monday, March 5th at 6:30 p.m. in the church parlor for the monthly potluck supper, business and fellowship. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Presbyterian Women met February 15th, 2018 in the church parlor.

Bette Anne Thaut and Verna Tubbs served as hostesses. The tables were decorated with a festive Valentine's theme.

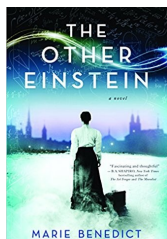
A thank-you was received from Ardys and Jerry Milke for preparing and serving the luncheon for Harry Milke's funeral.

We will be serving the Lenten Luncheon at our church March 5th. Anyone wanting to help serve and make potato salad can contact Kristin Jurgens.

The church wide gathering for Presbyterian Women will be August 2-5 in Louisville, Kentucky for anyone wanting to attend.

Bette Anne Thaut led the Bible Study - continued from our last meeting "In Community with God's Messengers". The ladies brought some angels they had at home to share - with the highlight from Shirley Mitschler - a quilt she had made "A Collection of Angels".

Our next meeting will be March 15th at 9:30 a.m. in the church parlor. All women and guests are welcome.



The PW Book Club will meet Wednesday, March 21, to discuss *The Other Einstein* by Marie Benedict.

GREETERS & OFFERTORY COLLECTION

March 4:

March 11:

Tammy & Sadie Hereth

March 18 :

Matt & Ashley McConnell, Neil McConnell

March 25:

Paul & Julie Hay, Ardyth Orwen

March 29 (Maundy Thursday):

News & Notes

First Church will host Mondays-in-Lent and the luncheon following on Monday, March 5, at 12:05 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help serve the luncheon. Please notify the church office if you are able to help.

Westminster Guild meets Monday, March 5, at 6:30 p.m. in the church parlor.

First Church will serve Warren's Table Tuesday, March 6, at 5:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed. If you plan to help, please let the office know at 223-3933.

Lenten Kids will meet from 6:15-7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays March 7, 14, 21, and 28. Supper will be provided.

PW meets Thursday, March 15 at 9:30 a.m.

The PW Book Club will meet at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, March 21, to discuss *The Other Einstein* by Marie Benedict.

The Maundy Thursday Service will be at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 29.

New email address for Dorothy Appleget: Rappleget@windstream.net

Ruth Jensen is no longer on hospice.

Mary Mullens is now on hospice.

A big thank you for all the prayers, cards, and good wishes from everyone. *Shirley Mitschler*

After almost 16 years of serving as the Church's primary nursery caregiver on Sunday mornings, Jayma Stansberry has announced she plans to resign from her duties at the end of April. We are thankful for Jayma's service and wish her the best! With Jayma's pending departure, we will actively be seeking her replacement in the next few weeks. If you are interested in this position, or know someone who might be a good fit, please be sure to contact the Church Office at 402-223-3933 or presbybeatrice@gmail.com.

Organizations, groups and all members: When using the Fellowship Hall and parlor, if you need a set up please call Neil Beaver at 402-239-0314 and Mary Warren at 402-200-9435.

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John Duling	2	Billy Cook	16
Karmen Daake	4	Greg Weaver	17
Cathy Duling	4	Cori Zimmerman	18
Lanita Strader	5	Roger Strader	22
BreAnna Petet	6	Ally Thavenet	24
Cooper Blum	7	Bob Hancock	25
Jayma Stansberry	8	Dan Jamison	27
Donna Knoche	11	Jay Beavers	27
Byron Ray	11	Gayle Eskra	29
Verna Tubbs	13	Paul Hay	29
Brian Kerl	15	Keith Knoche	30
Jerry Milke	15	Lauren Daake	30
Carol Wolter	15		



Camp Sunday

March 18th

All are encouraged to come to church on Sunday, March 18th to hear Mr. Craig Hoffman, Executive Director of Camp Calvin Crest, our church camp. Craig's message will be to update everyone about the camp and the dreams for the future, but also an encouragement for all to think of camp opportunities for the summer. Pastor John will spend a week as a co-director of a junior high camp and it would be great if there were some campers from Beatrice to attend. There will be countless other opportunities to hear about, so make an effort to be with us on March 18th and learn about the new things that Camp Calvin Crest is doing.



Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 11.

Be sure to set your clocks ahead before going to bed Saturday night.

JOYS

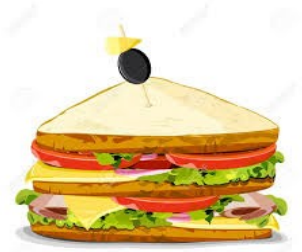
Salad & Sandwich Luncheon



Sunday March 25

11:30 a.m.

In Fellowship Hall



Cost: Free will donation.

Please come and support our youth in their effort to raise money for future mission trips.