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**FROM PASTOR GREG**

Lent is over... now we live into a season of rejoicing in the resurrection of Jesus, and look forward to our celebration of the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost.

I am very thankful for everyone who took the time to join in our Lenten Wednesday night services. We enjoyed GREAT soup provided by Sharon McKee, Glenda Ryall, Susan Nofrey, Karla Miller, John and Joan Skarda, Dick Smith, Doris Russell, Gail Nichols, Connie Bradley, Mona Lieberenz, and Norma Wood. An army of people helped set up and wash dishes. Thank you to all who helped, especially Paul “dish pan hands” Floto, Ann Floto, Sharon and Patrick McKee, Beverly Hopps, and many more.

It would be helpful to the Worship Committee if you would offer some feedback on our experiences together. There is a half sheet “Evaluation Form” in this newsletter, please return it to the church office or place it in the basket in the Narthex. Even if you couldn’t participate, we’d love to hear from you. If one of the styles or types of worship sounds interesting, check the box and offer some comments.

For the past 5 weeks we have borrowed a set of hand bells from Yachats Presbyterian Church. This has been a wonderful sign of our connectional system and their trust in us. Since I am writing this before we play the bells on Palm Sunday, I am hopeful that the Bell Choir added to our worship. We are trying to find a set of hand bells from a church or organization that owns them, but isn’t currently using them, so that we could borrow them and continue on a long term basis. There seems to be some enthusiasm to continue the bell choir. If you know of a church that is no longer using their bells, please let me know and we will contact them. We will consider other options down the road.

If you accepted the challenge to read the Gospel of Luke during Lent, I would like to further encourage you to read Acts. In the coming weeks I am planning to preach from the more significant stories in Acts. There are things in our history that we need to know – Acts tells the story of the early church. Looking forward to that, I find stories of healings, shipwrecks, sinister plots, snake bites, stonings, religious arguments, and bright lights. There is something there for all of us. Will you join me in rediscovering our history?

## THE SHARING SHELF FOR APRIL

It's April and Eastertime (or Eastertide) is here and will be for at least 40 days from Easter. It is, however, time of the "nearEasters" also, and we are going to look into a part of their world via the books on the Sharing Shelf. April is *National Humor Month* and we have discovered several books with a humorous bent which we will share. Our starting point is . . .

. . . **3400 World's Worst Jokes, Riddles & Puns.** Helen Hoke & Joseph Leeming. An example: "What did Cleopatra say when Mark Antony asked if she was true to him?" "Omar Khayyam."

**Humblebrag - The Art of False Modesty.** Harris Wittels. ". . . a hysterical breakdown of boasts, brags, and self-adulation disguised as humble comments and complaints . . ."

**The Fred Book.** Fred Imus with Mike Lupica. "Discourses on '57 Chevys, turquoise buffaloes, frontier salsa, a four-legged dog named Fred and a two-legged brother named Don [Imus, a radio shock jock]."

**UH-OH.** Robert Fulghum. The third book by the author of *All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten*, and *It Was on Fire When I Lay Down on It*. Nuff said.

**No Shirt, No Shoes, No Service/No Problem.** Jeff Foxworthy. A sample: "Being a Redneck has nothing to do with where you live. It's a state of mind, 'a glorious absence of sophistication.' Some of us live there, and some of are simply on an extended vacation."

**Rubber Legs and White Tail-Hairs.** Patrick F. McManus. A quote: "Mr. Craw, one of the 7th grade teachers at Delmore Blight Grade School, wore the same suit every day for 30 years. Once, when Mr. Craw was sick, the suit came to school by itself & taught Mr Craw's classes . . ."

**The Night the Bear Ate Goombaw.** Patrick F. McManus. Just knowing the characters defines the book, and they are: Rancid Crabtree, Goombaw (somebody's grandmother), Valvoleen Grooper, Smokey Joe, Retch Sweeney & his siblings Erful and Verman.

**The Good Samaritan Strikes Again.** Patrick F. McManus. Here we meet McManus the PR exec whose job is "to make two half-truths out of a whole truth;" whose first kiss is described by him as a "Blunder Buss;" whose Good Samaritan efforts consist of taking his time getting there - to "allow some take-charge guy time to show up."

**BTW** (by the way), our ever alert Admin Assistant, Ms Debbie, obtained for us a copy of the **Book of Order 2015-2017**. It is in the library in the About the Bible section along with earlier editions.



## SOUP/SALAD/SPEAKER.....

The Finance Team is sponsoring an S/S/S on Sunday, April 10. The speaker will be Jane Hanawalt, a local attorney. The subject will be: Planning for change: wills, living trusts, and advance directives.

Please bring a soup, salad, or dessert to share while we discuss this important topic. A sign up sheet is on the Christian Education bulletin board next to Greg's office.

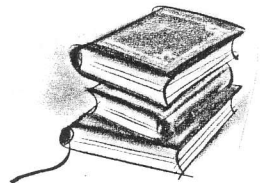
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## BOOK GROUP NEWS!

The Book Group met Friday, March 4th to discuss the book *The Hundred-Foot Journey* by Richard C. Morais. It is described as "a rich, delicious novel about a young Indian boy who becomes a three-star chef in Paris. This is a fable for the ages: charming, endearing and compulsively readable." We agreed it was a spicy, delicious book. Some of us have seen the movie and enjoyed it as well.

Our book choice for April is *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr. The story takes place during WWII. The author weaves together the stories of a blind French girl, an orphaned German boy and a Nazi officer searching for a valuable gem. It took Doerr 10 years to complete the book.

We will meet April first (no foolin') to discuss *All the Light We Cannot See*. Join us at Mon Ami at 10:00 for some coffee, tea, a treat, and a fun visit.



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*With our Deepest Sympathy.....*

Our love and sympathy to Bruce McCallum and family upon the loss of his wife, Barbara. Barbara was one of our parish nurses, involved in our youth ministries and served on many other committees throughout the years. A memorial service will be held at the church on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m.

Also our prayers and sympathy to the family of Doris Patterson who passed away in February. Doris was an elder, active in Presbyterian Women, edited our church pictorial directory, taught Sunday school, and volunteered wherever she felt she was needed. She moved to New Mexico to be closer to her children. A memorial service was held at Rancho Rio Presbyterian Church in New Mexico on March 19<sup>th</sup>.



Why not invite a friend to church?

### OUR SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

March 6 - 76  
March 13 - 77  
March 20 - 98 (Palm Sunday)



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### LECTIONARY FOR APRIL

April 3 (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter): Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 118:14-29 or Psalm 150; Revelation 1:4-8; John 20:19-31

April 10 (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter): Acts 9:1-6 (7-20); Psalm 30; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

April 17 (Fourth Sunday of Easter): Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23; Revelation 7:9-17; John 10:22-30

April 24 (Fifth Sunday of Easter) : Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148; Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:31-45

### USHERS AND GREETERS FOR APRIL

	<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Ushers</b>
<b>April 3</b>	Dee Newton Don Phillips	Nancy Ash Alice Collier
<b>April 10</b>	Connie Riebhoff Guy Veach	Ann Floto Paul Floto
<b>April 17</b>	Jane Douglass Sharon Pryor	Karil Israel Jonathan Yoder
<b>April 24</b>	Andy LaTomme Carol Parsons	Nancy Gardiner Elton Knutson

## **NURTURE TEAM - March News**

**Prayer Chain** - Ardella Bennett responded to 9 new requests for the prayer chain.

**Parish Nurse** - Our parish nurse Connie Bradley made 20 different contacts to our church family and community members.

**Home Communion** - Home communion was served by Greg Wood and Nancy Gardiner to Esther Dawson and Chuck Cassey.

**Friendly Visitors** - Multiple visits/calls are made each month in our community. Many thanks to those who have responded. We can all do our part by calling on friends and acquaintances. The best time to call on Spruce Point or Shorewood would be before meal times. They start serving at 11:30 and 4:30. Please call the individual first.

**Marie's Mailings** - Marie Mouchett sent out 63 packets this month including 2 sympathy, 15 get wells, 11 birthday and 17 Valentine Day cards.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** - The group meets the first Tuesday of the month at 1:30pm at The Old Coffee Company, 125 Nopal Street- behind BJ's ice cream. Beginners are welcome! More information - contact Marty Palmer 541-902-5149.

There are many opportunities to share our faith by action and we welcome any interested person to our group. We meet every other month on the first Thursday. Our next meeting will be Thursday, May 5th, 10am at our church.

Call Nancy Gardiner, Chair, 541-997-4239 for ways we can be of help.

***"We all have the duty to do good."  
- Pope Francis***

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### **Presbyterian Women (PW) for April**

At our meeting on Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, we'll be studying Lesson 8, The Hospitality of Living Waters – Compassion. While a common thread runs through the entire study, each lesson stands alone and joining us now won't put you behind. Just let me know, and I will provide you with the study material.

Our April hostess will be Debbie Peterson (we'll meet at my home), our co-hostess will be Sharon McKee, and our study will be led by Joanne McMicken. Things to remember:

- 9:15 am Car pool leaves the church
- 9:30 am Social time, with beverages and goodies
- 10:00 am Meeting starts

As always, PW meetings and events are open to all women of PCOS. Please join us.

Debbie Peterson, PW Moderator



## MISSION NEWS.....

During March, your Mission Team requests that you give generously to **One Great Hour of Sharing**. For those of you who have offering envelopes, you can drop it in the offering plate or if you prefer you can Text OGHS to 20222 to give \$10 or email [presbyterianmission.org/give-oghs](http://presbyterianmission.org/give-oghs).

This opportunity is the first of the Special Offering Opportunities for 2016.

Your gift serves people in our community and beyond to alleviate hunger, rebuild after catastrophic events and to overcome oppression. Allocation of funding is as follows:

**32% Presbyterian Disaster Assistance**-We work alongside communities as they recover from natural or human caused disasters.

**36% Presbyterian Hunger Program**- The goal is to offer food to the hungry and to alleviate root causes of poverty so that all may be fed.

**32% Partnering in Development**-Provides resources and education to poor, oppressed and disadvantaged communities to eradicate poverty and injustice by projects that lead to economic and social benefits for families and the greater community.

The Next Campaign – **Pentecost Offering**, Begins March 28- May 15. The focus of this is youth-focused activities. More information will be forthcoming.

Thank you to all who donated cash and soup for Food Share, you can donate food for in the boxes in the Narthex at any time. Check the bulletin Board across from the office— There are several new items posted.

Wishing you all a Blessed Easter and a Happy Spring!

Sharon Pryor, Chair



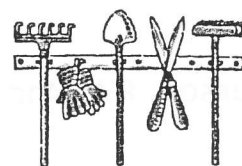
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## PROPERTY TEAM

A special thank you to the following people for their help Saturday, March 19, with cleaning brush, tree limbs, weeds and debris during our Property Work Day: Marv Ryall, Eleanor Barr, Larry Newman, John Skarda, Rev. Greg Wood, Eddie Ross, and Ron McCrary.

The Property Team's next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:15 pm.

Pete Peterson, Chair





## FELLOWSHIP TEAM.....

The fellowship team has been busy with various aspects of our team's responsibility. We're helping the Wednesday night Lenten dinners as well as the weekly Sunday fellowship hour. There's always openings for volunteers to host the fellowship hour. Some of you haven't done it for awhile so give it a whirl and we'll all be happy to partake in anything you bring.

We're also responsible for the display case located in the hallway near Pastor Greg's office. It's always fun to see the various items people put in it to share with all of us. We do have a few openings, however, for July, August and September. So, put on your thinking hats and share your treasures with us.

For those of you unawares, there's a whole set of scrapbooks in the church library marking different events we have and noting church members making news in the community. They're great fun to look at, especially the older ones so take a gander.

And, lastly, the updates of the pictures of our church family to redo the board outside the church office. It's been painfully pitiful for some time so look forward to new pictures in a few weeks. We still have a number of people whose pictures haven't been done but we'll fill the board up as we complete them. Many, many thanks to Ken and Helen Stone for taking all the pictures and printing them for us. Great job!

Susan Nofrey, Fellowship Chair

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### THE NEEDLERS



In preparation for our Fall Bazaar, The Needlers will begin having work days twice a month starting in April. The two April dates will be Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, and Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. We will be meeting from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall both days. It is not necessary to attend for that whole period of time....join us when you can. The Needlers is open to everyone in the congregation. If you like to sew, quilt, weave, knit, crochet, or any other type of needle craft work, this is a great opportunity for you to join us in fellowship as we work on projects and visit.

In April, one of our projects will be "rag quilts" which, despite their name, are made from beautiful flannel fabric squares quilted into lap quilts. They are fun and easy to make, the perfect project for anyone wanting to learn to quilt. Fabrics, patterns and hands-on help will be available for "rag quilts" to be made for our Fall Bazaar (November 5<sup>th</sup>). Don't sew? We can always use your help for the important task of cutting the fabrics.

Bring a sack lunch and spend the day. We hope you will join us.

Debbie Peterson