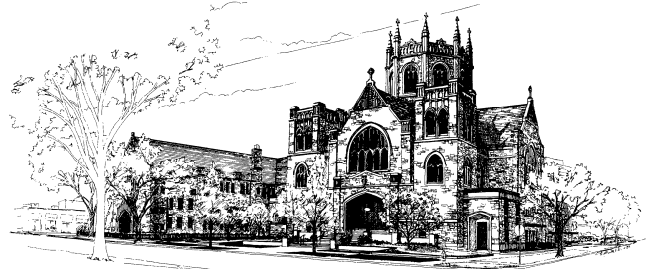


# First Presby News



*"In the Heart of the City, In the Heart of God"*  
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## **Mission Statement**

In response to the love and grace of God, First Presbyterian Church of Wichita, Kansas, is a fellowship of believers bound together to glorify God and to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ through worship, spiritual nurturing, education and mission to all people.

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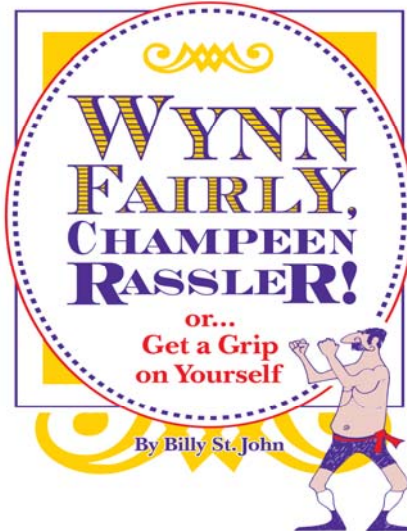
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## **Sunday Worship Schedule**

Worship 8:30 a.m.—Chapel  
Coffee Fellowship 9:15 a.m.  
(The Well)

Worship 10:45 a.m.—  
Sanctuary

**First Presbyterian Church is a  
Stephen Ministry Congregation**



## **Easter at FPC**

**Palm Sunday, April 9**  
8:30 (Chapel) & 10:45 a.m.  
(Sanctuary)

## **Maundy Thursday**

April 13, 7:00 p.m.  
(Sanctuary)  
(Nursery Provided)  
One Hour Prayer Vigil  
following service  
(Sanctuary)

## **Good Friday**

April 14, 11:30 Luncheon  
(WDR)  
12:30 Service (Chapel)  
One Hour Prayer Vigil  
following service (Chapel)

## **Easter Sunday**

April 16, 10:45 a.m.  
(One Service in Sanctuary)  
Egg Hunt at Noon  
(Front Lawn)

*First Presbyterian Church  
Youth Group  
Presents their 2017 Melodrama*

*Friday, April 7, at 6:00 p.m.*

*Saturday, April 8, at 11:00 a.m.*

*Sunday, April 9, at 12:00 p.m.*

*Tickets available in advance or  
at the door-Group rates are  
available*



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**☞ Congregational Care ☜**

**Let Us Focus Our Prayers on These Members:**

Jackson Haltom, Jim Chitty, Velta Clough, Martha Winn, Pearl Whittit, Mary Wehrheim, Tom Starnes, Paul Crittenden, Kevin and Michelle Cronkleton & family, Cynthia Berner, Bob and Sandra Carriker, Cliff and Peggy Wathne, Ann Gill, Allen and Jo Hillen, Kenneth Long, Betty Jo Dotzour, Geri Doll, Roger and Ann Eastwood, Matt and Joanna Ediger & family, Steven Harper, Sigmond Jacob, Roger Klocke, and Pat Mah.

**Sympathy:**

Sympathy to the Harry Williford family, to Doris Little on the death of her sister Shirley Marken, to Liz and Bob Workman on the death of Liz's mother, Audrey Meeker, to Donna Hellum, on the death of her sister Bernice Williams, and to the Nada Canfield family. Please keep all these families and friends in your prayers as they grieve these recent deaths.



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|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| 1 Kay McDoniel<br>Brent<br>Johnston   | 11 Nancy<br>Clausing<br>Carol Orr | 19 Dorothy Helsel<br>Richard Dixon               |
| 2 John Rhoads<br>Richard<br>Forwalder | 12 Carol<br>Cunning-<br>ham       | 23 Kenny Lewis<br>Steve Ivy                      |
| 3 Aimee Wallace                       | Mary Louise<br>Heaton             | 25 Jerry Devins<br>25 Nancy Jones<br>Scott Jones |
| 4 Naomi<br>Lingwood<br>Porter Hellwig | Donna<br>Coldwater                | 26 Deanna<br>Waggaman<br>Sam Knecht              |
| 7 Barbara<br>Addison                  | 13 Joann<br>McCandless            | 28 Kenny Wright                                  |
| 8 Andrew<br>Johnston                  | 14 J. Kubik<br>Sara<br>Hutchison  | 29 Cheryl Runyan                                 |
| 9 Jackson<br>Haltom                   | 15 Christopher<br>Fox             |  |
|                                       | 17 Kevin Moler                    |  |



## ☞ From the Pastor's Desk ☜

### **Lenten Small Groups Have Begun:**

My Lenten small group study on Wednesday nights is going well. We are averaging 12 participants for each session and are studying, *If You Want to Walk on Water, You've Got to Get Out of the Boat*, a DVD based study by John Ortberg. This is an excellent and timely study as we preparing to step out of the boat to promote growth at FPC.

### **PCPG Making Preparations for the Session Retreat:**

The PCPG is meeting monthly as it prepares to lead the Session/Staff Retreat on April 28-29, at Camp Whispering Winds. They have also decided to go on two road trips to see how we might facilitate growth at FPC. The first road trip is to First Presbyterian Church in Winfield on April 1st from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. to talk with Pastor Angela and her lay leaders about what they have done and are doing to promote growth. Then on April 24 and 25<sup>th</sup>, we will be on the road to Lincoln, Nebraska, to attend the annual Church Growth Conference sponsored by Westminster Presbyterian Church and Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Foundation.

### **EPIC Worship on the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the Month:**

Worship and Music met this past Sunday to discuss what EPIC Worship might look like on the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month. We agreed it was a good way to involve the Children and Youth and Young Adults in our worship service... if they will prepare on Wednesday nights what they plan to do to ensure the quality of worship. Tom Winters, Stacey Rucker, and Steve Bixler represented Worship and Music at the Christian Education meeting at 6:00 p.m. this past Tuesday night at *The Well*. From these discussions, it was agreed to have a group of people to plan the theme of Epic Sundays so each little element of worship fits and is done well. It was decided that the first EPIC Sunday would be May 14, Mother's Day. And that the next EPIC Sunday would be June 18 around the theme of VBS, and July 9<sup>th</sup> would be given to Young Adults to work on a theme, and August 13 would be an EPIC Youth Sunday.

### **Preparations for Holy Week:**

Even though I am in my 31<sup>st</sup> year of pastoral ministry, preparing for the special services surrounding Holy Week never gets old. Each year it becomes for me an opportunity to renew my faith as I walk with Christ to Jerusalem and the cross. The power of hearing the Passion Account read in its entirety on Maundy Thursday is high drama indeed. The music at the Maundy Thursday service is some of the best we will hear all year. Remembering Jesus' last meal and instructions to a group of people he poured his life into... whose own life would be poured out for the forgiveness of sins, makes me all the more appreciative of his sacrifice for the sake of the world. Regrettably, my name must be added among those who have at times denied and betrayed Christ. This prepares me for the Good Friday service when I will take that hammer in my hand, feel the weight of it as I am weighed down with sin and guilt, and then pound the nail into the cross and hear the echo of my action reverberate across the Chapel and across time. I leave in darkness and silence awaiting the news on Easter morning, "Why do you look for the living among the dead. He is not here. He is risen." Paul was right in understanding that the essence of Christian discipleship is dying with Christ that we might be raised with Christ. So, join me for all the Holy Week services this year including the Prayer Vigil following the Maundy Thursday Service and Good Friday service.



Grace and Peace,

Pastor Brent

## ☞ A Few Words from Judy ☜

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of March, I left for an eight-day tour of Panama with my younger brother and his wife who live in San Antonio, Texas. My brother, my only sibling, was diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease five years ago. We both have traveled extensively throughout our lives, sometimes together, and he very much wanted to take this one last trip abroad. Together they had invited me to join them, and we all knew that they could not embark on this arduous adventure without my help.

The progression of his disease has been incredibly slow. Once a successful businessman and an avid reader, he can no longer read or do even the simplest of tasks, but...he can still carry on a great conversation about things he knows and loves, and speaks openly of his affliction. His wife, however, is the one who is now "in charge." She encourages him, laughs with him, and struggles to help him maintain his dignity. He is easily frustrated, and she is skilled at hiding her own frustration and exhaustion from the all-consuming task of caring for him, and the cost to her own wellbeing.

A dear friend, who had struggled with caring for her invalid husband for many years, told me long ago, "People always ask me, 'How is Harry doing?' but they never ask me how I'm doing." What she said had a profound effect on me. There are families in our congregation and beyond, who we know, who have similar stories of having to face debilitating illnesses, either themselves or with their loved ones. But, there is one thing that is always the same - they are all stories about those needing care AND those who do the caregiving.

First Presbyterian Church is a congregation that deeply cares for those in our family of faith who are struggling with personal crises of all kinds, but let us remember to always reach out to those who are the hands and feet of Jesus, doing the day-by-day work of caring for those who cannot care for themselves.

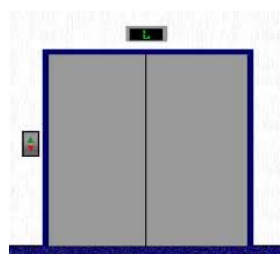
*Judy*

## ☞ Journey Class ☜

In April of 2015, Archbishop Desmond Tutu traveled to the Dalai Lama's home in Dharmasala, India, to celebrate the Dalai's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday, and to create what they hoped would be a gift for others. They looked back on their long lives to answer a single burning question: How do we find joy in the face of life's inevitable suffering? By the end of the week, filled with laughter and punctuated with tears, these two global heroes had stared into the abyss and despair of our times and revealed how to live a life brimming with joy.

The gift they created is the *Book of Joy*, which will be the final study for the Journey Class this season. Led by Gerry Winters, we will examine the Nature of True Joy, the Obstacles to Joy, and the Eight Pillars of Joy. Along the way, we will discuss the Practices of Joy which can give us practical ways to incorporate what we learn into our daily lives. The class will be each Sunday, April 23 – May 14 in the East Dining Room from 9:30 -10:30 am.

## Elevate Your Giving



A current balance is still owed. In my humble opinion, it may be a toss up as to whether those with mobility difficulties appreciate the new elevator more, or whether

I do. I do know that during the time it was being replaced, carrying groceries in for the Community Breakfast and other church meals is much more pleasant with a cart and the elevator. With the increased weight limit and reliability, I am also able to ride down with the cart, instead of letting it ride while I walked. There are brochures on the literature table.

Alice Price

## ∞ From the Parish Nurse ∞

### ATRIAL FIBRILLATION

In recent weeks, I visited several hospitalized people dealing with atrial fibrillation. They were symptomatic with this condition but some people have no symptoms until it is discovered during a physical examination. Atrial fibrillation is an irregular and often rapid heartbeat that occurs because of chaotic electrical signals that disrupts the heart's normal rhythm or heartbeat. Atrial fibrillation (A-Fib) is the most common type of irregular heartbeat that causes the heart to fibrillate or quiver. The result is a fast and irregular heart rate ranging from 100-175 beats per minute. (Normal heart rate is 60-100 beats per minute). Some of the symptoms of A-Fib include:

General fatigue and weakness

Rapid and irregular heartbeat or a “fluttering” or “thumping” feeling in your chest

Dizziness

Shortness of breath and anxiety that worsens with exercise

Feeling faint or experiencing confusion

Sweating

Chest pain or pressure (**\*Chest pain is always a medical emergency. You may be having a heart attack; call 911 immediately.**)

Call your doctor if you have episodes or periods of unexplained symptoms listed above.

A-Fib can result from conditions that cause damage to the heart's structure such as:

High blood pressure

Coronary artery disease

Congenital heart defects as well as abnormal heart valves

Previous heart surgery and history of heart attacks

Viral infections

Lung diseases

Overactive thyroid (hyperthyroidism) or other metabolic imbalance

Exposure to medications, stimulants, tobacco or alcohol

Untreated sleep apnea

Obesity

Family history

The three main types of treatment for A-Fib include the use of rate- control medications to slow the heartbeat, rhythm-control medications (antiarrhythmics) to regulate the rhythm, and medications to prevent the complication of stroke. The chaotic rhythm of A-Fib may cause the blood to pool in the upper chamber of the heart causing the formation of clots. If a clot becomes dislodged from the heart, it may travel to the brain causing blocked blood flow which causes a stroke. Blood thinners are routinely used to greatly lower your risk of a stroke or possible damage to other organs by preventing blood clots.

Other treatment options include electrical conversion that involves a low-voltage electrical shock to reset the rhythm. Also, catheter ablation is a minimally invasive procedure that destroys tiny areas of the heart that causes atrial fibrillation.

I am available the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month in *The Well* during coffee fellowship to check your blood pressure and pulse. I have detected irregular rhythms and abnormal blood pressures and always recommend a visit to your doctor.

*Joan*

## ☞ Children's Ministry News ☜

In effort to focus our energy and time on what is working the decision has been made that Children's Church is not as effective as we had hoped. We are turning over the handling of the current classroom to the mission committee so that the Congolese children will still have a place to grow in their faith.

If you wish to take your children to *The Well* and continue worship, we will have staff there to be with the children and activities to keep them engaged and busy. We also have plans to use the Library.

At this time, we would like to refocus our time and energy into Wednesday evening as those nights we get the best attendances.

We would still like to meet throughout the summer even though activities end on April 19<sup>th</sup>. We will be coming up with some different dates and establish a play group for our families with younger kids. We plan to make these events family friendly and hope that we can continue to grow closer as a church family.

We would also like to get more parent involvement. Having parent involvement is very important in helping our children grow in their faith and gain the necessary tools to navigate this very difficult world we live in. We understand that every family has very busy schedules and we are understanding of this factor. We are asking for commitment to be here Wednesday as much as possible. I am more than willing to help figure out transportation if that is an issue. We want to grow our church, but we also want to serve your families and grow closer as a church family. It is a priority to me to invest in the children of First Presbyterian Church. They are the future of our church. My hope is to work with others in the church on rebuilding and making our children's and youth program attractive to the community and serve the needs of our young families.

## Egg Hunt

Our Annual Easter egg hunt will happen April 16<sup>th</sup>. We need candy donations to fill the eggs. Please drop off donations at the front office.



## VBS



Summer planning is underway and we need volunteers.

VBS is June 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the church.

Games Camp is June 19<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> at the church camp.

Registration will be due MAY 23, 2017. If you would like to send

your child, please pick up a form on the table in the main hallway or contact the church and we will send you the forms.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Liz Garner at 316-214-4318

## ☞ Youth Activities ☜

### Youth Activities for April 2017

**April 1 (Saturday)** – Try volunteering at the Community Breakfast. The community breakfast is an ongoing mission of our church. We encourage you and your family to volunteer. Anyone who would like to volunteer should contact Dick & Margaret Wieland-Dick's cell # 316.833.6832/Margaret's cell # 316.833.6831/wielands@swbell.net or contact Geri.

**April 2 (Sunday)** – (2) worship services at 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Youth Sunday school is in the Youth Lounge from 9:30-10:30 a.m. **Melodrama rehearsal from 12-2 p.m.**

**April 3 (Monday)** – Melodrama rehearsal 6-8 p.m.

**April 4 (Tuesday)** – No Youth Ministry Team meeting. Melodrama rehearsal 6-8 p.m.

**Cooking after rehearsal, youth and parent volunteers appreciated!**

**April 5 (Wednesday)** – **Youth Club is Melodrama.** Free time-5 to 5:30 p.m., Dinner-5:30 to 6:00 p.m., melodrama rehearsal 6-8 p.m.

**April 6 (Thursday)** – Melodrama rehearsal 6-8 p.m.

**April 7 (Friday)** – **Melodrama opening night!** Arrive at 4:30 p.m., the meal begins at 6:00 p.m.

**April 8 (Saturday)** – **Melodrama matinee!** Arrive at 9:30 a.m., the meal begins at 11:00 a.m.

**April 9 (Sunday)** – **Palm Sunday** - No Youth Sunday school-**Melodrama final show!** - Arrive at 10:30 a.m., meal starts at noon, **youth meal after show along with tearing down the set.**

**April 11 (Tuesday)** – CE&F Meeting 6:15-7:15 p.m. in *The Well*

**April 12 (Wednesday)** – No Youth Club

**April 13 (Thursday)** – Maundy Thursday service 7:00 p.m.

**April 14 (Friday)** – Good Friday lunch 11:30 a.m. followed by the service at 12:30 p.m.

**April 16 (Easter Sunday)** - **Easter-** Youth Sunday school is in the Youth Lounge from 9:30-10:30 a.m. -(1) worship service at 10:45 a.m. with coffee fellowship and Easter Breads in *The Well.* **Youth hide Easter eggs at 10 a.m.**

**April 19 (Wednesday)** - **Youth Club @ North Riverside Park-Potluck!** Starts at 6 p.m.

**April 22 (Saturday)** – Camp work day 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Come when you can and bring a side for lunch!

**April 23 (Sunday)** - (2) worship services at 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Youth Sunday school is in the Youth Lounge from 9:30-10:30 a.m. **EPIC planning following the 2<sup>nd</sup> worship service.**

**April 26 (Wednesday)** – Youth Club in *The Well*-**Good and Evil Through the Eyes of Fantasy-Narnia**-5:30-7:30 p.m.

**April 30 (Sunday)** - (2) worship services at 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Youth Sunday school is in the Youth Lounge from 9:30-10:30 a.m. **CE&F volunteer recognition in the 2<sup>nd</sup> worship service.**

Questions? E-mail Geri Doll [doll@firstchurchwichita.org](mailto:doll@firstchurchwichita.org), call or text 316-737-8855.

We are happy to give you a ride if needed.



☞ Economy Corner ☜

**APRIL ECONOMY CORNER NEWS**



February's 2017 total sales were \$7460.91. FPC's share was \$7004.39 and Grace's was \$607.13. There was a decrease of \$1105.47 in our total sales over February 2016 due to the unseasonably warm weather.

We filled 104 vouchers for basic clothing necessities which were equivalent to \$1486.40. FPC's portion of the vouchers equaled \$1123.10 and Grace's was \$362.30. Following our half-price and bag sales the end of March, we will open on April 3rd with spring clothing. As you begin your Spring cleaning, please remember that we are always in need of donations. Your generous donations of goods and volunteer time allow us to pursue our Mission of serving our urban community in meeting their daily needs.

☞ Comic's Corner ☜



**Helpers at Kansas Food Bank**  
 "Team Presbyterian" had 21 willing workers at the Kansas Food Bank March 22.



Our church had 28 youth and adults in attendance at SleepLESS this past March. The theme was "Come and See," from the verse Psalm 66:5. The Youth Council decided on a circus idea including a ringmaster and a carnival! The keynote speaker was the Rev. Dr. Perryn Rice, Senior Pastor at Lake Highlands Presbyterian Church in Dallas, Texas. The Covenant Presbyterian Church praise band provided awesome music and great food was enjoyed at the student union cafeteria. This annual event for youth is planned completely by the Presbytery of Southern Kansas Youth Council and our own youth group has seven members on Youth Council. Thanks be to God for a spiritually moving and very well attended youth event in 2017!



We wish to express our sincere thanks to the First Presbyterian Church staff and members for the many gracious and loving acts of kindness shown to us due to the recent loss of our son, Tom. We were especially comforted by Pastor Judy Conners' memorial service and by the music of Steve Bixler and Gary Huffman. Thanks to the ushers for their hospitality, and to the lunch servers for their assistance. We want to thank all of you so much for your thoughts, prayers, cards, memorials, and food. A special thank you to Judy Conners and Joan Aldridge for their visits with Tom. Thanks be to God for our church family!

Stan and Evelyn Koehn Family



☞ Camp Whispers ☜

☞ PW Study ☜



Spring  
WORK DAY

**WORK DAY AT  
WHISPERING  
WINDS CAMP**  
Saturday, April 22  
8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

We have painting, cleaning, chainsaw work, and raking. There are plenty of other jobs, too. The pool will be worked on by Doug Aldrich and crew. We want to open the pool on Memorial Day weekend. Open House/Work Day on 4/22. Help Wanted: Lifeguards for the summer.

**PW study “Who is Jesus—According to the other Abrahamic Faiths”**

Pat Welker will be the leader for the PW study circle’s lesson #8 as we look outside the New Testament to explore Jesus through the lens of our sister Abrahamic faiths, Judaism and Islam. As Christians, we need to be informed about how these traditions view Jesus and be willing to engage in dialogue with our sisters and brothers of these faiths. Guests are always welcome. The meeting will be Wednesday, April 12, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. in the parlor.



**DILLON'S  
COMMUNITY  
REWARDS**

To verify that you are enrolled in the Dillon's Community Rewards program, check near the bottom of your grocery receipt for “First Presbyterian Church”. If FPC is not identified there, please

go to <https://www.dillons.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow>. Alternatively, go to “Dillons.com/”, “Community” on the header, then “Dillons Community Rewards.” Once there, create an account with your e-mail address, your password, and Organization Number 10149. If you need assistance to enroll, stop by *The Well* between services on the 3rd Sunday of each month (same as blood pressure checks). Funds donated by Dillon's are used to support the Camp, its programs, and its missions. Many thanks for your support.



**“Earth Day” Picnic  
Celebration**

You are all invited to a church-wide picnic celebration on Wednesday, April 19 (rain or shine!). The Park Villa in Wichita's North Riverside Park has been reserved for a time of fun and fellowship for the whole church family. First Presbyterian's Stewardship Committee is planning activities for all ages so that we might celebrate God's beautiful earth and learn how to be good stewards. Last year's event was attended by over 80 members.

You can come as early as 5:30 p.m. We will plan to eat at 6:00 p.m.. The main course, drinks and service will be provided. You are encouraged to bring any side dish to share. Ice cream will follow.



To accommodate member work schedules, the Camp Committee's regular meeting has been changed to begin at 6 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month. Supplemental meetings will also be held between services (i.e. 9:45 to 10:45) in *The Well* on the third Sunday of each month (coinciding with blood pressure checks and Dillon's Rewards assistance).

## ∞ One Great Hour of Sharing Offering 2017 ∞

During World War II and immediately following, Protestant churches made appeals for relief and reconstruction. The Episcopal Church took the lead and in 1946, on nationwide radio, one million dollars was raised in one hour to help people and communities in need.

In 1949, church leaders from several denominations joined together to organize an appeal aimed at supporting the separate campaigns of American churches. Pulling together, they could prove to the world the great power generated when Christians united in a common cause.

In 1950, the title “One Great Hour of Sharing” was used for the first time. Its goal was to make the love of Christ real for individuals and communities around the world who suffered the effects of disaster, conflict, or severe economic hardship, and for those who serve them through gifts of money and time.

From the beginning this has been an ecumenical effort. As denominations changed and merged, One Great Hour of Sharing has varied from eight to twenty-nine participating communions. Currently, the One Great Hour of Sharing committee officially comprises eight Christian denominations: American Baptist Churches USA, African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, Church of the Brethren, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), United Church of Christ, and Church World Service. The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) calls the offering Week of Compassion. In various ways, all work in cooperation with Church World Service, the relief, development and refugee assistance arm of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.

The purpose of One Great Hour of Sharing has remained the same: to collect special gifts to assist those in need. Today, projects are underway in more than 100 countries, including the United States and Canada. Since the 1990s, receipts have exceeded \$20 million annually. While specific

allocations differ in each denomination, most use their One Great Hour of Sharing funds to make possible disaster relief, refugee assistance, and development aid.

PC(USA) funds collected will be shared and invested as follows:

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) 32%, works alongside communities as they recover and find hope after the devastation of natural or human-caused disasters.

Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP) 36%, takes action to alleviate hunger and the systemic causes of poverty so all may be fed.

Self-Development of People (SDOP) 32%, invests in communities responding to their experiences of racism, oppression, poverty and injustice and educates Presbyterians about the impact of these societal ills.

Contributions to One Great Hour of Sharing make a difference in the lives of real people. Leaders of impacted communities identify the needs of their people. Priorities for short, medium and long-term solutions are then made for the purpose of improving the quality of life for individuals and the communities. Around the world, One Great Hour of Sharing continues to respond to needs equally critical as when it was first created.

The theme for the 2017 campaign is “You Shall Be Called Repairers of the Breach” from Isaiah 58. Please, give generously to One Great Hour of Sharing when it is received on Easter Sunday!





**Saturday, April 1**

- 8:00 Community Breakfast (EDR)
- 9:30 Guadalupe Clinic (EDR)

**Sunday, April 2**

*Communion*

- 8:30 Worship (Chapel)
- 9:15 Coffee Fellowship (*The Well*)
- 9:30 Sunday School & Luccock Class (Parlor)
- 10:15 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 10:45 Worship (Sanctuary)
- 10:45 Congolese Worship (C204/C201)
- 12:00 Melodrama Practice (EDR)

**Monday, April 3**

- 6:00 Melodrama Practice (EDR)

**Tuesday, April 4**

- 1:00 Staff Meeting (Hobbs)
- 5:15 Mission Com. Mtg. (Hobbs)
- 6:00 Melodrama Practice (EDR)
- 6:00 Youth Ministry Team (YL)

**Wednesday, April 5**

- 9:00 Dorcas (C105)
- 5:00 Facilities Com. Mtg. (Hobbs)
- 5:30 Kid's & Youth Club
- 5:30 Wednesday Night Bible Study (*The Well*)
- 6:00 Melodrama Practice (EDR)
- 6:00 James Ringers (Sanctuary)
- 7:00 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

**Thursday, April 6**

- 8:30 Sr. Men's Breakfast
- 6:00 Melodrama Practice (EDR)

**Friday, April 7**

- 12:00 Lectionary Bible Study (WDR)
- 6:00 Melodrama Practice (EDR)
- 7:00 Kell First Friday

**Saturday, April 8**

- 9:00 Gardens & Grounds
- 9:30 Transportation Mtg. (C109)
- 11:00 Melodrama (EDR)

**Sunday, April 9**

*Palm Sunday*

- 8:30 Worship (Chapel)
- 9:15 Coffee Fellowship (*The Well*)
- 9:30 Sunday School & Luccock Class (Parlor)
- 9:30 Stephn Ministry Supervision (C103)
- 10:15 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

- 10:45 Worship (Sanctuary)
- 10:45 Congolese Worship (C204/C201)
- 11:45 Worship & Music Com. Mtg. (McComb)
- 12:00 Melodrama (EDR)

**Monday, April 10**

- 4:30 Personnel Com. Mtg. (Hobbs)

**Tuesday, April 11**

- 1:00 Staff Meeting (Hobbs)
- 2:00 Blood Pressure Check (EC)
- 5:15 Children's Ministry Team (RR)
- 5:30 Finance & Administration Com. Mtg. (Hobbs)
- 6:00 Deacons Mtg. (C109)
- 6:15 CE&F Com. Mtg. (*The Well*)

**Wednesday, April 12**

- 9:00 Dorcas (C105)
- 10:00 PW Study Circle (Parlor)
- 5:30 Kid's & Youth Club
- 5:30 Wednesday Night Bible Study (*The Well*)
- 6:00 Camp Com. Mtg. (Hobbs)
- 6:00 James Ringers (Sanctuary)
- 7:00 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

**Thursday, April 13**

- 9:00 Economy Corner Board Mtg. (EC)
- 7:00 Maundy Thursday Service (Sanctuary)
- 8:00 One Hour Prayer Vigil Following Service (Sanctuary)

**Friday, April 14**

- 11:30 Good Friday Luncheon (WDR)
- 12:30 Good Friday Service (Chapel)
- 1:00 Prayer Vigil (Chapel)

**Sunday, April 16**

*Easter/Prayers of the People*

- 9:15 Coffee Fellowship (*The Well*)
- 9:45 Dillon's Rewards Enroll (*The Well*)
- 10:00 Blood Pressure Check (*The Well*)
- 10:15 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 10:45 Worship (Sanctuary)
- 10:45 Congolese Worship (C204/C201)
- 12:00 Easter Egg Hunt

**Monday, April 17**

- 5:00 Stewardship Com. Mtg. (Parlor)

**Tuesday, April 18**

- 1:00 Staff Meeting (Hobbs)

**Wednesday, April 19**

- 9:00 Dorcas (C105)
- 5:30 Kid's & Youth Club
- 5:30 Earth Day Celebration at Park Villa

**Thursday, April 20**

- 8:30 Sr. Men's Breakfast
- 11:45 Theological Themes in Literature (RR)

**Friday, April 21**

- 12:00 Lectionary Bible Study (WDR)

**Saturday, April 22**

- 8:00 Camp Work Day (Whispering Winds Camp)

**Sunday, April 23**

- 8:30 Worship (Chapel)
- 9:15 Coffee Fellowship (*The Well*)
- 9:30 Sunday School & Luccock Class (Parlor)
- 9:30 E&H Com. Mtg. (McComb)
- 10:15 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 10:45 Worship (Sanctuary)
- 10:45 Congolese Worship (C204/C201)
- 11:45 Passport to Mission (*The Well*)
- 11:45 Foundation (Hobbs)
- 12:00 Evangelism Com. Mtg. (*The Well*)
- 12:15 12:15 Encounter

**Tuesday, April 25**

- 1:00 Staff Meeting (Hobbs)
- 2:00 Blood Pressure Check (*The Well*)
- 5:00 Calendar Events Mtg. (Hobbs)

**Wednesday, April 26**

- 9:00 Dorcas (C105)
- 5:30 Wednesday Night Bible Study (Parlor)
- 5:30 Youth Movie (*The Well*)
- 6:00 James Ringers (Sanctuary)
- 7:00 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

**Sunday, April 30**

*Yellow Bag Sunday/Volunteer*

*Recognition Sunday*

- 8:30 Worship (Chapel)
- 9:15 Coffee Fellowship (*The Well*)
- 9:30 Sunday School & Luccock Class (Parlor)
- 10:15 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 10:45 Worship (Sanctuary)
- 10:45 Congolese Worship (C204/C201)

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## ☞ Session Notes ☞

The Session met on Tuesday, 03/21/2017, for its regular monthly meeting

- \* The Camp Committee reported that Youth Horizons will be utilizing Whispering Winds Camp once each week this summer (This is one more way that FPC provides mission to the local community.)
- \* The Worship & Music Committee reported that Judy Connors has begun a homebound communion ministry.
- \* The Worship & Music Committee also reported on plans for a once per month non-traditional service (called

EPIC) beginning in May.

- \* The Mission Committee reminded the Session that the first co-worship service with the Congolese Community will be the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in April (4/30.)
- \* The Finance Committee reported that \$45,000 of the \$73,000 used to replace the elevator in the West Dining room has been raised.
- \* The Session received a letter from The Episcopal Church thanking us for our gift of \$5500 to the Episcopal Migration Ministries.

- \* Due to the Session & FPC Staff retreat planned for 04/28 and 04/29, there will not be a regular Session meeting in April.
- \* Committee Moderators & FPC Staff will have a calendar/planning meeting on 04/18
- \* The current membership of FPC is 441.

Respectfully,

Melinda Sears  
Clerk of Session  
April (04/30)