

The First Presbyterian Church of Lewisburg

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Sunday Worship: Sunday School - 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.

Greetings!

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together...but let us encourage one another. Hebrews 10:24-25

The Christian life is a life of community. We come together for encouragement, inspiration, strength, fellowship. We gather on Sunday morning but it's also valuable to meet at other times. Our Church has been a setting for various small groups over the years. Some have told me that the reason they came to First Presbyterian was because of the small group ministry.

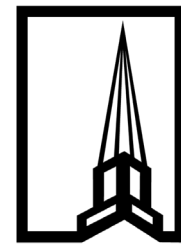
We're blessed that we have persons gathering to pray or study the Bible or converse about faith issues. I think we can grow in this area also.

Perhaps you're already in a group. Or maybe you'd be interested in forming or being part of a new gathering. Please prayerfully consider this possibility.

The life of faith isn't easy. It's good to share the load and journey together. I'd be interested in hearing new ideas on ways to do so.

Prayer: Dear Lord, we thank You for the gift of each other. Help us to find new ways to meet together. Nurture our faith as You nurture our relationships.
Blessings,

Pastor Barb Yorks



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Upcoming Events

Friday, March 1

5:30-8:00 p.m. [First Friday Kids' Night in the Great Hall](#)

Wednesday, March 6

12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m. "Soup & Scripture" at Christ Lutheran Church

Saturday, March 9

9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Spiritual Gifts Seminar

Sunday, March 10

10:30 a.m. [Holy Communion](#)
12:15 p.m. [Luncheon Fundraiser for Youth Mission Trip](#)

Saturday, March 16

5:00 p.m. Chili/Soup Cook-off

Sunday, March 17

*Happy
St. Patrick's
Day*

Ushers This Month

Paul Miller

Roger Curran

Craig Harley

Steve Mebius

Meghan Mebius

Victor Vogel

March Birthdays & Anniversaries

March Birthdays

- 1 Lydia Matukaitis
- 2 Spencer Barlett, Cecilia Peterson
- 4 Brooke Lawton
- 5 Dustine Koons
- 6 Alison Zimmerman
- 7 Bill Moore Sr.
- 8 Tom Campbell, Jeanette Campbell, Dave Thomas
- 9 Caden Papson, Benjamin Shaffer
- 10 Emily Leshner, Gerry Schwieger
- 13 Amy Cooper, Michael Mast
- 14 Victor Vogel
- 15 Anna Griffith
- 16 Abigail McManus, Jonathan Walz
- 18 Jackson Matukaitis
- 21 Marilyn Gaver, Raymond Walz
- 22 Paige Kerstetter, Jennifer Wakeman
- 23 Sandra Sholley, Rachel Wakeman
- 27 Christopher Tirpak
- 28 Sarah Bolig, Kathy Gathman
- 29 Lauren Mebius
- 31 Sutton Kovaschetz, Dale Lind, Margaret Weirick

March Anniversaries

- 7 Joe & Marguerite Santorine
- 14 Mark & Jessica Heid
- 17 Samuel & Barb Taggart
- 19 Jeff & Heather Creighton
- 22 John & Cindy Jones



Greeters

March 3

Tom & Mary Lou Rich

March 10

Bill & Karen Black

March 17

Bill & Ann Roll

March 24

McSween Family

March 31

Mark & Liz Speake

In the Community

Dinner By The River Teams

March 7

Lewisburg Alliance Team

March 14

Sacred Heart Team

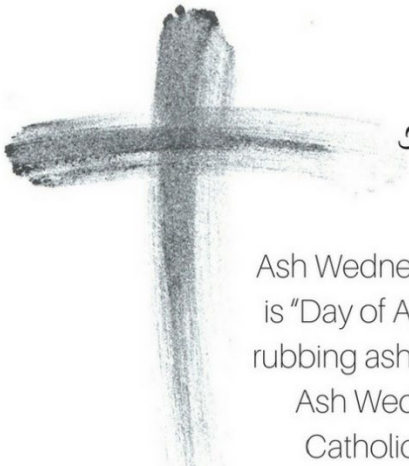
March 21

Zellmann Team

March 28

Shady Grove Team

Wednesday, March 6th- Ash Wednesday



What is
Ash Wednesday?

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent. Its official name is "Day of Ashes," so called because of the practice of rubbing ashes on one's forehead in the sign of a cross.

Ash Wednesday and Lent are observed by most Catholics and some Protestant denominations.

Wednesday, March 6th from 12:00 p.m – 1:00 p.m. *Soup & Scripture*

Beginning on Ash Wednesday, Christ Lutheran Church, located on the corner of St. Louis and 3rd St. will host "Soup & Scripture" every Wednesday from 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. for 6 weeks. There will be a light lunch followed by a devotional presented by a member of the Lewisburg Ministerium. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Thursdays during Lent, beginning March 7th at 7:00 p.m.

We will be offering a book study focusing on Tim Keller's book, "Counterfeit Gods." We will be meeting in the library every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Barb and Dave Shrom will be leading the discussion.

Saturday, March 9th from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. in the Great Hall

We will be offering a Spiritual Gifts Seminar. This is an opportunity to learn more about your personal gifts and abilities. It provides a Biblically-based opportunity to discover how you best fulfill your role in God's plan. This process will help you name, claim, and come to understand and appreciate your Spiritual Gifts. For more info and to register, please contact Pastor Barb.



Sunday, March 10th



Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 10th. Don't forget to turn your clocks forward 1 hour before going to bed on Saturday night.

Wednesday, March 20th – First day of Spring!





CHILI/SOUP COOK-OFF

Saturday, March 16th from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Come support our Youth Mission Trip to Woonsocket RI, by attending the Chili/Soup Cook-Off March 16th!

Our menu:

Crockpots of great chilis and soups...made by YOU!

Toppings, cornbread and rolls, dessert and drinks provided.

Cost is \$5.00 for adults \$2.00 for kids 10 years and under

Your admission lets you taste and judge all of our entries and then fill up on your favorites!

WE NEED YOU! We are looking for people to bring their favorite chili or soup recipe to the event, but you can attend without being a 'chef'! Just come & enjoy!

If you can be one of our contestants, contact April - shroms@uplink.net, 610-405-4066, or the Church office.

Everything is welcome - vegetarian or triple meat!!!

We will taste and we will judge and prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place as voted by the adults and the kids! After eating we'll have some fun activities for everyone including a

SILENT AUCTION!

We're looking for any items including household goods, antiques, new items, gift cards, tools, etc.....LET'S RAISE THE MONEY THE KIDS AND MATT NEED TO TAKE THEIR MISSION TRIP IN JULY!

Items can be dropped off at the Church office or call April and we will gladly pick them up at your house!

Please sign up to be one of our "CHEFS" and donate your auction items early! Contact April today!

Meeting Reminders

Monday, March 4

7:30 p.m. Missions

Tuesday, March 5

6:30 p.m. Congregational Life

Sunday, March 10

11:45 a.m. Meeting of the
Congregation & the
Corporation

Monday, March 11

7:00 p.m. Christian Ed

Monday, March 18

6:00 p.m. Safety Task Force

7:00 p.m. Session, Trustees &
Deacons

Wednesday, March 20

6:30 p.m. Worship Life

Coffee Hour

March 3 – Bill & Beth Shutt

March 10 – Victor & Sally Vogel

March 17 – Amber & Mindy Lind

March 24 – Don & Glenn Dobbs

March 31 – Wayne & Pat
Samuelson

**Sundays from
10:00 – 10:30 a.m. in
The Great Hall**



First Presby Youth Newsletter

Fuel, Refuge, and High School breakfasts are in full swing and going great. All-in-all, we are reaching roughly 70 high school students per week with our various youth programs.

Youth Sunday is officially on May 19th! It's only March, but it's never too early to mark your calendars!

Our high school group has spent the last three weeks looking at the book of James – seeing how we are instructed to find joy in the midst of trying times, how important it is to have a faith of deeds, not just words, and much more. In Fuel, we have spent the last 4 weeks going through a series on the power of influence – the way we let things like social media, friends, music, and movies influence us, and how we can learn from authority figures in our lives.

The mission trip is completely full! Our chaperones are in place and all the student spots are filled. If your son or daughter is still interested, please reach out as soon as possible. We are compiling a list of “alternates” in case a student that is currently signed up may have to drop out. The list of alternates will be first come, first serve so don't wait!

The winter months are always a bit slower and the weather unfortunately causes to have to cancel a large number of our events. Nonetheless, we still have breakfast for both girls and guys happening every week (weather permitting)! We hope to see you at the manse on Wednesday for guys and Friday for girls at 7am!

Please continue to use smile.amazon.com in support of “First Presbyterian Church Lewisburg” as all money goes to this year's youth mission trip! We're all going to be shopping (perhaps more than we should) on amazon anyway, so use smile.amazon.com, make sure that “First Presbyterian Church Lewisburg” is the charity you're supporting, and we get a portion of the final sale price – you don't have to pay more! **In this last quarter, we raised \$89.19 just by people buying things on Amazon!!** Thank you all and let's keep it up!

I am happy to announce a MAJOR answer to prayer! Our mission trip is fully funded! We would not be having a mission trip this year if it wasn't for the tremendous generosity of the congregation as a whole. **However, it looks like we will be in the exact same position next year**, so we are praying that the support for the youth program, and specifically the mission trip, does not stop!

Take a look at the next page to see our upcoming fundraisers!

As we continue our year, especially in the winter months when everything seems to be slower, please be praying for our youth. That despite the weather outside and these long winter months, we are not lulled into complacency in our walks with Christ. Pray for our students' mental, physical, and spiritual health. And please pray that our youth group continues to grow and that all that we do points back to Christ. Thank you all and God bless!

Matthew Rishell – Youth Director

CONGREGATIONAL LUNCHEON MARCH 10TH

BATTLE OF THE BOWLS MARCH 16TH CHILI COOK-OFF!

Lewisburg Arts Festival

MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER

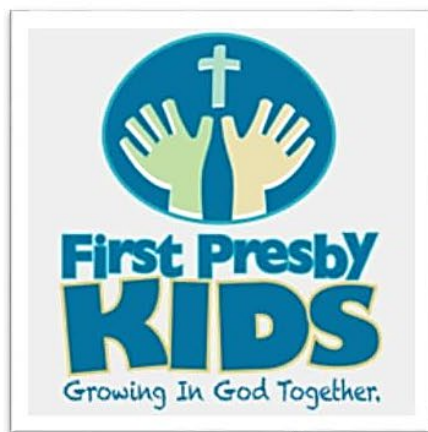
April 27th!

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

JUNE 9TH

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You Shop. Amazon Gives.

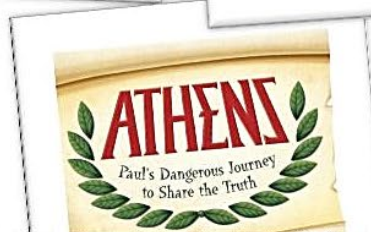
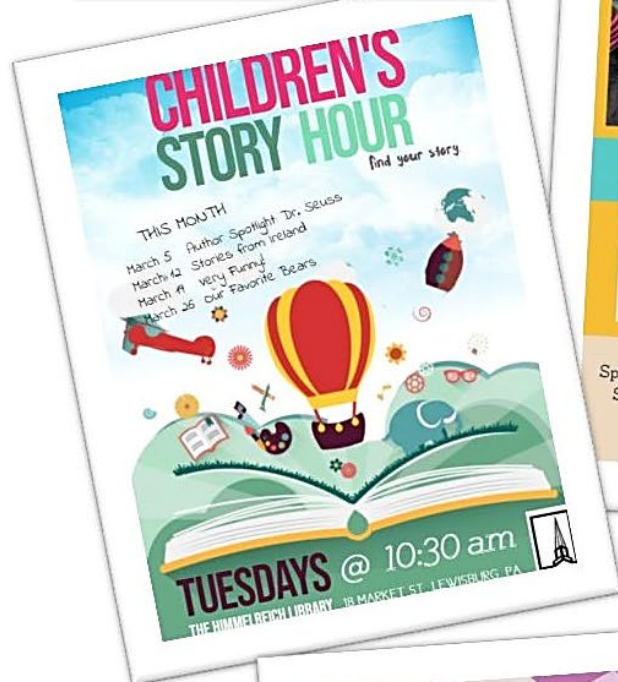
Would you like to be included in our weekly Youth Newsletter to stay up to date on all of our latest events and updates? Contact Matt at firstpresbyyouth@first-presby.org



MARCH 2019

There's lots of fun on the way at First Presby Kids! Hope you can join us for some of these programs and events.

Invite your friends, too! All kids are welcome!



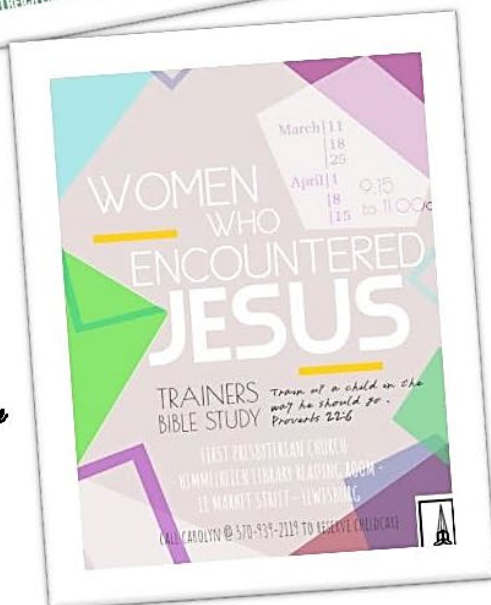
VBS 2019
June 17 – June 21
9 am – Noon

Adventure with us to the city of Athens - as it was when the apostle Paul journeyed there to tell everyone the good news about Jesus. Become part of the amazing story!

Online Registration Opening Soon

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
...YOU can help make this an unforgettable faith experience for kids!

Don't miss this,
 Moms!
 * RSVP for childcare



Got an idea for the Children's Ministry? Want to become a volunteer? Have questions about a program or event? I'm just a call, a text or a click away and I'd love to hear from you.

Carolyn McSween | Director of Children's Ministry
 firstpresbykids@gmail.com | (570) 939-2119



**Youth Mission Trip
Fund Raiser**



CHILI! **COOK-OFF!** **&** **SILENT AUCTION**

BRING YOUR BEST CHILI AND ENTER THE COOK-OFF
OR JUST COME FOR DINNER
AND A NIGHT OF FUN!

SATURDAY MARCH 16
5 - 7 P.M.

ADULTS - \$5
KIDS 10 AND UNDER - \$2

All proceeds support the Youth Summer Mission Trip

