

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!

I've come to view grandparenting as parenting at a slower pace. There is more time to pay attention. I observe and learn from my grandchildren because I am not rushing or distracted.

I seize the opportunities and appreciate the blessings. It occurs to me that grandparenting is to parenting as Lent is to the rest of the Christian year.

During Lent, the spiritual journey moves at a slower pace. God invites us to slow down and consider His blessings. Holy Week particularly highlights the sacrifices He made in His Son. God went to the ultimate limit to demonstrate His love and compassion. Giving back by spending time each day in prayer, Scripture reading and reflection is a small gift on our parts in return.

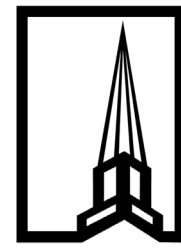
I invite you to value the opportunity and invitation of this season. Start with God don't just give the leftovers of your time and energy. Our Church has a Lenten devotional. Hopefully this booklet will be helpful in your time with God.

Lent is a time many give up something. I find that to be a helpful way to remember God in the small things. Also, please add something: an additional five minutes a day in prayer, an extra Scripture passage to read, a few verses you commit to memorizing, an act of service for a friend or stranger.

I enjoy the slower pace of being a grandparent. I also value the privilege to slow down and walk faithfully with our heavenly Abba.

Prayer: Good Morning, God! You have given us a new day of life. We praise and love You. We seek Your blessing for each hour, minute, second. Help us to hear Your voice and walk in Your path. We love You in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Blessings,
Pastor Barb Yorks



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Upcoming Events

Wednesday, April 3 & 10

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

Thursday, April 4 & 11

7:00 p.m. Tim Keller Book Study on "Counterfeit Gods" in Library

Friday, April 5

5:30-8:00 p.m. First Friday Kids' Night in the Great Hall

Thursday, April 18

7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Holy Communion

Friday, April 19

10:30 a.m. Children's Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 21

8:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast in the Great Hall



Saturday, April 27

8:00 a.m. Lewisburg Arts Festival Fundraiser for Youth

Ushers This Month

Tom Rich
Mark Temple
Patrick Chiboroski
Gerry Schwieger
Chris Zellmann

April Birthdays & Anniversaries

April Birthdays

2 Nolan Jusko

3 Casey Miller, Matthew Zimmerman

4 Shannon Wright

5 Hayden Heid, Nick Kovaschetz, Brian Zaiser

7 David McSween, Lisa Zellmann

12 Craig Harley

14 Grace Bruckhart, Ellis Harley, Betty Lou McClure, Paul Miller

15 Claire Leshar, Natalie Van Fleet

16 Mitchell McSween, Alexis Rathburn

17 Molly Roussell

18 Linda Cox

19 Atwood Ross, Ralph Starkey

20 Simon Barlett, Terry Light, Holly Moore, Jessie Walsh, Richard Ward

22 Mark Heid, Ruth Kraus, Kendell Roussell

23 Claire Graver

25 Rylee Jarrett

26 April Shrom

28 Gabriel Friedberg, Alexander Friedberg, Thomas Graver, Amanda Kovaschetz

29 Katie Cavanagh

30 Martha Gill

April Anniversaries

6 Don & Glenn Dobbs

12 Rick & Kathy Gathman

22 George & Dustine Koons

23 Tom & Jeanette Campbell,
Eric & Barb Schmidt



Greeters

April 7

Jan Temple

April 14

Wayne & Pat Samuelson

April 21

Sharon Pearce & Peg Bouton

April 28

Chiboroski Family

In the Community

Dinner By The River Teams

April 4

Jordan Team

April 11

Shaffer Team

April 18

Tarves/Snyder Team

April 25

Christ Lutheran Team



Sunday, April 14th – Palm Sunday Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, April 18th – Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, April 19th – Children's Egg Hunt at 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, April 21st – Sunrise Service in Soldier's Park at 8:00 a.m.

Easter Breakfast in the Great Hall at 8:30 a.m.

Easter Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, April 3rd & 10th from 12:00 p.m – 1:00 p.m.

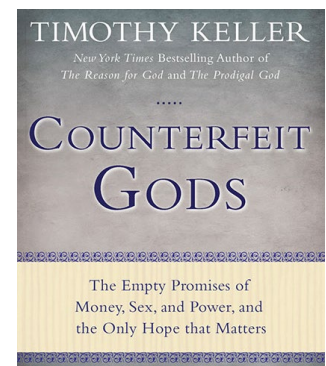
Soup & Scripture

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.



Thursday, April 4th & 11th 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.



We still need a few volunteers to help with preparations for Easter Sunday Breakfast. Help is needed on Saturday, April 20th as well as Sunday, April 21st. If you are able to help on one or both days, please contact Jessie Walsh at 570-713-4624 or jwalsh01@ptd.net.

Update from the Missions Committee

The Missions Committee currently consists of 11 members including Amber Lind (treasurer) from deacons, Bill Snyder and Randy Storm from trustees, Pastor Yorks, lay members Anne Goehring, Nancy Steckel, Marsha Tarves and Jim Zaiser and Jessie Walsh, Don Steckel and Mark Speake (chair) from session. With regret we accepted the resignation of long time member Marilyn Zaiser.

In 2018 we supported a total of 24 different missions organizations, 8 of them local and 16 of them international, representing 23 different missionaries and their families. Included is current church member Caroline Graves with Cru in Southeast Asia and former church members Tom Wright and his wife Lucy with Mission to the World, Ted Turnaeu and his wife Carolyn with Global Scholars, Liz and Jesse North with Intervarsity and Liz Kidney with Intervarsity. Each Mission/Missionary is assigned to one of our committee members and it is the responsibility of the committee member to maintain a loving relationship with, be the contact for, pray for and encourage each of our Missions/Missionaries.

Our missionaries have presented themselves and represented their ministries during the monthly Minute for Missions, including 2 combined Sunday School presentations, and as pulpit supply. Our biggest challenge at the end of the year was to reconcile a \$36,000 (approximate 40%) budget reduction in funding. Our guiding principle was to attempt to keep our missionaries as financially intact as possible requiring that we eliminate support to Camps Krislund and Susque, Expectations, Mitch Bless with Central PA Youth Ministries, Gideons, Open Doors, China Outreach-USA and our own Guatemala medical mission trip. Lynn and Lucy Leitzel with European Christian Ministries retired and Travis and Lorna Curry have taken a leave from The Mission Society. Despite these savings we were still required to reduce support to each of our individual missionaries by 20%. God is faithful and we trust Him in all things.

We embrace the great commission from our Savior "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Mark 28: 19-20 ESV)

We welcome anyone in our congregation that is like minded and who would desire to serve alongside us to join us.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Speake MD

Meeting Reminders

Monday, April 1

1:00 p.m. "Welcome to Mitford"
Book Club in Library

7:30 p.m. Missions

Tuesday, April 2

6:30 p.m. Congregational Life

Friday, April 5, 12, & 26

9:15 a.m. Moms in Prayer

Monday, April 8

7:00 p.m. Christian Ed

Wednesday, April 10

6:30 p.m. Worship Life

Monday, April 15

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

Coffee Hour

April 7 – David & Marcia
Thomas

April 14 – Darryl & Janine Fisher

April 21 – Easter Sunday
Breakfast

April 28 – Mark & Liz Speake

**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 April, but it's never too early to mark your calendars!

Our high school group is going through 1 Peter for the next 4 weeks and in Fuel, we have just spent the last weeks talking about the topic of doubt and how we can use it to grow closer to Jesus.

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!

We will still have breakfast for both girls and guys happening every week (weather permitting) until the end of the school year. We hope to see you at the manse on Wednesday for guys and Friday for girls at 7am for homemade buttermilk pancakes, eggs, bacon, yogurt, fruit, and more!

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!

Our mission trip is fully funded, but we still need help with our fundraisers. It looks like we will be in this exact same situation next year unless we start planning ahead. Please join us for the Art's Festival on April 27th, for crafts for the kids, walking tacos, hot dogs, popcorn, cotton candy, and more!

As we continue our year and we are right in the peak busy season of the school year, please be praying for our youth. That despite our busy lives, 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

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



The annual Lewisburg Arts Festival is scheduled for Saturday, April 27th from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. As a bonus, the Arts Festival Photography exhibit will be hosted in our Library again this year so there should be increased foot traffic through our Church. During the Arts Festival, our Summer Mission Trip Team will be selling walking tacos, hot dogs, popcorn, cotton candy, and more! The Mission Team will gladly accept donations for the food stand. Items can be dropped off in the Church office. The following items are needed:

Hot Dogs	Shredded Lettuce
Hot Dog Buns	Diced Tomatoes
Popcorn Kernels	Baked Goods
Popcorn Oil	Soda in Cans
Popcorn Butter Flavoring	Bottled Water

Next Month



March 1st First Friday

Highlights:

- 25 kids in attendance both from our church and the community
- \$150+ donated to youth mission trip
- Why not be a volunteer?
- Food and fun included!

- **Next event is Friday, April 5**



JOIN US FOR PIZZA & GAMES

FIRST FRIDAY @ FIRST PRESBY

5:30PM to 8PM
Kids ages 3-11 (must be potty-trained)
\$5 suggested donation benefits
First Presby Youth Missions



Spring & Summer 2019

March 1	July 5
April 5	August 2
May 3	September 6
June 7	





HIMMELREICH LIBRARY LAWN
18 MARKET STREET, LEWISBURG

FREE Hands-On Arts and Crafts

- For Kids Of All Ages -

***DRESS FOR THE MESS!**

Hosted by friends at First Presbyterian Church

- The Church By The River -