

The First Presbyterian Church of Lewisburg

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

Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.

The Season of Lent

On Wednesday, March 2nd, the church begins the season of Lent. This day is known as Ash Wednesday, when many Christians receive a smudge of ashes on their foreheads, a reminder that God said, "By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return." (Genesis 3:19. See also Psalm 103:14 and Ecclesiastes 3:20.) This Ash Wednesday, you are invited to attend a service led by Pastors Lisa and Ryan Kraus at the First Presbyterian Church of Sunbury, at 7pm. Ashes will be imposed and the sacrament of the Lord's Supper celebrated.

During Lent, we prepare for Jesus's death on the cross, and for the great celebration of Easter Sunday, which dawns this year on April 17th. (Fun fact! Ever wonder why the date of Easter shifts from year to year? It's because in 325 A.D., at the First Council of Nicaea, the Church decided that Easter would fall on the first Sunday following the first full moon following the spring equinox, observed on March 21st.)

Not counting the Sundays, the season of Lent lasts for 40 days (a Biblically significant period – see Genesis 7:17, Exodus 24:18, 1 Kings 19:8, Matthew 4:2, or Acts 1:3, to name just a few.) Over these 6 weeks, Christians around the world rededicate themselves to following God. We will observe Lent during our Sunday morning worship, and Pastor Ryan's 9:00am Sunday School class in the Chapel will draw on Jill Duffield's book Lent in Plain Sight to explore how several common, everyday objects remind us that



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Upcoming Events

Wednesday, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

6:30 p.m. [Bell Choir Practice](#)

Thursday, March 3

5:30 p.m. [Dinner By the River](#)

Friday, March 4

6:00 p.m. [IF: Gathering](#)

[Women's Conference](#)

Saturday, March 5

9:00 a.m. [IF: Gathering](#)

[Women's Conference](#)

Sunday, March 6

10:30 a.m. [Holy Communion](#)

Thursday, March 17



March Meetings

Tuesday, March 1

7:00 p.m. [Trustee Meeting](#)

Tuesday, March 15

7:00 p.m. [Session Meeting](#)

March Ushers

Paul Miller

Richard Erdley

Victor Vogel

through the love and grace of Jesus Christ, the kingdom of God is in our midst!

Peace to you!

Pastor Ryan



Welcome to the Union County Giving Closet! It is with great joy and excitement that we share this new program that will be housed right here, in our own church! The UC Giving Closet is a new beginning for the Clothes Share program that closed at the end of 2021 when the Eastern Union County Food Bank

moved to the United Pentecostal Church and began serving all of Union County.

The Union County Giving Closet will operate slightly differently than the Clothes Share program but there are a lot of the same ways that you can get involved. First and foremost, we need donations of new and gently used children's clothing and shoes in all sizes to begin building our inventory. It's the perfect time to clean out your children's closets for spring and we will gladly accept the clothing that they no longer need. We will also be collecting new packs of socks, underwear, and pajamas to include in our distributions. We hope to send the packages in large, heavyweight, reusable shopping bags so if you have any extra of those, please think of us before throwing them away or recycling them.

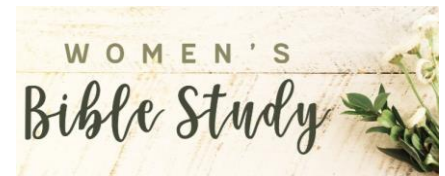
We will also need volunteers to collect and sort donations, pack bags for distribution and deliver bags to the United Pentecostal Church. If you prefer to give a monetary donation, please contact the office at 570-524-4419. You can also donate on our website <https://first-presby.org> by clicking the green GIVE button on the top of the page, click on "Add or change funds," select "Union County Giving Closet" from the fund list and enter the amount to donate. We appreciate any and all involvement from the church family and our community so please help spread the word and follow us on Facebook @ucgivingcloset.

Questions??? Please contact Alison Collins at the church office at 570-524-4419 or ucgivingcloset@gmail.com.



Let's Keep Coffee Hour Brewing!

Volunteers are needed to ensure coffee hour continues every Sunday from 10:00–10:30 a.m. Coffee and treats provided, or you can bake/buy your own. Please choose a date on the sign-up sheet located in the kitchen. Thank you!



All are welcome to join a women's Bible study in the Chapel on **Wednesday, March 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th at 10:00 a.m.** Everyone is asked to wear a mask. Led by Bea Heid.

March Birthdays & Anniversaries

March Birthdays

2 Spencer Barlett, Cecilia Peterson
5 Dustine Koons
8 Jeanette Campbell, Tom Campbell,
Dave Thomas
9 Caden Papson
10 Laura Moore, Gerry Schwieger
13 Amy Cooper
14 Victor Vogel
15 Anna Griffith
16 Abigail McManus, Jon Walz
21 Marilyn Gaver, Ray Walz
22 Paige Kerstetter
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 Sam & Barb Taggart
19 Jeff & Heather Creighton
22 John & Cindy Jones

UPCOMING USHERS:

<u>April 2022</u>	<u>May 2022</u>	<u>June 2022</u>
Mark Temple	Dan Wagner	Rob Guissanie
Terry Light	Bill Black	Sharon Pearce
Ryan Graver	Brent Papson	Mark Reif

*If the month isn't convenient for you, let the Office know. If you will be absent one week, please find a substitute.





First Presby Kids News

MARCH 2022

"He answered, 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. Love him with all your strength and with all your mind. And love your neighbor as you love yourself.'" Luke 10:27

Spring is coming! We continue to have so much to offer the kids of our congregation! In Sunday school, we explore Jesus' parables and in Kids' Church we continue our series on the Beatitudes. We have many ways in which to serve our children – we hope you'll be a part of it!

Nursery care is available for children from birth through age 3.

Sunday School classes are available for children from age 4 through 6th grade.

Kids Church is open to children from age 4 through 3rd grade.

Our Sunday schedule remains as follows:

9:00 a.m. Sunday School in the Education Wing

10:00 a.m. Coffee hour in the Great Hall

10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary; Kids are dismissed to Kids' Church after the Children's Message (NO Kids' Church on the last Sunday of every month)

DON'T MISS ALL THE FUN COMING UP...

First Friday @ First Presby – Friday, April 1, 5:30 – 8:00 pm. Join us for game night – active games and board games. Kids aged 3 through 11 are welcome. Dinner and dessert are provided. Adult volunteers are needed!

Annual Easter Egg Hunt – Friday, April 15 @ 10:30 am. Rain or shine – bring an Easter basket and enjoy Easter stories, crafts, activities and an egg hunt! Appropriate for children through age 11.

First Friday @ First Presby – Friday, May 6, 5:30 – 8:00 pm. This will be our final First Friday for the 2021/2022 school year. We'll celebrate all things spring!

Vacation Bible School – June 27-July 1, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. Make Waves with us as we learn that what we do today can change the world around us. Kids entering Kindergarten through 5th grade are welcome to attend. Youth and Adult volunteers are needed!

Follow us on Facebook @ FirstPresbyLewisburgPA

Corey Jusko

Director of Children's Ministry

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IF:GATHERING 2022

MARCH 4-5

What: If:Gathering 2022 is a two-day live-stream event where women will learn how to live a fully Christian life in our current, modern world. Hosted by Jennie Allen, bible teacher, author, and founder of If:Gathering. Featuring 30 prominent Christian speakers, authors and teachers.

When: Friday, March 4- Doors open at 6:00 p.m. for fellowship & refreshments (program from 7:00 p.m.-10:30 p.m.)

Saturday, March 5- Doors open at 9:00 a.m. for breakfast & fellowship (program from 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.) Lunch is also provided.

Where: First Presbyterian Church, 18 Market St, Lewisburg, PA

Registration fees are covered by First Presbyterian Church; a free will cash donation will be accepted during the event to help offset associated costs.

Registration is available online by clicking [HERE](#).

Paper registration forms are also available in the Narthex.

Questions? Contact Corey Jusko



2022 Youth Summer Mission Trip

July 24 – 30 we head to Frederick, Maryland (2 ½ hours from Lewisburg, 1 hour west of Baltimore) to serve again with Group Missions. We have seats reserved for 12 youth (ages 14 – high school graduate) and 3 adults. You can find more information about Group Mission workcamps, and watch videos from previous summers at

<https://groupmissiontrips.com/>

During the week we will assist low-income, elderly and disabled homeowners with improvement projects that often include indoor and outdoor painting, roofing, and ramp and stair building. No prior construction experience is needed – we'll teach you everything you need to know! We will also enjoy time for worship, fellowship, and fun.

You can reserve your spot with a \$50 deposit (made out to FPC Lewisburg). The deadline for deposits is March 20th, 2022.

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Ryan at pastor@first-presby.org or (570) 524-4419.

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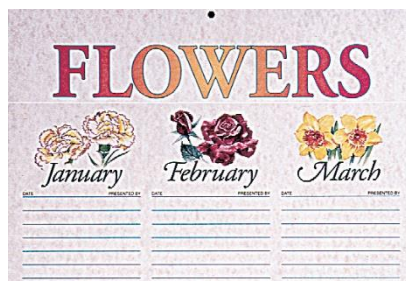
Spring is a time of new beginnings. Buds appear on the trees. Temperatures are warmer and we can move outdoors for activities. Easter arrives and we celebrate the Resurrection.

The forty days before Easter (actually 47 since Sundays are not part of Lent) we have an opportunity to prepare for this new season. We can slow down, clear our schedule and focus on God working in our lives. We can do this but in our busy lives we don't often take the time. Lent is a season of rest, renewal and paying attention in a deeper way. This requires intentional effort.

I invite you to start the process by being part of our Lenten Bible Study. It will be held on Wednesdays at 2 in the library. Also, set aside time each day to seek God through prayer, Bible Study on your own, reading books centered on faith.

There are many ways we can be distracted from living out a life of faith. I invite you to spend time with God during this special time of year. Rest, seek, pay attention.

Barb Yorks, head librarian



The flower chart for 2022 is available in the narthex at the bottom of the stairs. Please sign up for your desired date and notify the office of your dedication at info@first-presby.org or 570-524-4419. The cost to sponsor flowers is \$55.