

## *Daylight Savings Time*



*Daylight Saving  
Time Begins*

Daylight Saving 2020 (also known as Daylight Saving Time and previously known as 'Fast Time' in the United States) is the practice of setting the clocks forward one hour from standard time during the warmer parts of the year (usually summer months), and back again in the colder parts (usually fall), in order to make better use of natural daylight so that evenings have more daylight and mornings have less.

Make sure to set your clocks FORWARD one hour on Sunday, March 8th!

## *Blood Drive*

The Deacons are hosting a Blood Drive on Sunday, March 8th from 9:30 am until 12:30 pm. You can sign up on the clipboard in the Outreach and Information area of the Narthex. Please consider giving blood! Walk-in appointments will be accepted that day.



## *One Great Hour of Sharing*



Faith Endures: "Hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts." (Romans 5:5). Give to One Great Hour of Sharing to support these Presbyterian Mission Agency ministries as they strive to help all of God's people find resilience, hope, and faith in the face of challenging circumstances. Please give generously.

## *Music Notes*

Last month I wrote about some of what goes into the choosing of hymns for a worship service. Have you wondered about how I choose anthems? First, I consider the themes presented in the scriptures for the day and attempt to align the texts of the anthems with the proclamation of the Word. Sometimes there is an obvious choice. For example, at a recent service in February, the lectionary reading from the Gospel of Matthew included the texts of the Beatitudes. Our anthem echoed these words. At other times, the choice is not so obvious. Fortunately, there are various denominational publications and online resources which offer suggestions. Thanks to the generous budget you have allotted, we have been able to add many new choral compositions to an already large library. We have a database of all anthems, catalogued by season, voicing, themes, scripture references, and other factors.

I further consider the anthem's style. Is it "classical"? Does it have a hint of gospel? Is it a tried and true hymn text with a new tune? We like to present a variety of styles over the course of several weeks.

The next question is whether the choir can perform the anthem I've chosen in the amount of time that we have to get it ready. It will take about 4-5 rehearsals for the choir to feel confident about singing a new anthem of average difficulty in worship.

What anthems might you expect to hear during the month of March?

A setting of the Latin "Kyrie" based upon the tune of an African-American spiritual. "God So Loved the World" (John 3:16) from "The Crucifixion" (a "classical" piece).

A different musical setting of the text of Isaac Watts' hymn "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross."

Anthems based on Psalms 32, 121, and 130.

Instrumentalists in March will include Cathy Woelbling-Paul on oboe and English horn, Christine Sasse on violin, and Colleen Shear on clarinet. Some of the pieces they will play are based upon familiar tunes such as "What Wondrous Love Is This" and "Were You There."

I hope to see you at each worship service!

Peace,

Gay



## *Presbyterians Care Weekend*

For The First Presbyterians Care Weekend New Hope will participate in the Confluence Trash Bash 2020, March 21 from 8 AM to noon at Creve Couer Lake House Restaurant.

Register yourself and/or your family on line at [greatriversgreenway.org/trash-bash/](http://greatriversgreenway.org/trash-bash/) specify Creve Couer Lake.

Dress for the weather, bring a water bottle, and gloves. Leave valuables at home and expect to get dirty and have fun. This is a child friendly activity.

Questions? Ask Leigh Lindahl Truett.

## *Going Flowerless for Lent: Reflections on the Season*

The Worship, Music & the Arts Committee has been exploring ways to help our worship lift up the meanings of Lent as a season of the liturgical year. The season of Lent is 40 days, a significant number in the Bible and in our liturgy. It rained for 40 days and nights while Noah was on the ark and God was wiping all wickedness from the face of the earth; the children of Israel wandered for 40 years in the wilderness on their way from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the land of Canaan; the Israelites were under the oppression of the Philistines for 40 years before Samson was born; Elijah prepared for ministry for 40 days and nights; Jonah warned the people of Nineveh that they had 40 days in which to repent; Jesus fasted and was tempted for 40 days before he began his public ministry; there are 40 days from Jesus' Resurrection to his Ascension.



Not only does the number 40 have biblical and liturgical significance, but it has biological significance, as well. In weeks, 40 is the length of human fetal development from conception to birth. So, this number is a part of the development of human life.

At Easter, we celebrate the ultimate triumph of life. During Lent, we prepare for that and strive to empty ourselves of everything that gets in the way of living truly as God would have us live. The undeniable Christian confession is that there is no resurrection without death. Lent is the time to come face to face with the fact of our mortality. Penitence and repentance are “churchy” words often associated with Lent. Like Jesus in the wilderness, Lent is a time for us to travel the dry, dusty road to Jerusalem and experience the barrenness of our own particular wilderness that we might, too, know the joy of resurrection life at Easter.

To that end, we will do without our customary flowers in worship during the season of Lent that we might be all the more enlivened by their return on Easter morning. Rather, our Worship, Music & the Arts Committee has other adornments planned to help us observe Lent as a season of walking with Jesus through the wilderness to Jerusalem, the cross and beyond.



## Resources for Lent

You are certainly aware of a wonderful resource called Illustrated Children's Ministries. This was begun by Adam Walker Cleveland, a Presbyterian pastor and artist, who wanted to make the stories of the Bible more accessible to children and help families share these stories in more meaningful ways. New Hope has been utilizing this wonderful resource for a few years now, especially during the seasons of Advent and Lent. New Hope's children and youth have explored the meaning of these seasons as they have worked on large coloring posters depicting images of these seasons. To augment our earth-care initiative, we have also utilized the curriculum, An Illustrated Earth, as well as coloring sheets produced for scriptures read on other Sundays of the year.



The theme for this edition of An Illustrated Lent for Families is Reflections on Giving. As we journey through this season of Lent together, families are invited to focus intentionally on the spiritual discipline of giving. By exploring Gospel passages about giving, families will reflect on why we give, what we give, and the power of our gifts. Each week explores a different form of giving and the impact our gifts have on those around us. Starting with Ash Wednesday and going through Easter, each weekly session will have a scripture, reflection, discussion questions, activity, coloring sheets, and prayer.

Our Lent devotionals are written to be used by children and adults of all ages. We believe you'll find questions and discussion topics in each devotional that will work for your children, no matter the age. At the same time, feel free to tweak content and questions to work for your family. You don't need to do all the activities for it to be a meaningful experience. Take a look at the devotionals, see what you think will work best for your family's schedule, and find time each week to gather together.

Each devotional consists of the elements below:

**Scripture:** The scriptures are selected Gospel passages about giving.

**Reflection:** A brief reflection is offered for each of the scripture texts. It might make sense for you to read this section to your family, or you may want to read it for yourself and see what questions or themes will resonate best for your family.

**Discussion and Coloring Page:** This is a chance for some family conversation. Since we love coloring here at Illustrated Ministry, we find some of the best conversations often happen while coloring and doing something creative together. We suggest discussing the questions offered while coloring the week's coloring page, which ties in with both the weekly scripture and activity.

**Family Activity:** The activity provided each week invites your family to experience prayer together. As with all our suggestions for spiritual formation, please adjust or customize the activity for your family. We hope you find something that works in your context and opens you toward spiritual growth.

**Prayer:** Finally, each week's devotional ends with a short prayer you can say, or invite your children to repeat after you. This is a simple ritual that can end your family's weekly devotional time and can also be used as a prayer throughout the week.

## *Recommended Lenten Readings*

***Holy Solitude: Lenten Reflections with Saints, Hermits, Prophets, and Rebels*** by Heidi Haverkamp (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2017)

*This small book is full of devotions and reflections for each day of the season of Lent.*

***Station to Station: An Ignatian Journey through the Stations of the Cross*** by Gary Jansen (Chicago: Loyola Press, 2017)

*Most Protestants are unaccustomed to journeying through the Stations of the Cross, seeing it as something “those Catholics” do. However, this small devotional book leads us through the scriptural Stations of the Cross, focusing exclusively on events that are found in the Bible, which ought to be enough to soothe one’s Presbyterian sensibilities. Walking with Jesus the road to his death, we see the unique ways in which Jesus responded to suffering, and so are challenged to react similarly in our own struggles.*

***Learning to Walk in the Dark*** by Barbara Brown Taylor (New York: HarperCollins, 2014)

*By venturing into caves, underground night clubs, subterranean chapels, and unlit cabins in the woods on nights with no moons, Taylor leads us on a journey of how to find God, or rather how to let God find us, even when it is dark. She leads us to learn how the darkness can allow us to learn much about God, as well as ourselves.*

***The Rebirthing of God*** by John Philip Newell (Woodstock: Skylight Paths Publishing, 2014)

*As a scholar, peacemaker and spiritual leader, John Philip Newell invites us to be a part of a new holy birth of sacred living, exploring eight major features of a new birthing of Christianity for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.*

***Hoping for More: Having Cancer, Talking Faith, and Accepting Grace*** by Deanna A. Thompson (Eugene: Cascade Books, 2012)

*A story about one woman’s journey with breast cancer, from diagnosis through the fight, to emerging on the other side.*

***The Christian Life: A Geography of God*** by Michael L. Lindvall (Louisville: Geneva Press, 2001)

*Part of the Foundations of Christian Faith series, this volume explores the Christian life as a journey of discovery.*

***This We Believe: Eight Truths Presbyterians Affirm*** by Stephen W. Plunkett (Louisville: Geneva Press, 2002)

*An introduction to the Christian faith that helps grapple with what it means to be a Christian in a world of conflicting ideologies and competing claims.*

***40 Days and 40 Nights*** by Gail Ramshaw (Minneapolis: Augsburg Fortress, 2006)

*An insightful devotional booklet for each day of the Lenten season.*

***Called to Be Human: Letters to My Children on Living a Christian Life*** by Michael Jenkins (Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 2009)

*A wonderful compilation of letters written by a Presbyterian seminary professor to his grown children to address some of the “big questions” young adults are asking about life, love and vocation.*

***An Altar in the World*** by Barbara Brown Taylor (New York: Harper Collins Publishers, 2009)

*A series of rich reflections on ways to discover the sacred in the ordinariness of our everyday lives.*

***Tokens of Trust: An Introduction to Christian Belief*** by Rowan Williams (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2007)

*An exploration of the Nicene and Apostles’ Creeds that guides readers through the central elements of the*



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***The Worshiping Life*** by Lisa Nichols Hickman (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2005)  
*A series of short essays on the order of worship which offer insight and reflection on what exactly we Christians do when we gather on the Lord's Day.*

***Speaking of Sin: The Lost Language of Salvation*** by Barbara Brown Taylor (Cambridge: Cowley Publications, 2000)  
*A good look at some of the most basic words of our faith—sin, repentance, forgiveness, salvation—and how they still have real meaning for us today.*

### *March Birthdays*

Ben Kuehnle	03/01	Sue Dittmar	03/23
Henry Gonterman	03/06	Mike Dame	03/24
John Cusumano	03/08	Jane Dame	03/25
Jeanna Groat	03/12	Lizzie Tucker	03/25
Bob Mudrovic	03/12	Daniel Salter	03/27
Margaret Lippert	03/15	Bryan Eikmann	03/31
Barbara Lynn	03/16		
Todd Rasche	03/20		
Peggy Black	03/21		
Lynn Harmon	03/22		

### *March Anniversaries*

Todd & Elizabeth Rasche	03/04/1989
Bryan and Laura Eikmann	03/11/1989
Chris and Laurie Meinert	03/13/2015
Pat and Robin Murphy	03/25/1973
Mark and Cindy Martin	03/26/1988



## *FINANCIAL CORNER*

<b>CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	<b>February 2020</b>	<b>Year To Date 2020</b>
Budget	35,495.58	70,991.16
To-date Actual	38,376.18	74,426.53

## MARCH 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> <i>1st Sunday of Lent</i> 9:15am Christian Formation 10:15am Worship 11:30am Harmony Faith Family	<b>2</b> 7:00pm Deacons' Meeting	<b>3</b> 7:00pm Cub Scouts	<b>4</b> 8:00am Toastmasters 10:00am Hebrews Bible Study 5:30pm Dinner 6:00pm Wednesday Night Classes 6:15pm Handbells Rehearsal 7:00pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm Boy Scouts 7:20pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>5</b> 1:00pm Agape Circle 7:00pm Boy Scouts 7:00pm Joy Circle	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> <i>Daylight Savings Time 2nd Sunday of Lent</i> 9:15am Christian Formation 9:30am Deacon Blood Drive 10:15am Worship	<b>9</b> 7:00pm Session Meeting	<b>10</b> 5:00am Board of Elections	<b>11</b> 8:00am Toastmasters 10:00am Hebrews Bible Study 5:30pm Dinner 6:00pm Wednesday Night Classes 6:15pm Handbells Rehearsal 7:00pm Boy Scouts 7:20pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>12</b> 7:00pm Boy Scouts 7:00p. PW CT Meeting	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 9:45am OASIS Food Pantry
<b>15</b> <i>3rd Sunday of Lent</i> 9:15am Christian Formation 10:15am Worship 11:30am PW General Meeting	<b>16</b> 6:15pm MME Committee	<b>17</b> 7:00pm Cub Scouts	<b>18</b> 8:00am Toastmasters 10:00am Hebrews Bible Study 5:30pm Dinner 6:00pm Wednesday Night Classes 6:15pm Handbells Rehearsal 7:00pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm Boy Scouts 7:20pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>19</b> 7:00pm Boy Scouts 7:00pm Employment Ministry	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 8:30am Men's Breakfast
<b>22</b> <i>4th Sunday of Lent</i> 9:15am Christian Formation 10:15am Worship	<b>23</b> 7:00pm Formation for Discipleship Committee 7:00pm Metropolitan Congregations United	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 8:00am Toastmasters 10:00am Hebrews Bible Study 5:30pm Dinner 6:00pm Wednesday Night Classes 6:15pm Handbells Rehearsal 7:00pm Boy Scouts 7:20pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>26</b> 7:00pm Boy Scouts	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> <i>5th Sunday of Lent</i> 9:15am Christian Formation 10:15am Worship	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				