



First Presbyterian Church
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From the Pastor's Study

Dear First Presbyterian Church,

In just a couple of weeks we are going to be entering the season of Lent. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and culminates with Jesus' arrest, crucifixion, and burial. This is a forty-day season, not including Sundays. Lent is a period of fasting in preparation for the arrival of Easter. Fasting has taken on many forms over the history of this season. Rather than just giving up food, people have begun giving up things like cell phones, TV shows, and Facebook. The point of fasting isn't just to deprive yourself, but to make room for God to do something new in our hearts and in our lives. By cutting out cell phone use or Facebook it gives us space to examine our relationship with God. It creates space in our lives for God to do something new in our hearts and lead us into a deeper relationship with God.

This year, there are some things happening here at First Presbyterian that may be helpful in your Lenten journey.

Lent begins on February 14 with Ash Wednesday. Here at church I will be leading an Ash Wednesday service at 7pm. During our service there will be the imposition of ashes, reminding us that "we are dust and to the dust we will return."

On Sundays during Lent I will be preaching through the lectionary Gospel texts around the theme "Following Jesus to the Cross." We will journey through Jesus' life and predictions of his coming death. The question for us will be what does it mean to be a disciple of the one who is crucified.

Finally, during Lent there is book study on *Healing the Gospel* by Derek Flood. We will be meeting Thursdays from February 22 to March 22, in the upstairs conference room at Take Root Café from 6:30-8:00 pm.

I pray that for all of you Lent may be a time of renewal and deeper connection with God.

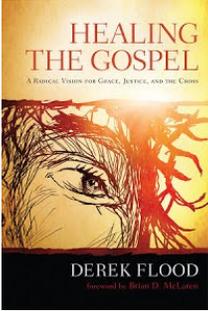
Peace,

Pastor Anders



It's time to dust off your best moves!

The annual Talent Show/Dessert Auction for Montreat is coming up Sunday, February 11, and we need your talents to help us out. Do you play the spoons or maybe have a wonderful story to tell? Remember years past with the poetry readings, hair braiding, harmonica playing, Rubik's cube solving, as well as singing and dancing? All ages are welcome to sign up for the show and cooking skills are going to be showcased at the Dessert Auction so start looking for that perfect recipe. If you have questions contact Michele Yoder.



Lenten Book Study

Join us at Take Root Café's conference room Thursday, February 22, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Books cost \$19.00 and can be ordered through the church office. Deadline to order is February 11.

An Ash Wednesday service with the imposition of ashes will be held in the sanctuary at 7:00 pm, Wednesday, February 14. All are invited.



Presbyterian Women:

Presbyterian Women will meet February 28 at the home of Jean Crawford. Lesson six considers how communities of faith support each other during troubled times. Hebrews was written to a people suffering under persecution.



February--Black History Month

February 4--Souper Bowl of Caring

February 4--Chaplains Sunday

February 11--Health Awareness & Day of Prayer for Healing and Wholeness

February 14--Valentine's Day

February 18--Universal Day of Prayer for Students

February 18--PDA Blue T-Shirt Day

Incoming and Outgoing Deacons and

Session members are invited to a potluck dinner in Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, February 13, at 6:00 pm. Deacons will meet before dinner at 5:00 and Session will meet after dinner at 7:00.



What's for dinner?

Do you like to cook? The college ministry would enjoy trying out your culinary experiments! It doesn't take anything fancy, just a good home cooked meal. They have dinner at 5:00 pm on Sunday evenings for approximately 10 people. If you can help, sign-up in Fellowship Hall.

New Members Class

If you are interested in learning more about what it means to be a member of First Presbyterian and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Pastor Anders will be leading a four- week New Member's class February 11 through March 4. We will meet during Sunday school hour. If you are interested there is a sign-up sheet in fellowship hall, or you can speak with Pastor Anders.



Food of the Month: Canned Tomatoes

"If you can't feed a hundred people,
then feed just one."

Mother Teresa



Bell Choir practice schedule

First Sunday of the month at 11:00

(following First Feast)

Second Sunday of the month 8:45 am

and then ring for worship at 9:30 am.

This is a month to month volunteer choir

Everyone is welcome



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
CF=Coffee/Fellowship following worship PCF=5:00 dinner & study PYF=6:30 Worship 9:30 Sunday School 11:00		Clothes Closet 1:30-3:30	Operation JOY and MS PYF 3:00 Adult choir practice 5:30		Food Depot Canned tomatoes	Clothes Closet 10:00-noon
				1	2	3
4 CF=First Feast Adult Choir warm up 9:00 Bell Choir practice 11:00 Fair Trade Orders Due	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 CF=Session hosts Bell Choir practice 8:45 New Member Class 11:00 Lenten study book order due Talent show/Dessert	12 Budget & Finance 5:00	13 Deacons 5:00 Potluck 6:00 Session 7:00	14  ASH WEDNESDAY Service 7:00	15	16 Kid's Night In 5:00-8:30	17
18 CF=Deacons host Choir warm up 9:00 Operation JOY sings New Member Class 11:00	19	20	21 Presby Seniors Pancake City 8:30 am Mobile Food Pantry 10-12	22 Lenten Book Study at Take Root Café 6:30	23	24
25 CF=Sunday School New Member Class 11:00	26	27	28 Presby Women at Jean Crawford's			
			A friendly reminder from House & Grounds to please refrain from taking food or beverage into the sanctuary. Thank you.			

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Sunday Worship 9:30 am Sunday School 11:00 am

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



**Volunteers are needed for Saturdays
and occasional Tuesdays.**

**Be sure to sign up in Fellowship
Hall.**

The Clothes Closet put some new rules into effect in January to help with the large groups we have been seeing. If you are a volunteer, or would like to be, and haven't worked through the new rules let Brenda Martin know. Volunteer's opinions on the new rules have been mixed and we encourage you to share your thoughts and suggestions so we can continue to develop a plan.

A big thank you goes to Lisa Ahrens for sorting through the third floor inventory. She has it in good shape and we were even able to vacuum the floor, a much needed chore!

Check out The Clothes Closet facebook page for updates on events and needs. There is also a group for volunteers, including an online sign up sheet. Ask Brenda to add you anytime!

www.facebook.com/theclothescloset.kirksville

The Closet is in need of more volunteers. Jackie and John would welcome another set of hands on the first Saturday of the month, Jean can always use some help on Tuesdays and the last two Saturdays of the month always find us scrambling for help. If you would like to sign-up for a shift please contact Jan Hartje, Brenda Martin or sign up on the clipboard in Fellowship Hall.

We are in urgent need of all donations for girls sizes 14 through 16. We have several young ladies that size and our stock is nearly gone.

