



Steeplenotes

March 2024

A Message From Your Pastor

It was one of the worst periods of my life. My parents were visiting us in Texas for Thanksgiving when my brother-in-law called to tell us that my sister, Lora, was in the hospital. Lora had lupus and scleroderma, and the effects of the diseases often landed her in the hospital. But Dan's phone call informing me had a different tone. This time, he told me haltingly and spoke the words so I could hear the gloom beneath.

"You need to tell your parents. I can't."

"Do you need them to come?"

"They need to come."

I told my parents, and they almost immediately packed up and got on the road. They were going to drive from Texas to Philadelphia. But they couldn't have traveled fast enough. By the next evening, my mother called me to tell me Lora was gone.

I hung up and called my brother because he was the only other person in the world with the unique distinction of being a sibling to Lora. The first words I blurted out of my mouth were, "I can't do this." I was so full of sorrow, and I was angry with God for taking my sister, my friend, the mother of a third-grader, and my parent's daughter.

That was 20 years ago. Although I thought, "I can't do this," I did "do this." I waded through the intensity of the initial grief. I dealt with it in healthy ways and some unhealthy ways, too.

In our Lenten study this past week, we explored the theme of hope. We read Psalm 124 and some selections from Eugene Peterson's [A Long Obedience in the Same](#)

Direction. Peterson writes about how we often learn about the depth of hope God provides when we examine our lives' most difficult moments. Seeing God at work amid the most challenging moments isn't always apparent. But in the aftermath, we can look back and see how God was with us all along.

20 years after some of my darkest days, I can look back and see how God was with me; through the love and support of my family, church family, and friends, I can see how God gave me hope when I wasn't "feeling" it. Kind words and actions, invitations to lunches and dinners, ears that listened to me, hearts that loved me, and lots of space to grieve all pointed to God's loving care for me.

Now, when I go through dark times, I can remember how God walked with me 20 years ago, and it gives me hope--I know He saved me in the past, I know He saves me in the present, and so I have faith he will save me in the future. It's my witness and testimony to the knowledge that nothing can separate me from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

Can you think of your darkest moments in the past? How did God walk with you? Reflect on these things, and let them remind you of your hope in Christ.

"Our help is in the name of the Lord,
Who made heaven and earth." --

Psalm 124:8





Holy Week



Maundy Thursday

Our Maundy Thursday service will be on March 28th at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. We will remember the night Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper by celebrating the sacrament. Begin your Holy Weekend with this contemplative service.

Palm Sunday



Palm Sunday Service
Sunday, March 24th at 10 a.m.

Easter



Easter Morning Breakfast at 9:00 a.m.

Wroship 10:00 a.m.

Good Friday



12:15 p.m. Service at Zion Lutheran Church, followed by a crosswalk on the prayer path.



When you give to One Great Hour of Sharing, you are giving to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. We are accepting OGHS gifts through Easter Sunday.

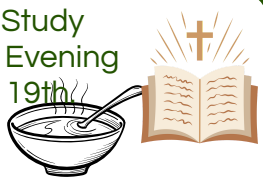
Pastor Sara's OGHS Challenge

Bring your spare change for the jug in the narthex. On Easter Sunday, make a guess how much change is in the jar. The winner gets lunch or dinner with Pastor Sara!

MARCH HAPPENINGS



Lenten Soup & Study
Every Tuesday Evening
through March 19th
5 p.m. - 7 p.m.



Ladies Luncheon
Friday., March 8th 11:30 at
Chilli's Rt. 250 in Sandusky
R.S.V.P to Dawn or Marcie
by Wednesday, Marcy 6th.



Easter flowers are \$12 each. Contact the church office by Monday, March 25th to help beautify our sanctuary for our Easter celebration! Order Forms will be in the weekly bulletin, or in the Narthex.

The Lions Club will be hosting pancakes with the Easter Bunny
Saturday, March 23rd 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



Mom's / Caretakers Annual Luncheon,
Wednesday, March 20th at 11:00 a.m.



We will join in fellowship with some of our Little Wonders moms / caretakers for a small lunch. After lunch. we will make Easter care packages for our Kinship children in need.

If you would like to donate items for the packages, we have a list of items needed.

You can drop off your items to the church office by Monday, March 18th.

Easter Care Package Items Needed

- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Hairbrush/comb
- Small bath soap or bubble bath
- chocolate candy/snacks
- socks (1or 2 pair per package)
- Coloring book / crayons

Thank you for your support, anything helps!



Election Tuesday,
March 19th
6 a.m. - 7 p.m.



Scouts Spaghetti Dinner
Friday, March 22nd 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.



Time

Daylight Savings time, spring forward!
Sunday, March 10th.



SCHEDULES

3/3 Liturgist Janeane Hopkins
Communion Set up Janeane Hopkins

Servers Phillip Hopkins, Chuck Kaman, Cindy Kaman,
Patti Smith

3/10 Liturgist Phillip Hopkins

3/17 Liturgist Betty Reed

3/24 Liturgist Katie McGraw

3/28 No Liturgist

3/31 Liturgist Marcie Muntz

Counters

3/3 Ellen & Francesca
3/10 Bob & Marcie
3/17 John & Sarah
3/24 Cindy & Chuck
3/31 Bob & Marcie

Flowers

3/3 Rick & Cynthia Mathews in memory
of John Brown

3/10 Kitty & Janeane for our Mother & Father
Maxine & James Cunningham

3/17 Rick & Cynthia Mathews in memory
of mom
Sue Brown

3/24 Palm Sunday

3/31 Easter Sunday

Ushers

3/3 Jack & Marcia Arthur
3/10 Phillip Hopkins, Kitty Cunningham
3/17 Marcie Muntz, Betty Reed
3/24 Don & Anne Russell
3/31 Kathy Kirby, Patti Smith

March Birthday



3/2 Kathryn Wittmer
3/5 William Marsh, Harry Wright
3/8 Hollie Mueller
3/9 Bob Kaman
3/12 Katehrine Brouse
3/15 Andrea Kaman
3/26 Carol Mack
3/29 Anne Marie Koch

PRAYER PAGE

What are you afraid of?

Certainly, we fear less than David when he wrote Psalm 34, for he was holed up in a cave surrounded by enemies who wanted to kill him. But our fears are no less anxious for us.

So where do we turn?

Psalm 34:4 says "I sought the Lord and he answered me, he delivered me from all my fears." So, seeking the Lord in prayer has an amazing effect.

Imagine the Lord answering you and delivering you from all your fears. He will hear you and answer you, but first you have to "seek Him", and listen for Him. It takes patience and endurance, for His answers are not always immediately evident and may not even be answered until we see him face to face. Meanwhile, keep seeking Him in prayer and believe He hears and answers, and will deliver you.

It is, after all, His promise to us.



Keep in your prayers...

Jon Nikols Jr., Family of Gene Darby, Eileen Darby, Eldon Zimmer, Delores Hodsdon, Ron Harper, Jackie Metzger, Mike Bork, Sarah McCoy, Ward DeLamatre, Jeanne Schaffer, Ann West, Tony and Barb Smith, Cameron James, Carol Kopkas, Rachel Leonard, Denny Velliquette, Eldon Zimmer, June Franduto, Paul Brown, Angela Belliveau, Brad Mason, Jim, David Wittmer, Gabe Phillips, Kerry Lynn, Marla Pederson, David Claxton, Nick LaFace, Rev. Clair Brewer, Sharon Carnal, Barb Gettman, Roberta Leimbach, Billie Urie, Judy Hartley, Nancy Mayer, Kristine Welser.

Churches of Huron

- 3/3 First Presbyterian Church Pastor
Pastor Sara Hodsdon
- 3/10 Journey Church
Pastor Parrish Purnell, Jr.
- 3/17 Christ Episcopal Church
Father Michael Floyd
- 3/24 St. Peter Catholic Church
Father Doug Garand
- 3/31 Huron United Methodist Church
Pastor Pamela Sayre

Our Military

Dominic Parisi, Ben Delamatre, Dan Work, and Emily Stellpflug.

Little Wonders March Happenings

FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS

Librarian Visits
Valentines Day Parties
Birthdays



THIS MONTH

Whats new



Saturday, March 2nd from 10:00 am - Noon. Our teachers will host the annual Little Wonders Presbyterian Preschool Open House. Invite any friends or family members to check out the classroom. The 2024-2025 online registration will become open to the public after the conclusion of our open house at 1:00 pm.

Little Wonders will be on spring break March 29th- April 7th

CHAPEL TIME

The children joined Jonah in the belly of the whale.





SESSION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

SESSION SYNOPSIS FOR THE SESSION MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 21ST.
OPEN WITH DEVOTIONAL PRAYER.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

WE HAVE UPDATED OUR COUNTING PROCEDURES AND SPREADSHEET TO HAVE A BACK UP COUNT OUTSIDE OF OUR COMPUTER PROGRAM.

CLERK'S REPORT:

WE MOURN THE LOSS OF GENE DARBY.
WE ARE GAINING A NEW MEMBER:
KRISTINE WELSER.

REPORT FROM PRESBYTERY:

KIRKMONT, THE PRESBYTERIAN SUMMER CAMP HAS A BROCHURE FOR INFO ABOUT THE SUMMER OF '24.

NO OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS:

AN ECLIPSE IS COMING. IT'S A MONDAY SO THERE WILL BE CHRIST'S COMMUNITY MEAL. WE ARE LOOKING FOR A WAY TO BE PRESENT AT COMMUNITY ECLIPSE EVENTS.

KIRKMONT IS HAVING A QUILTING RETREAT.

THE TRANSFORMING CHURCH INITIATIVE TEAM IS SYNTHESIZING THE SURVEY AND FOCUS GROUP RESULTS, ALONG WITH INFORMATION FOR OUR AREA'S DEMOGRAPHICS. THE TEAM WILL HAVE A VISIONING RETREAT ON MARCH 2ND.

PW IS ALWAYS LOOKING FOR FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS.

- NURTURE AND MISSION IS LOOKING FORWARD TO THE ANNUAL EASTER BREAKFAST.
- THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE IS DISCUSSING OUR ORGANIST SITUATION, AND EXPLORING IDEAS FOR AN ALTERNATIVE WORSHIP SERVICE.

THE MEETING WAS CLOSED IN PRAYER.

Session Members

Francesca Lendrum, Cynthia Brown Mathews, Jack Arthur, Susan Martter, Marcie Muntz, Sarah Blakeman, Ellen Drumm, Deb Schippel, Doug Quinn. MArCIA Arthur

CHRIST COMMUNITY MEAL



Join us Every Monday at noon, and the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month for a delicious FREE meal, made by our wonderful volunteers!

Monday's at noon
Wednesday, March 13th & 27th at 5:00 p.m.



Spring Rummage Sale



Saturday, May 4th 9 a.m.

MORE INFORMATION TO COME. AT A LATER DATE.

Mother's Day Sunday, May 12th



Scouts Pack Meeting Monday,
April 15th 5:00p.m.



Eagle Scout Ceremony
Sunday, April 28th 3:00 p.m.

Red Cross Blood Drive, Sunday, June 6th. 12 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Father's Day Sunday, June 16th



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10 Worship 11 Fellowship 3	12 CC Meal 7 Scouts 4	5 p.m. -7 p.m. Lenten Soup and Study 8 p.m. AA 5	6	9 a.m. Quilting Group 10 a.m. Bell Choir 7	8	9
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10 Worship 11 Fellowship 17	12 CC Meal 7 Scouts 18	5 p.m. -7 p.m. Lenten Soup and Study 8 p.m. AA 19	11 a.m. LW Mom's Lunch 6:30 p.m. Session 20	9 a.m. Quilting Group 10 a.m. Bell Choir 21	22	23
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9 Easter Breakfast 10 Worship 31						

