

March 18, 2007

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

We are delighted to have visitors worship with us! To aid you in our liturgy, we want you to know that the following is our custom: In the *Lord's Prayer*, we use the words, "*Forgive us our debts... our debtors.*" We encourage you to stand for singing if you are able as the organ sounds the first note of introduction. When appropriate to the hymn, the organist and choir will lead the congregation in singing, "*Amen.*" All worshippers are encouraged to *sign* the *Attendance/Friendship* pad, *greet* your friends, and *welcome* visitors.

LARGE-PRINT BULLETINS, LARGE-PRINT HYMNALS,
and **ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES** (amplified earphones and telecoilneckloops)
are available from the ushers.

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(8:30 a.m.)

Sanctuary Guild Ellie Crane
Chair Lift Bob Deaderick

(11:00 a.m.)

Sanctuary Guild Betty Merrill
Chair Lift Jim Carelock
Nursery Workers Branner Johnston, Tracy Sweet, George & Sallie Nowacek, Megan Vyverberg, Ralph & Betsy Lewis

(Child Care is provided in the Education Building for infants through Kindergarten.)

The flowers today are given by Elaine and Gordon Keeley
in memory of loved ones.

Capsule of Concern: Bob Benn, Carol Rebman, Neil Corry, Ann Garnett, Jane Kolakowski, Ruth Moffitt, Jim Schulken

Hospital Visitor March 18-24: Judy Schulken (899-0130)

Lenten Vesper Concert: A Lenten concert of music and meditation will be held this afternoon, March 18 at 4:00 pm. The adult choir will sing John Rutter's "Requiem."

During both services today, we will commission the **Gulfport participants** who will leave next Sunday, March 25 for a week of work in Mississippi. The participants are: Adam Zimmerman, Bev Newlin, John Copley, the Rev. Patrick Dennis, Ted & Jane Williams, Barry & Peg Jones, Gary Vaughn, Tom & Sally Edwards, Bill Garner, Steve Eckel and Tom & Joan Humphrey.

It's not too late to have your portrait taken for our new **church directory!** We have been invited to have make-up pictures taken at Mt Ararat Baptist Church in North Stafford during the month of March. For an appointment, call their church secretary Deb Anderson at 540-659-2554. Let her know that you are from The Presbyterian Church. On the day of your sitting, provide the photographer with The Presbyterian Church's contract number, 15566, so they can route your photo to our church directory.

For those who were unable to attend the photo sessions but who wish to be included in the directory, please provide a photograph to the church office by March 30 so we can include you in the directory.

Join the congregation for an evening at the **Lazy Susan Dinner Theatre** on Friday, March 30, to see "*Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat.*" The cost of the dinner and show is \$35. Dinner is served at 6:30 pm with the play beginning at 8:00 pm. Car pooling will be available. Contact Karen Johnson by March 25 at 371-2719 or ksjohnson422@msn.com to make a reservation.

The calendar is rolling around again and it is time to think about preparing and serving a meal at the **Thurman Brisben Homeless Shelter**. Our church provides this service on the last Thursday of the month. If you are a choir member and worried about this interfering with practice, you'll be finished in time to sing. Come on; join us on March 29. We have loads of fun while providing a necessary service to our community. Please contact Stacey at 540-891-1553 and slo-piglet@juno.com.

Wednesday Nights at the Presbyterian Church will continue at 6 pm this Wednesday, **March 21**, with a turkey dinner. **Since this is a catered dinner, note the price change - Adults \$5, Children \$3, Family maximum \$15.** The Session will set up, serve and clean up. The **Faith and Movies Class** this week will discuss "An Unfinished Life" starring Robert Redford, Morgan Freeman, and Jennifer Lopez.



The **deadline** for the April issue of our **newsletter**, *The Presbyterian Lamp*, is tomorrow, March 19.

The **K-2nd Grade Fellowship Group** will meet today following the 11:00am worship service at the James Monroe High School parking lot for a bike rodeo. Please bring your bike and a bag lunch. Pickup will be at 1:30pm.

The **3rd-5th Grade Fellowship Group** will meet after the 11:00am worship service today to go hiking either at Mott's Run Reservoir & Nature Center or through the city of Fredericksburg. Please bring a bag lunch. If it rains we will go swimming at the YMCA.

The **Middle School Youth** group will meet this evening at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. The residents of the Presbyterian Group Home will join them for dinner and bingo.

The **Senior Highs** will not meet this evening because of Youth Sunday this morning.

A deposit of \$50 for the **Senior High Mission** trip to Elkton, Maryland, July 8-14 is due today. Please make checks out to the church and mark them for Senior High Mission Trip. Although the trip is just a short distance away, it may prove to be one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences we have undertaken on our many different mission opportunities. We will do small construction and agricultural projects while also preparing and eating meals with formerly homeless people that "Meeting Ground" serves. All 8th-12th graders are encouraged to sign up.

College students planning to go on the Gulfport/Long Beach, Mississippi trip are asked to make their \$100 deposits today.

The **Mission Committee** plans to open The Presbyterian Church Food Pantry in April or May. The pantry will be set up in the basement of the Church House. We will begin to provide food to the poor and homeless in the Fredericksburg area instead of sending them directly to the Fredericksburg Food Bank. At this time, we think we will be open one or two days a week to begin with and if you think you would be interested in volunteering, please let Bruce Harvey, Pastor Dennis, or Bob Piersall, the Food Pantry coordinator know. We will also need you to bring food supplies (small sizes and easy to open lids are preferred). Some items to bring are: canned meats, pasta, pasta sauce, canned fruits, peanut butter, jelly, canned vegetables, cereals and/or soups. We will also purchase some foods from the Fredericksburg Food Bank.



The Middle School Youth group will host the annual **Easter Egg Hunt** for the children of the congregation on Sunday, April 1 at 4pm at the church.

Congregational Retreat: There will be a Congregation/Family Retreat at Camp Hanover May 19-20. Mark your calendar and watch for details.

Attendance Count: The Session has a need to develop a method and recruit members to provide a count of worshipers for both Sunday services. This need is driven by statistical

requirements of the Presbytery and our desire to assess trends. If you can help, please contact Tom Edwards, 373-4694, or Erma Baker, 373-2157.

The **One Great Hour of Sharing Offering** is one of four offerings of the Presbyterian Church (USA). The offering is divided three ways: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance – 32%; Self-Development of People – 32%; and Presbyterian Hunger Program – 36%. The offering has received \$9-\$11 million each year for the last 20 years to help the victims of natural disasters and violence, to feed the hungry and to assist people learning skills so he/she can earn a living. You will find envelopes in the pews. Children have received “fish” boxes in Sunday School. We encourage you to participate in this year’s offering that will culminate on Easter Day.

UPCOMING MEETINGS (Mar. 18-25)

Sun.	3/18	4:00 pm	Youth Sunday
		5-6:30 pm	Lenten Vesper Concert
		6:00 pm	Sacred Dance Ensemble , Undercroft
		6:30 pm	Youth Supper
Mon.	3/19		Youth Groups
		10:00 am	Newsletter Deadline
		7:30 pm	PWCT , Fellowship Hall
Tues.	3/20	10:30 am	Young Adults , Church Parlor
Wed.	3/21	7:00 am	Campaign Committee , Middle House
		9:30-11:30 am	Small Group , Middle House
		6:00 pm	Small Group , Undercroft
Thurs.	3/22	9:30 am	Wednesday Night Dinner and Classes
		6-7 pm	Thursday Morning Bible Study , Education Building
		7:30 pm	Bell Choir , Sanctuary
Sun.	3/25	4:45 pm	Adult Choir , Choir Room
		5-6:30 pm	Youth Bells , Sanctuary
		5:15 pm	Sacred Dance Ensemble , Undercroft
		6:00 pm	Youth Choir , Choir Room
		6:30 pm	Youth Supper
			Youth Groups

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 18) Tana Unroe, Laurie Kendall, Mike Medsker
- 19) Carol Rebman, Jan Dowling, Susan Johnson, Edwin Foresman, William Harrison, McCray Fidler
- 20) Charles Ellis, Ashley Theado
- 21) Brenda Sauls, Jennifer Rowe, Pam Werner
- 22) Jean Walker, Allyson Travis
- 23) Andrew Horne, Stephen Hall, Olivia Janney, Dave Corwin, Debbie Eckel
- 24) Larry Casey, Jan Simmelink, Kris Bagwell, Richard Harrison, Catherine Wilson, Christopher Werner

Lectionary Readings for Sunday, March 25

Isa. 43:16-21; Ps. 126
Phil. 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8