



The Breath

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Priest Lake Presbyterian Church
"Take the Breath to Spread the Word"

March 2017

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The word "lent" comes from the Anglo-Saxon word "lencten" which means "the lengthening of days" and what is commonly called spring. Lent starts on Ash Wednesday and extends for forty days, excluding Sundays which are already "holy days" and ends on Holy Saturday, the day before Easter.

Lent probably started around 100 A.D. as a period of fasting and prayer, and the exact length of the fast varied. In some places, it lasted one day, while in others it last forty hours, which was the approximate time between the crucifixion and the

resurrection.

As you may recall, the number "40" is symbolic and is used to suggest a time of "cleansing or purification".

In Genesis, we are told that it rained for 40 days and 40 nights as God prepared to cleanse the earth and purify it from sin.

The children of Israel wandered in the desert for 40 years, and during that time they were cleansed of their old ways and prepared to be the people of God in the new promise land.

After his baptism, Jesus spent forty days in the wilderness in preparation for the start of his ministry. Remember while he was there he encountered three temptations. The number three usually represents wholeness and completeness. We refer to God as the great three in one. So, the fact that Jesus was tempted three times means that he was completely tempted, but he did not sin.

Lent is a time for us to remember that Jesus encountered conflict, suffered rejection, endured punishment and died on the cross so that we might be forgiven.

The 40 days of Lent is a time for self-examination; it is a time for us to look at our lives to see what changes need to be made; and it is a time for us to strengthen our relationship with God.

Rather than giving up something for Lent, Presbyterians encourage people to start a new habit which will hopefully continue after the Lenten Season is over, for a positive change can produce so many good results.

It is my prayer that during this Lenten Season, we may all feel the presence and peace of our Lord, who is the Resurrection and Life.

And that is the good news. Amen

Pastor Jimmie

Period January 1 – January 31, 2017
(Operating accounts only)

CHURCH FUNDS:

Revenue:	
Pledge Contributions	\$17,859.00
Loose Offerings	\$3,411.50
All Other	\$500.85
Total Revenues	\$21,771.31
Expense:	
Missions	\$956.66
General Expenses	\$823.32
Properties	\$4,500.87
Committee Expenses	\$869.94
Personnel	\$7,693.46
Other	\$0.00
Total Expenses	\$14,844.25
Income as of 1/31/17	\$6,927.10

MISSION FUNDS:

Mission dollars carried over from 12/31/16	\$3,008.36
Mission dollars accrued as of 1/31/17	\$2,177.14
Mission dollars transferred to Designated Accounts	\$0.00
Mission dollars spent as of 1/31/17	-\$956.66
Mission dollars available at 1/31/17	\$4,226.84

DESIGNATED FUNDS:

Designated dollars carried over from 12/31/16	\$9,484.62
Designated funds received as of 1/31/17	\$4,061.38
Designated funds spent as of 1/31/17	-\$3,138.98
Designated funds transferred to Savings	\$0.00
Due to designated funds as of 1/31/17	\$10,387.02

ACCOUNTS BALANCES:

Money in Checking at 1/31/17		\$22,335.73
General Funds	\$7,721.87	
Missions Funds	\$4,226.84	
Designated Accounts	\$10,387.02	
Money in Savings at 1/31/17		\$29,095.93
A/C Fund	\$4,275.00	
Kitchen Renovation Fund	\$4,325.00	
Insurance Deductible Sinking Fund	\$10,000.00	
Nazarene Donation – Designated for PNC to use for Moving Expenses for New Pastor	\$8,000.00	
Capital Reserve Fund	\$2,495.93	

Worship SCHEDULE


Mar 5	Worship Leader	Justin Greene
	Communion set up	Chad & Valerie Barton
	Greeters/Ushers	Cat & Laura Bradford
	Ushers	Steve & Kristy Greene
	Serve Choir	David Sadler
	Communion cleanup	Bob & Susie DeBerry
Mar 12	Worship Leader	John Buwalda
	Greeters/Ushers	Drew & Barbara Norris
	Ushers	Dave & Donna Nock
Mar 19	Worship Leader	Kathy Ware
	Greeters/Ushers	Chad & Valerie Barton
	Ushers	Jon & Nancy Loudermilk
Mar 26	Worship Leader	Crystal Caviness
	Greeters/Ushers	Cat & Laura Bradford
	Ushers	Frank & Karla Horton

*Note: If you are unable to serve in the capacity of preparing Communion, greeters, ushers, servers, cleanup or worship Leader, please see Mike Howard or you may contact him at 615-941-1454 or by email mikehoward@united.net. If you would like to be included in our rotation, please speak to Mike.



- March 1 Ash Wednesday Service at 6:00 p.m.
- March 5 Worship, Communion, Lenten Season Starts
- March 12 Called Session Meeting
Worship and Session Meeting
- March 19 Worship
Angaza Nuru Spaghetti Lunch Fund Raiser
- March 26 Worship
- April 2 Worship and Communion
- April 9 Worship Palm/Passion Sunday
- April 9 Fellowship Dinner after worship
- April 13 Maundy Thursday Service at 7:00 p.m. with Communion by Intinction
- April 16 Easter Sun Rise Service at 7:00 a.m.
Easter Worship at 10:15 a.m. and Communion
- April 23 Worship and Session Meeting

 **Spaghetti Lunch
Sunday, March 19th**

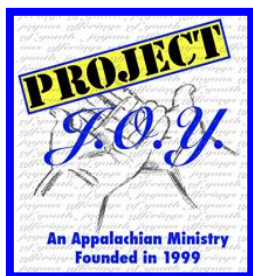
 Plan now to join us after worship for a SPAGHETTI LUNCH.

We have planned a great menu! Spaghetti with red meat sauce, alfredo sauce, salad, bread and homemade desserts.

This meal is sponsored by the Kenya team and the cost is by donation.

Hope you can attend this delicious event!!

March 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Bible Study – 9:15 WALK – 6:00 Choir Practice - 7:00	2 Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45 Iglesia Apostolica De La Fe En Christo Jesus Bible Study– 7:00 Boone Hutchison	3 Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45 Jerry Wilbanks	4 Iglesia Apostolica De La Fe En Christo Jesus Music Practice– 7:00 Max Scruggs Karate – 9:30
5 Lectionary Class – 9:00 Sunday School – 9:00 Seekers Class – 9:00 Worship Service – 10:15 Iglesia Apostolica De La Fe En Christo Jesus Service 12:00 WALK – 5:00	6 Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45 YAM – 6:30	7 Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45 Narcotics Anonymous – 7:30 - Cabin	8 Bible Study – 9:15 WALK – 6:00 Choir Practice - 7:00 Nancy Loudermilk	9 Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45 Iglesia Apostolica De La Fe En Christo Jesus Bible Study– 7:00 Allison Culp	10 Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45	11 Iglesia Apostolica De La Fe En Christo Jesus Music Practice– 7:00 Max Scruggs Karate – 9:30 Phil & Joyce Hereford Florence Sass
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The Faces of Harlan 2016 – The Closing

Have you ever thought what it would be like if you could not provide for yourself or your family? What would you do, if every day was filled with “what are we going to do about. . .”, and about. . .? and about. . .?” This is common place for many that we get to work with in Harlan. I’m sure that there are those in our congregation who have faced similar situations, but I hope, not daily.

In answer to the question of “getting by”, one older lady stated “Honey if I didn’t have the Lord I don’t know what I would do.” Martha Goodin stated that we “treated her like she counted.” Aren’t we supposed to treat everyone that way? Martha’s husband Gary was in a coma for 9 days and “God healed him.”

Zolla is pregnant and needs new teeth. Stephanie is bipolar and fragile. Jackie has a broken arm. Allie Culp is “very thankful and doesn’t take anything for granted.” Please remember Martha, Gary, Zolla, Stephanie, Jackie and Allie in your prayers.

Thank you for your prayers and support for Project J.O.Y. and please continue to remember Project J.O.Y. 2017.

Thank you. Mike Howard, Elder



Fellowship Dinner

Save the date! Please join us on Palm Sunday, April 9th, following worship for our congregational luncheon. Our main dish will be ham. We ask that members and friends bring side-dishes and desserts.

We also need volunteers to set up and clean up. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Tess Smith at 615-400-5729 or

tess.smith29@yahoo.com. You may also contact the church office via email at www.office@priestlakepresbyterian.org or by phone at 615-366-0247.



In memory of Walter J. Litaker, Jr.

March 2, 1929 – February 16, 2017

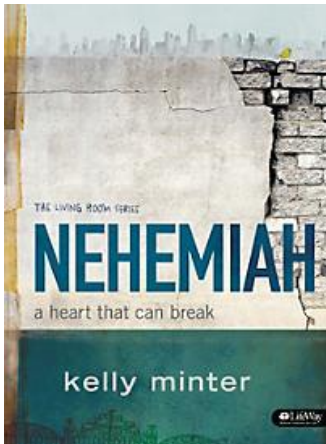
PLPC Family,

Walt Litaker’s daughter, Sandy Maxa, has asked if anyone would like to write a special memory you have about Walt and send it to her either by email or mail to the following address: 405 W. Michigan St., Lenox, Iowa. 50851 or sandymaxaxa28@gmail.com. Sandy is planning to be in worship at PLPC on Sunday, March 12th.



The ladies of PLPC enjoyed a tasty day out recently at the Nashville Farmers' Market attending Edible Kitchen with executive chef Garrett Pittler from City Winery. In addition to watching the food demonstration, the group shopped and enjoyed lunch together.

Stay tuned for details about the next outing on May 6th when the Ladies of PLPC visit the Scarritt-Bennett Center prayer labyrinth. Located in the heart of Nashville and set in a beautiful garden, the prayer labyrinth provides a time for peaceful contemplation and spiritual practice.



WALK studies 'Nehemiah' and takes 'The Sabbath Challenge'

The Sunday WALK group has started studying the book of "Nehemiah" through the Kelly Minter series titled "A Heart That Can Break." This seven-week video study examines what causes your heart to break, an indication of where your true passion lies.

Sunday WALK will not meet Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday. On the seventh week, April 30, the WALK group will finish the study with a dinner comprised of recipes from the study guide. All PLPC women are invited to attend the finale and dinner.

The Wednesday night WALK group continues its journey through "The Sabbath Challenge." Wednesday WALK will not meet during Easter week.

Feel free to drop by either WALK group at any time! The Sunday WALK group meets week from 5-6:30 p.m.; Wednesday WALK group meets each week from 6-7 p.m.

WALK, in its seventh year, has grown into a supportive group of women who pray and care for one another as we each seek God's Will for our lives. For more information, contact Crystal Caviness at Crystal.caviness@gmail.com or [615.306.3401](tel:615.306.3401).



Cursillo – Alabama Presbytery '36 (“APC ‘36”) – Camp Beckwith, Fairhope AL – Thursday, March 30 (Evening) – Sunday, April 2.

As some of you know, I attended Cursillo '35 (“APC ‘35”) in March 2016. Cursillo is a three-day weekend away from the world and into a time of learning, reflection, joy, fellowship, worship, prayer, and more. It is the first step of a faith journey – a pilgrimage that begins with these three days. There is no cost to attend and the benefits last far beyond the short time you are there. Your only cost would be getting you back and forth to Camp Beckwith. This weekend is an opportunity to grow – God works in all of us in so many different ways during the weekend, and the opportunity to continue that growth is found through the Fourth Day community that I hope to establish in our presbytery. There is not group in TN and my connection to APC was through my sister-in-law who attends First Presbyterian Church in Pensacola. In some places, Cursillo is now being called a Presbyterian Pilgrimage, and that name probably does a better job of describing what it’s all about. The accommodations are super comfortable and Camp Beckwith is truly a beautiful spot!

My personal Cursillo experience was one of self-examining which brought me to a level of personal acceptance that I had never felt before. We all know that God loves us, but many of us, including myself, see too many faults in ourselves and cannot fully accept this great amount of love that God has for us. It also helped me understand more about servitude and what it really means to serve our God and each other.

Cursillo is for all of us – Pastors, elders, deacons, church leaders, and church members! Anyone and everyone who serves their church pours out a little bit of themselves as they serve and glorify God. The need to refill, refuel, and rejuvenate is imperative. Cursillo is one way to fill backup, to grown into a deeper relationship with Christ, and to expand your community of Christian brothers and sisters who will support, encourage and pray for you.

I would love for a handful of my PLPC friends to attend this retreat and have their own Cursillo experience which I am sure will not be identical to mine. Long-term, I would love for the Mid-TN Presbytery to get a group started. PCUSA is a connectional church. I have seen first-hand how several mid-size to small-size (like PLPC) have benefitted from having friends in other churches in the area. It’s been great for the pastor-support system as well. As you can tell, I am a big supporter of this ministry and I would love to share it. Please let me know if you are interested. I know it’s approaching quickly, but if God is calling you to attend this, you will know. Blessings,
Nancy Loudermilk
615-939-2717



Priest Lake Presbyterian invites YOU to become a part or our church family. You are encouraged to talk to the minister if you have any questions or are interested in joining. You can become a member by any one of three methods:

- 1) Transfer of Letter from another church.
- 2) Re-affirmation of Faith if you joined another church but are no longer active.
- 3) Affirmation of Faith if you have not joined a church before.



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