



First Presbyterian News

March 2010

LENT – a time for looking deep within

Psalm 1

*“Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;
but their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on God’s law they meditate day and night.
They are like trees planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do, they prosper.”*

As a faithful community following in Christ’s footsteps, we begin once again down the road to Jerusalem – a road that leads us deeply into ourselves as we walk with Jesus towards the cross and Golgotha. I invite you to meditate upon the lectionary Psalms of the season, and to participate in the “Going Deeper with the Psalms” adult Bible study experience that meets during the first four Sundays of Lent from 4:00 until 5:30 p.m. in the small dining room.

1 st Sunday in Lent:	Psalm 91	Hymn 80 Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley
2 nd Sunday in Lent:	Psalm 27	Hymn 84 In the Cross of Christ I Glory
3 rd Sunday in Lent:	Psalm 63	Hymn 384 O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go
4 th Sunday in Lent:	Psalm 32	Hymn 276 Great is Thy Faithfulness
5 th Sunday in Lent:	Psalm 126	Hymn 101 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Psalm 1 calls us back to Scripture, which is the foundational experience of our faith together as a worshipping and practicing congregation. If we sink our faith roots deep into the witness of Scripture illumined for us by the Holy Spirit, we will be able to discern our path through the difficulties of life.

Lent is a time in which we look our individual and communal sins in the face and ask for God’s forgiveness. Sometimes this process is very painful, but it always leads to reconciliation and new beginnings. If there is brokenness in your life or in the congregation, I pray that you will take this time of reflection seriously so that relationships may be mended and restored. Let us treat one another tenderly and with compassion, as we wish to be treated. Let us remember that each one of us is truly a child of God, loved and forgiven.

May the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ bless you abundantly . . .

Pastor Mary Ann Banning

Date	Ushers			Acolyte
March 7	Ethan DeMaegd	Jack Bruner	Andy Wiseman	Communion
March 14	Carole Polk	Bill Bellairs	Roger Krafft	Roger Delouf
March 21	Michael Green	Bob Sloan	Esther Morrison	Mikey Green
March 28	Dan Bruner	Dick Dentino	Justin Tschida	Shayna Frick

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**Lectionary for
February 2010**

**Lectionary for Sundays
March 2010**

March 7 (3rd Sunday in Lent)

Isaiah 55:1-9
Psalm 63:1-8
1 Corinthians 10:1-13
Luke 13:1-9

March 14 (4th Sunday in Lent)

Joshua 5:9-12
Psalm 32
2 Corinthians 5:16-21
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

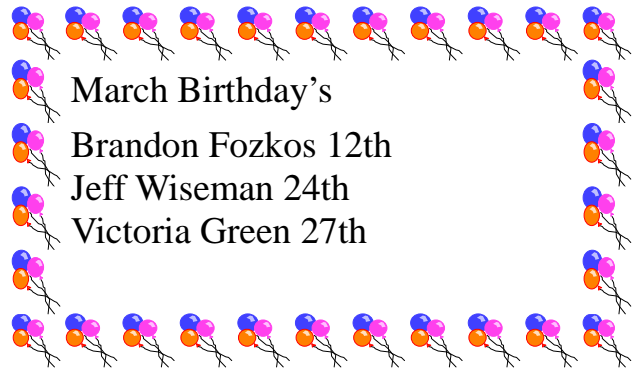
March 21 (5th Sunday in Lent)

Isaiah 43:16-21
Psalm 126
Philippians 3:4b-14
John 12:1-8

March 28 (Passion / Palm Sunday)

Liturgy of the Palms
Luke 19:28-40
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Liturgy of the Passion
Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Luke 22:14—23:56
or Luke 23:1-49

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March Birthday's

Brandon Fozkos 12th
Jeff Wiseman 24th
Victoria Green 27th

Words of Power

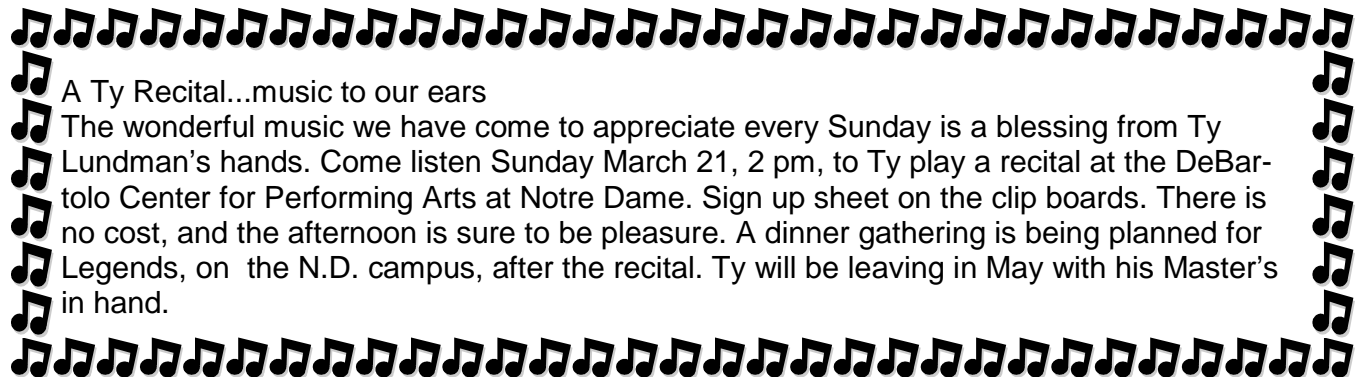
Way to Go * Outstanding * Remarkable * Super *
I Love You * Terrific * That's Incredible * Great *
You're perfect * You made my day * Awesome *
Beautiful * You mean the world to me * Neat
I trust you * Hug * Way to go * You're special *
Remarkable * Super * Great * You make me happy
Bravo * Phenomenal * Wow *

**Try using words of power every day to
encourage, support, reward the people in your
life.**

Send newsletter information by e-mail
to Suce@aol.com or by U.S. Mail in
care of Kathy at the church.
The next deadline: noon on March 17.

Flowers for the Sanctuary, please reserve your date now to furnish flowers for the sanctuary in memory or in honor of a loved one. Send in your request with date and a check made out to First Presbyterian Church (\$30 for flowers, \$50 for roses)

Hosts are needed for Fellowship Time, a warm smile along with a cup of coffee are easy ways to share with your church family. Store bought or home made, it doesn't really matter, the gift of giving is less than what you will receive. Sign up sheet is on the clipboard.



A Ty Recital...music to our ears

The wonderful music we have come to appreciate every Sunday is a blessing from Ty Lundman's hands. Come listen Sunday March 21, 2 pm, to Ty play a recital at the DeBar-tolo Center for Performing Arts at Notre Dame. Sign up sheet on the clip boards. There is no cost, and the afternoon is sure to be pleasure. A dinner gathering is being planned for Legends, on the N.D. campus, after the recital. Ty will be leaving in May with his Master's in hand.

M I S S I O N N O T E S F R O M :


 R e v . M a r y A n n B a n n i n g M a r y A n n D e n t i n o C l a u d i a R i g g s
 J a n e t F r e e m a n B e t t y J o h n s o n A n n a B o w e r s

PARTNERSHIP with BATTELL

Six are now tutoring at Battell. Anyone interested in joining this group see Susan May. Remember these are our neighborhood kids we are helping. They look forward to the time you spend with them.

MEALS for HOPE

We will be serving a meal in March (5/6). The first day we fix meal in church kitchen and next day we serve at Hope Rescue Mission. If this date does not work for you, there are still four more dates to serve. Sign up at top of stairs of lobby. Sign up quick so you get your first choice of days.

THANK YOU

*for support of Soup R Bowl Sunday. All contributions went to Albright Food Pantry.

*for your generous gifts to the Peacemaking Offering. We collected \$490.00.

Hope Ministries received \$122.00 to use for Peacemaking.

*for supporting the Joy Offering with gifts of \$404.00.

MISSION TRIP

When thinking about vacation, remember some folks in Iowa or Texas could sure use some help rebuilding their homes from floods or hurricanes. Plan on going with a team from June 13 - 19. See Mary Ann Dentino soon if interested. There is space for another 7 hard workers.

MISHAWAKA ALLIANCE OF CARE

A big "thank you" to all who donated to the 'Soup R Bowl' ingredients program. Dick Badry reports there was an increase in the number of items he delivered to the Albright Food Pantry.

Food drives held during the Christmas holidays helped replenish the shelves at the Food Bank of Northern Indiana. The number of clients served at the Food Pantry showed a slight dip in January. However, as we all know, hunger continues long after the holidays.

There has been an increase in the cost of items purchased at the Food Bank. The shoppers for the Albright Food pantry are always comparing prices when they spend donated dollars and oftentimes buy food at local food stores, which helps the local economy along as well.

The Albright Food Pantry qualifies for the "People Gotta Eat" program. A matching fund drive held on February 18 on WNDU, channel 16 will benefit all the food pantries in this area.

Please continue to fill the grocery cart in the CE lobby with your donations. Cash donations can be made as well. Mark checks (made out to First Presbyterian Church) with MAC FOOD PANTRY in the memo line.

Free meals are being served at several locations, among them, the Penn Twp. Food Pantry (each 2nd Tuesday, 4 pm. to 5 pm), Willow Creek UMC (each Wednesday at 6:00 pm), East UMC (each Thursday in March at 6:00 pm).

The MAC tutor/helper program has added two new volunteers. FPC members are volunteering at Battell School; however, other elementary schools are in need of tutors as well.

Prayer Chain

The Presbyterian Women's Prayer Chain is open to anyone who wishes to be a part of a prayer ministry. It's purpose is to call upon God on behalf of those around us who are suffering physically, emotionally, or financially; to ask for God's comfort, strength, healing presence, and will in their lives; or to rejoice with those who are rejoicing. To be added those receiving prayer messages is simple; email Darlene Seufert at dseufert1@aol.com or call her. You can be part of the email list or phone list.

To request prayers for yourself, your family or friends is simple too. Call Betty Favorite, Pam Camren, or Lynett Heritz, or you may call Kathy at the church office.

LENTEN AND EASTER WORSHIP

The Worship and Music Committee would like to encourage members to attend the following Lenten services:

Palm Sunday, March 28: The children and choir will begin the worship service with a palm processional. The children will enjoy Disciples' Tree-house as usual. There will be a short children's program following the service in Fellowship Hall.

Maundy Thursday, April 1: We will have a Jewish Seder that includes Christian communion in Fellowship Hall at 7:30 pm. This will be a learning experience for all those who have never experienced the symbolic meaning of the items served during the Jewish Passover.

Good Friday Community Service, April 2: FPC will be hosting the community Good Friday commemoration organized by our local pastor's association. Come experience a moving Lutheran liturgy with Rev. Len Jepson of First English Lutheran Church preaching. Susan May will be directing a community choir for this worship service in our sanctuary at 7:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 4: Come and rejoice in the resurrection of our Savior at the 9:30 am worship service. There will be wonderful music and served communion. Children will remain in worship with their families. Instead of the Easter breakfast, we will enjoy hot beverages before the service and a special Easter fellowship time after worship in Memorial Lounge while the children ages toddler to 9 years old hunt for Easter eggs in Fellowship Hall. Please remember to invite your friends and neighbors to this wonderful worship service!

Attention: Bible through the Year Readers, Working for God, and Lenten Bible Experience classes.

BTTYR: November readings in March and December readings in April and May. This class meets at 10:45 each Sunday. Betty Favorite leads the class.

WFG: is a new class. The class will focus on how we intertwine work and God. The class meets at 10:45 each Sunday until March 21st. John Rice leads the class.

LBE: is a special class that meets 4-5:30 on Sundays in the small dining room. Led by Pastor Banning, this class will discuss Psalm of the day for Lent during the season.

Any one wishing to join us, any Sunday, may do so.

News of Presbyterian Women of First Presbyterian

The PW Coordinating Team (CT) met on Sunday, Feb. 14 in Cupboard Corner and among the actions taken was to investigate the purchase, by PW, of 6 and 8 foot resin tables to replace (over time) or supplement the heavy wooden ones we currently have. Any proposal to sell or dispose of the heavier tables will need to be approved by Trustees and Session.

Upcoming events for Presbyterian Women are:

- Sat. March 13 9:00 a.m. **PW Coordinating Team**
10:00 a.m. **Brunch and Bible Study** (joint circle meeting)
- Fri/Sat March 19-20 **Let's Learn Together** at GC Registration forms on PW bulletin board
- Sunday, April 11 **Celebrating the Gifts of Women Sunday**
Special Guest: Judith Lovejoy, PW Global Exchange participant

MARK YOUR CALENDARS ALL PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Saturday, April 24, 2010 Spring Gathering
Wabash Avenue Presbyterian Church, Crawfordsville
We will carpool for a fun day with PW from around our presbytery! See Pam Camren for signing up and arranging a ride.

PW BASEMENT SALE

April is the new date scheduled for the Presbyterian Women's Basement Sale. Now is the time to start your Spring Cleaning (ignore the snow on the ground). All items that are being donated **MUST BE CLEAN AND GENTLY USED** items. Please **NO** broken items or stained clothing! If you have special items please call Judy Green or Lynett Heritz...we have **LIMITED** space for certain things at this point. We will be excepting **ALL** other donations after Easter Sunday (April 5) downstairs in Fellowship Hall.

- Please mark your calendars with the following dates:
- April 11-14th Basement Sale **WORK DAYS**
 - April 14th Pre-Sale Church Members only 4-7 p.m.
 - April 15th SALE 9 a.m.— 2 p.m. and 4-7 p.m.
 - April 16th SALE 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
 - April 17th SALE 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Clean up to follow!

We need all available hands (Men are welcome too) to work this event. Please call Judy Green, Carole Polk or Lynett Heritz if you are interested in working. It takes a lot of work and hands to set up, to work and to clean up after this event and the more the merrier! So whatever time you can donate to this project please give one of us a call, sign up with your Circle Chairs or at Clipboard Corner.



Amish Dinner March 27



We will enjoy an evening meal prepared by the Amish.
Chicken, Roast Beef, potatoes and gravy, veggies,
rolls and drink, all the fixings!
Sign up at the clipboards,
the cost is \$16 per person, which includes tax and tip.
Everyone is welcome, the evening is always heart warming.



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 ★ To all of you who sent ★
 ★ cards, phoned, and ★
 ★ prayed for me while I ★
 ★ was going through the ★
 ★ decisions and surgery ★
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 ★ shawl has kept me warm ★
 ★ and loved. Thank you ★
 ★ for your loving gifts of ★
 ★ Christian support. ★
 ★ Your friend in Christ, ★
 ★ Anna Bowers ★
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“Feed My Sheep”

Central to answering Jesus’ call, Feed my sheep,” all three One Great Hour of sharing programs around our troubled world involve these groups: Presbyterian Hunger Program, Self-Development of People, and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

What can you do if you have no land, no power, and no way to face your family? Thanks to our gifts, the PC (USA) Hunger Program began Joining Hands Against Hunger. In India, one group used organic methods to develop pest repellents and compost, then sold produce at market.

After decades of flight from an oppressive government, hundreds of refugees from Burma are resettled in Michigan. The PC(USA) Self Development of people granted support to help the unemployed, who had been farmers, grow a community vegetable garden.

Our Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is helping people displaced by wars, thus becoming refugees in their own countries.

Please join millions of Presbyterian, who take Jesus’ call seriously, and give what you can. Our offering will be gathered on Palm Sunday.

Thank You. Mission Committee



The PRAYER PAGE

“Super Vision”

~ prepared by Susan May ~

Dear Lord,

I want to serve you, to work for you. I really do. But, so often, I need a vision. Give me wisdom, strength, energy, and opportunities to fulfill my part of your plan - and vision, please? I find myself not knowing where to go next, what to do (or not do) next, how to get in stride with you, or even see the step right in front of me. It’s then, I need a vision.

How will I make it in this discipleship business without a vision? True, I have a general job description. I do thank you for the Bible, my prayer life, my faith tradition, my pastor and church family, my upbringing – all of them, but I need more, I’m afraid. I need foresight, insight, and hindsight. I guess what I’m saying is... I don’t need just a vision; I need constant vision. In fact, I need SUPER vision.

Hey, Lord! YOU have SUPER vision. YOU can be my supervisor! (*uh-oh. I hear you chuckling. You say you’ve always WANTED to be my supervisor?*) OK., So, you will be my supervisor if I accept this position. When I come to you for advice, reassurance, or further instructions with my task, you’ll be there to advise, encourage and give me directions. This is good. Likewise, if I goof up or goof off, you will be nearby to show me my mistakes, help make things right, and get me back on track. (*What’s that, God? You say, “that’s Re-vision.” Ha, ha.*)

Well, I accept, since it will be you who is supervising me. And on account of your ability to chuckle. And since you promise on-the-job training, because it looks like I’ll be needing it.

I accept. I will do my best, maybe better than my best, working under the Master’s hand.

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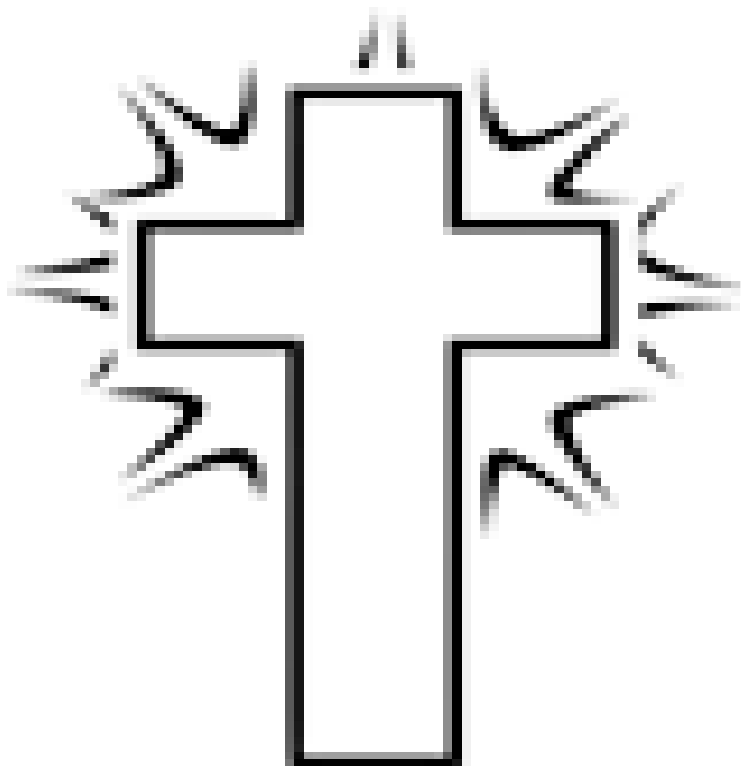
“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not trust in your own understanding. Agree with him in all your ways, and he will make your paths straight.” Proverbs 3:5-6

Directions to His House

Make a Right onto "Believeth Blvd."
 Keep straight and go through the Green Light, which is Jesus Christ.
 From there, you must turn onto the "Bridge of Faith," which is over troubled water.
 When you get off the bridge, make a Right turn and Keep Straight.
 You are on the "King's Highway"—Heaven Bound.
 Keep going for three miles: One for the Father, One for the Son and One for the Holy Ghost.
 Then exit off onto "Grace Blvd." From there, make a Right turn on "Gospel Lane."
 Keep Straight and then make another Right on "Prayer Blvd." As you go on your way,
 Yield Not to the traffic on "Temptation Ave."
 Also, avoid SIN Street because it is a DEAD END.
 Pass up "Envy Drive" and "Hate Avenue," "Hypocrisy Street,"
 "Gossiping Lane," and "Backbiting Blvd."
 But, you have to go down "Long-suffering Lane," "Persecution Blvd,"
 and "Trials and Tribulations Ave."
 It's alright because, "Victory Blvd" is straight ahead!
 Amen.

I will set him on high, because He knows my name. —Psalm 91

Put your name on cross or the name of someone you would like to say a prayer for. Or maybe just fill in with color, because He already knows the name.



Art Work from ChristArt.com

Copies of this Cross will be available to color for all church members during Lent. When done put on library table so they can be hung up around the church.