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- Donate by credit card online at presbyterianmission.org/give-oghs
- Text OGHS to 91999 to give

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WORSHIP HOURS

Adult Sunday School 9:00 AM
Fellowship Hall
Sunday Worship 10:30 AM
Sanctuary

PASTOR & SECRETARIAL HOURS
10:00 AM-2:00 PM
Monday-Thursday

For corrections or additions to the newsletter
please call the church office—252-1748

MARCH WORKMONTH FAMILIES

Chairpersons:

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| Hornung, Deb | 952-8760/320-4089 |
| Thompson, Maris | 269-2655 |

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| Allmer, Michael | 269-1662 |
| Bossingham, Delbert & Ruth | 320-9024 Del 320-8663 (Ruth) |
| Johnson, Harry & Dianna | 252-0554 |
| Martin, Bob & Gail | 252-7485/320-5760 |
| Reimers, Dale & Mary Ellen | 252-5332 |
| Szarkowski, Tyler & Marcy | 763-6526 |
| Van Dyke, Pam | 669-2533 |
| Wermager, Cindy | 252-7506 |
| Worm, Paul & Sandy | 952-7049 |
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Our Mission

Sharing Christ's Love Through Service

From the Pastor...

It's Lent once again. The 40-day season of Lent began on Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021 and ends on April 3, the day before Easter Sunday, and serves as a time of preparation for celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Lent serves as a journey of new life. The forty days of Lent invite us to face our temptations and repent of our sin, but more deeply than merely admitting our wrongdoings and shortcomings. Repentance is not ego-bashing; it's turning away from the things in which we've sought life, that can't actually give life, and turning instead toward God, the Abundant Source.

As we know, the sermon series in the month of February was on love. We learned from I John 4 that love is a major characteristic of God: God is love. Because God loves us, we are to love one another. Yet the person who says, "The Christian faith can be summed up in just three words, God is love," has it only partially right. God is not only love, certainly not as we often use that wonderful and complicated word. God too, is commitment, faithfulness even when we are not faithful. So, the Old Testament frequently speaks, not just about the love of God, but the steadfast love of God. It is not a deep feeling that makes love Christian, but long-term endurance. Love is a gift of God, not a human achievement. So, we ask that we be given the grace to love one another as God has loved each of us in Christ – completely, with commitment, forever.

A good way to observe Lent is by means of the discipline of daily reading God's Word. The goal of reading the Bible is to get a fresh look at the things of God, and especially to get a fresh look at Jesus. As you read and study the Bible you will get the answers to two questions that are at the core of the Christian faith: Who is Jesus and what does Jesus have to do with us?

Holy Scripture has the power to bring people to faith in Jesus Christ. Those who are willing to give it an honest reading will experience the compelling nature of God's Word. That is because "the word of God is living and active" (Hebrews 4:12). Those who spend time meditating on the Scriptures will experience the passages coming to life. Through the text we see something about ourselves or something that is going on in our world, and we receive insight into how to respond.

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Indeed the Holy Spirit is the one who draws people to God. The Bible is like any other writing in its physical form, words that in themselves are simply human expression. These words tell everyone that they have sinned (Romans 3:23), but many do not believe that to be true. The Bible declares that we are separated from God and need to be made righteous before him (Romans 3:10), and that there is a coming judgment of human beings (Hebrews 9:27), but people do not believe this simply because they read it in a book. It is the work of the Holy Spirit, through the Scriptures, to “convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment” (John 16:8).

In the month of March may I suggest that you read and study the Gospel of John. The preaching schedule for the month of March is as follows. March 7: John 2: 13-22, March 14: John 3: 14-21, March 21: John 12: 20-33, Palm Sunday, March 28: John 12: 2-16.

Let us have a meaningful, spiritually fulfilling Lent. And again, we pray that we be given the grace to love one another as God has loved each of us in Christ, and to share this love in its truest form as God has intended it to be.

Pastor Bob Boyar

Christian Education Coordinator

Hi! I'm Tammie Keesee, the new Christian Education Coordinator. I am very excited to begin working with the children and youth of the church and their families. I moved to Jamestown from Texas in August of 2020 with my husband, Charley, 1-year-old son, Paxton, and Golden Retriever, 'Nilla Waffer. In Texas I worked full-time as a veterinary microbiologist, but was very active in my church there. I have worked in church nurseries, helped with many Vacation Bible School programs, and led a youth group. I am looking forward to combining all of that into this new role. I would love to hear from you with any ideas, questions, and/or concerns you may have. Please feel free to email me at tdsprrott@gmail.com or call or text me at (903) 399-5690.

Financial Update

(General fund activity as of January 31, 2021)

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| General Fund Revenue for | \$29,906.73 |
| General Fund Expenses for January | \$17,671.30 |
| Excess Income/Loss for January | \$ 12,235.43 |
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| Year to Date Revenue | \$29,906.73 |
| Year to Date Expenses | \$17,671.30 |
| Year to Date Excess Income/Loss | \$12,235.43 |

We thank you for your continued support of United Presbyterian Church!

Per Capita Payments: We encourage all members to pay their per-capita as a gift above and beyond their annual pledge. **Our per-capita is based on \$48.00 for each active member of our church.** To submit a check for per-capita, simply write “Per-capita” on the memo line of your check.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS



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| Arvel Koehn | 3 |
| Steve Koehn | 3 |
| Maris Thompson | 4 |
| Rae Ann Paulson | 5 |
| Deb Hornung | 8 |
| Terry Johnson | 8 |
| Brittany Chandler | 9 |
| Munah Tarr | 10 |
| Mary Ellen Reimers | 13 |
| Emma Bennett | 16 |
| Gail Martin | 23 |
| George Barnes | 24 |
| Kathie Dunn | 24 |
| Larry Hoffman | 30 |



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

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| Barry & Kathy Buchholtz | 2 |
| Gene & Kristie Cagle | 17 |
| George & Jackie Barnes | 22 |
| Jeff & Vicki Enger | 26 |

CHURCH NEWS

- ◆ We are still actively seeking a full-time Christian Education and Family Ministries Coordinator. Tammie Keesee is part-time staff. Please call the church office at 252-1748 if interested.
- ◆ Sunday School—Kindergarten-5th grade Zoom Class meets each Sunday at 9:00 AM with Carrie Orn and Tammie Keesee. Youth Zoom Class meets on Sundays at 2:00 PM with Pastor Bob and Tammie Keesee.
- ◆ Please check out the United Presbyterian Church website at upcjamestown.org. What do you like about it? What can we improve? How do you think guests view our website? We are open to suggestions.
- ◆ Along with our Facebook page, please follow us on Instagram at United Presbyterian Church of Jamestown.
- ◆ Did you know that United Presbyterian church is a member of the Chamber of Commerce? One benefit of membership is education. The chamber hosts discounted or free training covering everything from Microsoft programs to leadership principles.
- ◆ Orn Family Dentistry was the January Business of the Month. Congratulations Dr. Carrie Orn!
- ◆ The Church Growth and Outreach Committee is asking interested people to join the committee and/or share your ideas. Contact Charlotte Enger to express interest or call the church office.