

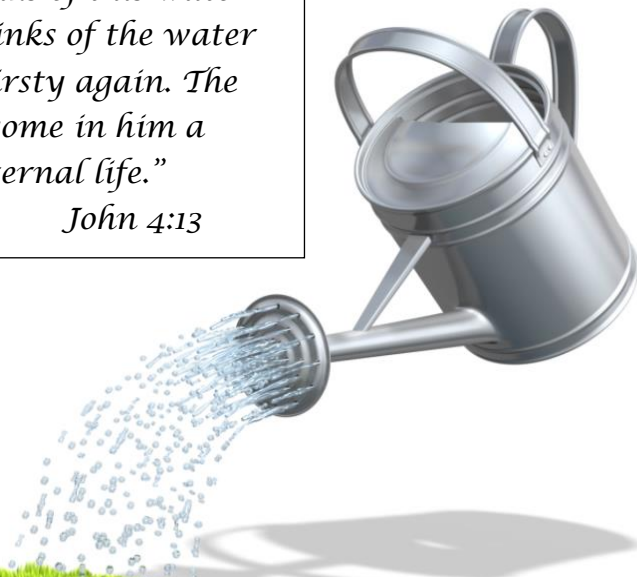


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*Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."*

*John 4:13*



Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ!

Spring officially arrived March 20<sup>th</sup>, but someone forgot to tell Mother Nature, who five days later gifted us with an abundance of snow. Prior to the 25<sup>th</sup>, winter had been cold, gray and dreary - with very little snow. At last a tremendous snowstorm blanketed the earth, and for a short while we were surrounded by its fluffy purity. Yes, I admit it...I waited all winter for that snow. I love the way it sounds, the way it smells, the feel of the snowflakes against my face. I don't even mind digging out my car (but this year I had help – Thank you Ray). But no matter, Mother Nature is at the Crossroads of Winter and Spring. Change is afoot. Winter is nearly over and we move forward in hope and joy!

We are in the season of Lent rapidly approaching Holy Week. On Wednesday evenings we hear the message of Christ's intersection with the Crossroads of our lives. *Crossroads. They are there for all of us. We may move along from day to day easily walking in the sunshine, enjoying the view...feeling at peace. And then it comes. A crossroad...a choice point. There we stand...frozen to the spot. Which way now? Right? Left? Straight? What waits down each of those choices? Which way does our heart call us to go? Which makes sense? Which is God's way? The answers aren't easy. A crossroad can bring daunting spiritual pain. And it can bring us to our knees. It can even bring us to destruction (Lenten Series Crossroads-Schroeder).*

This year, may you sense in the Crossroads of your life the courage to make the right choice to follow Jesus. Christ experienced the same pain and uncertainty at the Crossroads of Gethsemane that you and I experience in our daily lives. Jesus made the choice to follow God's will for the world and journeyed from the splendor of Palm Sunday to the humility of Maundy Thursday to the darkening sorrows of Good Friday. He had choices to make along the way, and he chose to give his life for the world and for you and me. Come, journey with Jesus as we relive his triumphant entry into Jerusalem – and then – betrayal and tragedy. Good Friday's darkness enshrouds our souls. Sunday mourning, turns to Sunday morning celebration! Life is not confined to the grave! Instead, Christ's resurrection offers each of us a way to choose to live our lives beyond the Crossroads to the fulfillment of our God given purpose!

Too many are caught in the Crossroads, remaining among cold gravestones of despair, loneliness, and hopelessness. They have lost their vision. Their questions have ceased. Ahhhh, but among those cold stones there is a stirring . . . something has changed! An empty tomb! Unheard of! Dare to believe that change is possible, that light overcomes your darkness and that the Crossroad of the Christian story offers you a wonderful way to live!

Mark your calendar for Easter! Bring your family! Invite your neighbors, your fellow workers – anyone you know who needs to hear the message of love and salvation! We believe in a God of second, third, fourth and more chances! Do not underestimate the power of Christ's message for yourself and for others. Give your children and friends a chance to hear of a way to live, believing that death is not the final word! Come join us at the Crossroads and beyond!

*"...choose this day whom you will serve ..."* Joshua 24:14

Grace, peace and joy!

*Pastor Shawn*



1. Pastor Shawn reported on members who are sick or in the hospital. She will be on vacation April 19-25.
2. Worship Committee Chairperson Phyllis Menzenski assigned elders to administer communion on April 2.
3. Session approved the nomination of Philip Keck for the open position on Trustees. A congregational meeting will be called for April 2 for the purpose of electing Philip to this position.
4. Session approved a concert in our sanctuary for Sunday, June 4. Janet Arms, daughter of Marilyn Kirchner, is a professional musician originally from Pleasant Valley. The proceeds of the concert will be donated to provide medical equipment for patients with cancer of the heart. Janet is a cancer survivor.
5. The Library project was discussed. Gary Murphy and Denny Smith will continue to represent the church's interests; parking is still under discussion.

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A Congregational Meeting is called for Sunday, April 9, 2017, immediately after worship for the purpose of electing a Trustee to fill the open position on the Board of Trustees. Philip Keck has been nominated for this position.

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AIKMAN BELL TOWER FUND

Our church has received \$2000 from the estate of Eiluned Aikman in order to start a fund in memory of Tom and Eiluned Aikman. Session has proposed that this fund be devoted to the reparation of the bell tower and restoration of the decorative trim to its original appearance. This project (approved at the congregational meeting) has been estimated to cost \$24,000. The congregation is invited to contribute. Please direct your giving to the First Presbyterian Church, Aikman-Bell Tower fund.



## CHURCH OFFICERS 2017

### SESSION

**ELDERS (Ruling Body of the Church)**

Pastor Shawn – Moderator

845-723-4419 (H) 845-797-7144 (C)

<b>CLASS OF 2017</b>	<b>CLASS OF 2018</b>	<b>CLASS OF 2019</b>
Roland Neumann	Mary Jane Gardner	Judy Brandow
Karen Sheer	Phyllis Menzenski	Edith Keck
Pat Zerbe	Kim Daley	Gary Murphy

Clerk – Marilyn Brands

### TRUSTEES

**(Take Care of the Physical Plant)**

Frank Mears	Caroline Dolfi	Andy Albrecht
Debbie Traver	Rick Fay	Tracy Keck
Steve Traver	Don Traver	open

### DEACONS

**(The Service Body of the Church)**

Dawne Fay	Steve Albrecht	Barbara Huneke
Tom Smith	Kathi Clark	Richard Moysey
Myung Sung	Traci Haight	Jack Smith
Youth - Amanda Smith		

**Church Treasurer: Wayne Sauer**

**Mission Treasurers: David Brands and Wayne Sauer**

**Bargain Basement: Jean Albrecht, Director 845-635-3563**

**Friendship Callers: Joan Smith, Chairperson 845-635-3687**

**For numbers of Chairpersons not listed, please refer to the church directory or call the church office.**



**WE ARE PRAYER PARTNERS  
COME AND PRAY WITH US**

We invite you to join the **Prayer Partners** as we pray for the needs of our church and the world.

We seek to learn more about the power of prayer, to grow in faith, and become closer to the LORD.

**Prayer Partners** meets the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Parlor.

*Next meeting is April 26<sup>th</sup>.*

Prayers for **Edwina, Sam and Christina Paine** (Phyllis Menzenski's friends) who are struggling with health issues and Sam's battle with cancer struggling as Sam is battling cancer.

Prayers for **Meredith** (Phyllis Menzenski's daughter) who is struggling with health issues.

Prayers for **Judy Brandow** (member) who is at home recovering from health issues .

Prayers for **Rhona Kerr** (Pastor Shawn's friend) who is recovering from surgery.

Prayers for **Hope Murphy** who is recovering from a concussion.

Prayers for **Glynn Hawley** (Joan & Jack Smith's brother-in-law) who is ill.

Prayers for **Barbara Emery** who is struggling with health issues.

Prayers for **Dariana** (a Haight family friend) who is fighting cancer.

Prayers for **Nick Becker** (Karen H's grandson) who is fighting complications from illness.

Prayers for **Pat Liefer** (Karen H's niece) who is battling pancreatic cancer.

Prayers for **Glenn Cole** (Edith & Paul Keck's friend) who is struggling with health issues.

Prayers for **Richard Joseph** (Mary Jane Gardner's brother) struggling with health issues.

Prayers for **Sue McGinnis** (a friend of Marilyn Brands) who is being treated for cancer.

Prayers for **Vikki Caswell** (Chesney Baker's mother) who is struggling with health issues.

Prayers for **Fred Albrecht** (Steve Albrecht's brother) who is at home recovering.

Prayers for **Bertha Howe** (member) who is home struggling with health issues.

Prayers for **Danielle Monaco** (a friend of Debi Tyger) who is struggling with health issues.

Prayers for **Edith & Dave** (member Donna Sheak's parents) who are struggling with health issues.

Prayers for **Rick Fay** (member) who is struggling with health issues.

Prayers for **Sue Moore** who is struggling with health issues.

Prayers for **Betty Palmquist** (member) who is struggling with health issues.

Prayers for **Wayne Tyger** (brother of Jim Tyger) diagnosed with Hodgkins lymphoma.

Prayers for **Conor Behan** (great nephew of Jack & Joan Smith) who is struggling with illness.

Prayers for **Anita Wolf** (member Roxanne Wolf's Mother) who is struggling with health issues.

Prayers for **Jane Barden** (member) who is struggling with health issues but is home.

**Lutheran Care Center Long Term Care**

Prayers for **Dort Traver** (member) who is in the Lutheran Care Center, Room 111a South.





## HOMELESS SHELTER MEAL

PW will be preparing and serving the meal on Tuesday, April 11th

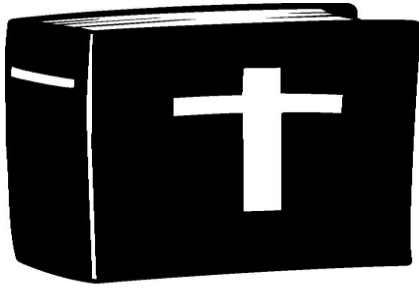
We meet in the kitchen at 4:45 p.m. to prepare the casserole and salad & to package the cookies. We need 16-17 dozen cookies for the dessert, please consider providing 2-3 dozen cookies a couple times a year. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the Husted Fellowship Hall. Donated items must be in the church kitchen no later than noon on the day of meal. Monetary donations are accepted to help with the cost of miscellaneous items. We leave the church at 7:00 p.m. to travel to the shelter to serve the meal. Thank you for your continuing generosity in helping those in need. Any questions or to help see Linda Morey or Karen Haight.

## **FRIENDSHIP CALLERS**

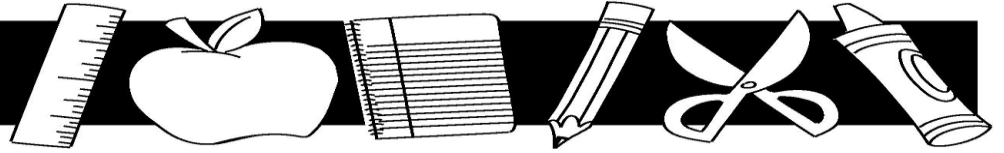
The Friendship Callers will meet on  
**April 18th at 9:30 a.m.** to go visit our shut-ins.

All are welcome.  
We meet in the Yellow Room.  
Any questions, please call Joan Smith at 635-3687

**PW Lenten Sewing Project - Next meeting April 11th at 9:30 a.m. in the Yellow Room. Come and share your ideas!**



# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Our Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Palm Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, after the service! Please invite your friends and family to come and look for eggs filled with candy and prizes. Please bring a basket to collect your eggs!



## VBS is coming!!

Mark your Calendars!!! July 17-21, 2017

Mark your calendars and sign up to help our children learn the wonders of being a hero. If you have not helped with VBS before, now would be a great time to become a hero to our youngest learners.

Sign up for a day or the entire week. Helping to spread the good news is what we all need to do to help our children discover their strength in God.

There will be a sign up board available in fellowship hall after each service.

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The next meeting of the Christian Education Committee will be March 16<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm in the Parlor. Anyone that is looking for something new and interesting to do, please feel free to join us. The Christian Education Committee is focused on sharing the good news with all the followers of Jesus Christ. Our goal is to meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month and meet for 1 hour. The time frame has been established so interested volunteers can become involved while their children are at Jr. Choir, will have a chance to attend Sr. Choir or know that the business of the day will be completed by 7 pm.

**Beth Murphy, CE Coordinator**

[murphygba@aol.com](mailto:murphygba@aol.com) / [845-868-7298](tel:845-868-7298) (h) [845-242-0325](tel:845-242-0325) (c)



**June Plass Sherow Memorial Scholarship Fund**

Each year, the Christian Education committee invites church members who are pursuing post-high school education to apply to the June Plass Sherow Memorial Scholarship Fund. This fund provides financial aid for the purpose of higher education.

Interested people must meet the following requirements:

- Be actively involved in the life of the church through Church School and Worship.
- A high school senior who is beginning accredited post-high school education (such as college or trade school).
- OR an adult beginning accredited study for the first time after high school graduation.

**Application Deadline is May 1, 2017.**

Please return any applications to the church office, attention CE Committee.

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**JUNE PLASS SHEROW MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Year you joined the church: \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach a brief description of your education plans:

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## SPAGHETTI DINNER - APRIL 22ND

A free spaghetti dinner (donations accepted) is scheduled for Saturday, April 22, from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. Items needed: Donations of spaghetti sauce, cash donations for meat, and homemade desserts. We will also need workers to serve in the dining room, set up and clean up, and people to come and eat. Please call the church office at 635-3289 to make a reservation.

Our March dinner was a success with many people enjoying the food and fellowship. Profit from dinner totaled \$817.00. We thank all who helped, especially our chief cook Steve Albrecht!

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## Adam's Gift Cards

**Thank you for your support of the Adam's gift card program. Many of you are faithful participants and that is greatly appreciated.**

**With spring here - or at least on the way - I hope you all consider buying a gift card which will help our church. Encourage your family and friends to participate as well.**

**See Helen Traver anytime or stop in the church office during office hours to pick up your Adam's gift card. The First Presbyterian Church of Pleasant Valley is worth our efforts. THANK YOU!!**

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## "Annual Spring Clean-up Day" April 8<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9a.m.

We ask that **all who are able & available (church members & friends)** come out to help us work together to make our church sparkle & shine (remember **MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!**). The Trustees will have a specific task list to complete to make this Spring Clean-up day go as quickly and efficiently as possible, so please think of tools and/or cleaning supplies that you may want to supply and/or donate to help this morning of fellowship and work go smoothly! *Thank you in advance for your help!* (Middle School and High School Students...Need some volunteer hours/credits??)"

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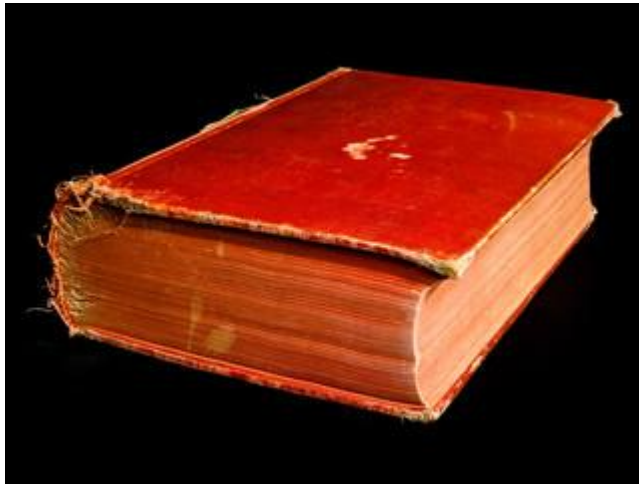


### ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING - Easter Sunday, April 16, 2017

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS), a special offering received during the season of Lent, has been making a difference in the world since 1949. A gift to OGHS enables the Presbyterian churches to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world. This is accomplished through three powerful programs:

- Presbyterian Disaster Assistance - providing relief to those affected by natural disasters.
- Presbyterian Hunger Program - helps provide food to the hungry.
- Self Development of People - helps to empower the poor and the oppressed.

Additional information will be provided in the upcoming Sunday bulletins. Please give as generously as you are able. Donations should be made through the church, not by text or online. Envelopes are in your pledge box or may be found in the pews. The One Great Hour of Sharing special offering will be received on Easter Sunday. Serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.



A special thanks to Cynthia Stirling for her work on repairing the red hymnal books.

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# May Fest

**Friday, May 12, 4:30 to 8:00 p.m.**  
**Saturday, May 13, 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

It's time to think about our annual May Fest fundraiser. We will need donations and helpers for the following booths, listed with chairpersons:

Attic: Jean Albrecht and Helen Traver  
Baked goods: Judy Brandow and Debi Tyger  
Books, CDs, DVDs: Beth Murphy and Marilyn Brands  
Children's Toys, Games: Darcy, Kayla and Max Gordineer  
Plants: Deb Murray, Paul and Edith Keck  
Kitchen: Missy Sauer  
Adams cards will be available from the Attic cashiers.

We will need donations of household and decorative items for the Attic, baked goods, books for all ages, CDs and DVDs, toys and games for children, and plants. All items should be clean and in good condition. **To order plants, call Deb Murray at 635-8887. The deadline for plant orders is Friday, May 5.** Items may be brought to church starting NOW and placed in the little room to the left of the stage in the Fellowship Hall. If you have questions, or if you can help, please call any of the chairpersons. Let's make this a great success!

# April 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						<b>1</b> 10-1 Bargain Basement
<b>2</b> HOLY COMMUNION 11:10 am Bible Study 1-3pm Brands - Fellowship Hall	<b>3</b> 8-1 PVN  6 pm Stamping with Jean 7pm Bell Choir	<b>4</b> 8-1 PVN  7:30p N.A.	<b>5</b> 8-1 PVN 10-1 Bargain Basement 7pm Lenten Service 7:30p Lyme Disease Mtg	<b>6</b> 8-1 PVN 10 am C & C 6pm Jr Choir 6:30pm Boy Scouts 6:30p Jr Grange/Chapel 7pm Sr Choir	<b>7</b> 8-1 PVN	<b>8</b> 10-1 Bargain Basement 9 AM Annual Spring Clean-up Day 5pm Deaf Club
<b>9</b> PALM SUNDAY & EASTER EGG HUNT 10:30 Special Cong. Mtg. 11:10 am Bible Study	<b>10</b> PVN Closed  7pm Bell Choir	<b>11</b> PVN Closed 9:30am WA Knit Project 4:45pm -PW Homeless Shelter Meal 7pm Trustee Mtg	<b>12</b> PVN Closed 10-1 Bargain Basement	<b>13</b> PVN Closed MAUNDY THURSDAY 10 am C & C  7 pm Service	<b>14</b> PVN Closed GOOD FRIDAY  OFFICE CLOSED  6:30 pm Service	<b>15</b> 10-1 Bargain Basement
<b>16</b> 6:30am Sunrise Service 9:30am EASTER SERVICE  1pm - Sherow Family Dinner	<b>17</b> 8-1 PVN  7pm Bell Choir	<b>18</b> 8-1 PVN 9:30am Friendship Callers  7:30pm N.A.	<b>19</b> 8-1 PVN 10-1 Bargain Basement  7pm Session	<b>20</b> 8-1 PVN 10 am C & C  6pm CE Comm Mtg 6pm Jr Choir 7pm Sr Choir	<b>21</b> 8-1 PVN	<b>22</b> 10-1 Bargain Basement  4:30 -7pm Spaghetti Dinner
<b>23</b> WORSHIP 11:10 am Bible Study PW Mtg. after church	<b>24</b> 8-1 PVN  7pm Bell Choir PRES ARTICLES DUE	<b>25</b> 8-1 PVN  7:30pm N.A.	<b>26</b> 10-1 Bargain Basement  7pm Prayer Partners	<b>27</b> 10 am C & C  6pm Jr Choir 6:30p Jr Grange 7pm Sr Choir	<b>28</b> 11 am PW Bible Study	<b>29</b> 10-1 Bargain Basement
<b>30</b> WORSHIP 11:10 am Bible Study						