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#### All About Holy Week



#### Maundy Thursday Worship

Maundy comes from the Latin word mandatum, which means "commandment." In the act of washing the Apostles feet, Jesus gives them the commandment to "love and serve one another as I have loved you."

We will be gathering on April 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm to remember the night Jesus had his last meal with the disciples and his personal sacrifice for our sins. The service will begin with Confession and Holy Communion.

Due to COVID protocol we will be using the individual pre-packaged cups and wafers. (We will not gather around the table, as we have in the past.) Once we have taken communion together, we will remove the communion -ware and replace them with candles helping us to switch to a more subdued atmosphere for the Seven last Words of Christ.

This service requires many volunteers: readers, ushers, acolyte, bell ringer, an assistant to help the Deacon with communion-ware and candles, draping the cross, burning the prayers, soundboard, videotaping and of course those wishing to sing or just embrace the experience.

If you are willing to serve at this service please contact our Worship Coordinator, Kris at <u>kbartelt@fdlpresbyteiran.org</u>. Volunteers are asked to arrive at 6:30pm that evening for a quick rehearsal and Q&A.



Easter Candy Donations



Easter is right around the corner, and we need your help!

Wrapped candy and small prizes are needed for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt. This event is a lot of fun for the children of our church family. We're so excited to have the "Hunt" back, after a two year hiatus!

Please put donations in the basket in the office.

Thank you, The Learning Team

#### Lenten Journey -Available Now



The Lenten Journey Calendar is a daily interactive calendar full of a variety of activities for all ages. <u>Click here to connect to the online</u> <u>Lenten Journey Calendar.</u>

Paper copies of the Lenten Journey Calendar are also available in the Narthex at church.

We encourage you to submit pictures of you and your family doing these activities so that we can share with our church community. Email them to: <u>fdloffice@firstpresbyterian.org</u>

To help us improve the Lenten Journey Experience, please share your thoughts by completing this <u>survey</u>.

We can't wait to see and hear about your Journey through Lent!

#### April 17 -Easter Sunday Breakfast

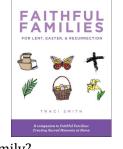


Join us for Easter Breakfast on Sunday, April 17 Easter morning. Breakfast will be served from 7:45am to 8:45am. Proceeds will be given to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering.

If you would like to help with food donations, serving or clean up, please contact Jennifer in the church office.

#### Faithful Families

Looking for ways to strengthen and grow in your relationship with God as a family?



Faithful Families for Lent, Easter, and Resurrection by Traci Smith, offers many thoughtful and engaging suggestions for families and/or individuals.

We have several copies of *Faith-ful Families for Lent, Easter, and Resurrection* in the church library. Pick up a copy today.

April 17 -Easter Celebration 10:15am-11:15am



Join us for fellowship and activities, including an egg hunt, on April 17<sup>th</sup> from 10:15-11:15am. We'll be in the Gathering Room.

At Home Packets of Lent/Easter activities will be available by request during Holy Week in the church office.

#### Faith Formation Activity Schedule

#### 10:15am April 17 Easter

- Easter Celebration for Families in the Gathering Room with activities and egg hunt.
- At Home Packets of Lent/Easter activities will be available on request during Holy Week.

#### 10:15am April 24- June 5

- **Church School** (Preschool-6 grade) in the Gathering Room with Zoom
- Youth Foundations Class (7-12 grade) in Resource Room/Youth Room with Zoom
- Adult Class in Parlor/ Fellowship Hall with Zoom

#### Session Highlights – March 2022

Session, at its regular March meeting, continued its practice of monitoring the Covid situation. We approved our current status where masking and physical distancing are still encouraged and respected but are not required. The current protocols will most likely stay the same unless the CDC changes the Covid status from low or medium to something higher.

A revised education hour schedule was proposed by the Learning Team and approved by Session as follows:



#### April 17 Easter

10:15am Easter Celebration for Families in the Gathering Room with activities and egg hunt. At Home Packets of Lent and Easter activities will be available on request during Holy Week.

#### April 24

10:15am Election of Officers - following the regular worship service

#### April 24-June 5

10:15am	Church School Large Group in the Gathering Room with Zoom
	Youth Foundations Class in Resource Room with Zoom
	Adult Class in Parlor with Zoom

#### June 26

10:15am Annual Congregational Meeting - following the regular worship service

The Session approved the selection of Lopez Roofing to perform the roof replacement on the church building. The roofing company was chosen based on the recommendation of the Operations Team and John Neville. Work will begin in June.

Session also reluctantly accepted the resignation of Eder Don Vahlsing. Deb Cooley will take Don's position of leading the Serving Team. Carol Wetzel has willingly accepted to fill Don's Presbytery Commissioner role.

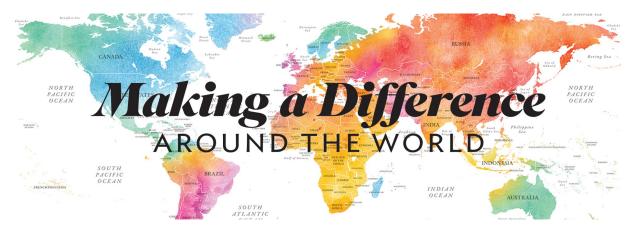
Dave Erickson Clerk of Session



#### April 3

9:00am 10:30am Worship and Communion in the Sanctuary Worship and Communion via <u>ZOOM</u>

## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING



## Offering will be taken on Palm Sunday, April 10

Europe is facing its largest humanitarian crisis since World War II. The United Nations estimates up to 18 million people, both internally displaced and refugees, will eventually be impacted.

According to reports from Action by Churches Together (ACT) Alliance, Ukrainians are facing reduced or disrupted services in water, heating, electricity, transportation and telecommunications. Health services have deteriorated rapidly due to shortages of medical supplies and personnel.

Refugees, mostly women, children, people with disabilities and the elderly, had to leave their homes and spend days traveling to neighboring countries for safety, with almost nothing with them.

Your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing allow for an immediate response from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) when emergencies first occur, often responding to crises that never make it into the news.

In this volatile situation, PDA was able to provide urgent funding to trusted, established partners with the expertise to carry out humanitarian aid. Reformed and Orthodox church partners, like the Community of St. Egidio and Hungarian Reformed Church Aid, are working closely with local churches and organizations to provide food, water, clothing, shelter, psychosocial support and other basic items for survival. They are the "boots on the ground," listening and responding to the needs of those impacted.

To stay informed about the work Presbyterians are doing in and around Ukraine, visit <u>pcusa.org/</u> <u>pda/ukraine</u>. To learn more about One Great Hour of Sharing and the vital ministries it supports, visit <u>pcusa.org/oghs</u>.

In this season of Lent, pray for our siblings in Ukraine. Pray for peace. And pray that all of us will remember that we are the Church, together.

Ways to Give: Though our church offering, through our <u>website</u> or <u>pcusa.org/give-oghs</u>

#### **Repositioning KIVA Funds**

As previously announced, the Serving Team began withdrawing the church's money invested with KIVA in order to contribute to a variety of organizations that the Serving Team feels better accomplish the goals for which these funds were intended. Two such organizations are the <u>One Acre</u> <u>Fund</u> (link to video) and <u>Village Enterprise</u> (link to video). Both of these organizations received a \$4,000 donation from our church.

The **One Acre Fund** was founded in 2006. Its mission is to supply smallholder farmers in Africa with seeds and fertilizer, financing, agricultural training, and access to more profitable markets. To date, these services have been provided to over one million farmers in East and South Africa. Once crops are harvested, the farmers are expected to pay back seventy percent of the cost for supplies. Currently they have had a ninety-seven percent success rate. Much like with KIVA, these returned funds are then used to finance future projects.

**Village Enterprise** also works in Africa. Its goal is to take individuals who are earning less than \$1.25 a day, put them into partnerships of three (often women), offer them nine months of training, and then give them start-up money to begin a new business. Examples of the types of businesses these groups are trained for include livestock, farming, small retail stores, restaurants, tailoring, and beekeeping. The expectation is that these businesses will be successful so that the individuals will need no further training or financial help. To date, Village Enterprise has started over 54,000 businesses and trained over 204,000 people.

Some characteristics that both these organizations share is the fact that they do not just dispense money but place a great deal of emphasis on the need for training. In addition, both organizations regularly evaluate their own practices with an eye toward constant improvement. Finally, the two organizations have both received a four-star (the highest possible) rating from Charity Navigator, an organization which evaluates the quality of different charitable organizations.

In acknowledgement of our donations (on the following page), we have received thank you notes from the executive directors of these two organizations.

See page 7 for the thank you responses from these organizations.





# Christians Serving, Learning and Loving ONE ACRE FUND

Dear First Presbyterian Church,

On behalf of all of us at One Acre Fund, thank you for your generous donation of 4,000.00 received on 2/1/2022. This gift supports our work with hundreds of thousands of smallholder farmers, to unlock the yield gains that have eluded so many, for so long.

Humanity has made great progress toward reducing hunger on a global scale over the past 50 years. But the simple agriculture improvements that have increased yields everywhere else in the world, have not yet reached tens of millions of smallholder farmers in Sub-Saharan Africa. These families, unable to harvest enough to feed and support their families throughout the year, still face annual cycles of hunger. One Acre Fund was founded on the belief that if we can deliver these proven solutions to the last mile, we can end poverty in our lifetime.

One Acre Fund farmer Kija Katemana lives in rural Tanzania and says it best: "Before I thought my life would be one of hardship, but thanks to One Acre Fund, I feel free of that life now. I feel very confident that I am able to take care of my children. The future I see ahead is now bright."

Your support is fueling our impact. In the past year, your generosity helped us serve more than 1.3 million farmers, in a single year, for the first time. With the average farmer achieving a 40% increase in income on activities supported by our program, your gift is an investment in a more prosperous future for every community we serve. Thank you for your generosity!

Sincerely,

Andrew Youn



Dear First Presbyterian Church of Fond du Lac,

Thank you for your recent donation to Village Enterprise. Through your support and the support of donors like you, we have helped lift over one million East Africans out of extreme poverty! And in the coming years, we hope to transform the lives of millions more.

Your contribution will provide hard-working East African women and men with the tools and resources to start sustainable small businesses and savings groups. Income from these businesses will enable our entrepreneurs to send their children to school, improve their nutrition, increase savings, and ultimately, transform lives and communities.

Thank you again for your support to Village Enterprise and to the thousands of women, children, and men whose lives are directly improved because of your generosity.

Best regards, Dianne Calvi CEO

#### My Beloved -

Once again, the Holy Season of Lent is drawing to a close. In just a few weeks we'll be joining Jesus' procession into Jerusalem, celebrating his final supper and crucifixion, and then glorying in his Resurrection: his triumph over death. Easter is the High Holy Day of our faith and I hope that you are as excited about it as I am.

But before that, let's take a moment to reflect. How has Lent been for you? Was it a bit of a downer this year? Was it more exciting than usual? Are you looking forward to eating sweets again? Have you been using Lent as a time for concerted spiritual development? Have you been using it as a time for learning more about God and yourself?



I'm sure many of us, even if Lent has been spiritually powerful, are looking forward to going 'back to normal'. We gave up foods, activities and attitudes for the Holy Season and now we are desperate to get them back. The problem, of course, is that by going backwards at Easter we may lose the growth that came from Lent.

Think about losing weight, something most of us have probably considered a time or two. We decide we want to lose 10 lbs. We watch our diet. We exercise. We cultivate a healthy lifestyle. When we reach our goal, do we then go 'back to normal'? Do we stop exercising? Do we go back to eating fried foods and lots of sweets? If we do, we know what will happen. Our weight will quickly go 'back to normal." We'll probably add some extra pounds, as well!

This year, before sighing deeply and jettisoning all our Lenten disciplines, let's take a moment for consideration. Which of our new practices served us well? Which of our new practices were hardest to follow? What are the ones we're most eager to stop? And, most importantly, which of our practices could we continue to embrace? Which of our practices would make good additions to our healthy Spiritual lifestyle?

Have you been giving more money than usual to charity? Can you keep on doing that? Have you been making more time to read your Bible? Is there any reason why you can't continue the practice? Are you thinking of a new person each day to pray for, taking time to reflect on their life-situation and what you can do to help them flourish? Are you taking a minute at the end of each day to reflect on those times when you were closest to God and when you were farthest from God? Is there any reason you can't keep doing so?

Being physically healthy isn't something we can achieve by cramming for tests. It's a way of life we cultivate over time by making it more and more routine.

Are there things about Lent we could make routine? Are there things about Lent that, if we kept them up, would help us draw closer and closer to God?

On Easter Sunday afternoon, I plan to eat an entire cheesecake, as well as several pounds of chocolate. But I also plan to quickly revert to my pre-Easter diet. It has really made a difference in my life. I also plan to keep on with some of my Lenten disciplines. I know that by doing so I will keep on learning about myself and about how much God loves me.

Will you join me in this? I hope so!

God's peace to us all, Pastor Ken

#### Do You Hear What I Hear-Schlicker Organ

On Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup> our organ was tuned. You may be wondering, why do we tune an organ? The short answer is the same reason we change the oil in our cars on a regular basis. The pipe organ is made up of wood and metal pipes that receive air flow when a key is depressed. Wood and metal expand and contract with temperature fluctuations causing pipes to shift and get out of tune. If there is dirt blocking the air flow the pipe will not 'speak or sound'. Dirt(dust) can have the opposite effect. It can cause the pipe mechanism to remain open creating a constant sound called a siphon. When tuning the organ, these issues are addressed, as well as overall maintenance. Monday, they fixed a key for me that clicked every time I played it – how to drive an organist insane 101. Organs are usually tuned in late Fall after heat has been turned on and in mid-spring when we switch from heat to air-conditioning. Most organists time these tunings around Christmas and Easter respectively. Here is a short video with a little more detail. Tuning the organ: <u>https://youtu.be/KCdJb0m6jIc</u>

Grace Note: this organ is recorded on the Organ Historical Society web page. To view please visit <u>https://pipeorgandatabase.org/organ/52840</u>. Rodney Weed, who made this possible, became aware of the instrument through our Summer Organ Recital program here in Fond du Lac.



#### Information @ Church

April 1-2 - Feed My Starving Children

Feed My Starving Children Fond du Lac MobilePack Meals are now needed to help people in <u>Ukraine and surrounding</u> <u>areas</u>.

You can submit donations electronically at the <u>Feed</u> <u>My Starving Children FDL</u> <u>MobilePack website</u> or you can also donate online on our <u>church</u> <u>website</u>. Please include our event number **2204-051SC** to your donations to ensure that they will be added to **our** pack on **April 1-2, 2022.** 

Our goal for the April 1-2, 2022, MobilePack is to pack 101,088 meals at a cost of \$25,000 utilizing 514 volunteers. We have already raised \$20,000 towards this goal!

There are two ways that you can help with the MobilePack campaign - a monetary donation and/or volunteering your time. Each meal costs about 25 cents. A donation of \$88 will feed a child for an entire year!

Your efforts and contributions are even more critical in these unprecedented times.

Undernourished children are more susceptible, than ever to infectious diseases. At this point, the global pandemic, and its economic impact, have left 265 million people on the brink of starvation. April 4 - April 10 -Sock Collection



The members of the Loving Team hope this Lenten season has blessed you with many adventures of the soul/sole. Our Lenten Journey has given us a chance to reflect on our many blessings. In turn, we would like to share our blessings with members of our local community.

We believe there is nothing more soothing and comforting for the soul/sole than a new pair of socks. We would like to invite you to join the Loving Team in collecting new socks to be donated to two local schools: Sabish Middle School in Fond du Lac and Horace Mann High School in North Fond du Lac.

We are hoping to give as many students as possible the opportunity to feel the comfort of the soul/sole through a new pair of socks. Socks can be dropped off at church any time. Socks are due by April 10.

Thank you for soothing so many souls/soles.

April 6 - Loaves and Fishes



We will be serving a curbside, pick -up meal for Loaves and Fishes on Wednesday, April 6 from 4:00-6:00pm at the Church of Peace (158 S. Military Rd).

If you are available to help prepare, serve, or clean up after the meal, please contact the office.

Dessert donations are always needed, and appreciated, for the meal. Desserts can be brought to First Presbyterian Church until Wednesday, April 6 at 3:00pm.

Thank you to everyone who can help us serve the community in need.

Contact the church office if you can help or if you have any questions.

Lisa and Jennifer

#### Women in Faith

#### A friend is someone who reaches for your hand but touches your heart.

Join us for fun and fellowship each month for Women in Faith. Women In Faith meets one evening a month from 630-7:30pm. We check in with each other and share a time of fellowship, devotion and crafts or games.

Everyone is welcome! We hope you can join us. Bring a friend if you would like. Look at all the fun stuff we're planning!

Contact the church office if you have any questions or have suggestions for future meetings.

#### Tuesday, April 12 6:30-7:30PM Spring Treats

We will make sweet treats in cute containers that you can eat yourself or share.



#### Wednesday, May 11 6:30-7:30PM Pin Cushion Jars

We will make pin cushion jars. We will have fabric and small canning jars to use or bring your own.



**Wednesday, June 8 6:30-7:30PM Bowling Ball Garden Art** We will make garden art from a bowling ball. We will provide the bowling ball.



#### April 14 - Ruby's Pantry



- Food distribution will take place at **GRACE CHRISTIAN CHURCH**. Please enter on the **EAST** side. Park on the South side of the building.
- Online registration is available <u>here</u>. Please arrive at your appointed time.
- All guests must enter the building to register and receive their pick-up number.
- Further instructions will be available, once guests have registered.
- Two food shares are allowed, per vehicle.
- Trunk must be empty
- Food will be loaded into trunks by our volunteers
- Do not bring boxes, bags, etc. for food
- Bathroom facilities are not available to the public

Where	Grace Christian	
When	April 14	
Open	4:30-6:00pm	
Donation	\$22.00 Cash Only	
If you have any questions contact		
Grace Christian Church at		

Grace Christian Church at: 920.923.5292 *or* rachelrudzik@gccfdl.org

If you are interested in volunteering, at Ruby's Pantry please complete an application at: <u>www.rubyspantry.org</u>. April 17 -Coffee Hour is Back!



Coffee Hour returns on Easter Sunday, April 17! The Loving Team is inviting Teams, small groups, and individuals to sign-up to host Coffee Hour. The church provides the coffee and tea. You provide the treats, start coffee and clean-up afterwards.

There is a calendar at the Welcome Center to sign up. The calendar goes through December. Please consider volunteering for a couple of weeks, a month, or to celebrate a special time in your family (birthday, anniversary, etc.)

We are looking forward to this special time of visiting with our church family and friends. April 20 - Bingo



Join us for Bingo on April 20, from 6:00 to 7:00pm.

Please register <u>here</u>. A ZOOM link will be emailed to you.

It's a lot of fun. We hope you will join us!



#### April 22-23 2022 Model Train Show



The model train enthusiasts of the First Presbyterian Church are planning our 19<sup>th</sup> Model Train Show on Saturday, April 23, from10:00am to 4:00pm and Sunday, April 24 from 9:00am to 2:00pm.

Join the fun-filled weekend and help support our PYA. The youth will be selling food to raise funds for <u>Sleep in Heavenly Peace</u>.

Please contact:	
Church Office	920.922.0425
Les Mier	920.517.3901
Dennis Thompson	920.948.2147

It's always a lot of fun! We hope to see you there!

#### Free Admission Open to the Public

April 22-23 Train Show Concessions -Provided by the Youth



Food Concessions will be available during the Train Show. This year the proceeds from food sales will be donated to the local <u>Sleep in</u> <u>Heavenly Peace</u> organization.

Sleep in Heavenly Peace is a national nonprofit with chapters spread across the United States and Canada. The organization is a registered 5019© (3) non-profit, driven by volunteers who build beds for children ages 3-17.

Donations are accepted and volunteers are always needed (ages 14 and up) for build days. The volunteers actually build the beds and deliver them to the children.

Donations will be used to help Fond du Lac area children. There is a waiting list, in the Fond du Lac area, of children that need a bed. In addition to a bed each child receives a mattress, pillow, and linens. This helps to make happy, well-rested children.

### April 24 - Adult Education



Pastor Ken will lead us in a discovery and discussion of two important topics: church sizes and the life cycle of a church.

Churches come in a variety of shapes and sizes, each with their own characteristics. What is distinctive about each size? What are the dividing lines between them? What challenges and opportunities do the varying sizes offer? What size are we and how could that enlighten us going forward?

Churches die for many reasons, but no church ever dies from old age. What is the typical life cycle of a church? When do churches begin to decline? Can anything be done about it? Is there a magic elixir of life that a dying church can take?

We hope you'll join us for this time of learning about churches, in general, and ourselves in particular.



## A Seven-Week Study Series

God is often at work through the ordinary: ordinary people, ordinary objects, ordinary grace. Through the ordinary, God communicates epiphanies, salvation, revelation, and reconciliation. It is through the mundane that we hear God's quiet voice. The book, *Lent in Plain Sight*, draws readers' attention to ten ordinary objects that Jesus would have encountered on his way to Jerusalem.

The goal of this group study is to focus on spiritual lessons and recognize how the seemingly ordinary can reveal the extraordinary presence of God in our lives.

So far, we have discussed dust, bread, the cross and coins. We have two opportunities for you to join a group to discuss and reflect on each week's scriptures. You can read the devotionals throughout the week. You are welcome to join us at any time. Books are available in the church office.

#### **Through April 20**

10:30-11:30am		In-Person Group Wednesday mornings		
7:00-8:00pm		ZOOM Group Wednesday evenings		
April 6	Week 5	Shoes		

- April 13 Week 6 Oil
- April 20 Week 7 Holy Week and Easter

#### Thank You -From Roy Johnson

Finally, after three solid weeks in Froedtert Hospital, I am back in my own home. My recovery is not complete as I have been told to look forward to six to nine months more recovery.

On the other hand, I must tell everyone how overwhelmed I am by the outpouring of Christian compassion I experienced. It's difficult to express the comfort I received during some of the dark times during those three weeks.

It all goes to reaffirm what I've known for a while: the church is its people, not the building. I wish I could remember each and every individual personally, however, there were too many. Sorry about that. Roy Johnson

#### Thank You - To the Congregation

On Friday, February 25, our church members provided the meal for the Salvation Army Warming Shelter.

We had an excellent response and received enough food to feed the 35 people taking part in the meal. They (most likely) had enough left over to cover the weekend meals.

Thank you to Andy and Deb Lorenz for picking up the food and delivering it to the Warming Shelter. As always, our church members stepped up to help others in need. Thank you!<sup>14</sup>



#### June - Raise the Roof

Spring and summer is improvement and repair time. Our church is no exception. As you are probably aware, our beautiful church building is over 20 years old, and maintenance is ongoing. Our priority, at this time, is to replace the shingled roof. Several repairs have been done to it over the past few years, but now we need to replace it. We have contracted with Lopez Roofing, the work will begin in June, once Head Start is on summer break.

The estimated cost of the project is \$120,000. In order to help fund this capital expense, the Finance Team is promoting a "Raise the Roof" campaign. While reserves, endowment interest and memorial gifts will help bankroll the roof, other gifts are needed from you, our congregation, to help complete this major project.

We ask for your prayers, love, and support as we accomplish this major task. Together we can fulfill the goal of replacing the roof of our church.

May God continue to bless us all.

The Finance Team John Neville Judy Dassow Mary Robotka, Liason

#### **Operations** Team

For the past few months, we have been very busy upgrading, repairing, and replacing church equipment that is 20 plus years old. These changes were made to ensure that day-to-day operations continue to run smoothly.

Installed /repaired the following:

- 1. A new upgraded Network Router & Switch. Excel installed new Wi-Fi boosters. Cost: (\$3,000)
- 2. A new (Voice over Internet) phone system. Excel installed a new GrandStream (telephones) system. The installer (Darren) will be returning to do training for the GrandStream website. Cost: (\$4,000).
- 3. Upgraded Internet speed from 100 to 200 mb. Spectrum installed new modem. (Additional cost of \$25 per month).
- 4. Purchased a new Dell Laptop to replace old one. Cost: (\$850).
- 5. The kitchen garbage disposal needed to be replaced. Completed by Ahern/Gross. We plan to ask Head Start for some financial help. Cost: (\$2,000).
- 6. The preheater on the dishwasher was leaking from the pressure relief valve. Replaced valve and temperature sensor valve. Completed by Ahern/Gross. Estimated Cost:(\$1,000).
- 7. The rear projector in the Sanctuary was not working. Bulb replaced March 23.
- 8. Additional training on our sound system was done on Wednesday March 23.

#### The Operations Team

### April Worship



You Tube

YouTube worship services can be found <u>here</u>.



Monday - Wednesday 9:00am - 5:00pm

Thursday 9:00am - Noon

Friday Closed



Did you hear? The Children's Sermon has returned to Worship!

Bring your children to church to the fun!

See you Sunday!

#### Fellow Musicians

As we continue our journey of transition, we are looking to add a song leader to our Sunday morning worship service.

This person would lead in all congregational singing from the lectern, have energy, be able to sing from A below middle C to D above high C (octave lower for men) and a willingness to learn new music.

Song leaders must meet with our Worship Coordinator on Friday or Saturday, for 1 hour, to rehearse, both with and without the microphone. A warm-up before worship on Sunday mornings, would also be required, at 8:30am.

The purpose of music in our worship service is, first and foremost, to glorify God. Music that draws attention to itself, music that does not point us to God, is appropriate for a concert but not for a service of worship.

As well as worshiping God, singing together also builds up a congregation's *esprit de corps*. Singing well together, helps us develop a sense of pride and unity that is so important in empowering a congregation to overcome obstacles, show resilience and do ministry together.

If you feel the spirit calling you to serve in this ministry please contact Kris at: <u>kbartelt@fdlpresbyterian.org</u> or call the church office on Mondays or Thursdays at 920.922.0425.

Our Sunday morning schedule is as follows:

9:00am In-Person Worship First Presbyterian Church - Fond du Lac

First Sunday of the Month 9:00am In-Person Communion 10:30am ZOOM Worship and Communion

YouTube Worship is available <u>here</u>. Please note that the service is not "live."

This is what in-person worship looks like:

- Masks are **no longer** required.
- Physical distancing is **no longer** required.
- Nursery care is not available.

# **APRIL 2022**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					T Feed My Starving Children	<b>2</b> Feed My Starving Children MobilePack
<b>3</b> 9a-10a In-Person Worship (1st Church Sanctuary) 10:30a-11:30a Zoom Worship-FPC Fond du Lac 11:15a-12p Coffee Hour/Education Hour on Zoom 6:30p-7:30p Boy Scout Committee Mtg	<b>4</b> 10a-11:30a Staff Meet- ing 1p-2p Deacon Meeting	5	6 10:30a-11:30a Lenten Study-In Person 4p-6:30p Loaves and Fishes Meal 6p-7p Nominating Team 7p-8p Lenten Study on Zoom	<b>7</b> 6:30p-7:30p Serving Team via Zoom	8	9
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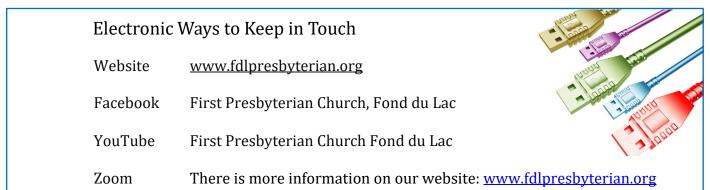
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