



# THE PRESBYTERIAN NEWS



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It was 1987, and a small Sunday School class was gathered in the Fellowship Hall. A leader among them, Phil Sadler, seemed to always be looking for a project – a way for this class to live out their faith in the community. As the class talked together about Pulaski, and the struggles people faced, the question came up: “Wouldn’t it be nice if there were a place for people to eat?” Eventually, that same class realized – “why not here?” They looked around the church – First Presbyterian had the facilities, the space, and most of all the love for God and neighbor, that would make a feeding ministry possible. From that small group and that conversation, Daily Bread was born.

In its first twenty-nine years, Daily Bread has served 938,087 meals. Daily Bread’s doors are open to anyone – it does not matter whether you are employed, where you live, or what language you speak. Nobody will ask whether you “really need” food today. This ministry is for everyone.

It is our joy to celebrate as a church family 30 years of Daily Bread right here in our church! On **Sunday, April 23**, we will gather for a special worship service at 11:00 giving thanks for Daily Bread’s ministry in Pulaski. After worship, everyone is invited to a cookout! We are encouraging Daily Bread guests to worship and/or eat with us. You can help by bringing a simple dessert (cookies or brownies) to share on the 23<sup>rd</sup> – please let me know if you would like to do so!

With gratitude,

Melissa McNair-King

## *NEWS FROM PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN*

From Day Circle by Phyllis Vice:

Day Circle will meet on Monday, April 10th, at 11 a.m. in the Manse. We are on lesson 7: *Who Is Jesus?* according to the Non-Canonical Gospels. Background scripture is Matthew 1-2 and Luke 1-2. Bring a sack lunch and stay for fellowship after the meeting.

PW will be participating in the 2017 Birthday Offering in May. The Birthday Offering of Presbyterian Women celebrates Presbyterian women's history of mission giving. It was launched in 1922 to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Woman's Auxiliary in the Presbyterian Church in the United States (PCUS). Since that time, it has become an annual tradition and has funded nearly 100 major mission projects that continue to make a difference in the lives of women and children.

The three projects chosen this year are:

### **The Family Justice Center, South Carolina**

*The Family Justice Center (FJC) Safe Haven for Victims of Domestic Violence* currently operates an emergency shelter for victims of domestic violence in Georgetown and Horry Counties in South Carolina. With room for only eleven people, the shelter is frequently at capacity. The Presbyterian Women Birthday Offering grant will assist FJC in achieving its goal of constructing a new domestic violence shelter for victims of abuse living in these two counties of northeastern South Carolina.

### **Navajo Water Project, New Mexico**

*The Navajo Water Project* will eventually provide water systems to 205 families at the Smith Lake Navajo Reservation in New Mexico. This Birthday Offering grant will provide a running water system for forty families that do not have access to running water in their homes. They currently store their water in pots, pans and 55-gallon drums. The grant will provide each household with a cistern, pump, sink, shower and all pipes for the installation of their water system.

### **First Hand Aid, Cuba**

*First Hand Aid Rural Clinic Development Initiative* exists to diminish the suffering of the most marginalized Cuban citizens by providing them hope, dignity and the basic necessities of life and health. The Rural Clinic Development Initiative is designed to establish six medical clinics in partnership with, and located at, Presbyterian Churches in rural Cuba that will provide medicine and care not available, or difficult to get, from Cuban sources in those communities. This project will build, fund, stock and staff six medical clinics housed in long-existing and established Presbyterian Churches located in rural Cuba where needs are great and supply is limited.

From Night Circle by Dianne Wallace:

Night Circle will meet on Monday, April 10th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Manse. Our April service project will be filling Easter eggs for the church Easter Egg Hunt. Melissa and Dianne have already purchased small items such as Easter erasers, mini rubber rabbits, bubbles, Easter designed ink stamps, feely balls and jumping rabbits. Please bring individually wrapped candies such as Jolly Ranchers, Starburst and Skittles. Please avoid chocolate which melts. A few other items that have been included in the past were chap stick and religious Easter stickers if someone can find them. We will have pizza night so please bring a few dollars to contribute. Bring your favorite beverage.



Presbyterian Women –

Praying, Studying, Loving, Serving

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HAPPENINGS**

**WELCOME TO THE WORLD** Jacob William Criner! Jacob was born March 14, 2017 to Mary and David Criner. The proud grandparents are Eddie and Kathy Hale.

**YOUTH GROUP** will meet on Sunday, April 2nd, from 5:30 - 7 p.m. in the Manse! We will begin brainstorming for our Youth Sunday service, so come with your creative ideas as we seek to be faithful leaders for our congregation.

**EASTER LILIES:** We are now taking orders for lilies to be placed in the sanctuary for Easter. Please use the order form in the bulletins. The deadline to order a lily is April 9th.

**PALM SUNDAY PROCESSIONAL:** On Sunday, April 9th, you are invited to join members of our church and other community churches for our annual Palm Sunday processional with palm branches. Please plan to meet at 9:45 a.m. at the downtown Train Station. There will be no Sunday school.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY:** Our worship service here on April 13th at 7 p.m. will combine the traditional elements of Maundy Thursday services with Communion.

**GOOD FRIDAY COMMUNITY SERVICE** will be at noon on April 14th here at the church.

**EASTER SUNDAY,** April 16th, we will have a pot-luck breakfast at 10 a.m. Bring a dish or two and plan to celebrate the joy of Easter morning with the fellowship of your church family. Drinks will be provided.

**COMMUNION** will be served on Easter Sunday, April 16th.

**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING** offering will be received on Easter Sunday, April 16th. The offering funds three programs of the Presbyterian Church (USA): Self-Development of People, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and the Presbyterian Hunger Program.



**CHURCH OFFICE** will be closed on Monday, April 17th, in observance of Easter.

**PLEASE SUBMIT ITEMS** to the church office for the May newsletter no later than Monday, April 17th.

**NEW CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION:** Please make note of our NEW phone number and email address for the church! You can now reach us at (540) 980-2132, and [firstprespulaskiva@gmail.com](mailto:firstprespulaskiva@gmail.com).



**CHECK IT OUT!**



We began March observing and contemplating the season of Lent, a time of reflection and renewal. We end this time of reflection with the glorious celebration of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ on April 16th. What does Easter mean to you? The following books are in our church library and will be on display during the month of April. Check them out!

**232.9 HIS** His Story: A chronological account of the life of Jesus from Good News for Modern Man

**232.9 OUR** Greatest Story Ever Told: A Tale of the Greatest Life Ever Lived by Fulton Oursler

**232.9 PAP** Life of Christ by Giovanni Papini

**232.9 STE** The Life and Teaching of Jesus Christ by James S. Stewart

**232.97 MAR** The First Easter by Peter Marshall

**CH 398.2 TAL** Tale of Three Trees - An enchanting American folktale about three trees whose wishes come true in a surprising way.

**DVD 232.9 RIS** Risen - Clavius (Joseph Fiennes), a powerful Roman military tribune, and his aide, Lucius (Tom Felton), are tasked with solving the mystery of what happened to Jesus (Cliff Curtis) in the weeks following the crucifixion in order to disprove the rumors of a risen Messiah and prevent an uprising in Jerusalem. Study Guide available.

**FIC COS** The Silver Chalice: A novel by Thomas B. Costain

**FIC DOU** The Robe by Lloyd C. Douglas

**FIC MAI** Pontius Pilate by Paul L. Maier

**YA 232.9 HE** He Lived Among Us - Story of Jesus told in graphic novel form along with scriptures.

**YA 232.9 SMI** Men called Him Master by Elwyn A. Smith - Stories of Jesus Christ from the Bible. Includes list of Biblical references.

If there is a book you would like to read from our church library but are unable to get it, give Phyllis Vice a call (980-3106) and she will be happy to get the book to you. To check out a book write your name and the date you are taking the book on the card that is in the pocket in the back of the book. Place the card on the black and white spotted box (the card catalog) on the shelf nearest to the windows.

## Holy Week Worship Services

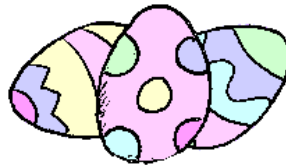
The week leading up to Easter is one of the most sacred times in our life together. During this week, we ponder the ultimate meaning of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. Journey with us as we remember Jesus' prayer in the garden, his hosting of the Last Supper, the betrayal of his closest friends, and his forgiveness and love – even to his final breaths.

Sunday, April 9: Palm Sunday – Gather at 9:45 at the downtown Train Station for a Parade of Palms with our neighboring congregations. Regular worship follows at 11:00.

Thursday, April 13: Maundy Thursday worship service with Communion, 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary.

Friday, April 14: Good Friday worship service, Noon in the Sanctuary (a community-wide service hosted by the Pulaski County Ministerial Association).

Sunday, April 16: Easter Potluck Brunch at 10:00 in the Fellowship hall, followed by Worship with Communion at 11:00.



### **You are Invited!**

Bring a friend to this year's Easter Egg Hunt,  
for children age preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

### **Saturday, April 15**

10 AM—Noon, Fellowship Hall

Crafts • ☐ Snacks • Face painting ☐ • Storytelling

## Join us for Wonderful Wednesdays!

6:00-7:30 PM, Fellowship Hall

This year, we have been reading about the family of Abraham. Abraham and his descendants were invited into a journey with God, to bless all families of the earth. Sometimes they followed faithfully, and sometimes they made big mistakes. Through it all, God kept God's promises. Come and continue the journey with us every Wednesday night, as we learn from the stories of God!

Thank you to those who are serving in April:

Date	Cooking Team	Clean-Up Team	Program
April 5	Youth Group & Cynthia	Andy, Mary, Bonnie	Genesis 48-50: Jacob's final blessings
April 12	N/A	N/A	OFF – HOLY WEEK
April 19	Pizza!	Ernie, Barbara, Carla	Pizza & Pie Night (see below for details)
April 26	TBD	Robbie, Jessie, Mardia	Talent Show
May 3	Spring Picnic at Randolph Park		Fun in the park

***Pizza & Pie Night:*** Get ready to GIVE for Relay for Life! We will not collect an offering for dinner. Instead, you can help us raise funds for the American Cancer Society in one (or both!) of the following ways:

1. Bake a pie! Please bring it in a disposable dish, because someone else will take it home. ☺ Let Julie or Melissa know if you will be bringing a pie.
2. Purchase a pie-walk ticket at the door. Tickets will be \$5 each – and this is your chance to win a pie! You can buy as many tickets as you'd like. Every dollar given goes straight to the American Cancer Society.

# ilomon le Kenya

## **The current news on the Arndt's Mission in Kenya**

We have had a great start to the new year in the last couple of months. Although settling back in is always more of a challenge than anticipated, we are now back to our routine of Chronological Bible Storytelling and sustainable economic projects for the community. In the next weeks, we plan to do some outreaches as a class and we would love your prayers as we establish connections with different community agencies and organizations. Our first storying outreach will be to the TB ward in the Loitokitok Hospital which is very near to our home. This idea for ministry (along with others for the future, such as teaching at a local orphanage) were suggested by our group of pastors and leaders. We hope this time of serving together will strengthen our group and also be a real encouragement to those who are healing and recovering. We are grateful that the 100 day doctor strike in Kenya has ended as of this week.

We've also begun a few new things such as a chicken project to help out a friend of ours in town. We've helped him with the initial startup costs in the hopes that these chickens will produce eggs for him to begin selling, as well as make a little money to potentially help with school fees for local students.

Since we've returned from home assignment, we've established a pen pal partnership between a primary school in Kimana and a classroom in the Radford City School System in Radford, VA. A classroom from the states has written a classroom here and we are the go between so that each group of students, here and abroad, have the opportunity to learn about other students (their same ages) across the world.

Friends, we are so thankful for your prayers as we have been getting our footing back under us and we look forward to continuing this journey and keeping you updated in the days ahead.

Fun news! As of this Thursday, we've had some friends join us from the US... Michael and Cassie Thornton! Michael is a dear friend from our King College days and we are loving getting to know Cassie too. We are so grateful to have friends visit! They will be working in and around the Kimana area and with us off and on for the next month. We are thankful to have them here as they jump in with us for the next few weeks and we watch excitedly at what God has in store.

## **Prayer Requests:**

Thank you for your prayers. We would like to ask your continued prayer for these things in the months ahead:

- Pray with us as we discern the future of our time serving in Kenya and about extending our time beyond our original three year commitment
- Pray for our income generating and community projects and for wisdom on how to structure them for the maximum help and success
- Pray for our continued language development, especially in Swahili (one of Kenya's national languages)
- Pray for continued unity and strength in our local leadership with CBS and for additional leaders to come alongside of us from within the class so that the course will be sustained



**DATE:**

**4/2/17**

**4/9/17**

**4/16/17**

**4/23/17**

**4/30/17**

**LAY READERS:**

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Bonnie Spivey

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Communion

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Debi Fox