



# THE PRESBYTERIAN NEWS



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Dear friends,

There's an unusual calendar incidence happening this month. Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day will be sharing a spot. Ash Wednesday changes every year (it is always 40 days before Easter, which is also a moving target – Easter's date is based on the lunar calendar). This year, that falls on February 14. So this day that is ordinarily a time for joyful celebration of the love we share – complete with chocolates, flowers, and cards – will be “sharing the spotlight” with a day typically marked by ashes, silence, and repentance.

They almost seem like polar opposites. How can the two coexist? Which one will you celebrate?

Maybe the calendar is giving us a gift this year. Because yes – Ash Wednesday is the day when we remember our own mortality. It is a time when we remember that one day we shall return to dust. It is a time of personal examination. It begins a season of fasting and contemplation, as we journey with Christ toward the cross. But as we do, we are grounded and enveloped by a deep and steadfast love.

We begin the season of Lent with the confidence that our lives are ultimately in God's good and loving hands. We journey toward the cross, because Christ has gone before us – paving the way with love.

“Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.”

Join us for a holy season of Lent, as we entrust our lives to the One whose love endures forever.

Peace,

Melissa McNair-King

*NEWS FROM PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN*

From Day Circle by Phyllis Vice:

Day Circle will meet on Monday, February 12th, at 11 a.m. in the Manse. We will be studying lesson 5 of *Cloud of Witnesses: In Community with the Tradition of the Past*. Scripture for this lesson is Hebrews 3:1-6, 11. Bring two to three dozen cookies to make plates for our shut-ins.

*World Day of Prayer* will be observed on Friday, March 2, 2018, at Trinity Lutheran Church. Service starts at 11 a.m. This year's program *All God's Creation Is Very Good* was done by the women of Suriname, a small country in South America. We will be collecting plastic bags for benches such as LDPE/HDPE Films, Newspaper Sleeves, Bread Bags, Product Wrap, Cereal Liners, Food Storage Bags, Ice Bags, Pellet Bags, Produce Bags, Dry Cleaning Bags, Grocery Bags, Case Overwrap, Packaging Air Pillows and Salt Bags. Bring a covered dish or dessert to share, and bring a friend.

Looking ahead: March 4th is Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday.

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From Night Circle by Dianne Wallace:

Night Circle will meet on Monday, February 12th, 6:30 p.m. in the Manse. We are continuing study of Lesson Eight, *Today's Heroine: Mary, Part Three in Women Who Dare to Believe, Volume 2*. Please bring a few dollars for pizza and loose change offering for Presbytery Women's Mission. Beverage and dessert provided. Our service project is the Women's Resource Center in Radford. Please bring one package of toilet paper or paper towels along with a few of the following needed items:

**Current Urgently Needed**

Toilet Paper

Paper Towels

**Current Needed Items**

Juice

Coffee

Cereal

Creamer

Individual Snacks

Canned Fruit/Jars of Fruit/Fruit Packs

Pork & Beans

Pasta Sauce (with veggies and meat)

Ramen Noodles

Chef Boyardee Canned Pasta

Sugar

Chunky/Progresso Soups

Canned Meat

Deluxe Mac and Cheese

Baby Formula

Complete Pancake Mix

Vegetable Oil

Dry Milk

**Currently Not Needed are canned vegetables.**

All women of the church are encouraged and welcome to attend and join in Christian fellowship and service.

Presbyterian Women -  
Praying, Studying, Loving, Serving

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HAPPENINGS

**BOY SCOUT SUNDAY** will be observed on February 4th.

**COMMUNION** will be served on Sunday, February 4th.

**SOUPER BOWL OF CARING:** A simple prayer: "Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat" is inspiring a youth-led movement to help hungry and hurting people around the world. On Sunday, February 4th, our Youth Group will lead us in taking a special offering as part of the national Souper Bowl of Caring. This is a day when youth across the country take action to eliminate hunger in their own communities. Come to worship prepared to give generously! Every cent collected will be given to the Daily Bread, so that they can continue to provide warm and healthy meals to anyone who comes.



**BIRTHDAY:** Wendy and Denver Cregger cordially invite all the children of the church to their son, Dylan's, 7th birthday party on Saturday, February 10th, 2018 from 12 p.m. - 2 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP to Wendy at 540-418-5328 or at [wmcregger@outlook.com](mailto:wmcregger@outlook.com).

**PLEASE SUBMIT ITEMS** to the church office for the March newsletter no later than Monday, February 19th.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:** The Church Women United of Pulaski will be hosting a special worship service to honor the *World Day of Prayer* on Friday, March 2nd, at 11 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church. The theme for the service is: "All God's Creation is Very Good!" It will encourage us to evaluate how our actions affect the planet - one of our Lord's greatest creations. Save the date.





**CHECK IT OUT!**



Ash Wednesday is February 14th, a day better known for the giving of candy and hearts. But this year it is the beginning of the season of Lent, a time of reflection on what God gave to us. Below is a list of books in the church library. They will be on display in the church parlor through February. Check them out!

**200 GWY** Christ's Word to This Age by J. Harold Gwynne

**232 BEL** 10 Things They Never Told Me About Jesus by John L. Bell - The author explores facets of the personal life, relationships and ministry of Jesus that are seldom the stuff of preaching or conversations, but which are all rooted in the Gospels.

**232 MCK** The Story of Christ by Scot McKnight - This compelling and fully Biblical introduction is for all who are curious to know more about the life and message of Jesus.

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

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

**234 RIP** The Insanity of God: A True Story of Faith Resurrected by Nik Ripken - Not only was Jesus persecuted, so are His followers to this day around the world. This is a heart-breaking, faith-stretching, insider's look at what it means to pick up your cross and follow Jesus.

**248.4 PEA** The Positive Power of Jesus Christ by Norman Vincent Peale

**DVD FIC SHA** The Shack - Based on the best-selling novel, *The Shack* takes us on a father's transformative spiritual journey after a family tragedy.

**DVD ONE** The One Lamb - Jackson Price has everything a man could want until he makes a tragic mistake...and loses it all. Every life has a price. Yours has already been paid...in full.

**FIC SHE** In His Steps by Charles M. Sheldon

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

**YA 248.8 CAM** The Campus Survival Guide: Representing Christ on Campus - Written by college students, includes practical advice, tips, stories and inspiration.

**YA 248.83 BAX** Following Jesus into College and Beyond by Jeff Baxter - As soon as you turn 18, you are officially an adult - with all the responsibilities and privileges that come with that all-important birthday. Are you ready for the "real world"?

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.

## Join us for Wonderful Wednesdays!

6:00-7:30 PM, Fellowship Hall

We start off with a family dinner every Wednesday night! Following dinner, there are activities for all ages.

Plan to make Wednesday church nights a part of your regular routine! It is a special time of learning and growing together as a church family. The suggested "offering" for dinner is \$4/person or \$15/family. This is anonymous, and give-as-you-can. Everyone is welcome regardless of your ability to give.

Thank you to those who are serving in February:

Date	Cooking Team	Clean-Up Team	Program
February 7	Ron, KD, Pam	Joe, Michelle, Ashley	Black History Month
February 14	Soup Night	Larry, Phyllis, Bernice	Ash Wednesday Worship (all ages)
February 21	Dianne, Phyllis, Martha	Ernie, Barbara, Mary Catherine	Lenten Worship (all ages)
February 28	Barry, Violet, Carla	Andy, Jessie, KD	Lenten Worship (all ages)

### In case of Inclement Weather:

We typically follow the decision of Pulaski County Public Schools – if they close for inclement weather, Wonderful Wednesdays does not meet.

Any cancellations of services or programs at First Presbyterian Church (for Wednesday evening or Sunday morning) will be announced in three ways:

1. **TV stations** (WLSL and WDBJ)
2. **Facebook** ([www.facebook.com/FPCPulaski](http://www.facebook.com/FPCPulaski))
3. **Text message alerts.** To sign up for these messages, text @melissamk to the following number: 81010. You can also email Melissa and ask to be added to the list ([melissa.mcnair@yahoo.com](mailto:melissa.mcnair@yahoo.com)).





**DATE:**

**LAY READERS:**

**CHILDREN IN WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS:**

2/4/18

Scout Sunday

Peg Vaughan

2/11/18

Bonnie Spivey

Mary Catherine Williams

2/18/18

Dave Spivey

Jessie Woods

2/25/18

Chasity Stevens

Bernice Brown