

MARCH 2023 NEWS & VIEWS



News & Views

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Sunday School

9:15 am

*Sunday
Worship*

10:30 am

As we enter March, we are also well on our way into Lent. While I often find scripture invites me to think about my life in relation to its teachings, Lent is a season that reminds me to do a little deeper self-reflection. I think of the church year like this: the year begins with a longing and need for change. Advent is the time of longing, hope for a savior to bring that change. Christmas is the birth of faith in God's Son and a new way of life he brings through grace and faith. The early in the new calendar year, the church year is in ordinary time, a time to learn about what this new way of life is all about and a time to learn what means to follow Jesus. Then in Lent the reality that following Christ, and living the change he brings, is not easy nor completed in the birth of Christ, nor the beginnings of our faith, becomes evident.

Lent appropriately begins with Jesus' temptations and is a time when we are reminded of our own. If we do some self-assessment, we may realize that we struggle with truly following Jesus and living in the kingdom of God. We may question whether this is real and what it means to say gives us Christ the living water. We notice the contradictions that seem to grow between our faith and our life in our own context. I find a certain anxiety over the attempt to be a person of faith and to live life as is it generally approved of in our society. Issues of right relationship seem to be easy to find. For example, I feel the call to greed and selfishness that seems to be present in our world.

So, I find in Lent that time that presses against my sensibilities and questions how well rooted my faith is. While Jesus in his final days confronts the oppressive powers of his day and that seem so prevalent throughout time, I still wonder what it means to be one of his disciples. The scriptures for Lent seem to encourage this wondering and help in our self-reflection as individuals and as a community of faith. We balance the hope and promise of faith with the demands and practicalities of the world. And, the season of Lent has a way of engaging us, and I believe, invites us deeper in to faith and the experience of the grace given us.

As we walk through the season, we don't necessarily walk alone. For Lent in our church, we offer Taizé services each Wednesday night at 5:30 p.m. These services are followed by a meal in fellowship hall. We have not returned to the full Wednesday Supper Fellowship schedule, but we are providing dinners through Lent. Following supper, we have several options. If you enjoy singing in the choir, we have choir practice at 8 p.m. If you'd like to engage with the New Testament story, we are offering a gathering of folks to watch and discuss episodes of the Chosen. "The Chosen is the first-ever multi-season show about the life of Jesus. This series invites viewers to see the life of Jesus through the eyes of those that knew Him," reads the description of the series. Through the dramatization, the context for Jesus' ministry and the way he engaged a group of followers is described. Our group will watch and discuss this new video series.

Shortly after March, ends we will enter holy week and the retelling of the last days of Jesus life and his crucifixion on the cross. On April 6, we will have a Maundy Thursday Taizé worship and soup supper (instead of Wednesday) and on April 7 we will have a Good Friday service at 7 pm. The

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story doesn't end there of course, for on April 9 we will celebrate the resurrection, Easter day. We will have 7 a.m. service at Lael and a 10:30 a.m. worship service in our sanctuary. In between, from 9: 15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. we will have our Potluck Easter brunch in fellowship hall. In between, from 9: 15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. we will have our Potluck Easter brunch in fellowship hall.

I hope you all a meaningful Lenten journey and that we all can celebrate together the joy of Easter.

Grace and peace,
Norman

Finance Report		
As of February, 2023		
	YTD	Month
Receipts	\$	\$
Disbursements	\$	\$
YTD Surplus/(Deficit)		
Cash Balance (checking/savings)		

Deacons March Benevolence Offering



For the month of March the Deacons have chosen to give cash donations and food donations to the Moscow Food Bank, the West Side Food Bank, and the food pantry at the Campus Christian Center. This follows FPC's February Monthly Mission Project to give to food banks which was introduced by our Session person on missions, Dianne Daley Laursen. Food insecurity is a big problem these days. The Food Stamp program SNAP has been reduced since the Covid emergency allotments ended in February, so needs are going to be greater.

We will have three boxes in the hallway to the sanctuary, one for each food bank/pantry. Checks made out to First Presbyterian Church should have in the memo line "March Benevolence." After talking to the West Side Food Bank, they suggested condiments, toilet paper, jelly, canned chicken, canned fruits, dish soap, and cooking staples such as flour, sugar, and cooking oil. For the college crowd, microwaveable cup foods – soups and macaroni and cheese are good. Good sources of protein such as peanut butter, canned chicken or tuna, hearty soups and chilis, canned kidney or other types of beans are also good choices for any of the food banks.

HOLY WEEK Schedule

April 6th– Maundy Thursday Taizé Service @ 5:30 pm A special Maundy Thursday Taizé Service in the Sanctuary. Maundy Thursday recounts Jesus last supper with his disciples and the institution of the Lord's Supper. "Wednesday" Supper Fellowship will follow the service.



April 7th– Good Friday Tenebrae Service @ 7:00 pm. The Tenebrae Service of Darkness, recalls the crucifixion of Jesus through a dramatic reading of scripture.



April 8th- Easter Saturday

10:00 am– Easter egg hunt and activities for kids

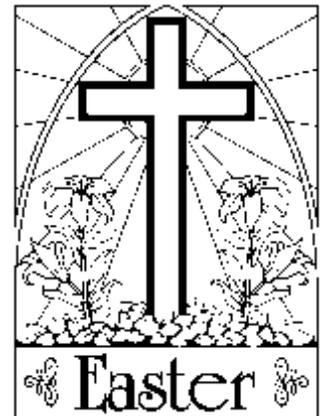
6:00-8:00 P.M.– Sanctuary open for prayer and reflection



April 9th– Easter Sunday Sunrise Service @ 7:00 am at the Lael Retreat Center. For more information about Lael, including Directions, go to www.fpcmoscow.org and click on the Lael tab at the top of the page.

9:15 am– 10:15 am– Easter Potluck in Fellowship Hall

10:30 am– Easter Sunday Service in the Sanctuary



2023 Directory Update

Updated Church Directory Coming Soon! ...Please Update Your Contact Information Below, and Send Pictures!

Please be sure we have your current contact information for the new directory. If you have not already done so, please note the information on the form below and drop it in the offering plate today or return it to the church office by March 28th.

PHOTOS At the recommendation of Deacons, photos of each household will be added to our church directory this year. Please send a recent photo to the church office this week. Ideally, a digital photo (selfies work) sent by email to office@fpcmoscow.org would be best, but we can also scan printed photos. If you need to have a photo taken, please contact the office to make arrangements. We can use the photos that are currently on the photo board in the narthex if you wish.

Thank you for your input for the directory. The church directory is for members and regular attendees of First Presbyterian Church and will not be distributed outside the congregation.

Household information and mailing address:

Names _____

Names of Children _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Main phone _____

Please enter this information for each adult in household if you would like it to appear in the church directory:

Name _____ Cell Phone _____

Name _____ Cell phone _____

E-mail _____

E-mail _____

Will submit a new photo Use photo from board Need photo taken

EASTER LILIES

Would you like to dedicate an Easter lily to a friend or loved one and also help provide flowers for our church sanctuary on Easter Sunday? The plants cost \$13 each and after the service you are welcome to take yours home. Return the form below to the church office with your check (made out to First Presbyterian Church, designated "Easter lily") by March 29.

Your Name:

How many _____ @ \$13 each Amount enclosed \$ _____

"Dedicated to" or "In Memory of":

Women's Retreat
April 22, 2023

*Join Elizabeth Peterson at Moscow's beautiful 1912 Center for this day set aside for you to breathe, relax, rest, and discover anew that you are **BELOVED**.*

Elizabeth will guide us through movement, spiritual exploration, and reflection, as we experience both times of solitude and community.

Registration/ Questions: *Moscow First Presbyterian Church is your host for the retreat. Send an email to moscowpresby@gmail.com or call/text Mary Read, 208-301-0146 to RSVP. A registration form will be provided for you to complete prior to the retreat.*

CHOIR REHERSAL

Come and lift your voice on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

Daylight Savings starts on March 12th, 2023! Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour!



FAMILY MINISTRY

Julie Hopper, Director of Family Ministry familyministryjulie@gmail.com

Please tell me it's not already March!

February ushered in the season of Lent, and the youth group did their part by hosting a pancake dinner for Wednesday Supper Fellowship on February 22nd. This dinner also served as a fundraiser for FOON.

FPC hosted a Parent Night Out in cooperation with the UU Church on February 24. We have a matching date, March 24, for the next PNO, which will be at the Unitarian Church. These events are really fun for the kids who attend, and for the adults who care for them. Most importantly, they give parents a break. These activities are typically very well attended, and they have provided a way for us to stay connected with some of our families from VBS. If you would ever like to help out with PNO, let me know, because caring adults are an important part of the experience for participating children.

Summer is coming soon! Camp Spalding registration begins on March 6. If you would like a campership for your child or children, get in touch with me before you register for camp. This way, we can give you the proper code for your child. Thank you to the generous members of our congregation who help finance camp for our young people!

February was an unusual month for FOON. Wednesday the 8th coincided with the lockdown/lockout at MHS. This meant the students were not able to come to the church at lunchtime for pizza. However, later in the day we were able to deliver pizza directly to the high school, and teachers were able to distribute it to the classrooms. It seemed like a day when everyone could use a little pizza.

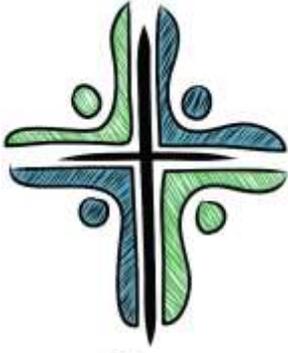
I'm continually thankful for the collaborative effort in our church that makes FOON such a blessing in our church and community. We've seen growth in our FOON team since the beginning of the year, and I appreciate the greater connections we're making with MHS students. We continue to need beverage donations and pizza funding. I'm looking for help with pursuing grant funding and local donations, so please contact me if you can help with these needs.

A few things March will bring: Spring Break, St. Patrick's Day, preparations for Easter, actual spring. Our community has an early Spring Break, so the kids miss celebrating St. Patrick's Day with their friends. Then their break ends just in time to go back to school on the first official day of spring. Even so, we will have the entire month to look forward to Easter, which is coming in early April. Already the days are getting longer and we all are eager for relief from the dark and cold of winter. It's a great time to be thankful for the light of Christ in our hearts and the shared kindness and patience we can have with one another. Hooray for the grace of God in our lives!

~Julie

March 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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ALL ARE WELCOME!

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