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News: It's Not All Good

I've noticed something about the way I consume news. When I take time to physically sit with good journalism, to read from a newspaper or news magazine, I understand the news differently than when I scroll through it online or when I passively watch news on television. When I read, I have to actually think and I am more likely to develop my own conclusions. When I choose to pick up an actual newspaper, I am actively choosing my sources. Is print media expensive? I'd argue that the cost of not having print media is higher. Even if subscribing to a variety of printed news sources is not in your budget, libraries give us access to multiple local, national, and international print news sources.

When choosing to read news online, choose to access that news outside of social media feeds. Go directly to multiple news sites. Some sites give users a number of free articles each month. It takes personal effort and time to stay informed, but the alternative is allowing one's emotions to be assaulted by randomly and mindlessly consumed information. There are many important voices who are literally writing history on a daily or weekly basis. Subscribe to a few newsletters. If watching or listening to the news on television or the radio is still your primary point of access, choose multiple networks, or watch or listen to a variety of well-vetted vlogs or podcasts. Don't rely *on one single network as your source for news*.



Why does this matter? More importantly, why does this matter to people who claim to be people of faith? It matters because the *way* we choose to receive information impacts the *quality* of the information we receive. If we do not actively choose how we receive news, we potentially allow ourselves to be swayed by the outrage of the day and can easily become caught up in "news" that is not news at all. One of the biggest downsides of mindless news consumption is the potential to be manipulated by anger and fear. ***Those who claim to follow Christ are called to actively love others, not to live with undisciplined anger. We are called to be people of faith, not people of fear.*** If your life is weighted more heavily with anger and fear than with love and faith, take inventory. You owe it to yourself to discover why (and one possibility is the *quality* of the news content you regularly consume).

So whatever your life's calling - whatever your current task - thank you for living it; for doing it. And remember, you are not alone. At least, you don't have to be alone. There are plenty of places where you can connect with others and share in the work of encouraging one another. People of faith need to remember that there is good news and there is Good News. If you'd like to know more about that, feel free to reach out. Even if you don't *do church* right now, you might want to rethink that. This community of faith welcomes you.



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Speaking of News

You may have noticed that *people who are paying attention* are experiencing something complicated in this challenging season in the United States of America.

It's grief.

And it's not simple. One type of grief folks are experiencing is **collective grief** which is essentially the grief felt by a collective group such as a community, society, village, or nation as a result of shared tragedy. Another type is **anticipatory grief** which is the reaction to a death you were able to anticipate such as when an individual dies from a long term illness or when we anticipate the possibility of extraordinary loss. And then there is **traumatic grief** where the loss experienced is perceived to be frightening, horrifying, unexpected, violent, and/or traumatic. So what happens when all of those types of grief (and more) intersect?



Welcome to 2026.

Those of us who are deeply concerned about the future of this nation often find ourselves challenged by what we see happening in our nation and in the world. What can we do? Well, we can do a lot - together. What if the opposite of being bound is being whole? Our world is filled with things that hold us captive. These things that bind us prevent us from living the whole, abundant life that God has promised us. As we approach this Lenten season our theme, **UNBOUND - Longing for Wholeness**, can help us unpack these complicated feelings and experiences. Through the stories of regular people encountering Jesus, and being drawn to the wholeness that Jesus provides, we can learn about our own longings and be drawn into wholeness. I encourage you to join us on this journey where we explore ways to hold lament and hope in tension - both are necessary. Lament, grief, love, and hope co-exist. *Find the complete Lenten calendar for First Pres on pages 6-7.*

Future Hope Update



Friends, we are headed in the direction of meeting our overall goal of 2.5 million dollars over the course of three years.

We have surpassed our *Future Hope* giving goal of 1 million dollars. To date, \$1,106,188 has been pledged to *Future Hope* giving for 2026-2028. Of that, \$813,840 has been given for *Highest and Best Use*. Some of the funds given for highest and best use are intended for professional development (20%) which allows us to expand the hours for our Minister of Spiritual Formation and Connection from ½ time to ¾ time.

Our goal for pledged giving to the *three-year operating budget* is 1.5 million dollars (with the hope that we could move from \$450,000 in 2026 to \$500,000 in 2027 to \$550,000 in 2028). We have received \$1,009,980 in 3-year pledges, \$4,000 in 2-year pledges and \$24,270 in 1-year pledges. We are still about \$40,000 short of our operating budget needs for 2026.

Much of this is due to increases in utilities and other fixed expenses. Any additional gifts toward the 2026 operating budget are welcome and appreciated. We are growing and have new friends visiting and connecting with us each month. Help us continue to grow into the congregation God has called us to be.

First Light Youth Group

First Light Youth Group meets most Sunday evenings during the school year. All middle and high school students are welcome to participate and to bring friends. We always have two adults present. Right now Rev. MB and Rev. Jerusha work together to coordinate First Light with the help of some parents. During Lent (February 22-March 29) we'll explore the theme: **Unbound - Longing for Wholeness**.

We are currently working on a possible mission/vocation mini-trip to Louisville, Kentucky the first weekend in June. We're considering leaving after the Pride Parade on Saturday, June 6 and returning the evening of Monday, June 8. Please let us know if your young person can participate on those dates (more information will be available soon).

Sunday, February 15

Nachos and a Movie Night - 5:00-7:30 p.m. (NOTE DIFFERENT TIME!)

Chips and protein provided for the nachos - kids are invited to bring their favorite toppings. We'll watch *A Bug's Life* and talk about the ways it opens our eyes to working together to accomplish things we could not possibly imagine or do on our own. Bring a friend!

Sunday, February 22

4th Sundays at 1st Pres - 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Becoming Peacemakers: The Unity of Diversity

(Open to all ages - 4th Sundays at 1st Pres is an intergenerational experience with activities, service projects, supper and worship with communion)

Sunday, March 1

Game Night - 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Bring a game (some group games will be planned) and a snack to share.

Sunday, March 8

Service Night - 5:30-7:00 p.m.

We'll make treats for United Caring Services and talk about spiritual practices.

Sunday, March 15

Trivia and Ask-a-Pastor Night - 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Come ready for a trivia night of your own making and a chance to ask a pastor anything you want. Snacks provided.

Sunday, March 22

4th Sundays at 1st Pres - 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Practicing Faith and Living the Questions!

Sunday, March 29 - possible First Light Mystery Night (time and location TBD)

Sunday, April 5 - Easter Sunday - No First Light Youth Group



Planning for Our Future

Keep your eyes open for opportunities to help plan for *our future*! In the coming weeks, there will be opportunities for people to *apply* to be part of some **short-term working groups** to gather information and make recommendations to the session for work in various areas of the building. Some early groups will be focused on accessibility and improvements - an elevator to the second floor, accessible family



restrooms in the ed wing, an additional accessible entrance to the ed wing (beside the Chapel). Other early groups will focus on features of our historic sanctuary - plaster, pews, floors, etc. Each working group will have a specific set of tasks and a specific time frame to gather information. Each group will include 4 to 6 people of various ages with a variety of backgrounds. *Watch your weekly Connect in March for more information.*

Mission Lunch and Learn!

The Mission Committee invites all to Lunch - and to Learn about organizations and programs supported by your contributions to the church budget. Each year, the Mission Committee distributes a portion of your offering to others doing God's work in our community and the world. You are invited (encouraged!) to come and learn more about the work of these and other organizations.

Since 1977, Patchwork Central has been our neighbor - not only by location around the corner from First Pres on Washington Avenue, but also in their commitment to the health and vitality of our near downtown neighborhood.



Bring your lunch (drinks will be provided) to fellowship hall on Monday, February 16 as early as 11:30 a.m. to enjoy some informal fellowship. Amy Rich, Co-Director of Patchwork Central, will share how Patchwork creates community, honors personal dignity, empowers people, and encourages spiritual and social growth. There will be time for questions before wrapping up at 1:00 p.m.

Evening Prayer

Do you get to the end of the weekend and feel tired and scattered instead of refreshed and ready for a new week? Join Rev. MB and Rev. Jerusha at Evening Prayer - it's a time to recenter, connect, and reflect on the second Sunday of the month. Fellowship begins at 6:15 in the parlor and is followed by a brief service of Evening Prayer that finishes by 7:00 p.m. When the weather warms up, Evening prayer will return to the courtyard around a fire pit.



We Make the Road by Walking



If you've been thinking about joining a study group for Lent, it is a great time to join the *We Make the Road by Walking* groups. Through the season of Lent, we will dig into what it means to be alive in the adventure of Jesus by cultivating listening, transformation, and perseverance. For those who join now, at the book's midpoint, we will discuss chapter 25 during the first week of Lent and continue through to chapter 52 ending in mid-August. We will then begin again at chapter 1 on Sunday, August 1, 2026 and work our way through the book one more time, allowing folks to jump back in and out and still participate in this year-long journey.

Books are available in the church office for a suggested donation of \$11.

Weekly Conversation Groups in person & online:

- **Sundays at 9:30 a.m. CST** [Sunday Zoom Link](#)
Sunday childcare provided
- **Wednesdays at noon** [Wednesday Lunch Zoom Link](#)
- **Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. CST** [Wednesday Evening Zoom Link](#)

Dreaming of a just and peaceful world,

- Rev. Jerusha

Happenings In and By the Music Department

The annual visit from the UE Purple Aces in the Hole will enhance our 10:30 worship service on **Transfiguration Sunday, February 15**, with special music from the New Orleans Jazz tradition. The choir and organ get the day off as we get to tap our feet (and dance!) to selections including *Saint James Infirmary*, and *Alabama Jubilee* along with congregational hymns.



Plan to purchase quarts of frozen **soup** along with fresh **bread** on **Sunday March 8** when the music department has a sale in the lobby. Proceeds help our young musicians attend summer church music camps! Thank you for your generosity.

Robert and a number of our young singers will be attending the **Cathedral Chorister Festival in Nashville, TN** on the weekend of March 21-22. The guest director is Colin Lynch from Trinity Episcopal Church in Boston. We will get to share in some of the repertoire chosen for the weekend in our worship services in the coming weeks.



There will be no First Friday concert at First Pres on **March 6** as the amazing **Ken Cowan** will be playing a recital at **St. Benedict Cathedral** on the new organ that evening at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Cowan teaches at Rice University and is known internationally as a masterful performer. The concert is free with open seating.



Mark your calendars for the Choir School's **Spring Concert** on **Sunday, May 17 at 4:00 p.m.** This year, the major work is *The Armed Man* by Karl Jenkins. Written in response to war in Kosovo in the 1990's, this masterpiece explores the motivations of war and peace through the ages by adopting poetry and wildly varied musical forms interspersed on a framework of Mass movements, Kyrie, Sanctus, Benedictus, and Agnus Dei. The choir last sang this piece in 2016 and is looking forward to bringing it to life again for you, accompanied by organ and chamber orchestra.

Church Mice - New Opportunities!

The staff has been working on an updated list of behind-the-scenes tasks and have created a new [form on First Web](#) so folks can let us know what items they would like to help do!

We hope everyone - folks who are already helping with regular and occasional items as well as new folks - will [fill out the form](#) (use the QR code on the right). The goal is to not rely on just one or two people for doing multiple tasks, but to have multiple people share the tasks (to have a rotation of people in the case of weekly items) and also to have substitutes when a regular 'church mouse' isn't available. We're not looking to replace any of our wonderful volunteers; rather, we want to give them some backup and assistance!



If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the church office. Thanks!



WE ♥ VOLUNTEERS!



Through Lent to Resurrection: *Unbound - Longing for Wholeness*

For many, Lent is a time of giving things up. At First Pres, we have moved to looking at Lent as a time to add new opportunities. This year, in addition to our regular Sunday practices focusing on our theme *Unbound - Longing for Wholeness*, there are additional times of worship and study, primarily happening on Wednesdays. Consider adding a few of these opportunities into your Lenten practice this year.



WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

Ash Wednesday Services: February 18

7:00 a.m., 12:15 p.m., or 5:30 p.m. worship in the sanctuary.

Each service is about thirty minutes long and includes time for reflection with songs, prayers, scripture, and silence. The imposition of ashes is available for those who wish to participate.

Midweek Services and Groups: February 25, March 4, March 11, March 18, and March 25

Morning Prayer in the Chapel and on Zoom - 7:00-7:30 a.m.

Rev. MB McCandless leads morning prayer each Wednesday during Lent.
(See the *First Web* calendar or contact the church office for the Zoom link.)

We Make the Road by Walking *small group study* - 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Join Rev. Jerusha Van Camp for this weekly study group using Brian McLaren's book *We Make the Road by Walking*. (This is an ongoing series that can be joined anytime. During Lent the lessons lead to Resurrection!)

Evening Prayer in the Sanctuary - 5:30-6:00 p.m.

Rev. MB and Robert Nicholls (Director of Music) will lead weekly Evening Prayer with music, scripture, and prayer.

Lenten Soup Supper - 6:00-6:45 p.m.

Stay after evening prayer or come early for *Contemplative Practices for Lent* and/or *We Make the Road by Walking*.

Contemplative Practices for Lent - 6:15-7:00 p.m.

This is an opportunity to try out some contemplative practices during this Lenten season. April Tolbert is an *in-person* guide for this five-session contemplative experience (a *printed guide* will be available to pick up and use on your own at home).

We Make the Road by Walking *small group study* - 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Join Rev. Jerusha Van Camp for this weekly study group using Brian McLaren's book *We Make the Road by Walking*. (This is an ongoing series that can be joined anytime. During Lent the lessons lead to Resurrection!)

SUNDAYS IN LENT

February 22 - First Sunday in Lent: A Service of Lament - *Unbound - Longing for Wholeness*

8:30 a.m. worship in fellowship hall and 10:30 a.m. worship in the sanctuary

These are services of Lament, exploring ways to hold both lament and hope together.

9:30 a.m. weekly adult education and small group studies*

5:30-7:00 p.m. **4th Sundays at 1st Pres** in fellowship hall

We expand the theme of lament by leaning into *Becoming Peacemakers: The Unity of Diversity*.

The Children's Center for Dance Education will be with us this evening as part of their *Amazing Grace* tour. They will be perform to *Let There Be Peace on Earth* by the Harlem Boys Choir. We'll have a simple soup supper - watch for ways to sign up.

March 1 - Second Sunday in Lent: *Unbound - Longing for Mystery*

8:30 a.m. worship in fellowship hall and 10:30 a.m. worship in the sanctuary

9:30 a.m. weekly adult education and small group studies*

March 8 - Third Sunday in Lent: *Unbound - Longing for Relationship*

8:30 a.m. worship in fellowship hall and 10:30 a.m. worship in the sanctuary

9:30 a.m. weekly adult education and small group studies*

March 15 - Fourth Sunday in Lent: *Unbound - Longing for Community*

8:30 a.m. worship in fellowship hall and 10:30 a.m. worship in the sanctuary

9:30 a.m. weekly adult education and small group studies*

March 22 - Fifth Sunday in Lent: *Unbound - Longing for Authenticity*

8:30 a.m. worship in fellowship hall and 10:30 a.m. worship in the sanctuary

9:30 a.m. weekly adult education and small group studies*

5:30 - 7:00 p.m. **4th Sundays at 1st Pres** in fellowship hall

HOLY WEEK

March 29 - Palm Sunday: *Unbound - Longing for Courage*

8:30 a.m. worship in fellowship hall and 10:30 a.m. worship in the sanctuary

9:30 a.m. weekly adult education and small group studies*

March 30-April 4 - Monday through Saturday

7:00-7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer each day on Zoom

(Wednesday, April 1, in person in the Chapel and on Zoom)

Rev. MB McCandless leads morning prayer each day during Holy Week.

April 2 - Maundy Thursday: *Unbound - Longing for Solidarity*

7:00 p.m. a *Service of Shadows* - worship with Communion and Tenebrae in the sanctuary

April 3 - Good Friday

10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. the church will be open - come and go as you wish. Bring your lunch or stop by on your way to or from lunch for some self-guided prayer or to walk a labyrinth in fellowship hall.

Pastors will be available to pray or talk or just be present.

April 5 - Easter Sunday: *Unbound - Longing for New Life*

8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. **Resurrection of the Lord** worship services are in the sanctuary

9:30 a.m. weekly adult education and small group studies*

*weekly adult education, taught by Jean Beckman, uses *The Present Word* curriculum and meets in room 105 (the Bible Bunch room) at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings; the weekly small group study *We Make the Road By Walking* by Brian McLaren is facilitated by Rev. Jerusha Van Camp and meets three different times (in person and on Zoom): Sundays at 9:30 a.m., Wednesdays at noon, and Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. These classes and small groups are open and welcome folks to connect at any time.

LGBTQ Group Gathering



All First Pres LGBTQ folks (including LGBTQ friends of FPC) are invited to meet the Van Camps' at their home (259 Washington Ave.) on Friday, February 27 at 6:00 p.m. for a good meal and the company of friends. This group meets approximately every six weeks for a Friday night dinner/activity, and/or a Sunday lunch. It is our hope that gathering together will spark fun and a deeper sense of community and support for one another. For more information or to RSVP, contact Rev. Jerusha (jerusha@fpcevv.com; 812-774-7402).

Calling All Readers:

Book Group at First Pres meets next on Monday, March 9, 6:30-8:00 p.m. in room 105 in the Ed Wing. A Zoom option is available; contact Francie Hubbard (francie@myhubbards.com) to learn how to sign in.

March's book is *The Art of Hearing Heartbeats* by Jan-Philipp Sendker. The first book in the series of the same name, this is a poignant love story set in Burma (Myanmar) that spans decades, following a New York lawyer's daughter, Julia, as she travels to her father's homeland to uncover the mystery of his past after he disappears, leading her to a tale of hardship, resilience, and a powerful romance between a blind monk and a crippled girl. The novel intertwines Julia's present-day search with the past story of Tin Win and Mi Mi, exploring themes of love, fate, memory, and the contrast between Eastern and Western values.



2026: Our Values Then, Alive Today!

This year marks our nation's 250th birthday. 2026 is also a celebration for First Pres as we plan our future with Rev. Mary Beth and Rev. Jerusha. It might be interesting to look at our history and how members celebrated the very values we will continue in our plan going forward. Starting this issue there will be a paragraph about one of our earlier church members' expression of those values - of peace and equality, justice and kindness, care for our church family, our building and worship, and care for the needs of our community. Join us as we celebrate 2026: Our Values Then, Alive Today!

Eleanor E. Johnson

There's some question whether Eleanor E. Johnson was a member of Walnut Street Church (a forerunner to First Presbyterian) or a trusted friend of the church; but there's no doubt about what she accomplished while associated with it and she is included in several references to church life. A civil rights activist in Boston, where she taught at a school for African American children, she came to Evansville in 1859. With the help of a grant from Willard Carpenter of \$10,000, she founded the Vanderburgh County Christian Home. Referred to as a maternity home, it was considered a safe haven for unmarried women and girls - often prostitutes or victims of rape or incest - who had no place to live during a pregnancy. It is written that you could often find Johnson walking the streets of the then "red light district" looking for women to help. The home, located at 1615 N. Fulton Ave., remained open until 1986, expanding over the years to include women and families in need of housing.



One Great Hour of Sharing

"What does the Lord require of you? ...to do justice..." - *Micah 6:8* The prophet Micah calls for a life that is focused on justice and mercy. It's a call to action, urging us to live out our faith in a way that reflects God's love, to put justice into practice.



**ONE GREAT
HOUR OF SHARING**

We can all respond to the prophet's call through simple acts of kindness and by showing care and compassion to others. Small gestures like speaking up for someone who needs a voice, sharing a meal with someone who is hungry or offering relief to those in crisis are all works of justice. Although they may start out as small acts, they make a big difference and have a profound impact on the world around us. Such actions work to create more supportive communities and can be the foundation for addressing the larger justice issues that exist everywhere.

We are all aware of the many ways our church works to ensure that all of God's people can flourish. One Great Hour of Sharing is centered in the call to do just that, to do our part to create justice so every person can truly live. The Offering supports the causes of hunger and poverty alleviation, disaster relief, community development, climate change, immigration/migration and refugee advocacy. These vital areas of ministry - chosen by the (PCUSA) General Assembly - go a long way to ensure that every person is able to live into the fullness of life that is God's promise to all of us.



Because we believe that all people are created and loved by God, our faith compels us to work toward justice for all in the way of Christ Jesus. This is what the Lord requires of us. To do justice, but also to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.

Through this Lenten season, watch for more information on all that the Offering does to answer that call from Micah. Look for a calendar on page 10 that you can use starting on Ash Wednesday to reflect on everyday blessings in your life and prepare to share with the OGHS offering on Palm Sunday, March 29. May we do our part to be the Church together by supporting One Great Hour of Sharing and the justice ministries it supports.

Happy Birthday!

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A Sharing Calendar for Lent 2026

Each day at or after a meal time, gather around this map activity. Consider the reflection and questions, place a coin or a bill (a "gift") in your fish coin bank or a jar.

Ash Wednesday: Read Micah 6–8. What does God require of us? How can we "do justice" in our day today?

Thursday: Our fish coin boxes will hold many gifts of money this season, but what other kinds of gifts can we give? What gifts can you give or share?

Friday: Sunday is Blue T-Shirt Sunday. What does the PC(USA) do to show God's love during a disaster? Choose something blue to wear or bring to church to celebrate.

Feb. 22–28

Sunday: After a natural disaster, it may be hard to find places to cook or buy meals. Say a prayer of thanksgiving and give a gift for each meal you ate today.

Monday: Over 18 million Americans live in a food desert, far from a store where they can buy groceries. Give a gift for each grocery store nearby.

Tuesday: Electricity is usually the first utility that is lost in a storm. Give a gift for each electrical outlet in the room you are currently in.

Wednesday: Is water necessary for good health? Using the map, find Lambia and read what the PC(USA) is doing there. After learning more, give a gift for each drink you had today.

Thursday: On the online OGHS map, look at the U.S. states where the PC(USA) is working. Pray for each by name and give a gift for each state you've visited.

Friday: If you can read, you are more likely to be healthier. Learn a new word today and give a gift for every letter in your name.

March 1–7

Sunday: Most people around the world don't have access to the many varieties of fruit and vegetables we have. Give one gift for each type of fruit in your house.

Monday: Climate change is forcing farmers worldwide to either adjust their farming methods or move away. Give a gift for each type of animal you saw today.

Tuesday: When families move, building a new community of friends and neighbors can be hard! Make a card or gift for someone new in your church or neighborhood.

Wednesday: Without the right nutrition in the first two years of life, a child's physical and mental development is compromised. Give a gift for each toddler you know.

Thursday: When roads are closed and electricity is off, going to see a doctor can be hard. Give a gift if you've been able to see a doctor in the past year.

Friday: It is estimated that 1 in 5 kids in the U.S. will experience hunger this year. Give at least one gift if you have not experienced hunger this year.

March 8–14

Sunday: Where does your water come from? Many people carry buckets of water long distances to their homes every day. Give a gift for every faucet in your home.

Monday: In Panama, the PC(USA) partnered in the construction of a 25,000-liter tank, helping families with clean water for drinking and cooking. Give a gift for each drink of water you had today.

Tuesday: Social barriers are like locked doors that hold people back and keep them from thriving. Give a gift for every door that can lock in your home.

Wednesday: If you could start a business of your own, what would it be? Give a gift for every good business idea you hear from those you are with.

Thursday: Rainwater is rare in some places, so special collection systems are built to catch the water. Give one gift for every day it rained (or snowed) in the past week.

Friday: Changing weather patterns mean old ways of farming don't work in some areas anymore, so farmers need to be taught new techniques. Give a gift for every farm you've visited.

March 15–21

Sunday: In some places, people walk for hours to go to church, where they find support and encouragement from friends and family. Give a gift for every time you went to church this month.

Monday: Hunger-related causes kill thousands of people every day around the world. Give a gift for meals you've had today.

Tuesday: Some people can't find jobs and care for themselves because they don't have access to a car or the right bus route. Give one gift for every wheel in your garage that helps you get places.

Wednesday: Poverty can make people feel like they are always failing two steps back with surprise expenses or problems. Give a gift for every set of steps in your home.

Thursday: The most vulnerable are often the most impacted in emergency situations. Say a prayer for children impacted by disasters, and give a gift for every flashlight in your home.

Friday: Sometimes people need help advocating for their rights — like lawyers fighting for those impacted by unfair employment practices. Say a prayer for those who advocate for the poor.

March 22–28

Sunday: In South Sudan, women have found hope as they learn to farm so they can grow food for their families. Give a gift per plant in your house.

Monday: In Ohio, refugee women are able to market their sweet and savory treats at the farmers market, helping to take care of their families. Give one gift for every sweet treat you had today.

Tuesday: Immunizations give us hope for when certain diseases will no longer cause sickness and pain. Give a gift for each immunization you have received.

Wednesday: In Haiti, hope is seen in the leaves of the moringa tree, a superfood that can help many hungry people! Give one gift for every tree at home.

Thursday: Give a gift for every year you have been in school and find three books you can donate so another person can read and learn.

Friday: Learning new languages can be hard! Give five gifts for every language your family members speak.

March 29–April 4

Passion/Palm Sunday: Blankets are used internationally to comfort those impacted by disasters. Give a gift for each blanket in your home, or find some blankets you can donate.

Monday: Teaching healthy food choices and food safety can change the health of an entire community. Find some healthier foods you can donate to a food pantry or soup kitchen.

Tuesday: Find a location on the OGHS map you have not learned about yet. Spend some extended time learning about and praying for the ministry and people there.

Wednesday: Communication can be incredibly difficult after a disaster. Give a gift for every computer in your home, and call, email or text a loved one.

Thursday: God's love is shown in so many ways. Find three things you can do today or tomorrow to share God's love.

Friday: Clean water is a precious resource all over the world. Find some ways you can conserve or use less water every day and commit to doing at least 1 for a month or more.

April 5

Sunday – Resurrection/Easter/One Great Hour of Sharing: Present the gifts in your coin box to your congregation. Say a prayer for all those who will receive help from your generosity.

For more locations and ministries, go to pcusa.org/oghsmap or scan this code.



ONE GREAT
HOUR OF SHARING

WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAYS

8:30 a.m. Wide Awake Worship
 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Time, Adult Sunday School,
 Choir Rehearsal, We Make the Road
 10:30 a.m. Sanctuary Worship, Follow Me Time
 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour
 5:30 p.m. First Light

MONDAYS

6:30 p.m. NA Group

TUESDAYS

11:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
 3:45 p.m. Teen Rehearsal
 4:45 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
 5:45 p.m. Chorister Rehearsal

WEDNESDAYS

7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer (*Feb 25-Apr 1*)
 12:00 p.m. We Make the Road
 1:00 p.m. *Little Lambs Store Open*
 5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer (*Feb 25-Mar 25*)
 6:00 p.m. Lenten Soup Supper (*Mar 4-25*)
 6:15 p.m. Contemplative Lenten Practice (*Mar 4-25*)
 7:00 p.m. We Make the Road

THURSDAYS

4:00 p.m. Choir Beginners
 5:00 p.m. Chorister Rehearsal
 6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAYS

Church Office Closed

SATURDAYS

10:00 a.m. *Little Lambs Store Open*

**Items in italics are non-FPC events*



FEBRUARY

3 TUESDAY

6:00 p.m. Worship Committee

6 FRIDAY

7:00 p.m. First Friday Recital: Hansol Kim

7 SATURDAY

10:00 a.m. Clean Up Day
 2:00 p.m. Music Dept. Bowling Party

8 SUNDAY

6:15 p.m. Evening Prayer

9 MONDAY

10:30 a.m. Feeding Mission at UCS
 6:30 p.m. *Book Group*

11 WEDNESDAY

5:30 p.m. Finance Committee

16 MONDAY

11:30 a.m. Lunch & Learn: Patchwork Central

17 TUESDAY

6:00 p.m. Session Meeting

18 WEDNESDAY

ASH WEDNESDAY

7:00 a.m. Ash Wednesday Worship
 12:15 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship
 5:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship

22 SUNDAY

5:30 p.m. 4th Sundays at 1st Pres

MARCH

8 SUNDAY

6:15 p.m. Evening Prayer

9 MONDAY

10:30 a.m. Feeding Mission at UCS
 6:30 p.m. *Book Group*

16 MONDAY

10:00 a.m. Mission Committee

17 TUESDAY

6:00 p.m. Session Meeting

21 SATURDAY

11:00 a.m. Lunch & Learn: Meals on Wheels

22 SUNDAY

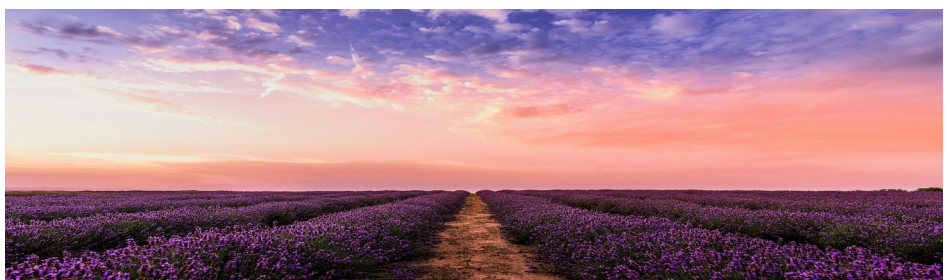
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30 MONDAY

7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

31 TUESDAY

7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer



Save the Date: PW Luncheon!

Presbyterian Women invite you to lunch! Mark Saturday, March 21 on your calendar and plan to enjoy a time of fellowship, food, and education as PW welcomes the director of Evansville's Meals on Wheels. There's no charge for the soup and salad luncheon which begins at 11:00 a.m. in fellowship hall. Bring a friend, enjoy a lovely meal, and learn more about this longtime Evansville program with historic ties to First Pres.



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