



Good News

Letter from the Pastor

I've enjoyed our time on Wednesday nights and I hope there is some way we can keep on meeting during the rest of the year. Lent is a time to prepare. Why is it necessary to prepare for Easter at all? What would be different to us if we didn't observe these 40 of Lent in some way? Each year when we prepare for Good Friday and Easter Sunday, most of us would rather skip Good Friday. That day can become completely overwhelming unless we've done our "homework" throughout Lent. We understand the depth of love that God has for us.

When we get to Easter we are not celebrating a memorial day of Jesus' death, because death could not hold Jesus. The Church throughout the ages used to be ...

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...more explicit about Easter being an event that we participate in daily; we need to reclaim that. The resurrection is not something we observe or just believe; it's new life! As we get closer to Easter morning remember that the stone was rolled away not to let Jesus out of the tomb, but so we could look in and know that Jesus Christ is risen, He is risen indeed!

Happy Easter First Presbyterian,



*"When you think of all that's good,
give thanks to God"*

Music Ministry Update

We started choosing hymns from the red hymnal book (Glory to God) for Call to Worship from the second Sunday of February which was the first Sunday after Ash Wednesday. We are looking forward to finding a joy and bliss from new hymns we find.

We repent during Lent, reflecting Jesus life and His words into our lives, and prepare ourselves to "rebirth" as God did for us from our sins. Thus, Easter means a lot to us and it is another biggest fest in church after Christmas.

Chancel Choir is pleased to present on Easter what we have worked during Lent for Easter. As we did last Christmas, there will be thirty minute concert before Easter service starts. There will be solo, duet, and choir performances from various period, from Baroque through Contemporary. Works include Vivaldi's Gloria, Handel's Messiah, and others. We also look forward to having a guest artist, Kath Holcombe, an oboist who will be playing for our concert and service.

YoonGeong Lee, *Music Minister*

Deacons' Corner

What it means to me to be a Deacon

To me being a deacon is being apart of the church family. It's sharing and caring for people in need. Not only in our parish but in the community as well. As a Deacon member we hope we make sure that everyone is aware that they are important and cared for with prayers "at the ready" along with physical and emotional support if needed. When you see people working, helping and praying together is when God is truly at work.

Blessings to all. *Andrew Eggett, Deacon*

~In Memory of Jonita Cutten~ By: Mark and Louise Cronenwett

Older Adult Ministries News...

Excursion to Meyers House ! We are mining the gems of Alameda and planning a tour of the Meyers House and Garden. Henry H. Meyers was the architect of our sanctuary and the family home is open for tours only twice a month.

On **Saturday, March 12th** at 1:00 pm we will meet in the parking lot of the church and walk over to 2021 Alameda Ave for a tour. If you would like to meet us at the house we will join you there. The cost is \$5. per person. Please be advised that there are stairs on the tour. The gardens are very pleasant if you wish to enjoy them.

Easter Flowers ***Easter Sunday, March 27, 2016***

Easter Sunday we will decorate the church with beautiful lilies and other flowers. If you would like to dedicate flowers *in honor of* friends and family members or *in memory of* departed loved ones, please complete the form and submit it to the office by **Sunday, March 20** with a check made out to First Presbyterian Church of Alameda, noting "Easter Flowers" in the memo line. Following Easter morning worship, you may take your flower(s) home or the deacons will deliver it to our shut-in friends. Thank you. Click here for the [Easter Lily Form](#)





SPECIAL OFFERINGS ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

One Great Hour of Sharing began in 1949 and has been a long-standing effort aimed at raising funds necessary to provide assistance, relief and reconstruction for communities in the aftermath of disasters. What started as an hour-long radio appeal has evolved over the years and today varies from eight to 29 participating denominations. It has become the most participated-in special offering. Projects supported by One Great Hour of Sharing are found in more than 100 countries around the world.

The three programs supported by this ministry work in different ways to serve individuals and communities who are in need of safety, sustenance and hope.

Self-Development of People.

This program partners with people and communities by providing tools of teaching and assistance in development and education of people to help alleviate poverty,

oppression, and injustice on both a national and international level.

Disaster Assistance works within communities as they recover and find hope after the devastation of natural or human-caused disasters.

The Hunger Program works to alleviate hunger and its causes and helps create access to healthy food for entire communities.

By supporting the One Great Hour of Sharing you are helping people in need all around the world. There are three ways you can give: through your congregation; text OGHS to 20222 to give \$10; or online at presbyterianmission.org/give-oghs

Please prayerfully consider giving to The One Great Hour of Sharing.

Kay Lamon- Missions Committee

Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 13

Turn your clocks ahead one hour before you go to sleep Saturday night, March 12. Change the batteries in your smoke detectors.



Mark Your Calendars

Maundy Thursday-
Thurs, March 24th

Palm Sunday-
Sunday, March 20th

Resurrection of the Lord-
Easter Sunday,
March 27th

March Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday

Mar 2 Barbara Edmiston
Mar 8 Ankie Schuitema
Mar 12 Christina McKenna
Mar 15 Jonathon Schuitema
Mar 22 Cathy Parker
Mar 26 Billie Jaber

Mar 29 Barbara Acosta
Mar 29 Eunice Birkholm
Mar 30 Nannette Kincannon
Mar 31 Freddie Smith

Happy Anniversary

Mar 3 Toinette & Mark Carter
Mar 7 Holly & Torrey Zaches

March Schedule

Sound Schedule

Mar 6 Andy Eggett
Mar 13 Joab Muchiri
Mar 20 Rob Ade
Mar 24 Raymond Cortes
Mar 27 Andy Eggett

Readers for March

Mar 6 Rob Ade
Mar 13 Paul Scholz
Mar 20 Kathy Smith
Mar 27 Claudia Perkins

Communion Servers

Mar 6 Carol Cantrell
Jamie Cortes
Mark Cronenwett

Greeters for March

Mar 6 Del Cook &
Barbara Curtis
Mar 13 The Eggetts
Mar 20 Nancy Lewis &
Mark Cronenwett
Mar 27 The Smiths

You're Invited

Lenten Soup Suppers

Wednesday evenings
Beginning February 10
at 6pm in the hall



We will also have
a Lenten Class Series on:

*"Heaven, the Resurrection
and Everthing Else"*

Have a blessed Easter!

"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die."

--John 11:25-26



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