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Lent/Easter Edition — March 3, 2015

HOLY WEEK









WORSHIP SCHEDULE

You are encouraged to invite your neighbors, family and friends to join us for Lent and Holy Week at First Prez. *The schedule is as follows:*

Palm Sunday, March 29

10:00 a.m. Downtown Churches' Blessing of the Palms

on the lawn behind St. Luke's UCC (Gather in the Meriwether Room at 9:50)

10:45 a.m. Morning Worship

Wednesday, April 1

12:05 p.m. Downtown Churches' Lenten Service at Wall Street UMC

Maundy Thursday, April 2

6:30 p.m. Supper in the Atrium

7:30 p.m. Communion Service in the Sanctuary

Good Friday, April 3

5:00 p.m. Downtown Churches' Way of the Cross

(Begins on Court Avenue at the County Courthouse & ends at the Overlook—corner of Riverside & Spring)

Holy Saturday, April 4

11:00 a.m. Children's Easter Egg Hunt at the Howard Steamboat Museum (In the event of inclement weather the Easter Egg Hunt will be moved inside, to the church.)

7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil, outside, at the Taggart Hall Entrance (Or in the Atrium, in the event of rain.)

Easter Sunday, April 5

7:05 a.m. Sunrise Service on the Overlook, corner of Riverside & Spring 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

10:45 a.m. Easter Worship

One Great Hour of Sharing Received

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Hospitalized . . .

For an updated list of those who have been in the hospital and/or receiving treatment, please see the weekly bulletins and the Presbygram. You may receive the weekly Presbygram by filling out the form in this newsletter and returning it to the church office. Thanks!



Christian Sympathy . . .

... We extend our Christian sympathy to the family of Jason Bunnell at his death on Saturday, January 3.

... We extend our Christian sympathy to Jorene Egan and the Egan family at the death of Joe Egan, on Monday, February 23.



Congratulations . . .

... Congratulations to Ray and Yvonne Knight at the birth of their granddaughter, Emily Noel, on January 9. Proud parents are Steve and Britt Knight.



"Can You Get the Picture???"

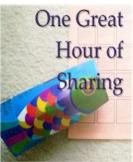
Becky Herald will be creating a slideshow for the church anniversary in May and invites you to bring in or send her photos from our life and ministry here at First Prez (vintage and recent—all are

(vintage and recent—all are welcome). You may bring or e-mail them to the church office at secty@1stprz.org or directly to Becky at

RLHerald@twc.com. Thanks!

The Downtown Churches' Lenten

Series is being held each Wednesday through March 25.
Wall Street UMC is hosting this year's series of weekly worship services and luncheons, which begin at \$8.00 donation for lunch is suggested, and any profits will benefit the Center for Lay Ministries.



The One Great Hour of

Sharing will be received the weekends of Palm Sunday and Easter, with a follow-up the weekend of April 12.

The One Great Hour of Sharing supports the good work accomplished through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance The Presbyterian Hunger Program & Self-Development of People

Please give generously!

For more information on the One Great Hour of Sharing, watch for weekly bulletin inserts and/or visit http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/specialofferings/one-great-hour-sharing-offering/

Update from the Choir Director Search Committee...

Our search for a Choir Director is underway. A special committee made up of Kathy Bixler,

Kyle Bixler, Roger Emily, Becky Herald, Brian Herald, Ray Knight and Sandy Locke, with Don Summerfield as an ex-officio member, is currently at work gathering input from the music staff and choir, and drafting a job description and posting for the position of Choir Director at First Presbyterian Church of Jeffersonville.

The committee's hope is to advertise the opening and invite applications soon after Easter, to begin interviewing candidates in early-to-mid-May, and to fill the position by the middle of June.

As the committee goes about its work, please be in prayer that the search process will lead us to someone under whose leadership our choir will continue to thrive and make a joyful noise to the Lord.

Additionally, we give thanks to David Wagner and Steve Inman for their leadership of the choir during this interim period.



March Birthdays

3rd Phillip Hartzell
4th Beverly Lane
5th Bob Simpson
6th Cindy Ehringer

Janice DiTeresa
Sandy Riggle
Carol Rogier

10th Carol Rogier 12th Steve Riggle 13th David Ellis

16th Charles King 18th Andrew Herald

20th Gail Reardon Chris Quiqui 22nd Bill Bartlett

Jerid Inman

23rd Alecia Simon

23rd Alecia Simonis 24th Petsy Thacker

28th Helen Gehm 29th Brian Sharp Oprah Pabai

30th Jeremy Thomas 31st Jack Gay

March Anniversaries

13th Logan & Whitney Walsh



April Birthdays

2nd Katie Daily Walt Gehm

3rd Caitlin Wheat 7th Roger Emily

9th David Brown 10th Daniel DeWeese

12th Margaret Sparks 13th Kim Heffern

Evan Cooper 18th Eleanor Gay

20th Marilyn Waldrip 21st Jacqueline Stoner

22nd Leo Bixler 23rd Beth Snyder

24th Sarah Proctor 28th Roger Hott

29th Kim Wermuth 30th Barbara Graves

April Anniversaries

7th Scott & Julie Straight

16th Ray & Yvonne Knight

19th Wally & Celery Blankenship

20th Don Summerfield &

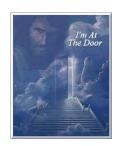
30th Stuart & Tracy Coulter

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A Word from Our Pastor ...

There's a verse in Ephesians 4 that commends "speaking the truth in love" to one another within the church, and that's what a couple people did for me a while back. What they said was, "we've heard enough about the troubles in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A) and about the challenges facing us as a congregation. What we'd like to hear more of are the possibilities and opportunities that we might build on."

Reflecting on that brought to mind a couple verses in Revelation 3. Both appear in messages dictated by the Risen Lord to John, who is told to write down what he's heard and pass it along to specific congregations. To the church in Philadelphia, among other things, the Lord says "Look, I have set before you and open door, which no one is able to shut..." And to the church in Laodicea he says, "Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me."



In terms of the kind of fruitful, inviting and sustainable ministry we spent time talking about last year, it seems to me that "open doors" might represent opportunities that are right before us—at our feet, so to speak. One example is that we have a number of deeply committed, active adult women in our church who are already involved in groups like the Quilters, Church Ladies, Kitchen and Bazaar Committees. Recently, there've been some who've seen this as an open door to forming a Presbyterian Women's Group to meet together locally and connect with other PW's, both within the Presbytery and from the larger church. Likewise, we presently have over a dozen wonderful, enthusiastic youth in our congregation, along with a pool and ping-pong table equipped youth room, Karaoke machine, gym and bus. That's an open door as well, just waiting to be walked through.

As for "standing at the door and knocking," to me this speaks more of possibilities that are present but require some exploration (much like when you hear a knock and have to go see whether it's at the back, front or side door of the house). One knock we heard just last month came in the form of an invitation to apply (which we did) for a grant to fund a solar power system —something we already have on our list of Session approved unfunded projects and toward which we've received some initial gifts. Another "knocking sound" lies in the fact that we're in a neighborhood that's coming alive in all kinds of ways, and we're already out in it with some creative ministries like the outdoor worship events and Ecumenical Vacation Bible School we hold with our sister downtown churches, our partnership with Exit 0, and our own unique offerings of Wednesday and Saturday evening worship. What possibilities might these, and things we've yet to think of, hold for connecting us with our neighbors and introducing new friends to the life of our First Prez family?

We talked about these things in worship on 222 Day Weekend, and our Session plans to pursue the conversation further at its March 5 R&D (Reflection & Discernment) Night. In addition, let me encourage you to be thinking and praying about these things as well. Where do you see an open door? Do you hear any knocking sounds? They're out there—some are right under our noses! Our call is to be alert to them, to answer and to enter into them, as we seek to live into a fruitful, inviting and sustainable ministry, both in this 185th Anniversary year and for many years to come.

Grace and peace to all,

Don Summerfield



The Military Support Group meets on the first Sunday of the month, following morning worship. Come enjoy the support we have for each other as we hear news of the comings and goings of our service personnel.

If you have any questions or updates, please call Carol Sharp at (502) 641-2713. Also, check out the photos of our military on the bulletin board in the main entrance hallway.

Please continue to keep the following service members from the extended First Prez family in your prayers: Andrew Baker, Joshua Blanton, Matt Emery, Nickolas Carmichael, Autum Cruz, Josh Fleming, Will Hacker, Kevin Heal, Jeff McMahan, Kyle Mayfield, Mark Miller, Tom O'Brien, Jose Rodriguez, Jr., Steve Sharp, and Bron Stuart—along with all our country's military personnel.



THE JEFFERSONVILLE FARMERS MARKET

continues to make its winter home at First Prez. The market is held each Saturday from 9:30 a.m. till Noon, so stop and shop when you're on your Saturday rounds.



Clark County Health Department 1320 Duncan Avenue Jeffersonville, Indiana 47130 Phone (812)282-7521 Fax (812)288-2711

Wanted: Volunteers

The Clark County Health
Department is in need of volunteers
to help in the event of a Public
Health catastrophe.

Skills: greeters, clerical personnel, nurses, nursing assistants, messengers, and security.

Fill in the volunteer registration form found at: http://www.clarkhealth.net/pdf/MRC Application 2012.pdf or call (812) 288-7521 for more information

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The First Prez Benevolence Fund at Work . . .

Since the last newsletter the First Prez Benevolence Fund, and the Transients' Pantry it supports, have provided the following to people who have come to our door seeking assistance:

- ◆ TARC bus tickets
- Thornton gift cards for gas
- Hardee/Subway gift cards
- Snack food
- Personal Hygience items
- Single Night Lodging in a local motel (on an individual basis)



Our Winter Weather Closing Policy is as follows...

Weekdays...

If the Greater Clark Schools are closed, all daytime and evening meetings and activities at 1st Prez are cancelled

If the Greater Clark Schools have a delayed start time, all daytime meetings and activities at 1st Prez are cancelled.

If the Greater Clark Schools have an early dismissal, all evening meetings and activities at 1st Prez are cancelled

Weekends...

For meetings and activities, contact the organizer/ leader in case of inclement weather.

Worship services will be held as scheduled.

In addition, we encourage every church member and friend to use his or her best judgment as to whether or not it's safe to venture out in severe weather.

If you're unsure about your safety on the walkways and roadways, please err on the side of caution and stay in.

Lord willing, we'll still be here when it's safe .

Sheltering the Homeless...

Rev. Don asked me to give a report on Exit 0's recent cold weather sheltering at First Presbyterian Church

I walked into the Taggart Hall gym on Thursday, February 19 (as I usually do on Thursday evenings) and immediately noticed a big change. I was experiencing things I had not seen before, and it was all happening right in front of my face. We all take the comforts of our homes and surroundings for



granted, but the homeless do not have these 24/7 safe havens.

Mattresses with blankets and pillows were all over the floor. Cots that were 2 and 3 tiers high were being assembled everywhere. There were bags and boxes of belongings, along with a big harmless pit bull dog on a leash and a cat in a cage, on the stage. There was a doctor in the gym taking blood pressures, bandaging a knee and discussing prescriptions with the homeless. As I stepped into the atrium to talk to Don, I saw a woman cutting hair for both the women and the men. That sight took my breath away, and tears welled up in this old boy's eyes. I was dumbfounded and at a loss for words. As I went back into the gym, I saw ambulances at the street side entrance with their lights flashing in the parking lot and medics everywhere. One of the homeless men was experiencing some chest pains. After he was examined, it was determined that he had health concerns and was transported to the hospital.

We had 19 people on Tuesday February 17, the first night of the shelter's operation, and ended up with around 50 on Friday. Thanks to the congregation of First Presbyterian, 50 people with nowhere to go found a safe haven from the cold for the week. Paul and the helpers of Exit 0 are grateful to you for opening your doors during this emergency situation. My experience with it as a helper was an emotional rollercoaster ride, and I am humbled by your generosity.

Charles King

(Local news reports from the sheltering operation are available at http://www.wdrb.com/story/28131494/organization-opens-temporary-homeless-shelter-in-jeffersonville and http://www.wlky.com/news/Jeffersonville-community-leaders-work-to-keep-homeless-warm/31344918)

The Choirs thank everyone who donated to—and especially those who helped



Thank You!

carry, organize, price, sell and clean up after—our very successful yard sale on February 28. The proceeds will be applied to the costs of music.

The music for the choirs is funded solely from the music endowment and projects like this. The choirs look forward to the yard sale as an annual fundraiser to help offset the rising costs of music.

Your continued support is so appreciated and enables

our choirs to enrich our worship here at First Prez.

— Choir Yard Sale Committee

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Easter Flowers

This year our Easter flowers will be ordered from the Kentucky Hemophilia Foundation. Each plant will be \$12.00. Orders must be in the office by March 23rd along with your payment. Please fill out the order form and drop it in the collection plate, bring it by the office, or mail it to the church.

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Would like to place an order for Easter flowers in Honor/Memory of	Lilies	
	Tulips (Assorted colors)	
	Hyacinths (Assorted colors)	
	Mums (Assorted colors)	

Gratitude . . .

I/We

From Dana and Carl Nettleton . . .

Thank you for the baby blanket and the prayers that came with it. Our baby girl will be in the NICU for awhile, but she gets stronger by the day. We can't wait to bring her home and wrap her up in the blanket.

Thank you



From Carolynn Pfannmoeller...

I want to thank everyone of you, who participated in the making of the beautiful prayer blanket, that you made for me.

My heart was so touched with your love and the love of God, for me. I am truly blessed.

I will be taking the prayer blanket with me, and I will feel your prayers around me and blessing me, with whatever the outcome.

From Suzann Byers...

Thank you so much for the lovely prayer blanket you brought to me after my surgery. Marlene, the color you picked was perfect - one of my favorites and a perfect match to the nightshirt I was wearing at the hospital.

I was so touched by the gesture and was grateful for Don's visit. Your concern is deeply appreciated.

Gratitude continued on page 6...



Hope Chest Gifts for March Support Haven House Services, Inc.

Suggested donations:

- Canned Foods (soup, fruit, vegetables)
- Toilet Paper
- Bleach and Laundry Detergent (HE type)
- Dish Liquid
- Rubbing Alcohol
- Swabs for Applying Medicines
- Small Spray Bottles (empty)
- General Cleaning Supplies

Donations of food, especially meat, along with canned goods are also appreciated.

Please leave your contributions in the Hope Chest located in the Atrium.

Also, for those who forget or prefer not to shop, "Hope Chest" envelopes for donations of cash and coins are available in the pew racks and from the table in the Chapel.





The next edition of
the Window
will be mailed
in late April.
Please have submissions
to the office by
Sunday, April 15.

In the meantime, watch for news and updates in the weekly *Presbygram*. Please e-mail the church office at secty@1stprez.org if you wish to "go green" and receive *the Window* by e-mail, rather than hard-copy.

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Gratitude . . . (continued from Page 5)

From Roxanna Box...

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year You blessed us with Kroger food vouchers through Maple Elementary.

And now, may our great and eternal Father bless you.

May he strengthen your inner being with power from the Holy Spirit.

May Christ dwell in your heart through faith.

May you be rooted and grounded in love,
so that you will comprehend with all the saints
the breadth and length and height and depth
of the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge.

May you be filled up to all the fullness of God according to the riches of his glory.
And may you exalt his glorious name forever and ever. Amen!

(Ephesians 3:14-19)

From Marsha Emilly for Loaves & Fishes...

Thanks SO much to all of you who donated to Loaves & Fishes during the month of December, and to Jane and Duffy Dillion who delivered the 30 large cans of fruit and vegetables and 2 large packages of pasta that you gave to the Loaves and Fishes pantry!

Our First Prez team served the weekly meal on Saturday, February 21 at St. Luke's and planning is underway for Derby Day (May 2) when we'll be taking our next turn in the kitchen.

We are blessed with a vital and talented group who work this ministry.

If you'd like to be involved, please let me know.

From Barb Brewster, Treasurer—Loaves & Fishes...

Thank you for your generous donation of \$250, and the many large cans of fruits and vegetables. It will certainly aid in our endeavor to feed the hungry of Jeffersonville.

From Clark County Youth Shelter...

Thank you for your recent donation of toiletries, pillows, games, candy, turkey and foods to Clark County Youth Shelter. Each year the shelter serves nearly 300 youth from the community. Without your generosity we would not be able to provide a safe and caring environment for the children in need.

From the Bechtel family...

I want to sincerely and gratefully thank your staff and church members for being so helpful and understanding throughout 2014.

I hope you all had a Merry Christmas and I hope 2015 will be a great year! Thank you for all your prayers and for being there to talk to at any time.

Happy New Year!

From Exit O...

We cannot always find the words that are enough to let you know how much we appreciate the space you provide for all the Thursday night meals, and then a monthly donation.

God blesses us with so many people and you are certainly among them.

Exit O could not continue without people like you.

God Bless!

Gratitude continued on page 7...

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Gratitude . . . (continued from Page 6)

From Marta Miranda, President/CEO, The Center for Women and Families. . .

Thank you so much for your gift of \$350 and food and cleaning supplies to The Center for Women and Families. You are an agent of positive change in the lives of women, men and children in our community and your support ensures that The Center can continue to help rebuild lives torn apart by intimate partner abuse, sexual assault and economic deprivation...



First Prez Green Team Task of the Month

Each month, the First Prez Green Team is suggesting a task to help you be a more faithful steward of the Creation, while saving energy and money. Here's the task for March ...

Install a Programmable Thermostat

and set it to heat or cool your space only when needed

Through proper use of a programmable thermostat you can save about \$180 every year in energy costs.

Did you know that properly using a programmable thermostat in your home is one of the easiest ways you can save energy, money, and help fight global warming? A programmable thermostat helps make it easy for you to save by offering four pre-programmed settings to regulate your home's temperature in both summer and winter - when you are asleep or away. http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?

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Immediate Help Needed for Snow & Ice Removal



The Property Committee needs 3 or 4 able-bodied individuals to assist with snow and ice removal this winter and possibly this weekend. We will be contracting with a company for heavy snow removal but will need to handle the 1 – 2 inch accumulations with volunteers. One volunteer per month for December, January, February and March would be most appreciated. If you can help, please contact Linda Keith at (812) 207-1403.

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February 2015 Financial Report . . .

Income and Expenses

For Selected Account Groups

February 1, 2015 to February 28, 2015

INCOME

CHURCH OFFERINGS	23,087
INTEREST/DIVIDEND INCOME	11
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	819
OTHER INCOME	507
TOTAL INCOMI	£ <u>\$ 24,425</u>
EXPENSE	
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Net Ordinary Income

PER CAPITA	0
MISSION	953
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	15,289
OFFICE AND GENERAL	4,407
PROPERTY	1,944
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	409
WORSHIP	345
FOOD COMMITTEE	19
BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE	0
OTHER EXPENSES	0
TOTAL EXPENSE <u>\$</u>	23,365

PRESBYGRAMS provide weekly updates on what's happening at 1st Prez. If you would like to be added to the Presbygram's e-mailing list, please fill out the tear slip below and return it to the church office, or send the information us



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<u>1stprez@1stprez.org</u> . Thanks!
"Yes! Sign me up for the weekly Presbygram
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Endowment ...

Memorials (through March 2, 2015)

In Memory of Barbara Fible Mary Lee Whelan

In Memory of Tom Burger Karen L. Voss

In Memory of Jason Bunnell

Ellen MacGregor Mr. and Mrs. Don Kaelin Katherine Chaney Judy Behringer Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Collins **Petsy Thacker** Mary Bowyer Mr. and Mrs. David Hammett Mr. and Mrs. William Wall Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Robertson Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Densford Frank Drozeck Boy Scout Troop 7 Mr. and Mrs. Howard Roller Jan Paddocks Mary Lee Whelan and Family William Sample **Margaret Sparks** Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Brewster Michael Johnson James McIntosh Jim Becker Mr. and Mrs. Dale Ettel Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Pruitt Marilyn Inman Mr. and Mrs. Larry Rogier Mr. and Mrs. Tony Bleemel Gary Edelen Sharon Rudd Kathy Bixler Ruth Popp Scott MacGregor Carolyn and Ryan MacGregor Jill O'Daniel Mr. and Mrs. Robert Simpson Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Riehl Betsy See Mr. and Mrs. Michael Newkirk

In Memory of Joe Egan

Carol Burger

Dr. and Mrs. Ray Knight Mr. and Mrs. William Wall

In Honor of Don Summerfield and Trisha Tull Barbara Graves

In Honor of Laura and Richard Wohrle Mr. and Mrs. Wally Blankenship

Birthday Fund

Don Kaelin for Mary Kaelin Barbara Graves for Marsha Emily and Edward Morris Connie Woods Margaret Sparks for Abigail Scott Connie Woods for Jeremiah Woods Mr. and Mrs. David Hammett for Patrick and Blythe Hammett

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