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Christ himself is
before All things,
and
in him All things
hold together.
Colossians 1:17

CHRIST AS DAILY PRESENCE – MOVING TOWARD ONENESS

We continue to work on strategic goal #1 – “Realizing the abundant life Christ offers more fully in every moment and in every place, not just in church on Sundays,” which we tend to call “Everyday Spirituality.” Someone recently suggested we call it “Integrated Spirituality” because, as I understood it, it means bringing together your Sunday (or wherever/ whenever your peak spiritual focus is) with the rest of the times and places and activities of your week/ life. Integration and reconciliation are both terms for putting things back together, restoring wholeness or shalom.

I like “integration” as a term because it suggests bringing a unity to what is too often split up. Don’t you feel sometimes that you are being pulled in too many directions? There are certainly “dis-integrating” forces in our lives that want us to be different things in different places. Sometimes you have a part of your life where it feels hard to live out the principles we talk about on Sunday, or where it is hard to access the peace, clarity, strength, love or courage that we know God is trying to give us. God is calling us to a way of life where, in all we do, we can see that we are serving God. Colossians 1:17 says, “All things hold together in Christ.”

David Benner puts it this way: “Healthy spirituality...is having zest for living and staying glued together. As we move toward an integration of our inner being that is based on channeling our vital energies into self-transcendent causes, we are more likely to avoid fragmentation under stress...Life-enhancing spirituality directs our passionate longing and desiring in ways that allow them to be integrated into the fabric of life...Spirituality that enhances life always involves our whole person – body, emotions, sexuality...and much more. For only a lived, holistic spirituality can be transformational, integrative, and capable of helping us become fully alive and deeply human.”

How can we help each other do that? Some find that our Tuesday and Friday prayer times help them integrate their lives. We are working on putting together small groups, which are a powerful way of doing that. Do you have an idea or a hunger? Let’s talk!

March 1 is the **Second Sunday in Lent**. Our themes of “Reconciliation” and “Journey” continue. The focus is on “Reconciliation with Creation”, especially global climate change. Communion will be served.

On **March 8**, our worship will focus on “Reconciliation with Our Neighbors”. God’s dream for us, the Reign of God, calls for us to love our enemies and live together in justice and harmony. How do we live God’s call to heal relationships between individuals and groups? Scriptures include Ephesians 2:14-20 and 1 John 4:7-9. We will have guests from a Christian-Muslim dialogue that Scott is part of. Children’s Worship Arts will lead us as well.

For **March 15**, we look at the need for our Reconciliation with God (in Christ). This relationship, too, is out of whack – but we know that God is always taking the first step to draw us back together. By coming as Christ, God takes a huge step in bridging our estrangement. Scriptures include Philippians 2:5-11 and Isaiah 58:6-14. We will have music from the “Livin’ by Faith” band and the choir.

Worship on **March 22** examines “How is Christ the Way to Reconciliation”? Key texts are Colossians 1:20-22, “through Christ God was pleased to reconcile to Godself all things, whether on earth or in heaven...” and 2 Corinthians 5:16-21. “Livin’ by Faith” will lead music again.

Palm Sunday is **March 29**. We will consider what it was Jesus planned to accomplish by riding into Jerusalem, as told in Mark 11:1-11. What hopes should we have this week? Children will process with palms and song!

PATHS OF THE FLOCK

Condolences to the family of Ann Dickey, age 90, who passed away on February 12, 2015.

Former Director of Music, Scott DeWese, passed away on February 14, 2015 at the age of 54 in Arkansas. He is grieved by many.

- March 1 Do you need guidance or clarity as you make life's decisions? Scott Hill leads us in exploring Prayer for Discernment. (postponed due to weather)
- March 8 We will host participants in a local Christian - Muslim Dialogue in which Scott Hill is also taking part. The group has also attended Muslim and Catholic worship this weekend. We will talk about what happened in church and our faith in general, and have a chance to pose questions to our Muslim visitors. Come join in sharing our faith, food and friendship.
- March 15 Let's Dig Deeper by exploring the Word in the lectionary and as preached from Laws Room the pulpit this Sunday. Luther Pierson leads our discussion.
New Member Inquirers Class meets with Pastor Scott.
- March 22 Hearing God's Guidance - How can we get God's guidance in the decisions we face? Scott will offer some practical steps and discussion on praying for discernment.
- March 29 God: Faith is a Quest. Small group discussion of a 10-minute video. Dale Nowlin leads this start of a possible new series.
New Member Inquirers Class meets with Pastor Scott.

During Spring Break (March 8 – March 22) we will have Coffee Fellowship in the Laws Room after worship.

CALL FOR SNACKERS AND SNACK PROVIDERS: We have begun to occasionally serve light refreshments during Coffee Fellowship after worship. If anyone would like to provide some morning snacks (or share their leftover party treats) just bring them to church and put them out on the Hospitality Table near the coffee. Let folks know if the snacks are gluten-free.



- April 2** **7:00 pm** Maundy Thursday Communion Worship
One of the holiest days of the church year,
when we remember the Last Supper.
- April 3** **Noon** Good Friday Service at the Commons
- April 5** **7:00 am** Sunrise Worship in the Loggia &
Columbarium with musical leadership
from Danny Clark.
- 9:00 am** Worship in the sanctuary with musical
leadership from the Adult Choir and a Brass
Quintet.
- 10:00 am** Breakfast in the gymnasium.
Immediately following breakfast will be an
Easter Egg Hunt for toddlers to 3rd grade.
(Please bring your favorite Easter Basket)
- 11:00 am** Worship in the sanctuary with musical
leadership from the Adult Choir and a Brass
Quintet.

DINNERS FOR SEVEN

The Evangelism and Adult Nurture Committee has listened to your ideas for small groups that also involve food, and so we are offering Dinners for Seven. These organized dinner groups of seven people will come together to share a meal and conversation at least three times over a period of four months. The emphasis is on fun and fellowship, so being a gourmet cook is not a requirement. Everyone helps provide the meal, so the host is not doing all of the cooking. We will divide interested people into groups and share some ideas with you. Each group will decide how, when, and where to meet and select a point person to be responsible for keeping everyone informed as to location, dates, food items, etc.

We want everyone to feel that they can participate, so please fill out the coupon and return it to the church office. Group formation will be an ongoing process, so if you can't start right now, you will be able to join at a later time. After the initial three dinners, you may wish to continue another round with your group or you can join a different group - the choice is yours.

I am interested in signing up for Dinners for Seven!

Name(s) _____

E-mail address: _____

Phone: _____

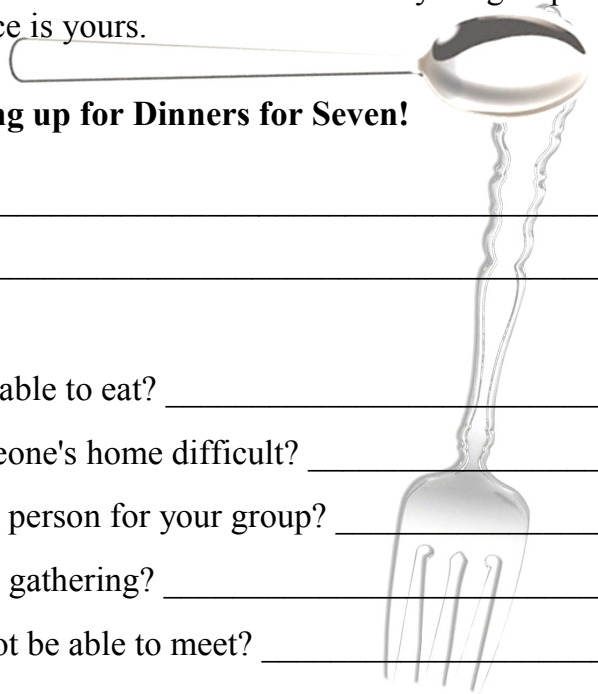
Are there common foods that you are unable to eat? _____

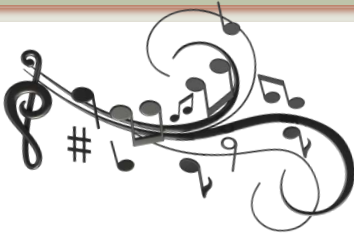
Would pet allergies make dining in someone's home difficult? _____

Would you be willing to serve as a point person for your group? _____

Would you be open to having kids at the gathering? _____

Are there certain months that you will not be able to meet? _____





Music comes to us from anywhere. We are experiencing some of the possibilities in worship. During February, we praised God with music by African-American composers (Adult Choir), Spanish-language praise songs (Youth Worship Arts), hymns, clarinet, saxophone, and trombone solos.

To whet your appetite for music in March, the children will share that God has the whole world in hand. The Adult Choir will sing music composed by women. There will also be more hymns than usual by women. The flute quartet will play. The Living By Faith band will lead us in worship. Palm Sunday will be children and adults singing hosannas. Music at FPC will host a string quintet from the Columbus Philharmonic.

If you are interested in attending the Lenten Organ Series, here's the schedule:

March 4, Noon - Dianne Sprunger, First Presbyterian ("Music for Meditation" with Ted Sharpe (trombone), Doug Sprunger (Bass-Baritone)

March 11, Noon - Dr. John G. Simpson, Sandy Hook UMC

March 18, Noon - Elizabeth Clark, North Christian Church

March 25, Noon - Ed Bruenjjes, Asbury UMC

April 1, Noon - John W. Matthews, Jr., Grace Lutheran (with Scotty Stepp – Saxophone, Kathy Dell – Flute)

May the sounds of this season bring you in harmony with all of God's creations.

Peace,
Dianne



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT PRESCHOOL

March is another busy, yet short, month at preschool! The children will be learning about the weather, celebrating St. Patrick's Day, and will be out of school for the week of March 16-March 20, in accordance with the BCSC-scheduled Spring Break. Just as BCSC is doing, we will be using the second week, March 23-27, as another week of Spring Break or snow make-up days if needed.

Registration for the 2015-2016 school year is ongoing and some class openings remain. Enrollment packets are available online or in the preschool business office. If you know of anyone interested in preschool for next year, please send them our way.

Church members are needed to serve on the preschool policy board. This is an easy way to get involved in the church's mission and in our church preschool. It is a two-year commitment. Please let Barb Newton know if you are interested.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Presbyterian Men's Bible Study will be on Thursday, **March 5**, 10:30 am in the Crump Room. All men are invited to attend. We are continuing a study on rivers running through the Bible.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU LUNCHEON

Please mark your calendars for Wednesday, **March 11**, at 11:30 for this month's Women's Luncheon celebrating St. Patrick's Day at The Mulligan Grille in the Elks Club, 4664 Ray Boll Blvd. We will sit together at a round table and order from a select menu with a cost of \$13.00, gratuity and tax included. This is a nice opportunity to visit and get to know each other a little better. Please RSVP to Janet Sharpe, jesharpe@sbcglobal.net to let her know that you will be there.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

All women of the church are invited to attend the Presbyterian Women's Bible Study, which meets this Wednesday, **March 18**, 10:30 am at Four Seasons Retirement Center. Our study this year is entitled "Reconciling Paul: A Contemporary Study of Second Corinthians." The study is written by a woman theologian, and she does, indeed, have a fresh perspective. For any questions, please call Norie Erickson at 344-9667.

A REHBEIN MUSICIANS FUND UPDATE

Thanks to many generous donors, we have made "Joyful Noise." Your gifts total \$6,740.00 and with our Foundation's matching gift of \$5,000.00, we have established a wonderful opportunity that will give our vocal and instrumental volunteers additional professional support. FPC members and friends have always maintained that music is important to our worship life, and your generosity has once again emphasized that belief. We are grateful and look forward to the musical gifts from our choirs and instrumentalists.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

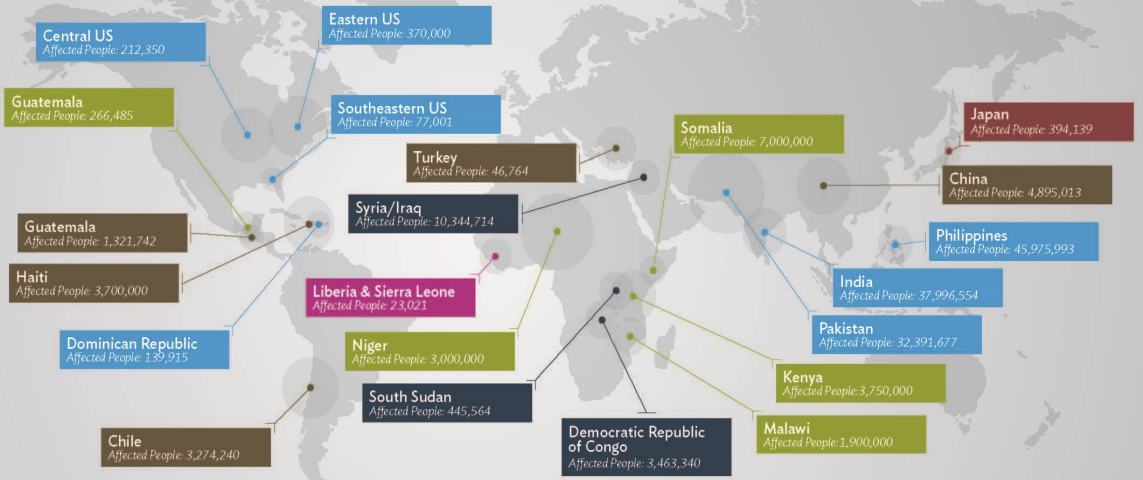
Since 1949 Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing to share God’s love with those in need. Your generous gifts assist those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and help build strong communities through Presbyterian leadership development. *Through **One Great Hour of Sharing**, our congregation can make a difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters. Don’t miss the opportunity to give now through Easter. Dedication of offering will take place on Palm Sunday, **March 29**.*

DISASTERS HAVE AFFECTED millions of people in the last 5 years.

A disaster can devastate entire communities. It strikes anywhere and at any time, often leaving residents without food, water, shelter, clothing, or medical supplies. Your gift supports programs in our church that offer both immediate aid and ongoing development assistance long after the media attention fades away.



A WORLD IN NEED



SO THEN, WHENEVER WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY, LET US WORK FOR THE GOOD OF ALL.

Resources: http://www.emdat.be/disaster_list/index.html <http://www.unhcr.org>

Galatians 6:10



Easter Breakfast Sunday, April 5

The Deacons will host this year's Easter Breakfast between services on Sunday, April 5. We hope you can join us! If you would like to help, please fill out this coupon and return it in the offering tray or to the church office.

- I can bring a dozen muffins
- I can bring yogurt
- I can bring fresh fruit
- I can help with clean-up during and after the breakfast.

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

2014 CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING UPDATE

The Christmas Joy Offering is split evenly between the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and scholarship funds for Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges. In 2014 FPC members contributed \$2,235 to help support these faithful servants and students in their hour of great need and hour of great promise. Way to go!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

2nd	CAUBLE, Finn MOORE, Ryan SHEPHERD, Judy WILLIAMS HANRATTIE, Sharon	17th	BOLTON, Jim KIRK, Bob
3rd	HOLDREAD, Jon LARSON, Sharon	18th	BRUCH, Zach
4th	KARNS, Keith MARTIN, Emily SHOULTZ, Riley	19th	BAKER, Kelly MERKEL, Brenda
6th	BILLANY, Bob MOORE, Matthew PORTER, David	20th	WRIGHT, Trevor
7th	BROWN, Connie	21st	PIERSON, Laura
8th	HACKER, Andrew JONES, Ann ORBEN, Devon WILBER, Lillian	23rd	GEORGE, Hannah RHOADES, Evan
9th	FARRAR, Dianne HASS, Ramon NEWTON, Cole	24th	ANDERSON, Clint
10th	THERBER, Andy	25th	FLEETWOOD, Nancy HOLLEY, Katherine
11th	MOORE, Greg WEEDMAN, Marcia	26th	FRAZIER, Abby FRAZIER, Maggie
13th	FRANK, John	28th	DAIKER, Megan LEVETT, Mark
		29th	COX, Pat MCCRAY, Mary Ann NIESPODIANI, Ed
		30th	ANDERSON, Lois HERBERT, Sarah
		31st	LIVINGHOUSE, Jess WELLS, Chuck

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

15th	FEAR, Dale & Sheila	25th	PUTNEY, Clai & Janet
17th	KELL, Mike & Susan SELTZER, John & Carolyn		SMITHERMAN, Bob & Barb

Sunday 1st

9:30 am - 10:30 am - Worship Location: Sanctuary

11:00 am - Noon - Adult Nurture Location: Laws Room

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Youth Groups Meet Location: Entire Church

Tuesday 3rd

7:30 am - 8:00 am - Lenten Prayer Time Location: Chapel

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Living By Faith Band Rehearsal Location: Sanctuary

Wednesday 4th

Noon - Lenten Organ Recital Location: Sanctuary

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Deacon Meeting Location: Laws Room

Thursday 5th

10:30 am - 11:30 am - Men's Bible Study Location: Crump Room

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Adult Choir Practice Location: Sanctuary & Choir Room

Friday 6th

6:45 am - 8:00 am - Men's Support Group Location: Crump Room

7:00 am - 8:30 am - Women's Support Group Location: Reeves Room

10:30 am - 11:30 am - Care Group Location: Church Office

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm - Hot Meals Location: Gymnasium

Saturday 7th

10:00 am - Presbytery Meeting Location: Mitchell, IN

Sunday 8th - DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME (Spring Forward)

9:30 am - 10:30 am - Worship Location: Sanctuary

11:00 am - 12:00 pm - Adult Nurture Location: Laws Room

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm - FPC Potluck Dinner Location: FPC

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Youth Group Meet Location: All Church

Monday 9th

9:00am - 11:00 am - Preschool Board Meeting Location: Crump Room

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm - Peace Fellowship Location: Reeves Room

Tuesday 10th

7:30 am - 8:00 am - Lenten Prayer Time Location: Chapel

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Children's Nurture Committee Location: Library

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Living By Faith Band Rehearsal Location: Sanctuary

Wednesday 11th

11:30 am - 1:30 pm - Women's Gathering Luncheon Location: Elk's Club

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm - Worship Committee Location: Miller Room

Thursday 12th

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm - Sustained Dialogue Meeting Location: Laws Room

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm - Stewardship and Finance Committee Location: Crump Room

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Adult Choir Practice Location: Sanctuary & Choir Room

Friday 13th

6:45am - 8:00 am - Men's Support Group Location: Crump Room

7:00 am - 8:30 am - Women's Support Group Location: Reeves Room

11:00 am - 12:00 pm - Prayer Circle Location: Crump Room

1:00 pm - 1:30 pm - Lenten Prayer Time Location: Chapel

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm - Hot Meals Location: Gymnasium

Sunday 15th

9:30 am - 10:30 am - Worship Location: Sanctuary

11:00 am - Noon - Adult Nurture Location: Laws Room

11:00 am - 12:30 pm - Inquirer's Class Location: Crump Room

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm - The Philharmonic String Quintet Location: Sanctuary

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Youth Group Meet Location: All Church

Tuesday 17th

7:30 am - 8:00 am - Lenten Prayer Time Location: Chapel

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Living By Faith Band Rehearsal Location: Sanctuary

Wednesday 18th

10:30 am - 11:30 am - Women's Bible Study Location: Four Seasons

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Session Meeting Location: Laws Room

Thursday 19th

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Adult Choir Practice Location: Sanctuary & Choir Room

Friday 20th

NEWSLETTER MATERIAL DUE

6:45am - 8:00 am - Men's Support Group Location: Crump Room

7:00 am - 8:30 am - Women's Support Group Location: Reeves Room

1:00 pm - 1:30 pm - Lenten Prayer Time Location: Chapel

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm - Hot Meals Location: Gymnasium

Sunday 22nd

9:30 am - 10:30 am - Worship Location: Sanctuary

11:00 am - 12:00 pm - Adult Nurture Location: Laws Room

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Youth Group Meet Location: All Church

Tuesday 24th

7:30 am - 8:00 am - Lenten Prayer Time Location: Chapel

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Living By Faith Band Rehearsal Location: Sanctuary

Wednesday 25th

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm - Social Justice Committee Meeting Location: Crump Room

Thursday 26th

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Adult Choir Practice Location: Sanctuary & Choir Room

Friday 27th

6:45am - 8:00 am - Men's Support Group Location: Crump Room

7:00 am - 8:30 am - Women's Support Group Location: Reeves Room

1:00 pm - 1:30 pm - Lenten Prayer Time Location: Chapel

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm - Hot Meals Location: Gymnasium

Sunday 29th

9:30 am - 10:30 am - Worship Location: Sanctuary

11:00 am - 12:00 pm - Adult Nurture Location: Laws Room

11:00 am - 12:30 pm - Inquirer's Class Location: Crump Room

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Youth Group Meet Location: All Church

Tuesday 31st

7:30 am - 8:00 am - Lenten Prayer Time Location: Chapel

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm - Lincoln Neighborhood Meeting Location: Laws Room

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Living By Faith Band Rehearsal Location: Sanctuary



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