

A Little Something



March 27, 2022
4th Sunday in Lent

Shall We Gather at the River
I Need Thee Every Hour
Just As I Am
The Old Rugged Cross
Standing on the Promises

Scripture
Psalm 32:1-7, 11
Mark 3:20-30

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8:00 am - 12:00 pm



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****Food Cupboard****

Items Needed:

****Canned Vegetables****

Ramen Noodles
Sleeping Bags
Adult Backpacks
Jackets,
Gloves or Mittens
Umbrellas

Plastic Easter Eggs

filled with candy, \$ or other fun items are needed for our
Youth Easter Egg Hunt.



(Please bring them to church by Sunday, April 10.)



Holy Week Activities

Plans for Holy Week activities are in the planning stage and we will be updating you weekly on these plans.

Maundy Thursday Service: will be held here on **April 14, 5:30 pm.**

Good Friday Services: Will **not** be at First Pres. We will let you know which churches in our area will be holding these services.

Easter April 17...

Easter Sunrise Service: Sunset State Park, **6:30 am.** We will be providing transportation with our bus. Seats are limited so please call the church to reserve your seat.

Easter Worship: First Pres. **10:30 am.**

Easter Egg Hunt: After Worship.

Holiday Auction

Get your creative juices flowing...

Our youth group will once again be holding a Holiday Auction, to raise funds for youth activities. It is planned for Sunday, August 21. We're giving you plenty of notice so you will have time to make or bake items they can auction off. This is always a fun time to get together and maybe have a bidding war or two.

There is a rumor going around that the auction may be combined with a BBQ potluck! We haven't had one of those in a long while.

Start thinking about what you want to contribute. More info to come closer to the event. *Ready, Set, Create!!*



April's Session
meeting will be held
on Tuesday,
April 5 @ 6:00 pm



Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 27, 2022

Scripture Reading: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

The difference between mercy and grace? Mercy gave the prodigal son a second chance. Grace gave him a feast. —Max Lucado

In Luke 15, Jesus tells several stories about objects that are lost. First, there is the shepherd who has 100 sheep, but notices that one is missing. What does the shepherd do? He “leaves the ninety-nine in the wilderness and goes after the one that is lost until he finds it” (vv. 4-5).

Second, there’s a woman with 10 coins, but she loses one of the coins. What does she do? She sweeps and cleans and cleans and sweeps until she finds it! (vv. 8-10).

Third, there’s a father with two sons. One of the sons, the youngest one, makes some terrible choices. He asks for his part of the father’s inheritance, and then leaves home and lives a life of sin and degradation.

We know this story as the Parable of the Prodigal Son.

The young man comes to his senses. He repents of his sin, decides to throw himself on the mercy of his father, willing to work for him as a servant.

Overjoyed, the father sends orders that a huge feast be prepared. Everyone is happy except the older brother, who has worked long and faithfully for his father. No banquet has been prepared for him! It is not fair!

Rob Bell, in his book, *Love Wins*, notes that at this point the father interrupts his eldest son: “The father redefines fairness. It’s not that his father hasn’t been fair with him; it’s that his father never set out to be fair in the first place. Grace and generosity aren’t fair; that’s their very essence. The father sees the younger brother’s return as one more occasion to practice *unfairness*. The younger son doesn’t deserve a party — that’s the point of the party. That’s how things work in the father’s world. Profound unfairness. People get what they don’t deserve. Parties are thrown for younger brothers who squander their inheritance.”

This is an excellent insight. God does not give us what we deserve! Instead, God treats us unfairly by bestowing grace, love and mercy.

The psalmist makes this very point:

*He does not deal with us according to our sins,
Nor repay us according to our iniquities ... (Psalm 103:10)*

Let’s thank God for God’s amazing unfairness. It’s called grace!

—Timothy Merrill

Prayer: God, your love and mercy are beyond understanding. I am humbled in your presence and offer myself anew in your service. Amen.



Week of March 27, 2022

Daily Bible Readings

Sunday: Deuteronomy 1-3

Monday: Deuteronomy 4-6

Tuesday: Deuteronomy 7-9

Wednesday: Deuteronomy 10-12

Thursday: Deuteronomy 13-16

Friday: Deuteronomy 17-19

Saturday: Deuteronomy 20-22

VERSE TO REMEMBER

You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. —Deuteronomy 6:5-6

Proverbs for Fun

The following proverbs originate from the 16th century, and most, if not all, are in use today. Fill in the blanks to complete the proverbs. Transfer the letters in circles, boxes and triangles to the line below. Then, unscramble the words to discover a three-word expression.

1. Haste makes _____.

— _ _ ○ _ _ □

2. Look before you _____.

— _ _ _ _ _

3. Two _____ are better than one.

— _ □ _ _ _

4. Don't look a _____ horse in the mouth.

○ ○ _ _ _

5. Robbing Peter to pay _____.

○ _ _ _ _

6. A new _____ sweeps clean.

— _ ○ _ _ _

7. Make _____ while the sun shines.

□ _ _ _

8. One good _____ deserves another.

— _ _ □ ○

9. Hitting the _____ on the head.

— _ △ _ _

10. Many _____ make light work.

— _ _ _ _ △

11. Strike while the iron is _____.

— _ _ _ _

Write letters in circles, triangles and squares here:

○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ △ △ □ □ □ □

Answer (each word is spelled backwards to make it harder to see the answer accidentally):
gnirps si ereh.





Unscramble the three words and write your answer here: _____

Answers: 1. waste, 2. leap, 3. heads, 4. gift, 5. Paul, 6. broom, 7. hay, 8. turn, 9. nail, 10. hands, 11. hot.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Ladies Bible Study 10:00 am Staff Meeting 10:30 am Jacob Mullins	2 Ash Wednesday Drive Through Ashes: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm (Pony Village Mall) Church Service: 5:30 pm (Youth 5pm)	3 Tai Chi 11:00 am Ladies Thursday Bible Study - 12:00 pm	4	5  Elsa Hebebrand
6 Sunday School 9:15 am Worship/Communion 10:30 am Youth Catechism Class After Worship	7	8 Ladies Bible Study 10:00 am Session Meeting 6:00 pm No Youth Group Jessica Hebebrand	9 Choir Practice 6:00 pm No Youth Group	10 Tai Chi 11:00 am Ladies Thursday Bible Study - 12:00 pm	11 Youth Group Movie Night 5:00-7:30 pm	12
13 Sunday School 9:15 am Worship 10:30 am Youth Catechism Class Day Light Savings Begins	14 Alice Brown	15 Ladies Bible Study 10:00 am No Youth Group Bobby Adams	16 Choir Practice 6:00 pm No Youth Group Levi Graber	17 St Patrick's Day Tai Chi 11:00 am Ladies Thursday Bible Study -12:00pm OT&S Band Rehearsal 6:00 pm	18 	19
20 No Sunday School Worship 10:30 am Yvonne Spooner Donnie Watkins	21 	22 Ladies Bible Study 10:00 am No Youth Group Laura Wade	23 Choir Practice 6:00 pm Cynthia Baileg	24 Tai Chi 11:00 am Ladies Thursday Bible Study -12:00pm OT&S Band Rehearsal 6:00 pm	25	26
27 No Sunday School Ole Time Gospel Sunday 10:30 am	28	29 Nathan Hebebrand	30 Choir Practice 6:00 pm	31		

Birthdays are printed in Green

Youth Group Meets: 6th – 8th grades, Tuesdays 5:00 – 6:00 pm
2nd – 5th grades, Wednesday 5:00 – 6:00 pm