



Salem Presbyterian's

Salem Scoop Newsletter

April 2011

On the Journey...

We are at the end of the Lenten season, a time for reflection, self-evaluation, and repentance. Yet, when we remember the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord, we know that our call to discipleship continues throughout the year.

I am reminded of the words of George MacLeod, the distinguished leader of the Iona Community on the island of Iona near Scotland. In another generation he founded a group of international disciples who follow the teachings of our Lord. MacLeod's words about the mission and ministry of the Church continue to be a challenge for us today:

I simply argue that the cross be raised again at the center of the marketplace as well as on the steeple of the church. I am recovering the claim that Jesus was not crucified in a cathedral between two candles, but on a cross between two thieves, on the town garbage heap, on a crossroads so cosmopolitan that they had to write His title in Hebrew, Latin, and Greek; at the kind of place where cynics talked smut, and thieves cursed, and soldiers gambled. Because that is where He died and that is what He died about, that is where Church people should be and what Church people should be about.

As we near the days of Holy week and in all the days that follow, may we live the words from the chorus of the glorious hymn:
*Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod, the Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God. Lift high the cross the love of Christ proclaim; till all the world adore His sacred name.*¹

Easter Blessings,
Karen

Holy Week Schedule

April 17 at 11:00 am - Palm Sunday
Processional

Session meets at 10:15 am

April 21 at 7:30 pm - Maundy Thursday
Communion around the Lord's Table

April 22 at 3:00 pm - Good Friday Tenebrae
Service of Darkness with the
Seven Last Words of Christ on the
Cross

April 24 at 9:00 am - Easter Praise
Celebration

9:20 am - Potluck Breakfast

10:00 am - Easter Egg Hunt

11:00 am - Easter Worship

Service with Communion and
Reception of New Members

¹ *Lift High the Cross*, words by George William Kitchin and music by Sidney Hugo Nicholson; *The Presbyterian Hymnal* #371.

Presbyterian 101



For six weeks during Lent, three youth and ten to twelve adults gathered after worship to learn more about who Presbyterians are and what we believe. We talked about the history of our denomination, its constitution (*The Book of Confessions* and *The Book of Order*), our basic beliefs, the sacraments, and our mission in the world. With their mentors, Reg Morris, Janet Prewitt, and Scott Slocum, the youth, Nathan Dent, Johnathan Morris, and Alexa Rose, participated in a mission project, and they will be examined by the session on April 17. Join us on Easter Sunday morning as we celebrate and welcome these young people into full membership in our church.

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord. Those who believe in me, even though they die, shall live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.

John 11:25-26



WE WILL COLLECT THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING ON EASTER MORNING.

More than sixty years ago, in response to the devastation of World War II, a Saturday evening nationwide radio broadcast asked Americans to give generously the next morning to their churches One Great Hour

of Sharing offering. More than 75,000 churches from different denominations responded.

In the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) the offerings assist three denominational programs: Self-Development of People (helping people become self-sustaining), Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (responding to disasters like those in Haiti and Japan), and the Presbyterian Hunger Program (helping to feed and house those in need). Please give prayerfully and generously.

There will be NO POTLUCK LUNCH ON MAY 1st since the Easter Potluck is the week before. The Summer Cookout is June 5.



THIRD THURSDAY LUNCH BUNCH

Since the third Thursday in April is Maundy Thursday, the group will not meet this month. Mark your calendars to join us on Thursday, May 19, at 11:00 am as we continue our study of the *Women in the Bible*. We will talk about Sarah (Genesis 12-23).

If you cannot attend, you may access and comment on the Bible studies at our lunch bunch blog.

Salem's Webpage
Don't forget that Salem has a webpage!
www.salempresbyterian.com



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PRESBYTERIAN
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WILLS EMPHASIS SUNDAY May 1, 2011

Your church family has been a blessing to you throughout your lifetime, an integral part of your spiritual journey. But, when it comes time to update your estate plans, will you consider including your church family in your plans?

You may be able to make a simple bequest by adding the following language: "I give and bequeath the sum of \$ _____ (or the % of), to be used for the general program of Salem Presbyterian Church, in Winchester, KY (USA)."

A will is unique and must be structured to fit the needs and estate plans of each individual in accordance with the laws of the state in which they live. For this reason, you should consult a lawyer to assist you in drafting your will and estate plan.

You can touch the future with your charitable bequest. You may also want to explore other estate planning options, such as designating the church as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy or an IRA account.

Questions? Call the Presbyterian Foundation at 800-858-6127 or www.PresbyterianFoundation.org.



Becoming a Blessed Church: Forming a Church of Spiritual Purpose, Presence, and Power

Sunday Mornings at 9:30 beginning May 1

This study is to assist participants in a personal journey of discipleship and growth as we wrestle with purpose, attentiveness to God (Spirit), and our own sense of power or powerlessness. At a community level, and the hope of this study, is that by deepening our own spiritual walk, it will assist in our discernment together of God's purpose, presence, and power in our lives and to guide our prayer and discussion toward the vision and mission for the life and future of Salem Presbyterian Church and the future God intends for us.