Ready for Easter?

Aren’t you sometimes afraid to open your newspaper, or turn on the news, for fear that there will be another disaster? Another insurmountable problem? Another obstacle to keep us from feeling safe? Shootings, floods, mud slides, fires, and tornadoes that drop with no sense of direction and no escape for good, honest, well-loved people.

Why does God allow such things to happen? Where is the sense in these tragedies? And why is the world in such a mess?

First century citizens wondered the same things. They had been promised a savior. They believed that the Anointed One would save them from Roman oppression. Someone would lead them out of poverty into hope. Someone was coming!

Then they saw him. He was riding on the back of a donkey. They waved palms and spread their cloaks onto the ground as he passed by. He was here! Just as promised! They danced in the streets. They praised God. They had waited for generations, and now he was finally, truly here!

And five days later, they called for his crucifixion. Why? Because who he was, what he advocated, and what he preached was not what they were looking for. This man, this prophet, this Anointed One, this Jesus of Nazareth, was not a military leader prepared to conquer Rome. He was not a wealthy man prepared to give out jobs, pensions, and new hope for families. Even his colleagues, those men around him – there were only twelve. How could he change the world with only himself and twelve others?

And we behave in similar fashion today. We pray to God and then we reject God’s answer. We plan for the future, and resent God’s intervention. Our plans were fine, why didn’t God implement them? Our dreams made sense, why aren’t they coming true? If God loves us, why can’t we have what we know is best?

And so we prepare to crucify him again.

As we journey this Lenten season toward the promise of Easter, we have another chance to listen to what God wants us to learn. We can receive what God provides. We don’t have to dictate the plan. We can watch God’s plan unfold and use its components, provided by a living, loving God whose ideas and plans far surpass our own.

Get ready for the promise of Easter. But this year, get ready to be led. Because God’s promises are different, more substantial, and more impressive than any we could imagine. Allow God to surprise you. Yes, even you.

Be at peace,

Candice

For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

- Isaiah 55:9
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### Wednesday Night Dinner
Dinner: 5:30 - Fellowship Hall  
Program: 6:15 - Fellowship Hall  
Reservations are required. Cost is $8.

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Jean is a quilter, quilt collector, and independent textile researcher with a special interest in textile bags, (better known to you as feed sacks). She made her first quilt blocks in 1944 while her father was overseas in WWII. She is a five time Best of Show winner at the Tennessee State Fair and has had quilts exhibited at shows in Des Moines, Grand Rapids, Fort Wayne, Dollywood, Paducah, and Houston. She won awards at many of those shows.

Jean is a member of the American Quilt Study Group, Midwest Fabric Study Group, Lakeshore Quilters, and Tennessee Valley Quilting Association. She is a founding member of the Tennessee Quilt Study Group and is a member of the Kentucky Quilt Study Group. She has been a volunteer at the Tennessee State Museum assisting the staff in documentation projects and preparing quilts for exhibit.

May 1  
May Day Picnic, Pot Luck to Celebrate May

May 8  
CAPS program

### KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS
Ned Douglass; Maggie Gilogly, Carter MacFarland; Julia MacFarland; Harry Marsh

### NHC Gallatin
Joe Blackshear

### The Hearth
Anna Gasser; Norma Jones, Ann Cowan

### Are you looking for a good book to read?
For April we have selected *News of the World* by Paulette Jiles. In the aftermath of the Civil War, and aging itinerant news reader agrees to transport a young captive of the Kiowa back to her people in this exquisitely rendered, morally complex, multi-layered novel of historical fiction from the author of *Enemy Women*, that explores the boundaries of family, responsibility, honor, and trust.

The club will meet on Tuesday, April 23rd at 7pm in the parlor.
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (LEARNING MORE MINISTRY)

LENTEN STUDY
Our Lenten study, “Thank God It’s Thursday: Encountering Jesus at the Lord’s Table As If for the Last Time” by William H. Willimon continues following dinner each Wednesday evening during Lent. Rev Klein is challenging us to really see that the Gospel of John is about “verbs” and how we should “verb”. Join us as we journey through Lent and think about how we might “verb” what we believe,

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
VBS is set for June 10-14th, 9:00 until noon. We need you to save the date, we need you to begin telling people about it so they can save the date as well. Our theme is TO MARS AND BEYOND! Yes, rockets, space ships and robots will be involved, but so will Bible stories that remind us that no matter where we are God is with us even 33.9 million miles away on Mars. As usual, we will be asking you to help us. We will need people who can help us build our space ship, gather supplies (i.e., empty tp rolls), create stars and galaxies...you get the idea. We will also need people who can help during the actual week of VBS. Please speak to Dianne Cothran or Sussanne Sawyer if you would like to be part of this journey. If none of these possibilities fit your talent or time, we can always use your financial help. Be watching for specific opportunities to be involved. With your help, we anticipate a successful liftoff on June 10!

DAY TRIP TO LONG HUNTER STATE PARK APRIL 27, 2019
Why wait until September for a retreat? We are planning a day trip to Long Hunter State Park on Saturday, April 27. In case you are not familiar with the location, the park is about 45 minutes away and a link to the park site is https://tnstateparks.com/parks/long-hunter. It is mostly situated along the eastern shores of Percy Priest Lake. We have reserved a pavilion shown below and it is equipped with picnic tables, a grill and access to restrooms. There is a volleyball net, horseshoe pit, fishing pier and playground nearby.

The park boasts many hiking trails for the experienced hiker as well as the novice. We will have a pot luck picnic lunch at noon as well as a short devotional discussion entitled Caring for God’s Creation. Travel will be on your own but we will coordinate carpooling. There will be a cost of $10.00 per person to cover rental of the pavilion and incidentals. Everyone is welcome including pets, but they must be on a leash and are restricted from certain hiking trails. Please let us know of your interest by signing a list on the bulletin board by the office. Susan Johnson and Susan Baker are available to discuss particulars. Hope you will join us!
**LOVE IN ACTION MINISTRY**
(MISSION AND OUTREACH)

**Grocery Carts** needs for the month of April:
- **Gallatin CARES:** Tuna, ramen noodles, chili, dried beans, cereal bars, oatmeal packages

**HomeSafe**
- Cleaning Products (dish soap, bathroom cleaner, disinfect spray)
- Laundry Detergent
- Toilet Paper/Paper Towels
- Bathroom Cleaner

The landscape project for the Apostle's Build will be in Portland this summer. A bake sale to help fund the project will be forthcoming.

Our church continues to deliver Meals on Wheels four days per week. More drivers will be welcomed.

**Temporary Housing for the Homeless**
We continue to be a part of the conversation for the development for this much needed project for the homeless in Gallatin.

**LOVES AND FISHES**
(CONGREGATIONAL CARE)

**Upper Room Chapel and Frist Museum**
Join us for a day trip to the Upper Room and Frist Art Museum on Tuesday, April 9th. If you are interested in going there will be a sign up sheet posted on the bulletin board beside the church office. The deadline to sign up is Wednesday, April 3rd.

**Hands-on Cooking Classes**
This class is being offered to anyone who would like to learn how to decorate Easter cookies. Dianne Cothran has graciously agreed to teach the new class. Many of you have seen her beautiful Easter cookies and now you will have an opportunity to make your own. The class will meet on Monday, April 15th at 2pm in the Fellowship Hall kitchen. You will need to sign up by Monday, April 8th in order for us to purchase the supplies needed. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board by the church office.

Dianne Cothran’s cookies!
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**THANK YOU**

A very special thank you to my wonderful church family for all the prayers, cards, calls, visits, and food that I received during my recent hospital and rehab stay. I could not have gotten through everything without the amazing support of my church family.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Brim Stone

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Preschool Spaghetti Dinner and Auction. $5,500 was raised for the schools scholarship program.

Sharon Sides, Preschool Director

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**SHARING GOD’S LOVE THROUGH WORD AND SACRAMENT (WORSHIP)**

This year’s choir Easter music presentation will be on Palm Sunday, April 14th, at 3:00 p.m. The Sanctuary choir, along with several guests, will join to present the Pepper Choplin cantata “The Body of Christ—Glorified, Anointed and Sacrificed”. Shelia Pugh, organist, and Linda Shipley, pianist, will provide the accompaniment. A thoughtful narration is intertwined with the music to provide a worshipful and meaningful experience as it relates to our journey as the “Body of Christ”. A reception will follow the presentation in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us on Palm Sunday.

“For Christ is our head and though we are many, His Spirit will make us one… Go now as the body of Christ”.

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**MEMORIALS**

**June Garrott**
- Choir
  - Debbie Sindorf
  - Robert and Ann Thurman
- Meals on Wheels
  - Carrie Mabrey
- Property
  - Shirley Arrendale
  - David and Eileen Crawford
  - Anna Dismukes
  - Joe Harsh
  - Nathan and Jean Harsh
  - Richard Harsh
  - Ann Kelly
  - Betty Jo Lesemann
  - David McDole
  - Robert Morgan
  - Reggie and Mary Anne Mudd
  - Jimmy and Peggy Patterson
  - Danny and Rebecca Shrum
  - Margaret and William Smith
  - Bob and Fran Young

**Vacation Bible School**
- Norm and Martha Smith

**Regine Harpole**
- Choir
  - Carolyn and Palmer Boland
- Meals on Wheels
  - Carrie Mabrey
- Property
  - Eugene Branham
  - Christopher Hadorn
  - Debbie Sindorf

**Jackie Polak**
- Property
  - Nancy Parsons
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AN EASTER Celebration
Sunday, April 21, 2019
Coffee, Finger Food, and Fellowship
8:45-9:45

2019 Easter Flower Order Form

• Deadline to turn in your order form: Sunday, April 7th
• Order form must be accompanied by $10.00 for each lily ordered and $15 for each hydrangea ordered.
• Print clearly-sign this form-attach check

Due to so many allergies with the Easter lilies, the Worship Committee is offering a choice of flowers. Please check below which flower(s) you would prefer.

Flowers in MEMORY of: ______________________________                      Flowers in HONOR of: ______________________________
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FROM: ______________________________________________________________

TOTAL lilies: ___ x $10 _______ TOTAL hydrangeas: ___ x $15 _______ Total amount due

Flowers may be picked up following Easter Sunday worship for those who ordered them.
The Body of Christ

Glorified, Anointed, and Sacrificed

A choral retelling of the final days of Jesus’ life.

Presented by the Sanctuary Choir and invited guests.

Directed by Robert Thurman

Sunday, April 14, 2019 • 3pm
First Presbyterian Church Gallatin
167 W. Main St.
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**APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

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26  Jimmy Patterson  29  Maggie Gillogly
22  Ann Kamper  30  Bill Baber

**APRIL ANNIVERSARIES**

30  Joan and Loney Hutchins

Save the Dates

**Tuesday, April 9**
9am—Trip to the Upper Room

**Monday, April 15**
2pm—Cooking Class (Fellowship Hall kitchen)

**Thursday, April 18—7pm**
Maundy Thursday Worship Service

**Sunday, April 21**
8:45am—Easter Celebration (Fellowship Hall)
10am—Easter Worship

**Saturday, April 27**
Church Day Retreat at Long Hunter State Park

**June 10—14**
Vacation Bible School

**August 10**
Presbyterian Women’s Sumner Picnic

**September 27-29**
Church Retreat

The church office will be closed on Monday, April 22, Easter Monday. It will reopen on Tuesday, April 23 at 9:30am.