

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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## Pastor's Remarks:

From Rev. Kris Brown



Thank God, so many of us are getting vaccinated and we are beginning to make our way out of the pandemic. What a difficult year it has been, so much complicated maneuvering, so many things that we could never have imagined, such loss. Maybe we will carry out of this past year a few new worries, maybe we are now working hard to get our finances in order, maybe some of us are experiencing grief we were not expecting. For me, this sort of grief takes a long time to heal. But I hope also, as we move ahead, we will bring with us at least a few small gifts out of all we have gone through. I don't know what yours might be. Mine are the gifts of having more precious time with Alex and of being quiet at home way more than I have ever been. These gifts have changed my life, and I am thankful for them.

Of course, at the same time we have been waiting to get our shots, we have been walking through Lent toward Easter. As you know, I get very excited about Easter Sunday, about our worship together, about the celebration of it, even about chocolate rabbits. And I can't wait to celebrate Easter with all of you. I wonder though, what we will carry from our Lent experience into Easter and what we will bring out of Easter into the coming months? Maybe we have taken the time we need to think about the things we have done and the things we have left undone. Maybe we feel God's blessed forgiveness as we approach Sunday. If not, we have a few more days. Shall we open our ears and get ready?

Ready for Easter. Rarely for the promise of new beginnings, of new life. Our dear Lord has been near in our troubles. Our dear Lord is near when we cause trouble. Let us take the time to seek and find. Let Easter bring us closer and closer to the God who has been with us all along.

## Church Leadership

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- Piano/Organ/Harp - Monica Miller
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**Session Members:** Harleigh Altmeyer, Jane Istre, Kathy Ford, Lilly Willenberg, Lisa Maresh, Monica Miller, Barbara Maresh

**Worship & Christian Formation** - Lisa Maresh/Monica Miller

**Church Administration** - Jane Istre

**Mission Outreach & Fellowship** - Kathy Ford/Lilly Willenberg

**150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** - Harleigh Altmeyer/Monica Miller

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### *Sunday Schedules*

*We are open for 11 am worship but not for events with food. When we open completely:*

*Coffee Hour 9:45*

*Sunday School 10 am*

*(SS and Pre-K is now available)*

*Worship at 11 am – Currently in the building & on Face*

*Book Live*

*Communion on First Sunday)*

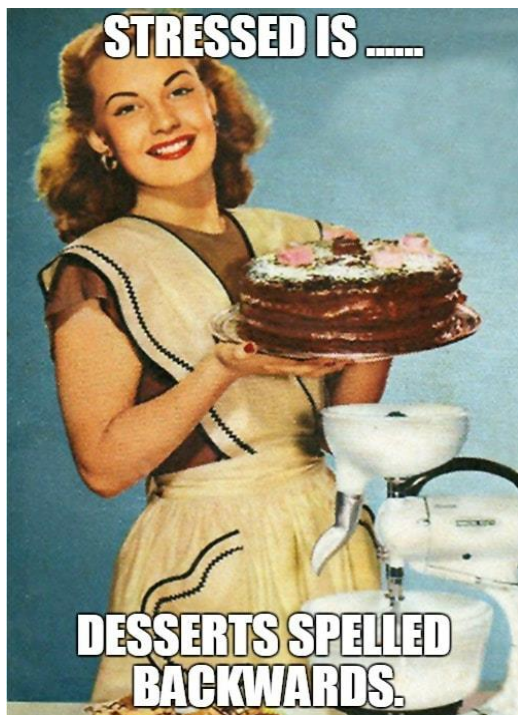
*Women's Bible Study 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 10 am.*

*Please check the website for changes in schedule*

NEWS FROM THE 150 ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

THE EASTER BASKET SILENT AUCTION IS GOING VERY WELL! DON'T FORGET TO BID OR CHECK YOUR BID TO BE SURE YOU ARE STILL THE HIGHEST BIDDER. BIDDING ENDS FRIDAY AT 5 PM.

COMING SOON- Our new cookbook! In line with our 150th celebration theme we are paying tribute to some of our favorite recipes of the past and looking to the future with 50 new recipes. Cook books will be available soon for purchase. Look for more information on our Facebook and Instagram sites.



**DON'T STRESS, BUY THE NEW COOKBOOK FOR ALL SORTS OF RECIPES, INCLUDING DESSERTS!**



*April Communion Schedule*

**Harleigh Altmeyer** is in charge of Communion for April. She will bring the bread, prepare the communion table, pick up the glasses at the end of the service, wash and put away the service trays.

If you cannot be at church when it is your turn to be in charge of the preparation for communion, please ask one of the other Elders to serve in your place.

**May -- Lilly Willenberg.**

**June -Barbara Maresh**

**FOOD PANTRY - MARCH**

Remember to bring your donations on First Sunday. There are envelopes if you prefer to give money. The Food Pantry can purchase food from the Capital Area Food Bank much more economically than you can purchase it at the store:

From Mar 3 to Mar 31 the Food Pantry fed 534 clients with 1,171 family members and 8 new families with 20 family members.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

*Don't miss the Easter Egg hunt before the service on Sunday.*

*BAE will be closed for Holy Week, April 5 through the 10<sup>th</sup>.* Our scheduled time to work BAE is April 12-16. Monday and Wednesday from 10-2. Friday from 9-2. Help is needed on any day for whatever time you can give.



### *Women's Bible Study*

The group meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 10am September through May. Our next meeting is a change of schedule as we will meet on April 6 at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall in the basement.

No food will be served so bring a snack if you want to!

Please join us for study, and fellowship.



*Don't forget to pick up your Easter Lilies after the service on Sunday. Thank you to everyone who purchased them!*



### *April Birthdays*

- 04/02 - Lilly Willenberg
- 04/04 - Joe Hines
- 04/12 - Jess Winslett
- 04/16 - Sherry Ceder
- 04/17 - Gloria Hurta
- 04/18 - Gwen Morris
- 04/26 - David Altmeyer
- 04/26 - Alex Brown
- 04/27 - Seth Willenberg



- 04/04 - Kari & Joe Hines
- 04/26 - Kris & David Brown

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Maundy Thursday	2 Good Friday	3 Great Vigil of Easter
4 Resurrection of the Lord/Easter 11 am Service in the Building and on Facebook Live Communion	5	6 Women's Bible Study 10 am.	7  <i>Holocaust Remembrance Day</i>	8  <i>International Roma Day</i>	9	10
11 2nd Sunday of Easter 11 am Service in the Building and on Facebook Live	12	13	14	15	16	17  <i>International Day of Farmers' Struggles</i>
18 3rd Sunday of Easter 11 am Service in the Building and on Facebook Live	19	20	21	22  <i>Earth Day</i>	23	24
25 4th Sunday of Easter 11 am Service in the Building and on Facebook Live	26	27  Zoom Session Meeting at 7 pm	28	29	30	



# CHURCH HUMOR

