

Grace Presbyterian News

April 2018

Maundy Thursday and Good Friday: March 29 and 30, 2018

This April newsletter is being sent your way in the hope that it reaches you by Thursday, March 29, and so here are reminders about the details of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.

On Maundy Thursday, March 29, we gather at 6:30 p.m. for a meal of sacrificial soup. At about 7:30 p.m. following our simple meal, we worship as though in the Upper Room, with choral anthems, congregational hymns, Scripture, sermon, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, as well as some of the historic liturgy for Holy Week and concluding with the "stripping of the church," in which we remove the paraments and other objects normally used in worship, so that Good Friday finds the sacred space bare.

On Good Friday, March 30, the beloved service of Tenebrae is held in the sanctuary at 7:30 p.m. This simple but powerful service of Scripture, music, and the extinguishing of candles, is a church liturgy of long standing, which helps put us in mind of the depth of God's love for us in Christ.

Easter Egg Hunt – Saturday, March 31, at 10:30 a.m.

We will have an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 31, at 10:30 a.m. at the church. Children up through 5th grade are invited to hunt for eggs, and families are invited to stay for a light lunch after the egg hunt. We will also have a small egg hunt after the potluck lunch on Easter Sunday, April 1.

Easter Day – Sunday, April 1, 2018

Come, be part of our usual Sunday morning schedule on Easter, April 1, 2018, with Prayer and Praise at 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School, at 9:45 a.m. and worship at 11:00 a.m. We praise, pray, preach and proclaim the joy of the resurrection. A pot luck fellowship lunch and a "mini" egg hunt will follow the worship service, along with pictures for the pictorial directory (see below). (No sunrise service this year; see below)

An "In-House" Pictorial Directory

We are working up a pictorial directory, to be done "in house," that is, by several dedicated and talented church members with gifts and equipment for photography and book production. The first round of picture taking will occur following the Easter pot luck lunch on April 1. So, dress nice, and try not to spill any spaghetti on your tie.

A Service of Reconciliation and Peace – Tuesday, April 3, at 7:00 p.m.

Fullview Missionary Baptist Church; 7100 Memphis-Arlington Road

As much of the nation, indeed much of the world, and certainly our city, recall with somber remembrance the 50th anniversary of the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the pastors in our Bartlett-Ellendale association felt that a service of Reconciliation and Peace was in order this year in place of a sunrise service. I hope you will attend and let us continue the work of reconciliation. Pastor Mike Krech

Bible Trivia Night to Benefit Mexico Cistern Ministry – Friday, April 27, at 6:30 p.m.

Grace Presbyterian Church will be the site for the second Bible Trivia Night, a fund-raiser for the Mexico Cistern Ministry. Several of us participated in this in the Fall of 2016, so let's do it again. A team consists of eight persons and the cost is \$30 per person. Perhaps we can have more than one team, or if we have more than eight but fewer than 16 persons to be on a team, some of us can be "floaters" to join teams of lesser mortals from other places.

Game Night – Friday, April 20, at 6:30 p.m.

Because of hosting Trivia Night, our monthly Game Night will be Friday, April 20, at 6:30 p.m. But, since we had no game night in March, we will all be ready.

Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering – Saturday, April 28, 9:15 a.m. at the Stephen Olford Center, 4000 Riverdale

What is it like to be an immigrant in Memphis and surrounding areas? A Black youth? A Latino student? What is Christian hospitality in the 21st century? Our keynote speaker and panelists will explore each subject. The presentation is free; lunch is \$20. See the flyer on the bulletin board for more info.

Presbyterian Women Circle Meetings in April

The Night Circle meets Monday, April 9, at 7:00 p.m. at the church.

The Day Circle meets Tuesday, April 10, at 10:00 a.m. at the church.

Let's Go to the Memphis Redbirds Baseball Game – Saturday, May 12

We plan to go as a group to the Memphis Redbirds baseball game on Saturday, May 12. The game starts at 6:35 p.m. The cost is \$16 for the ticket, and a hot dog, and a drink, and a cap. What a deal! Please sign up on the Friendship pads or sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex. We need a “critical mass” of 20 persons to get this deal and we need to have that number signed on by April 15.

The Ringing Collection

The ringing collection, the loose change brought by the children during children's time and given by everyone during the offering is used for local mission. Please give generously.

Sessional Committees – Yes, You, Too, Can Be a Part of Them

Each of our elders chairs a committee, which oversees and makes possible some aspect of our church life. Each elder also serves on a second committee. But we also need folks who are not session members to serve on these committees or at least augment their ministries. The big bulletin board has descriptions of these committees, their work, their 2018 chairs, and ways to reach them. Also, a sign up page is next to them. Please prayerfully consider if one or more of these committees works in an area of church life that matches the talents and energies God has given you for the good of the church.

Weekly Events at Grace Presbyterian Church

Sunday Prayer and Praise begins at 9:30 a.m. We sing and pray by name for those on the prayer list

Sunday School, for all ages beings at 9:45 a.m.

Sunday Worship begins at 11:00 a.m.

Bell choir rehearsal is held most Sundays after worship at about 12:00 noon.

Chapel for the Extended Care is held on Mondays at 4:15 p.m.

Choir rehearsals are held in the sanctuary on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

GrandPals read to children in the preschool on Fridays at 11:00 a.m.

Mustard Seed program for children in the day school meets on Fridays at 4:15 p.m.

Visitors in Worship who signed the register in March 2018

Bill Britton, Millington; **Nadiyah Gibbs**, Memphis; **Roseann and Dan Mayo**, Bartlett, **Shawn McGoldrick**, Memphis; **Don and LindaJo McKim**, Germantown; **Patti Smith**, Bartlett; **Roger & Ann Wade**, Memphis; **Steve White**, Olive Branch MS

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				March 29 Maundy Thursday 6:30 pm Soup Dinner 7:30 Worship/ Communion	March 30 Good Friday 7:30 pm Tenebrae Service	March 31 10:30 am Egg Hunt
1 9:30 Prayer & Praise 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship/ Easter Day Dinner, egg hunt, pictures following	2 4:15p Chapel for Extended Care <i>Grace Lawson</i>	3 7:00 pm Service of Reconciliation & Peace at Fullview MB Church 7100 Memphis Arlington Rd <i>Sierra Fry</i>	4 6:30 pm Choirs sing and ring at Robinwood <i>Josie Benassi Katherine Fitzgerald</i>	5	6 11:00 am GrandPals read to pre- schoolers 4:15pm Mustard Seed	7
8 9:30 Prayer & Praise 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship/ Easter 2 <i>Jean Markham</i>	9 4:15p Chapel for Extended Care 7:00 pm PW Night Circle	10 10:00 a.m. PW Day Circle	11 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	12 <i>Brooks Keiser</i>	13 11:00 am GrandPals read to pre- schoolers 4:15pm Mustard Seed	14
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29 9:30 Prayer & Praise 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship/ Easter 5/Linda Jo McKim	30 <i>Kris Benassi</i>					

Elders Serving Communion

April 15:

**Scott Hunter, Mary Korowin, Emily Mayne,
Jim Pickren, Elizabeth Velazquez**

Usher Schedule

April 1 & 8: Bob Harrold & Ken Hathaway

April 15&22: Ruth Ellen Cox & TBA

April 29: Cole Price & Greg Price

Closing Elder:

April 1: Brooks Keiser

April 8: Ruth Ellen Cox

April 15: Brooks Keiser

April 22: Kevin Bopp

April 29: Emily Mayne

Scripture Readings for Worship:

April 1: Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118;
1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Mark 16:1-8

April 8: Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133;
1 John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31

April 15: Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4;
1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b -48

April 22: Act 4:5-12; Psalm 23;
1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18

April 29: Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31;
1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8

A Prayer for Easter

Glorious Lord of life, by the mighty resurrection of your Son, you overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him. Grant that we who celebrate with joy Christ's rising from the dead may be raised from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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