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2023



In Lent we remember to pray.

We pray for the people of Turkey and Syria as they seek survivors of the earthquakes and figure out life again in the midst of such great grief and tragedy.

We pray for the people of Ukraine, and for the people of Russia. We pray for truth and an end to destruction and loss of life.

We pray for those who have lost loved ones from gun violence. We pray for an end to all violence.

We pray for safety and freedom for all.

In Lent we remember the path of suffering Jesus entered. "God with us" took on our very humanity and lived a life surrounded by life's grief, injustice, tragedy and violence, but he chose a life of love in the face of all the muck.

Together we are learning step by step to choose love.

We pray for the helpers around the world in the Middle East, and in Europe. We pray for those who are fighting for an end to violence. We pray for our lawmakers that they may seek your ways first and seek peace with justice.

In Lent we pray as we seek the face of Jesus. Where do you find the face of Jesus?

In worship we will be exploring Scripture passages where Jesus is sought. What does it mean to look for Jesus in our lives? What does it mean to follow Jesus?

Come and explore with us!

Much love,

Pastor Paulette



March Lectionary Readings

March 5 2nd Sunday of Lent

Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17;
John 3:1-17 or Matthew 17:1-9

March 12 3rd Sunday of Lent

Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95;
Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42

March 19 4th Sunday of Lent

1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14;
John 9:1-41

March 26 5th Sunday of Lent

Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11;
John 11:1-45

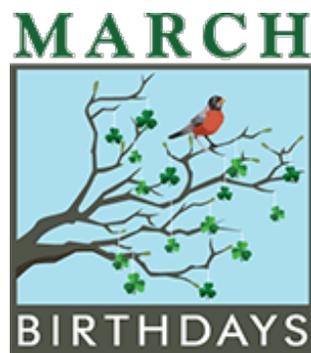


First Tuesday Lunch and Fellowship

Bring your own lunch and enjoy fellowship with your church family. We will meet on **March 7 at noon** in the Fellowship Hall.

NewsLetter DEADLINE

The deadline for the April newsletter is **March 18**. If you have articles you would like to see in the newsletter, please send them to beckyfrazier35@yahoo.com



- March 8 Nancy Federici
- March 16 Alexa Gaskill
- March 17 Patricia Ayerza
- March 23 Adrienne Schilling



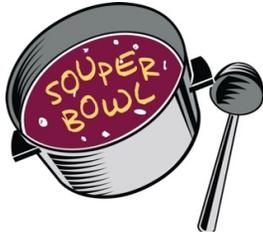
Attendance

- January 15 31
- January 22 23
- January 29 27
- February 5 29



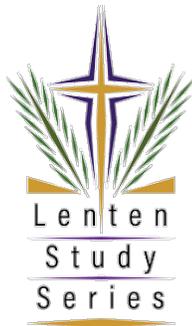
January 2023 Income and Expenses

	January 2023	2023 YTD
Income	\$6,890.46	\$6,890.46
Expense	\$8,800.56	\$8,800.56
Net Loss	\$(1910.10)	\$(1910.10)



Souper Bowl of Caring

Thanks to all who contributed to the Souper Bowl of Caring this year. We raised \$171.40 plus food donations which will go to the local food bank to help ease hunger in our communities.



Our next evening study will be held Monday evenings, 7:00, on Zoom, during Lent, led by Pat Berger. We will begin on February 27, and finish on Monday, April 3. The class is titled, "Reflections on the Lord's Prayer." Carol Wehrheim, a Presbyterian church educator and author, has written this study. Her hope is that the study will help us to deepen our understanding of the Lord's Prayer. In the first session, one of the things we will discuss is different names we use for God, and she has prepared a list of some of those. We hope you will be able to join us for this study! Study booklets are available on the table in the narthex. Let Gina know if you want a Zoom invite. Hope to see you there!



Deacons will meet on **Wednesday, March 1, at 7:00 p.m.** on Zoom.

Session will meet on **Wednesday, March 8 at 6:15 p.m.** on Zoom. **Meeting ID: 876 0550 3247**

Lenten Study will meet on **Monday evenings** in March at 7:00 P.M. on Zoom, starting on February 27 and running through April 7. **Meeting ID: 827 7009 159**



The Mission Study Leadership Team (MSLT) will meet in conjunction with Session on March 12 after worship, to work on finishing the project begun last fall.



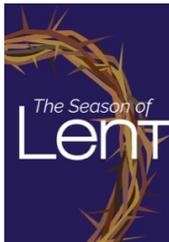
Change for Change

March is the last month we will be collecting spare change to benefit the Warm Springs Indian Reservation as we help them face their water trouble.



Confirmation Camp

Gavin Trainer and his twins, Liam and Quinn, are interested in joining our church. They met with Pastor Paulette, Roger Liefeld, and Becky Frazier after church on February 19 to learn what it means to be a Presbyterian and what baptism entails. The date they will become members will be determined later. One thing they will begin doing right away is ringing the bell before worship service. It will be good to hear the bell ring again. Be sure to welcome them to our church if you haven't yet done so.



Our theme for Lent this year is People Seeking Jesus. We will start the season with Ash Wednesday and continues through March and into April. Try to join us in the Lenten study on Monday nights. And read Pastor Paulette's letter for prayer ideas.



Daylight Savings Time begins at 2:00 a.m. on March 12. Remember to set your clocks.



One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)

We will be accepting donations toward One Great Hour of Sharing through March and into April. This is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. The three programs supported by OGHS are Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA), Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP), and Self-Development of People (SDOP).

PDA helps people to recover from natural or human caused disasters and supports refugees. Nationally, grants have been given to those recovering from wildfires, floods, hurricanes, and storms. Internationally, grants have been awarded in more than 16 countries. PDA receives 32% of the funds raised for OGHS.

PHP acts to alleviate hunger, care for creation, and ease the systematic causes of poverty so that all may be fed. Internationally it provides money, seeds, land, water, equipment, and training so that people are able to feed themselves and their families. PHP also distributes boxes of fresh and non-perishable food to communities in the United States. PHP receives 36% of the funds raised for OGHS.

SDOP Invests in communities experiencing oppression, poverty, and injustice. Projects and grants go to national partners such as the Afghan Cattle Cooperative in Bristow, Virginia. International partners include the Civil Society Coalition for Poverty Eradication in Nigeria. SDOP receives 32% of the funds raised for OGHS.



A Sense of Home by Winnie Barron
Co-Founder, Chair Emeritus



The inception of Makindu Children's Center was in 1998, nearly 25 years ago. Those humble beginnings originated in a deserted railway room down off of the Makindu railroad tracks. I chose this spot purposely after discovering a gaggle of desperate abandoned children roaming the streets, back alleys, and trails barefoot. In the early evening, they would converge, with tattered clothes and bedraggled expressions, to find comfort in each other. They would crawl through the broken windows and congregate on the bare concrete floor. They shared their stories, their woes, and their joys—laughing, crying, playing, and singing together. Whatever food they could gather would be shared. There was no furniture or any other material goods, and no adults, but they had one another. Even

some street dogs would gather there with them, in the hopes of food and company.

The sense of camaraderie and family in this place was palpable. I wanted to preserve that sense of home and safety for the children and gain their trust. It seemed the most natural place for us to establish the Center, and within the first year, we had 86 kids.

In 2003, we moved to the new (and current) center space in Makindu Town. We created a giant map to put up on the wall and would put pins representing all of the children's homes. It was intriguing, as some of the children chose the village where they were born, but the majority claimed villages that had provided them with a sense of home, of family and a feeling of belonging. Even for those who had somehow managed to survive out in the streets, their home was the place where people had been welcoming and kind to them.

None of us knows with certainty what the future holds, and particularly in Sub-Saharan Africa where that future is often precarious. While we can never promise the children that they will always have a secure shelter to live in, we want them to be able to carry with them, within them, a sense of home and belonging, whatever their future may bring. Instilling HOPE for the children is one thing we can ensure.

So very many homeless, orphaned, abandoned and previously desperate children now have a community home and family in Makindu Children's Center. We thank you for being part of this global family of ours!

Sunday Volunteer Schedule



March 5	Communion Set-up: Helen Purkerson Communion Servers: Kathleen and Mark Dinwiddie, Becky Frazier Greeters: Marilyn Brinster and Doris Perry Lay Leader: Pat Berger Coffee Hour Host:
March 12	Greeters: Pat Berger and Jon Dickson Lay Leader: Doris Perry Coffee Hour Host:
March 19	Greeters/Ushers: Pat Brown and Mark Earhart Lay Leader: Becky Frazier Coffee Hour Host:
March 26	Greeters: Linda and Roger Liefeld Lay Leader: Gina Harrington Coffee Hour Host:



2023 Per Capita - \$45.60/member

March 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 7 p.m. Deacons meeting on Zoom	2	World Day of Prayer	4
5  Worship 10:30 a.m. with communion 12:30 Avamere	6 Lenten Study 7:00 p.m. on Zoom	7 1 st Tuesday Fellowship lunch, noon	8 6:15 Session on Zoom	9	10	11
12  Worship 10:30 a.m. MSLT/Session meet after worship Daylight Savings time begins	13 Lenten Study 7:00 p.m. Zoom	14	15	16	17  St. Patrick's Day	18 Newsletter deadline
19  Worship 10:30 a.m.	20 Lenten Study, 7:00 p.m. Zoom	21	22	23	24	25
26  Worship 10:30 a.m.	27 Lenten Study 7:00 p.m. on Zoom	28	29	30	31	



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