

From the Pastor



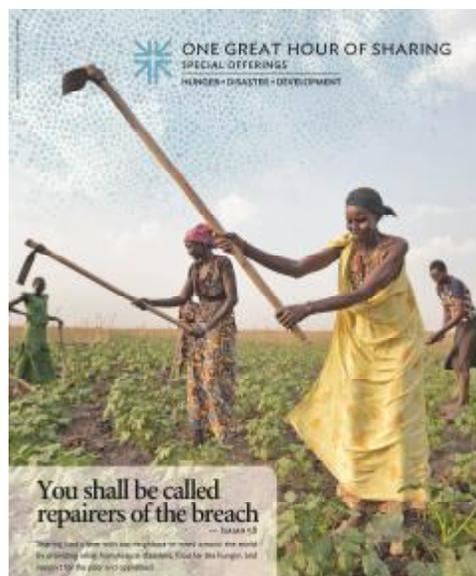
Lent is traditionally a season of fasting and prayer. During this time, Christians pay close attention to spiritual disciplines that deepen our understanding of what God is doing in our lives and in the world. As a church, we spend time together hearing about and praying for the ministries of compassion and justice done through our support of One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS).

Jesus' ministry was among those who were most vulnerable. He preached good news to the poor and release to the captives. One Great Hour of Sharing helps us share this same good news to those same vulnerable people in our world today: those who are hungry, who are suffering from disaster, who are dealing with oppression in society.

Every gift made to this offering will meet the needs of people, and you will hear about just a few of these individuals over the coming weeks—in bulletin inserts and minutes for mission. These stories will help us to see the face of those whose lives have been changed by our gifts, but they are only a few of the thousands and thousands of people served in this important ministry.

I invite you to visit the One Great Hour of Sharing website (www.presbyterianmission.org/oghs) to find out more information on how your support of OGHS helps people all over the world, and offer prayers for the projects and people who receive them. By the time you read this, bulletin inserts will already have accompanied Sunday bulletins.

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On Sunday, March 18, Marilyn Dewey will offer a Minute for Mission, and on March 25, Abigail Vander Velde will offer our concluding minute for mission.

Which brings me to the challenge. While we trust our OGHs programs to respond to the needs of our poorest and hungriest neighbors, those programs can only do so to the extent of our generosity. Like last year, I challenged each of you to give strong consideration to increasing your gift to the offering—you'll see how giving opens your heart to God's work in your own life. So I hope that you'll join us on Sunday, March 25, and that you'll join Christians all across the country in opening their hearts to witness tangibly to the abundant love of God through One Great Hour of Sharing. And I hope you will use the offering envelope included in this Open Door to make your contribution.

Pastor David

Weekly Eucharist in Easter 2018



The Office of Theology and Worship of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) encourages congregations to celebrate the Lord's Supper each week, particularly during the season of Easter. This initiative grows out of the 2006 Sacrament study *Invitation to Christ* (commended by the 217th General Assembly), which called congregations to increase the number of Sundays on which the Lord's Supper is celebrated. Our session embraced this invitation and authorized our church to celebrate communion every Sunday from Easter (April 1) to Pentecost (May 20).

Why celebrate the Lord's Supper each week?

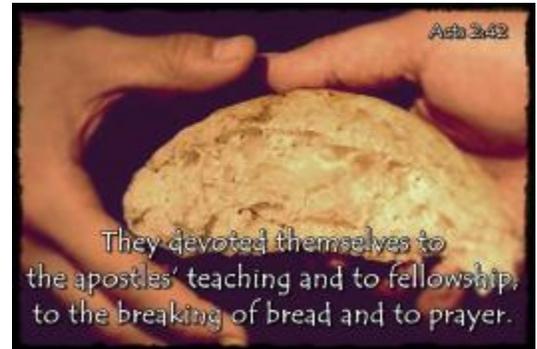
Word and Sacrament belong together in the life of the church. As our *Book of Confessions* and *Book of Order* affirm, the church is defined by the proclamation of the Word, the



celebration of the Sacraments, and a disciplined life in covenant community (see Scots Confession 3.18 and Foundations of Presbyterian Polity 1.0303, as well as numerous references in the Form of Government). When we gather for worship each Sunday, we should practice these elements of our common life and show forth these signs to the world.

Contrary to popular thought, weekly Eucharist is hardly a new idea for churches of the Reformed tradition. John Calvin called for the Lord's Supper to be "set before the church very often, and at least once a week" (*Institutes* 4.17.43).

Commenting on Acts 2:42, Calvin observed that among the earliest Christians "it became the unvarying rule that no meeting of the church should take



place without the Word, prayers, partaking of the Supper, and almsgiving" (*Institutes* 4.14.44). The *Book of Order* says, "It is appropriate to celebrate the Lord's Supper as often as each Lord's Day. It is to be celebrated regularly and frequently enough to be recognized as integral to the Service for the Lord's Day" (W-2.4009). In other words, the Service for the Lord's Day is incomplete without the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

Why celebrate weekly Eucharist in Easter?

The season of Easter — the "great fifty days" between the Resurrection of the Lord and the Day of Pentecost — is a time of joy and gladness, an extended celebration of the good news of Christ's rising from the dead. As such, it offers an ideal time to rediscover the experience of the Lord's Supper as a resurrection meal — a joyful feast in the presence of our risen Lord. In fact, this is what *each* celebration of the Eucharist is intended to be, for each Sunday we rejoice in Christ's rising from the dead on the first day of the week. For worshipers who are not well acquainted with this un-

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derstanding of the Lord's Supper, or not accustomed to weekly Eucharist, what better time to practice than the season of Easter?

Unfortunately, many worshipers have only a partial understanding of the Lord's Supper — equating it with the “Last Supper” and experiencing it only as a somber memorial of Jesus' death. (The “Last Supper” itself is a misnomer, of course; the gospels record several meals that Jesus shared with his disciples after he rose from the dead, not to mention the feast he still prepares for us when we gather in his name.) To be sure, the remembrance of Jesus' death is a significant facet of the Lord's Supper, but this aspect of its meaning should not eclipse the whole. The great mystery of faith that we proclaim is: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again. Thus, an emphasis on celebrating the Eucharist in Easter can help to expand our experience and understanding of the Sacrament.



Won't weekly celebrations of the Lord's Supper make the Sacrament seem less special?

Yes and no. On one hand, seeing the Lord's Supper as something less “special” — as in occasional, unusual, or out of the ordinary — would be a good thing for the church. As noted above, the celebration of the Sacraments (along with the proclamation of the Word and the exercise of discipline) is supposed to be one of the defining features of Christian life. We ought to experience the Lord's Supper as an ordinary and integral part of what we do when we gather for worship in Jesus' name.



On the other hand, the practice of celebrating the Eucharist on a regular basis will help us to appreciate more fully how truly special it is. Or to put it

another way, if we really understood and appreciated what a gift Christ has given us in the Lord's Supper, we would want to celebrate this meal as often as possible! Think of the manna God showered upon the people of Israel each day as they journeyed through the wilderness: on one hand, a thing so simple, so ordinary — daily bread, a fine flaky substance as common as the morning dew; on the other hand, a thing so amazing, so extraordinary — bread from heaven, the life-saving, life-sustaining grace and providence of God.

Holy Week Schedule



March 25 – Palm Sunday
Service 9:30 worship in our sanctuary.



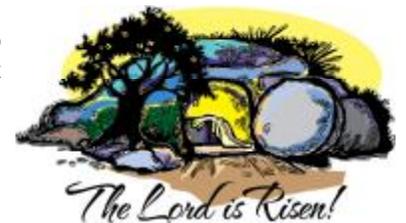
March 29 – Maundy Thursday – Light soup supper and Eucharist in Fellowship Hall at 6:00 p.m. followed by a Tenebrae Service in the Sanctuary.



March 30 – Good Friday – 12:10 p.m. We are invited to join the St. Peter's United Church of Christ (905 S. Russell St, Champaign) for Good Friday service.

April 1 – Easter Sunday

Easter Sunrise Worship Service at 6:30 a.m. at the Garden Pavilion, Meadowbrook Park, Urbana (off of Race Street).



Easter Worship Service at 9:30 a.m. Service in the sanctuary with special music.

In the Church Family



Let us remember in our prayers:

- Betty Belanger (fall, Bickford)
- Wanda Giddings (Carle)
- Jane Green (Meadowbrook)
- Bill Hall (Meadowbrook)
- Dot Hunt (home)

Coming Soon: New Church Directories

We will be preparing new directories to be published mid-April. Please contact the church office if your address, phone, or email address has changed. Of course, we would like to also be kept updated throughout the year, as well.

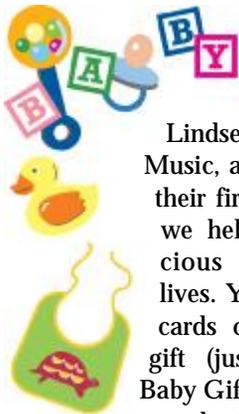


A special opportunity to celebrate Spring (and Tax Day)!

The Deacons invite you to a soup
luncheon

On Tuesday, April 17 at 11:00 a.m.
in Fellowship Hall

Our "Food & More" food pantry partners will be our special guests, so this will be a wonderful opportunity to extend the hand of Christian hospitality to these friends of our church family. Mark your calendars for this event. Watch for sign-up forms in the Friendship Pads in April or call the church office if you plan to attend. Last minute attendees are welcome as well.



Mail-In Baby Shower

Lindsey Bruner Woodcock, our Director of Music, and her husband, are expecting their first baby this April! Join us as we help them welcome this precious blessing into their lives. You are invited to send cards or make a financial gift (just put "Lindsey's Baby Gift" in the memo on your check).

Easter Lilies

Each year we are invited to dedicate lilies for Easter Sunday to the glory of God in honor or memory of family members and friends. Plants are available this year for \$13.00 each. Order forms are available on page 11 of this newsletter. Please complete the form and return it to the church office no later than Sunday, March 25. Payment must accompany reservation. Make checks to First Presbyterian Church of Urbana with "Lilies" on the memo line.



Food & More Program
Donation Request
for March:
Toilet Paper



New Member Class



Pastor David will be offering a two-session new member class beginning on **Sunday, March 18, at 11:00 a.m.** Not just for those planning to join our church, the two sessions offer adults an opportunity

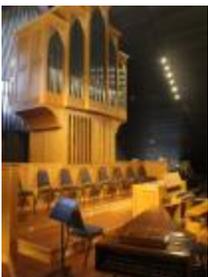
to think about and discuss our faith, which some may not have done since confirmation. The first session focuses on the larger Christian tradition. The second session focuses on our Reformed/Presbyterian tradition, and ways to become more involved in the life of our church. Please let Pastor David know if you would like to take part, and he will be happy to share the background reading for each session.

Seminar Topic Suggestions



The Adult Ministries is planning seminars for the 2018-19 year and we would love to hear from you. What topics would you be interested in hearing more about during Adult Seminars? Please leave suggestions in the Adult Ministries mailbox.

Lenten Recital Series



Beginning on Friday, February 23, FPCU will host this year's midday Lenten Recitals. Each recital will begin at 12:15 p.m. in our church sanctuary, will last a half hour or less, and will be free to the public. Here is the schedule.

March 16 – Yohei Endo (organ)

March 23 – Sydney Campen (harp)

Adult Bible Study

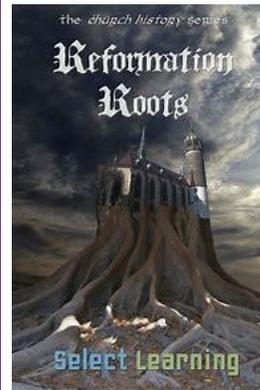


Sundays at **8:15 a.m.** in Meeting Room B which is next to the church office on the main floor. We are currently studying the book of Galatians

Current Seminar Series

Sundays at **11:00 a.m.**
in the Fellowship Hall

Seminar Series: “Reformation Roots”



Warren Hapke and Pastor David will be leading a six-session DVD-based series called “Reformation Roots.” We live in the post-Reformation era when denominations are trying to discover common ground rather than points of disagreement. Many of those earlier areas of disagreement have been resolved through dialogue and statements of agreement. The aim of this series is to help explain

the existing landscape of western Christianity and to suggest that some of the unresolved Reformation themes are still in play today.

March 18 – “The Swiss Reformation.” In this session, we explore the ministry of Ulrich Zwingli in Zurich, John Calvin in Geneva, and the influence Desiderius Erasmus, who was sympathetic to the concerns of the reformers, but who chose to remain within the Roman Catholic Church.

March 25 – “The English Reformation.” In this final session, we explore Henry the VIII’s role in creating the Anglican Church, and how the English Reformation was rooted more in politics than theology.

See page 6 for the upcoming Earth Care Seminar Series.

Challenges to Sustainability in Central Illinois

Sundays, April 8, 15 & 22 at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall



From the time European immigrants first settled the rich prairies of Central Illinois, the area has offered its inhabitants a livable environment with diverse flora and fauna, highly productive farmland, space for development, and abundant clean water. But the ecosystem that has sustained both the human and natural community is increasingly threatened. This seminar series will explore some of the threats and consider how citizens can engage to reduce them.

Sunday, April 8 – Threatened and Endangered Amphibians and Reptiles in Illinois: Who are they, what habitat changes imperil them, and why does their status matter?

Chris A. Phillips, Herpetologist, Illinois Natural History Survey, Prairie Research Institute, University of Illinois; former member of the Illinois Endangered Species Protection Board.



Sunday, April 15 – The Mahomet Aquifer, Our Source of Abundant Fresh Water:

Does a growing human population, increasing agricultural and industrial use, and contamination threaten sustainability of the aquifer?

Allen Wehrmann, former head of the Groundwater Section of the Illinois State Water Survey and currently a Senior Groundwater Engineer with INTERA Incorporated.

Sunday, April 22 – Development in Champaign County:

Does the county's Land Resource Management Plan protect the long-term viability of agriculture and the land resource base, ensure urban development that is compact and contiguous to already-developed areas, and guarantee social and economically desirable use of these resources?

Frank DiNovo, retired Director of Planning and Community Development with the Champaign Regional Planning Commission and currently a member of the Champaign County Zoning Board of Appeals

100% Renewable Energy through Homefield Energy for FPCU



Last summer we switched from the regular Ameren electricity supply to a program through Homefield Energy that promises 100% of renewable energy

sources for all electricity that the church uses. You may wonder, what does that actually mean or practically look like to have 100% renewable energy through this program?

Basically, we connect into the regular electrical grid for our electricity. Energy comes from many sources, both coal produced and renewable energy (wind, solar, etc.). Once energy enters the grid, be it coal produced or renewable energy, it all mixes together, so there is no way to distinguish each month how much renewable energy is actually getting to our specific building.

We purchase 100% of RECs (Renewable Energy Certificates) on our Ameren bill. So what are RECs? RECs are tradable, non-tangible energy commodities that guarantee that 1 megawatt-hour (MWh) of electricity was generated from an eligible renewable energy resource (renewable electricity) and was sent into the shared system of power lines which transport energy. A green energy provider (such as a wind farm) is credited with one REC for every 1,000 kWh or 1 MWh of electricity it produces. A certifying agency gives each REC a unique identification number to make sure it does not get double-counted.

Each month Homefield energy calculates our actual electrical usage for FPCU, and then puts that exact amount of RECs into renewable energy sources that go back into our electrical grid. This is an important step in changing the energy system, where we are able to financially support more and more renewable energy being fed into our collective electrical grid.

Rachel Gladden,
Financial Administrator

Earth Care Opportunities



Opportunity to Contribute to Your Health and Our Waterways

The Eighth Annual Illinois Marathon will take place in Urbana-Champaign on April 27 and 28, 2018. For the sixth year our church will field a team to raise money for Prairie Rivers Network by participating in their Run/Walk for Clean



Water fundraiser. <https://prairierivers.org/run/>

If you are planning on or considering walking or running in one of the Illinois Marathon events, you are invited to join our congregation's fundraising team. Events include the 5K (3.1 miles), 10K (6.2 miles), half marathon (13.1 miles) and full marathon (26.2 miles).

Benefits include a discounted race registration fee, a team tech t-shirt, membership in Prairie Rivers Network and support of a great cause: clean water and healthy rivers.

If you will walk or run as part of our congregation's team, and we hope you will, contact Vickie Nudelman at Prairie Rivers Network before registering at vnudelman@prairierivers.org for details needed to get the discounted registration fee. Once you have registered for an event as part of our congregation team or if you have questions, contact Dave Sherwood at od-sherw@illinois.edu

Styrofoam Recycling

I suggested to the Earth Care Team that FPCU could start a Styrofoam recycling program, and they suggested to me that I get the ball rolling. The guidelines and correct bags will be located by the battery recycling bin by the stairs.



Styrofoam:

- Is a good insulator and very lightweight
- Some components are carcinogenic to those living or working near production facilities or wherever it is burned. It can leach into foods that are heated in Styrofoam containers or cups.
- Biodegradable? Takes a million years to decompose.

STYROFOAM CAN BE RECYCLED LOCALLY:

Urbana drop-off is located at Dart Container, 1505 East Main Street, Urbana, IL 61802.

The drop-offs accept a wide variety of recyclable foam including foam cups, foam egg cartons, foam meat trays, foam ice chests, and foam packaging which is frequently used to protect fragile materials like TVs during shipping.

Once collected, the foam is recycled into many different types of products including picture frames, baseboards, and crown molding.

Here are the guidelines for participation in the programs:

- Make sure foam has the #6 chasing arrows symbol on it.
- Deposit foam in a clear or translucent bag (help yourself to the bags right here)
- Rinse or wipe foodservice containers free from food.
- Remove straws, lids, tape or any other non-foam material.
- Do not include foam-packaging peanuts (Call 800-828-2214 or visit www.loosefillpackaging.com for drop-off sites).

Once you start collecting it you will be surprised how much you use! Thanks for participating.

—Cindy Strehlow

Mission Dollars at Work



Photos from Randolph Street Garden in Champaign

As the 2018 growing season begins, \$3,500 of *Twice is Nice* income is helping fund programs at the *Prosperity Gardens* and the *Randolph Street Garden* in Champaign and the *Lierman Community Garden* in Urbana. Each engages



children and youth from low-income neighborhoods to plant, tend, harvest, and enjoy eating fresh vegetables. All also involve adults from the neighborhoods, and both the Champaign programs deliver fresh and affordable produce to areas of their communities that have no stores selling fresh vegetables. When you donate items for resale at *Twice is Nice* or volunteer to staff the shop, **YOU** are supporting these programs, teaching life skills and self reliance and promoting healthful diets while building community in stressed Champaign-Urbana neighborhoods. Thank you!



Photos from Prosperity Gardens in Champaign

If you are not involved at *Twice is Nice*, contact Dixie Jackson, Camille Caldwell, or Melissa Records to learn how you can be part of this worthwhile mission!



Photos Lierman Community Garden in Urbana

Sorting Day at Twice Is Nice

Thank you! to MaryE Yoemans, Karen Fitzgerald, Nadja Altstetter, Dixie Jackson and Camille Caldwell for their help with pricing and cleaning at the Wednesday, March 7 Sorting Day.

If you'd like to get involved, come on by our next Sorting Day on Saturday, **March 17 from 9:00 a.m. to noon.**

Report on the Presbytery Meeting February 10, 2018

Our Presbytery (Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois or PSEI) met in Effingham February 10. The docket (82 pages) was shortened due to weather concerns. Pastor David gave the sermon (on stewardship in all its forms) for the worship service. There were reports from committees, including changes in bylaws on sexual misconduct. Rev. Jean Oliver-Holder, who is currently a chaplain at Carle Hospital, was formally brought into PSEI. Finances were discussed in detail. The Presby-



tery is actively pursuing budget reductions to match shrinking revenues. Those reductions may not be enough to continue all current Presbytery functions. Stay tuned over the next 1-2 years. Camp Carew, near Carbondale, keeps very detailed financial records. It does run at a deficit but has an important mission in our region. It made extra money from boarding solar eclipse watchers.



Serving Schedule

Sunday Assisting Schedule

2018	3/18	3/25 Palm Sunday	3/29 Maundy Thursday	4/1 Easter	4/8
Worship Leader	Bob Burger	Don Greeley	Steve Hall	Karen Mortensen	TBD
Head Usher	Andy Harden	TBD	TBD or N/A	TBD	TBD
Ushers	Barb Schleicher Nancy Hatch Bill Hatch	Ann Burger Bob Burger Linda Williams	TBD or N/A	Nancy Hatch Bill Hatch Linda Brucker	Ed Scharlau Carol Scharlau Karen Mortensen
Steward	Sandy Nieman	Cindy Strehlow	TBD or N/A		Pat Jensen
Flowers	<i>Dedication available</i>	<i>Dedication available</i>	N/A	Easter Lilies	<i>Dedication available</i>
Communion	N/A	N/A	Marty Lampman, Cindy Strehlow, Karen Mortensen, Don Greeley, Barb Mann, Jamie Ellis, Nancy and Don Uchtmann	Servers: Jamie Ellis Katie Lampman Marty Lampman Steve Hall	Preparer: Linda Williams Servers:
Make Coffee	TBD	TBD	N/A	Nancy Uchtmann	Jamie Ellis
Wash Cups	TBD	TBD	N/A	Nancy Uchtmann	Jamie Ellis
Greeters	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

Presbytery Women Spring Gathering

The Spring Gathering of Presbyterian Women of Southeastern Illinois Presbytery will be Saturday, April 14, 2018, at the Effingham First Presbyterian Church, featuring Rev. Katrina Pekich-Bundy of Hanover, Indiana, on Sabbath in today's life; mission project providing donations for Effingham Child Development Center; election and installation of officers, and more! Lunch \$7; register in advance at Effingham church office. Pick up the Presbytery PW Spring Gathering newsletter (in our church office) for details!



Our Spring Gathering Speaker: Rev. Katrina Pekich-Bundy is a minister, mother, and liturgical dancer. She is a graduate of Alma College in Michigan, where she received a Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies and was a Fund for Theological Education Fellow. She has a Masters of Divinity from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, where she served in prison ministry, hospital chaplaincy, and a suburban church setting. She has been serving as solo pastor at Hanover Presbyterian Church in Southern Indiana, along the Ohio River. She serves as moderator of the Committee for Preparation for Ministry in the Ohio Valley Presbytery, as well as a member of Council. She is passionate about social justice ministry and being inclusive of all people in worship.

March 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>CL – Choir Loft CR – Choir Room CY – Green St. Courttyard DS – Downstairs FH – Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>L – Library MA – Meeting Rm A MB – Meeting Rm B N – Narthex NO – Nurse's Office</p>	<p>S – Sanctuary US – Upstairs YC – Youth Center Thrift Shop – Twice is Nice, 607 W. Elm</p>	<p>AA – Alcoholics Anonymous ACA – Adult Children of Alcoholics KC – Korean Church OA – Overseers Anonymous</p>	<p>1 6:00 AM KC Prayer (C) 9:00 AM Thrift Shop 12:15 PM Mid-day Prayer (C) 5:30 PM OA (MB) 7:00 PM ACA (YC) 7:00 PM Korean Church (S) 7:00 PM Worship Com (MA)</p>	<p>2 6:00 AM KC (C) 12:15 PM Lenten Recital (S) 7:00 PM Korean Church Worship Service (S)</p>	<p>3 6:00 AM KC Prayer (C) 9:00 AM Thrift Shop 11:00 AM OA (L)</p>
<p>4 Third Sunday in Lent 8:15 AM Bible Study (MB) 9:15 AM Child Care Infants & Toddlers (DS 4 & 5) 9:30 AM Worship (S) After Worship Fellowship (N); Parish Nurse (NO); Children & Youth Sunday School (YC); Seminar: Special Music Sunday (FH) 1:00 PM Korean Ch (S, DS, CR) 12 (C) 1:30 PM Communion at Clark-Lindsey</p>	<p>5 6:00 AM KC Prayer (C) 11:00 AM OA (L) 6:30 PM Cub Scouts Pack 12 (FH) 8:00 PM AA (YC & 6)</p>	<p>6 6:00 AM KC Prayer (C) 9:00 AM "Twice is Nice" Thrift Shop (607 W Elm) 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 6 (FH)</p>	<p>7 6:00 AM KC Prayer (C) 12:00 PM Sorting Day at the Thrift Shop (607 W Elm) 1:00 PM Wilds (YC) 5:30 PM Deacons (L) 6:30 PM AA Group (YC) 7:30 PM Choir (CL)</p>	<p>8 Open Door DEADLINE 6:00 AM KC Prayer (C) 9:00 AM "Twice is Nice" Thrift Shop (607 W Elm) 12:15 PM Mid-day Prayer (C) 5:30 PM OA (L) 7:00 PM ACA (YC) 7:00 PM KC Praise Team (S)</p>	<p>9 6:00 AM KC Prayer (C) 12:15 PM Lenten Recital Series: Amanda Pond (flute) (S) 7:00 PM Korean Church Worship Service (S)</p>	<p>10 6:00 AM KC Prayer (C) 9:00 AM Thrift Shop 11:00 AM OA (L)</p>
<p>11 Fourth Sunday in Lent 8:15 AM Bible Study (MB) 9:15 AM Child Care Infants & Toddlers (DS 4 & 5) 9:30 AM Worship (S) After Worship: Special Called Congregational Meeting (S) Proposed Chapel Renovation Information Meeting (C); Fellowship (N); Parish Nurse (NO); Children & Youth (YC); 11:00 AM Seminar Series: "Reformation Roots: From Heretic to Hero" (FH) 1:00 PM Korean Ch (S, DS, CR) 12 (C) 3:00 PM Pastor David's Installation (S); Reception (FH)</p>	<p>12 6:00 AM KC Prayer (C) 11:00 AM OA (L) 6:30 PM Cub Scouts Pack 12 (FH) 8:00 PM AA (YC & 6)</p>	<p>13 6:00 AM KC Prayer (C) 9:00 AM Thrift Shop 12:15 PM Lenten Devotional Gathering (L) 12:30 PM PEO Mtg (FH) 6:00 PM Building & Grounds (L) 7:00 PM Adult Ministries (MA) 7:00 PM Troop 6 (FH)</p>	<p>14 Open Door Mail Date 6:00 AM KC Prayer (C) 1:00 PM Wilds (YC) 6:30 PM Wednesday AA Group (YC) 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal (CL)</p>	<p>15 6:00 AM KC Prayer (C) 9:00 AM Thrift Shop 12:15 PM Mid-day Prayer (C) 4:00 PM Wellness Com (MA) 5:30 PM OA (L) 7:00 PM ACA (YC) 7:00 PM Children & Youth Ministries (YC) 7:00 PM Fun & Fellowship Committee (MA) 7:00 PM KC Praise Team (S)</p>	<p>16 6:00 AM KC Prayer (C) 12:15 PM Lenten Recital Series: Yohei Endo (organ) (S) 1:00 PM Budget & Finance (MA) 7:00 PM Korean Church Worship Service (S)</p>	<p>17 6:00 AM KC Prayer (C) 9:00 AM Thrift Shop 9:00 AM Sorting Day at the Thrift Shop (607 W Elm) 11:00 AM OA (L)</p>
<p>18 Fifth Sunday in Lent 8:15 AM Bible Study (MB) 9:15 AM Child Care Infants & Toddlers (DS 4 & 5) 9:30 AM Worship (S) (Can Do Offering) After Worship Fellowship (N); Parish Nurse (NO); Children & Youth Sunday School (YC); New Member Class (L); Seminar: "Reformation Roots: The Swiss Reformation" (FH) 1:00 PM Korean Ch (S, DS, CR) 12 (C)</p>	<p>19 6:00 AM KC Prayer (C) 11:00 AM OA (MA) 1:00 PM Food & More Set Up (C, L) 6:30 PM Cub Scouts Pack 12 (FH) 8:00 PM AA (YC & 6)</p>	<p>20 All Day Polling (FH) 6:00 AM KC Prayer (C) 9:00 AM Thrift Shop 9:00 AM Food Program (C, L) 12:15 PM Lenten Devotional (L) 7:00 PM Session (Rm 3)</p>	<p>21 6:00 AM KC Prayer (C) Noon Staff Lunch (Biaggis) 1:00 PM Wilds (YC) 6:30 PM Wednesday AA Group (YC) 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal (CL)</p>	<p>22 6:00 AM KC Prayer (C) 9:00 AM "Thrift Shop 12:15 PM Mid-day Prayer (C) 5:30 PM OA (L) 7:00 PM ACA (YC) 7:00 PM KC Praise Team (S) 7:00 PM Mission Com. (L)</p>	<p>23 6:00 AM KC Prayer (C) 12:15 PM Lenten Recital Series: Sydney Campen (harp) (S) 7:00 PM Korean Church Worship Service (S)</p>	<p>24 Tentative Pinewood Derby (YC) 6:00 AM KC Prayer (C) 9:00 AM Thrift Shop 11:00 AM OA (L)</p>
<p>25 Palm Sunday 8:15 AM Bible Study (MB) 9:15 AM Child Care Infants & Toddlers (DS 4 & 5) 9:30 AM Worship (S) After Worship Fellowship (N); Parish Nurse (NO); Children & Youth Sunday School (YC); New Member Class (L); Seminar: "Reformation Roots: The English Reformation" (FH) 1:00 PM Korean Ch (S, DS, CR) 12 (C)</p>	<p>26 6:00 AM KC Prayer (C) 11:00 AM OA (L) 6:30 PM Cub Scouts Pack 12 (FH) 8:00 PM AA (YC & 6)</p>	<p>27 6:00 AM KC Prayer (C) 9:00 AM Thrift Shop 12:15 PM Lenten Devotional Gathering (L) 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 6 (FH)</p>	<p>28 6:00 AM KC Prayer (C) 1:00 PM Wilds (YC) 6:30 PM Wednesday AA Group (YC) 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal (CL)</p>	<p>29 Maundy Thursday 6:00 AM KC (C) 9:00 AM Thrift Shop 5:30 PM OA (L) 6:00 PM Maundy Thurs Supper & Communion (FH) 7:00 PM Maundy Thurs. Tenebrae Service (S) 7:00 PM ACA (YC)</p>	<p>30 Good Friday 6:00 AM KC (C) 12:10 PM Good Friday Service at St. Peter's UCC (905 S. Russell St, C)</p>	<p>31 6:00 AM KC Prayer (C) 9:00 AM "Twice is Nice" Thrift Shop (607 W Elm) 11:00 AM OA (L)</p>

Lilies and Lent



Lenten Devotionals

Lent provides the liturgical occasion for self-examination, prayer, Bible study and intentional reflection on discipleship. Often, congregations have the desire to mark a “holy Lent” but not the tools.

You want to pray daily or read

the Bible more frequently or try a new spiritual practice, but doing so is a challenge in an already very full life.

The *Presbyterian Outlook* has created theologically sound, accessible and user-friendly Lenten devotions for congregations written by editor Jill Duffield. Each week starts with a brief reflection on a theme followed by a Bible reading, a suggested practice and a prayer for each day of the week.

We will provide paper copies of the devotional in the office and narthex. Also, each coming week’s devotions will be sent with the Friday E Report.

Tread Lightly for Lent



The Lent 2018 daily reflection-action calendar, “Tread Lightly for Lent,” is now available. The calendar was created by the Presbyterian Hunger Program’s Environmental Ministries and Enough for Everyone offices.

In Lent, we reflect on Christ’s ministry, death, and resurrection. We slow down, take time, and examine our internal spiritual lives and the way we live out our Christian faith in the world around. This Lenten calendar begins with ways to prepare ourselves for the Lent and Easter season and then moves to weekly foci of women, creation, water, consumption, and social justice. We will have a few copies available in the church office, or you can download and print it on your own from here:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/resource/tread-lightly-lent-2018/>

Easter Lilies



Each year we are invited to dedicate lilies for Easter Sunday to the glory of God in honor or memory of family members and friends. Plants are available this year for \$13.00 each. Please complete the form below and return it to the church office no later than Sunday, March 25. Payment must accompany reservation. Make checks to First Presbyterian Church of Urbana with “Lilies” on the memo line.

I would like to order _____ Easter lily/lilies.

To be given by _____

In honor or _____

(or) In memory of _____

(or) As a gift by name _____ or given anonymously _____

PLEASE CIRCLE ONE: Give plant to homebound member I will pick up

Your name _____

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OUR KEY MESSAGES

Welcome to our church family!

God is doing *exciting* things here!

Choose a path: **Have an impact & feed your soul!**

Thanks to Harold and Lois Guither for preparing this Open Door for mailing.

Open Door Deadline: For inclusion in the next Open Door, items should be submitted by **Thursday, April 5, 2018** to office@firstpresurbana.org. The Open Door will be mailed on **Wednesday, April 11, 2018**.

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