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A Letter from Pastor Larry



Greetings:

To All of My Dear Brothers & Sisters In Christ:

I hope that all of you are keeping up on the Lent daily reading list.

During our time of reflection and walking with Jesus, I want to ask you a question.

How is your prayer life? How often do you pray? When do you pray? Do you have any regular times that you pray? When do you pray more - when you need His help or when things are going well? My experience is that we all feel we should pray more. We want to be closer to God.

Most of the time we look to the New Testament for answers about prayer. How does the Old Testament address prayer? Are there examples of prayer in times of joy, fear, want, and plenty? Are there prayers that petition God for provision?

The obvious answer is yes! There are many examples of prayer spread throughout the Old Testament. However, there is one particular section that is a literal goldmine of prayer. This section is the Book of Psalms.

The Psalms capture the entire realm of human experience, captured for all time for us to read, enjoy, and reflect upon. I invite all of you to explore this rich gift of scripture, to read and reflect upon.

The next time you are feeling your prayer life is suffering, turn to the book of Psalms. I know you will find words that you can identify with. Words of encouragement, lament, joy and even anger toward God.

Also, remember the Psalms are set to music and can be sung. Not only are the Psalms prayers, but also the first hymnbook! What does that tell us? We can communicate to God in spoken prayer as well as with a song.

God is our Father. As such, He loves to hear from His children. Let Him hear from you every day and in every way. Let Him hear from you today, as soon as you read this. Pick up your bible and peruse the Book of Psalms. Make it a practice to pray the psalms.

My prayer for you is that you will pray to the Father, from your heart. As His child, cry out to Him and let Him know how much you love and trust Him.

Psalm 146:2 - I shall praise the LORD all my life, sing praise to my God while I live.

Psalm 147:1 - How good to celebrate our God in song; how sweet to give fitting praise

Enrich yourselves in prayer, praying unceasingly.

Grace and Peace –

Pastor Larry

March Happenings

Kids' Care leaders for each Sunday are listed by that Sunday's Worship Service in parenthesis.

Tuesday 1

Presbyterian Women meet in the Potter's House conference room at 10:30 a.m.
Contact Sandi Carle 386-972-5177
Small group bible study at Anna Hadrava's 386-559-7244

Wednesday 2

6:00 p.m. Choir practice. Contact Lulu Gail 386-972-3250
Small group bible study 4:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the Potter's House. Contact Lynnwood Timberlake c. 386-546-2186

Saturday 5

10 – 2 p.m. Sew day – in the Potter's House. For more information, contact Leslie Mullins @ 803-422-0532 or Sandi Carle 386-972-5177

Sunday 6

9:15 a.m. Bible Study / Sunday School
Study the book: It. Contact Andi Wells 386-937-1184 or Amy Poupore 386-937-2956.
Study the book: Autopsy of a Dying Church.
Contact Anna Hadrava 386-559-7244
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
(Peggy and Anna)

Monday 7 – 6:30 p.m. Christian Ed meeting in the Potter's House, Amy Poupore 386-937-2956.

Wednesday 9 –

6:00 p.m. Choir Practice
Small group bible study 4:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the Potter's House

Sunday 13 - DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS

9:15 a.m. Bible Study / Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sandi and Leah)
Fellowship lunch immediately after service.
Bring a side dish to go with the chicken ☺

Tuesday 15 Small group bible study at Anna Hadrava's house.

Wednesday 16

5:30 p.m. Adopt-a-Soldier will pack boxes, contact Leslie Mullins 803-359-7362
6:00 p.m. Choir practice.
Small group bible study 4:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the Potter's House.
6:00 p.m. Youth dinner / movie night. We will be serving Pizza.

Thursday 17 4:30 – 7:00 p.m. Community Fellowship Dinner – Chicken this month!!!
Cooking and prep starts earlier. Help is appreciated for prep, serving and clean up.
Contact Weezie 386-972-3081.

Saturday 19 10:30 a.m. Bread of Life work day. Contact Candy Tilton 386-325-3553

Sunday 20 Palm Sunday

9:15 a.m. Bible Study / Sunday school
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
(Jody and Casey)
Worship committee meeting after service.

Tuesday 22 Small group bible study at Anna Hadrava's house.

Wednesday 23 6:00 p.m. Choir practice.
Contact Lulu Gail 386-972-3250

Small group bible study 4:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the Potter's House. Contact Lynnwood Timberlake

Friday 25 6 p.m. Good Friday service

Sunday 27 HE HAS RISEN

9:15 a.m. Bible Study / Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
(Janie and Jane)

Wednesday 30

6:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Newsletter Information

Please send in any announcements, information or photos, etc., to Leslie notfrom17here@yahoo.com or Amy poupores513@gmail.com so we can include it in the next newsletter.

Check us out on the web at

SanMateoPres.com

Do you know the weekly sermons and bible verses are online? If you are out of town or want to share a particular message with a friend, visit our website @ SanMateoPres.com. To find the sermon archives, click on "About Us" then select "Sermon Archives".

Committee News

Session

- Session meeting is scheduled for after worship service February 28
- Session meeting is scheduled for after worship service March 20

Presbyterian Women

- meeting is March 1 @ 10:30 a.m. Sandi Carle is the contact.

Mission, Evangelism & Fellowship

- Adopt-A-Soldier next packing will be March 9th at 5:30 p.m. Leslie Mullins is the contact.
- Bread of Life was Feb 20th. Next day to help will be March 19th. Calendar available in Potter's house to sign up. Candy Tilton is the contact.

Christian Ed

Adult Bible Study class: one is studying "The Anatomy of a Dying Church" the other is studying "It."

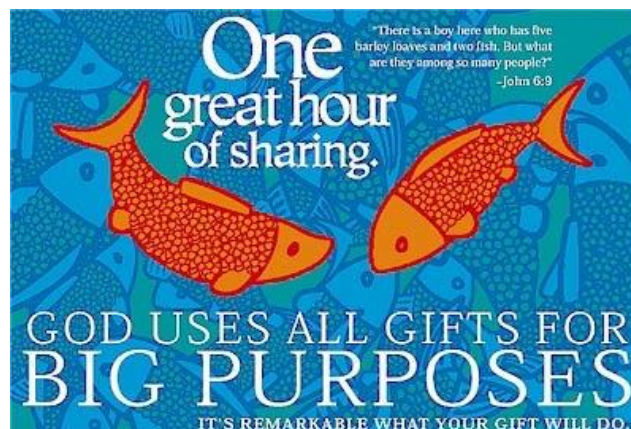
New Leaders for Sunday school are needed (see more information later in newsletter)

Yard Sale dates are March 31 and April 1st (no Fooling)

Next meeting will be March 7th at 6:30 p.m. in the Potter's House. Contact Amy Poupore 386-937-2956.

Worship Committee

- Worship Committee meetings will be the 3rd Sunday of the month after the service. March 20 is the next meeting. Lynwood Timberlake (386-546-2186) is the contact if you would like to become involved.



One Great Hour of Sharing is an offering that makes the love of Christ real for individuals and communities around the world who suffer the effects of disaster, conflict, or severe economic hardship, and for those who serve them through gifts of money and time. Today, projects are underway in more than 100 countries, including the United States and Canada. In the 1990s, receipts have exceeded \$20 million annually. While specific allocations differ in each denomination, all use their One Great Hour of Sharing funds to make possible disaster relief, refugee assistance, development aid and more.

During the Lenten Season, you will have the opportunity to give your gift to One Great Hour of Sharing. There will be fish coin boxes available and a special offering envelope for your donation. "Serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received." – 1 Peter 4:10

Yard Sale

The yard sale will be March 31 and April 1 from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.. Volunteers appreciated for setup starting March 27th after church service, working the sale and / or cleanup.

VBS

VBS needs you!! We are gearing up for this year's Vacation Bible School that will be July 18-22 from 5:15-8:15 p.m. **We need volunteers!** Group leaders (pre-k, k/1, 2/3, 4/5), session leaders and helpers. Please contact Amy if interested. 386-937-2956 or poupores513@gmail.com.

The church and children need teachers for the upcoming year. Currently, there is a need for a Sunday school teacher for the 4th and 5th graders (two to three students). Curriculum is provided.

Starting in June there will be a need for an instructor for the 1st through 3rd graders.

At the end of summer – about August 14th – there will be a kick off for the new church year of Sunday School classes with new teachers.

Mark Your Calendars

Senior Adult Ministries Spring Fling
Montgomery Presbyterian Center
Thursday, April 28th
9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

The cost is \$15.00 which includes morning and afternoon programs PLUS a Continental Breakfast and Lunch are provided. The Morning Program will be "The Celebration of Women's Ordination in the Presbyterian Church (USA)" followed by lunch. The Afternoon Program will be a musical performance.

You can either carpool or take the First Presbyterian bus, which will leave First Presbyterian Church at 8:30 am, in Palatka. Registration is at 9:30 a.m. followed by the Continental Breakfast. The Spring Fling flyer and registration forms will be in the Narthex.

Contact Beverly Wainright for more information.
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Sabrina Crosby provided this nice photograph of Hazel Marie Foder being Baptized on January 10th.



Daily Readings for Lent

Tuesday March 1

Morning: Psalm 22; 148
Evening: Psalm 105; 130
Jeremiah 5:1-9
Romans 2:25-3:18
John 5:30-47

Wednesday March 2

Morning: Psalm 43; 149
Evening: Psalm 31; 143
Jeremiah 5:20-31
Romans 3:19-31
John 7:1-13

Thursday March 3

Morning: Psalm 84; 150
Evening: Psalm 42; 32
Jeremiah 6:9-15
1 Corinthians 6:12-20
Mark 5:1-20

Friday March 4

Morning: Psalm 119:73-80; 145
Evening: Psalm 121; 6
Jeremiah 7:1-15
Romans 4:1-12
John 7:14-36

Saturday March 5

Morning: Psalm 34; 146
Evening: Psalm 25; 91
Jeremiah 7:21-34
Romans 4:13-25
John 7:37-52

Sunday March 6 - 4th Sunday of Lent

Morning: Psalm 5; 147:1-11
Evening: Psalm 27; 51
Jeremiah 8:4-7, 18-9:6
Romans 5:1-11
John 8:12-20

Monday March 7

Morning: Psalm 27; 147:12-20
Evening: Psalm 126; 102
Jeremiah 10:11-24
Romans 5:12-21
John 8:21-32

Tuesday March 8

Morning: Psalm 22; 148
Evening: Psalm 105; 130
Jeremiah 11:1-8, 14-17
Romans 6:1-11
John 8:33-47

Wednesday March 9

Morning: Psalm 43; 149
Evening: Psalm 31; 143
Jeremiah 13:1-11
Romans 6:12-23

John 8:47-59

Thursday March 10

Morning: Psalm 84; 150
Evening: Psalm 42; 32
Jeremiah 14:1-9 (10-16) 17-22
Galatians 4:21-5:1
Mark 8:11-21

Friday March 11

Morning: Psalm 119:73-80; 145
Evening: Psalm 121; 6
Jeremiah 16:(1-9) 10-21
Romans 7:1-12
John 6:1-15

Saturday March 12

Morning: Psalm 34; 146
Evening: Psalm 25; 91
Jeremiah 17:19-27
Romans 7:13-25
John 6:16-27

Sunday March 13 - 5th Sunday of Lent

Morning: Psalm 5; 147:1-11
Evening: Psalm 27; 51
Jeremiah 18:1-11
Romans 8:1-11
John 6:27-40

Monday March 14

Morning: Psalm 27; 147:12-20
Evening: Psalm 126; 102
Jeremiah 22:13-23
Romans 8:12-27
John 6:41-51

Tuesday March 15

Morning: Psalm 22; 148
Evening: Psalm 105; 130
Jeremiah 23:1-8
Romans 8:28-39
John 6:52-59

Wednesday March 16

Morning: Psalm 43; 149
Evening: Psalm 31; 143
Jeremiah 23:9-15
Romans 9:1-18
John 6:60-71

Thursday March 17 - Fifth Sunday in Lent

Morning: Psalm 84; 150
Evening: Psalm 42; 32
Jeremiah 23:16-32
1 Corinthians 9:19-27
Mark 8:31-9:1

Friday March 18

Morning: Psalm 119:73-80; 145
Evening: Psalm 121; 6

Jeremiah 24:1-10

Romans 9:19-33

John 9:1-17

Saturday March 19

Morning: Psalm 34; 146
Evening: Psalm 25; 91
Jeremiah 25:8-17
Romans 10:1-13
John 9:18-41

Sunday March 20 - Beginning of Holy Week

Morning: Psalm 5; 147:1-11
Evening: Psalm 27; 51
Jeremiah 25:30-38
Romans 10:14-21
John 10:1-18

Monday March 21

Morning: Psalm 27; 147:12-20
Evening: Psalm 126; 102
Jeremiah 26:1-16 (17-24)
Romans 11:1-12
John 10:19-42

Tuesday March 22

Morning: Psalm 22; 148
Evening: Psalm 105; 130
Jeremiah 29:1 (2-3) 4-14
Romans 11:13-24
John 11:1-27 or John 12:1-10

Wednesday March 23

Morning: Psalm 43; 149
Evening: Psalm 31; 143
Jeremiah 31:27-34
Romans 11:25-36
John 11:28-44 or John 12:37-50

Thursday March 24 - Maundy Thursday

Passion/Palm Sunday
Morning: Psalm 84; 150
Evening: Psalm 42; 32
Zechariah 9:9-12
1 Timothy 6:12-16 or Zechariah 12:9-11, 13:1, 7-9
Matthew 21:12-17

Friday March 25 - Good Friday

Morning: Psalm 119:73-80, 145
Evening: Psalm 121; 6
Jeremiah 11:18-20, 12:1-16 (17)
Phillipians 3:1-14
John 12:9-19

Saturday March 26

Morning: Psalm 34; 146
Evening: Psalm 25; 91
Jeremiah 15:10-21
Phillipians 3:15-21

John 12:20–26

Sunday March 27 - Resurrection of the Lord/Easter

Morning: Psalm 5; 147:1–11

Evening: Psalm 27; 51

Jeremiah 17:5–10, 14–17 (18)

Phillipians 4:1–13

John 12:27–36

Monday March 28

Morning: Psalm 27; 147:12–20

Evening: Psalm 126; 102

Jeremiah 20:7–11 (12–13) 14–18

1 Corinthians 10:14–17, 11:27–32

John 17:1–11 (12–26)

Friday March 29

Morning: Psalm 22; 148

Evening: Psalm 105; 130

Genesis 22:1–14

1 Peter 1:10–20

John 13:36–38 or John 19:38–42

Saturday March 30

Morning: Psalm 43; 149

Evening: Psalm 31; 143

Job 19:21–27a

Hebrews 4:1–16

Romans 8:1–11

Sunday March 31

Morning: Psalm 93; 150

Evening: Psalm 136; 117

Exodus 12:1–14

John 1:1–18 or Isaiah 51:9–11

Luke 24:13–35 or John 20:19–

Fun Quilt of Valor Sew day



Sixteen folks from our community (including a lady that drove from Orlando) helped make four quilt tops that will be given to individuals touched by war in our community. Great job ladies and gentleman. Pictured are Gail, Pat, Marge, Beverly, John, Pat, Shirley, Tidee and Anna.

Our Church Officers

In the Presbyterian Church there are three types of ordained office: Ministers of the Word & Sacrament (Pastors), Elders, and Deacons. According to our Presbyterian Church (USA) *Book of Order*, all ministry in the Church is a gift from Jesus Christ. Members and officers alike serve mutually under the mandate of Christ who is the chief minister of all. His ministry is the basis of all ministries; the standard for all offices is the pattern of the one who came “not to be served but to serve.” (Matt. 20:28) Thank you to our Church Officers for their service!

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