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NEWSLETTER -- 2022

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Presbyterian Women will meet on Wednesday, April 13th at 10:30 a.m. in the lounge. Lesson #9 - "The End of Lament" will be our final lesson which will be led by Barbara Bushnell. The scripture reading for the lesson is Isaiah 25:6-10 and Revelations 21:1-8. Join us for a cup of coffee and a great time of sharing and fellowship!

Thank you to all that have donated food for our food pantry. We are taking the red wheelbarrow out of the sanctuary for now but if you still can donate items you may take them to the kitchen upstairs.



Dear friends at Auburn Presbyterian Church,
Thank you for your friendship, food, cards, visits and most importantly your prayers for Keith and I at this time. You have been fantastic in supporting us. We've so greatly appreciated it.

Keith and Pamela Scranton

FROM THE PASTOR:

Siblings in Christ:

I know that I've told you before, but Lent is probably my favorite season of the church year. I think I appreciate Lent so much because it reminds me to slow down and open my eyes and ears. Lent encourages us to critically look at ourselves, our church, and our community. From that different perspective, we can reflect on what we find and begin to consider changing some of how we're missing the mark.

Lent culminates in Holy Week, which I think is the encapsulation of our faith. I was talking with someone about this and realized the importance of Holy Week to me...and how important I think it should be to every Christian. Our liturgy invites us to journey with Jesus these few days; to walk alongside him into Jerusalem, to Golgotha, and to the garden. The point is not so much the narrative as it is the invitation to consider the deeper meaning of this episode in Jesus' life and how it shapes our faith.

All too often people move from the excitement of Palm Sunday to the celebration of Easter without paying attention to what happens in the days between. Going from high point to high point leaves out the character of Jesus, the actions of the disciples, and the depth of God's relationship with humanity. Skipping Holy Week leaves us with a faith that seems to be about how to live a happy life in 5 easy steps.

During Lent, a few of us have been participating in a webinar series about Jesus. We are taking a deeper look into the multifaceted character of the messiah. This series encourages us to look at how our experiences growing up, what we've heard from the pulpit, and how society shapes our impressions of the Christ. This has been an opportunity to spend time thinking about what it means to be a Christian and how we can better understand God's will, as well as our relationship with God. The webinar is a deep dive into the introspection of Lent.

Taken as a whole, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter shape our understanding of God's invitation, our rejection, and God's reconciling love. Oh my gosh! This is the essence of Christian faith and belief! We all have so many demands on our time and attention. I know. I want to encourage you to offer some of that precious time to your faith during Holy Week. Of course, there are services you can attend at 7:00 Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, but that might not be possible. My friend Alan doesn't go to those services, but he commits to reading the gospel of John every Holy Week, which is a less demanding Holy Week practice. If you're only willing to commit a tiny bit of time to a Holy Week practice, read through the passion stories in any of the gospels. God invites us into relationship through God's story. Holy Week is the Readers Digest version of God's story.

Shalom,
Pastor David





- Thursday, April 14: 7:00 p.m. - **Maundy Thursday Service** in the sanctuary. A bulletin and zoom link will be sent out if you are not able to attend in person. Communion will be served.
- Friday, April 15: 7:00 p.m. - **Community Good Friday Service** taking place in the sanctuary. Auburn First United Methodist Church and the Gather will be participating with Pastor David in the service. A bulletin and zoom link will be sent out by email if you are not able to attend in person.
- Sunday, April 17: **Easter morning breakfast** in fellowship hall beginning at 8:30 a.m. A pancake and sausage breakfast with fruit and pastries, coffee and juice will be provided by the men of the church and the Fellowship Committee.
- 10:00 a.m. - **Easter morning Worship Service**. Communion served. A zoom invitation will also be sent out by email if you prefer not to attend the worship service in the sanctuary.

Called to *Serve*

USHERS NEEDED FOR WORSHIP!

We are beginning to see normal times again during our worship services! With that being said, we would like to begin using ushers on Sunday mornings to pass out the bulletins and greet people at the front door. (You will not be asked to usher anyone to their seats unless they need your assistance.) You will also be needed to help with the offering as we begin to pass the offering plates again. Please call the church office if you are willing to volunteer for a Sunday to help with this important part of our service.



Imagine the joy when your gift changes someone's life – both the joy they will feel in being changed and the joy you will feel in knowing that your gift is changing lives. As Christians, we talk about God providing us with blessings of all kinds in abundance, but there are many in the world who live with less than what they need. Surely our God calls us to be sharers of abundance. You can be a channel through whom God satisfies the hungry, comforts the distressed, and brings hope to the poor and oppressed. Create more joy in the world with your generous gift to One Great Hour of Sharing. The MA&I team will be sharing the messages of **One Great Hour of Sharing** as we move thru the Lenten season. We invite your participation by mailing your contribution to the church and mark the check memo as "One Great Hour of Sharing Contribution." Thanks for your cooperation and willingness to participate!

Dear Friends,

I just wanted to share that the church history program based off of the LSTA digitization project with the Willennar Genealogy Center is now available on our Facebook and Youtube channels, if ever you want to view or share it.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/eckhartpubliclibrary/videos/478111847393246/>

Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aMopMygpPqg>

It was neat to look through all of this history, I hope you enjoy!

Zach Heimach



CONGRATULATIONS TO MARCUS SMITH AND HIS PARENTS, CARL AND MELINDA SMITH



On Sunday, March 6, 2022, Marcus Smith was presented with his Eagle Scout Award during the Eagle Scout Court of Honor Ceremony that took place at Middaugh Hall. Also presented that day with the Eagle Scout Award was Travers Mason and Addison Mann. What a great accomplishment this was for both the boys and their parents.

The church is so proud of Marcus and wish him the best as he graduates high school and continues on with his education! Way to go Marcus!!!





EASTER LILIES

The gift of plants for use during the Easter season is a beautiful way to remember a loved one, honor an individual or celebrate a special occasion. This year the church is purchasing white Easter lilies from Kroger at a cost of \$9 each. We have ordered 15 total and will offer them on a first come first serve basis. If you are interested in purchasing a lily please call the church office. The check can be made out to Auburn Presbyterian Church with "Lilies" written in the corner.

Acknowledgements will be printed in the Easter Sunday bulletin. The lilies may be taken any time after the 10 a.m. worship service on Easter morning.



The congregation is invited to a FISH FRY on....

- DATE:** SUNDAY, APRIL 3rd
- TIME:** 11-12:30 (following worship)
- PLACE:** Fellowship Hall
- MENU:** fish, chips, coleslaw, baked beans, rolls and dessert.

Drinks will also be provided.



John Jackson has volunteered to fry up his catch of blue gills for the congregation! The Presbyterian Women will be providing the rest of the meal. Everyone is invited to attend.

A Free Will Offering will be accepted for the Presbyterian Women's fund.