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APRIL 2020



EASTER SUNDAY BRUNCH
DATE TO BE DETERMINED • 10:00 AM

We are all hoping and praying that we will be able to assemble again as a worshipping community to celebrate the risen Christ on Easter Sunday. As has been our tradition, we will have a brunch meal following the 9:00 am service in place of our usual fellowship time. The Deacons are coordinating this potluck and a sign-up sheet has been placed on the fellowship table. We are asking for about 5 breakfast type casseroles, 3 fresh fruit, 5 persons to bring sweet rolls/coffee cakes/nut breads, a gallon of milk, and 2 persons to bring juice.

If we find that we do not have Sunday worship on March 29 or on April 5, Palm Sunday, when we could do this sign-up, the Deacons will email out a request for the above items. That way folks can do a 'reply all' and we won't end up with 14 casseroles and no coffee cakes, which would be BAD! So stay tuned, and keep praying that we will be able to gather in person and shout "Alleluia, Christ is Risen!!" and then share in this wonderful fellowship meal.



COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please sign up to host the Sunday Coffee Hour. We all enjoy that cup of coffee and good conversation after worship service. Sign-up sheets are in Fellowship Hall for each month.

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Message from Pastor Cyndi:

How is your heart? How are you, you know, inside? Habitually we say, “I’m fine,” but honestly how are you doing? Have you been taking care of yourself during this time? Have you been moving your body and getting fresh air? Have you been monitoring the level of trauma you get from the daily news?

Friends have been reminding me that hard times are formative. They strip us of our illusions and our masks, showing us what it is that we hold dear, what it is that has cut deep into our soul. Hard times strip us of our defenses and leave us bare, our vulnerability, our wounds, our losses exposed.

The word character comes from an old Greek word which originally meant a stamping or carving tool. It was something that left an indelible mark. I suspect that as we go through hard times, they leave their mark, they help to shape and form our character. But only partially. Our choices reveal the character that God has already marked us with. In Hebrews 10 the author, speaking for God, says, “I will put my laws in their hearts and I will write them in their minds.” He goes on to say, “I will remember their sins no more.”

It’s during hard times, during struggles, that what is written on our hearts and souls becomes evident and visible. We ‘show out’ what is usually hidden within us. For me, that’s always a mixed bag. I know I can be impatient, cranky, even bitter, and I don’t want to be seen that way. I know I can get up in my head and overthink every wrong thing I’ve ever done (are you all OK being alone so much? It’s hard!), but scripture reminds us that God ‘remembers our sins no more.’ Maybe, if God has promised to forget the wrongs we’ve done, just maybe we should too.

So are you being gentle with yourself during this time? Are you being kind? The stresses of facing a pandemic are unlike anything any of us have seen before. It’s likely to bring out some awkward and uncomfortable things in us just as it will show forth the goodness. While we stubbornly turn our faces towards the light that is Jesus Christ, the enduring, life giving, un-extinguishable light, we know that we will be tempted to focus on drama, on negativity.

While I know that, with the pressures of the pandemic, I may make mistakes, I may have some ugliness show up in my person and in my relationships, I am committing to keeping my face stubbornly turned toward God. I am determined to walk through this time with as much kindness for myself and for my neighbor as I can. I am determined to follow the path of Jesus Christ. I will seek to be less reactive and respond thoughtfully and intentionally. I will seek less to blame and more to share compassion. I will think of myself less often and not allow fears or anxieties to limit my vision. I will care for others, because I know it’s the best thing I can do right now.

The author of Hebrews goes on to say, “Let us hold fast to the confession of our Hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to connect with one another, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another.”

I know I may stumble. I may get distracted. My heart may become heavy. And when that happens, I will turn my face stubbornly, insistently, towards the light which sustains all life, and I will return again to the fierce hope, the gracious love, of Jesus Christ. I hope you will join me. Be fierce in your love, be stubborn in your commitment. Let that be what shows forth,

Grateful to serve with you and serve you,
Pastor Cyndi

Family Order Form

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See WWW.SHOPWITHSCRIP.COM for a list of ALL vendors. Please CALL & ASK if you have any questions. Most vendors have higher amounts than what is listed. Check out the SPECIALS tab online for short term promotions on higher rates!--Martha 608-220-5592

Name	Customer #
Check #	Order Date

Product	%	QTY	Total	Product	%	QTY	Total	Product	%	QTY	Total
Ace Hardware \$25.00	4%		\$	iTunes® \$25.00	5%		\$	Qdoba Mexican Grill \$25.00	7%		\$
Amazon.com \$25.00	2.5%		\$	JCPenney \$25.00	5%		\$	Quality Inn \$50.00	4%		\$
Applebee's® \$25.00	8%		\$	Jo-Ann Fabric and Craft Stores \$25.00	6%		\$	Red Lobster \$25.00	8%		\$
Arby's \$10.00	8%		\$	Kmart \$25.00	4%		\$	Roundys (IL and WI only) \$100.00	4%		\$
Barnes & Noble \$25.00	8%		\$	Kohl's \$25.00	4%		\$	Roundys (IL and WI only) \$50.00	4%		\$
Bath & Body Works \$25.00	13%		\$	Kwik Trip \$100.00	4%		\$	Sears \$25.00	4%		\$
Bed Bath & Beyond \$25.00	7%		\$	Kwik Trip \$25.00	4%		\$	Sentry \$50.00	3%		\$
Best Buy® \$25.00	4%		\$	Kwik Trip \$50.00	4%		\$	Shopko \$25.00	3%		\$
Best Western International \$25.00	12%		\$	L.L.Bean \$25.00	16%		\$	Shutterfly \$25.00	9%		\$
BP \$50.00	1.5%		\$	Lands' End \$25.00	16%		\$	Speedway \$25.00	4%		\$
Build-A-Bear Workshop \$25.00	8%		\$	Macy's \$25.00	10%		\$	Staples \$25.00	5%		\$
Burger King \$10.00	4%		\$	Marathon \$25.00	3%		\$	Starbucks \$25.00	7%		\$
Cabela's \$25.00	11%		\$	Marcus Theatres \$25.00	9%		\$	Steak 'n Shake \$10.00	8%		\$
Chili's Grill & Bar \$25.00	11%		\$	Menards \$25.00	3%		\$	SUBWAY® Restaurants \$10.00	6%		\$
Comfort Suites \$50.00	4%		\$	Michaels \$25.00	4%		\$	SUBWAY® Restaurants \$50.00	6%		\$
Copps (WI only) \$100.00	4%		\$	Mobil \$50.00	1%		\$	SuperAmerica \$25.00	4%		\$
Copps (WI only) \$50.00	4%		\$	Noodles & Company \$10.00	8%		\$	T.J. Maxx/Marshalls/HomeGoods \$25.00	7%		\$
Cousins Subs \$10.00	9%		\$	Office Depot / Office Max \$25.00	5%		\$	Taco Bell \$10.00	5%		\$
Cracker Barrel \$25.00	8%		\$	Old Chicago \$25.00	6%		\$	Target \$25.00	2.5%		\$
Dairy Queen \$10.00	3%		\$	Olive Garden® \$25.00	7.5%		\$	Texas Roadhouse \$25.00	8%		\$
Dick's Sporting Goods \$25.00	8%		\$	Outback Steakhouse \$25.00	8%		\$	TGI Fridays® \$25.00	9%		\$
Disney \$25.00	3%		\$	Panera Bread \$25.00	8%		\$	Visa® Five Back™ Gift Card \$50.00	1.25%		\$
Domino's \$10.00	8%		\$	Papa Murphy's Pizza \$10.00	8%		\$	Walgreens \$25.00	5%		\$
Dunkin' Donuts \$25.00	3%		\$	PetSmart \$25.00	5%		\$	Walmart \$25.00	2.5%		\$
Family Video \$10.00	12%		\$	Pick 'n Save (WI only) \$100.00	4%		\$	Walmart \$50.00	2.5%		\$
Fandango \$25.00	4%		\$	Pick 'n Save (WI only) \$50.00	4%		\$	Whole Foods Market \$25.00	3%		\$
Festival Foods (WI) - Skogens \$25.00	3%		\$	Pier 1 Imports \$25.00	9%		\$				
Foot Locker \$25.00	8%		\$	Piggly Wiggly (WI, IL only) \$100.00	3%		\$				
GameStop \$25.00	3%		\$	Piggly Wiggly (WI, IL only) \$25.00	3%		\$				
Gap \$25.00	14%		\$	Piggly Wiggly (WI, IL only) \$50.00	3%		\$				
GNC \$25.00	8%		\$	Pizza Hut (Not AK or HI) \$10.00	8%		\$				
Home Depot \$25.00	4%		\$	Pizza Ranch \$25.00	8%		\$				
HomeGoods \$25.00	7%		\$								
Hotels.com \$100.00	6%		\$								

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STEWARDSHIP CORNER

WEEKLY OFFERING

It is important to remember as a congregation that we continue the financial support of our church during this challenging time. Even though the church is physically closed for weekly worship, behind the scenes “business as usual” continues. That means we have salaries to pay our employees, utility bills that need to get paid, missions that we support, and so on. You can continue to make your offering via mail by sending your check to: **First Presbyterian, 258 Lodi St., Lodi, WI 53555**, or, we have our online donation option

(below). This option is ideal during these times as there is no potential of passing along any germs which can live on surfaces such as paper, cardboard, etc. We also ask that you do not drop any payments off directly at the church.

GIVING MADE EASIER!

First Presbyterian now offers online giving. We have an account set up with the Presbyterian Foundation and Vanco Financial so that you have more options to make your church donations. You can either do this via computer by selecting the ‘Give Now’ button below, or by using the **GivePlus Mobile App** which you can find by searching **GivePlus Church**

in your app store. **Click here for a short video on how it works: [Mobile App Demo](#)**. It only takes a few minutes to create an account. This is a great option if you pay your bills online, are frequently away on travel, or you just don’t like writing out checks! (Note: there is a minimal 2% fee per transaction.)

GIVE NOW!

(click on the button above if viewing this newsletter from your computer or other mobile electronic device)

Thank you!
Stewardship Committee



WORSHIP LEADERS

April 5	Jim Brown
April 12	Jean Spataro
April 19	Diane Lukins
April 26	Marcia Brown

USHERS

April 5	Mark & Laurie Fryman
April 12	Jim & Marcia Brown
April 19	Russ & Judy Richard
April 26	Diane Lukins & Sandy DeSelle

GREETERS

April 5	Open
April 12	Open
April 19	Open
April 26	Open

COUNTERS

April 5	Open
April 12	Open
April 19	Open
April 26	Open

ACCOMPANISTS

April 5	Open
April 12	Open
April 19	Open
April 26	Open

HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN APRIL!

We'd like to wish the following people a Happy Birthday! If your birthday is in April and your name is not listed, please let the office know the date of your birthday so that it can be entered in the computer.

4/6	NATHANIEL BALLWEG
4/9	SARA MORGAN
4/19	JEFF LECKWEE
4/22	DAN RICHARDS
4/23	DAVE HEEBNER
4/29	GABE TOBIN TIM HEINS

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

Deadline for the **MAY** Newsletter is **WEDNESDAY, April 22nd at 9 a.m.** If you would like an article in the newsletter, you can e-mail the Church office at office@lodifpc.org or leave it on the desk in the church office.

March 2020

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May 2020

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April 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Mid-week Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.	2	3	4
5 Worship, 9 a.m. Fellowship, 10 a.m.	6	7	8 Mid-week Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.	9	10 Good Friday	11
12 Sunday Worship, 9 a.m. Fellowship, 10 a.m. Easter	13 Office Closed	14	15 Mid-week Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.	16	17	18
19 Worship, 9 a.m. Fellowship, 10 a.m.	20	21 Session, 6:30 p.m.	22 Newsletter Deadline, 9 a.m. Mid-week Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.	23 Devotions at Our House, 10 a.m.	24	25
26 Worship, 9 a.m. Fellowship, 10 a.m.	27	28	29 Mid-week Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.	30		

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WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday
9:00 a.m.
Nursery Available

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
(DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR)**

10:15 a.m.

Newsletter Graphic Design: Jim Salzman

THE SESSION

Class of 2020

Diane Lukins
Jean Spataro
Ron Nelson

Class of 2021

Dudley Mehlretter
DeAnn Richards
Jeff Leckwee

Class of 2022

Herb Damsteegt

DeAnn Richards, Clerk of Session

BOARD OF DEACONS

Class of 2020

Marcia Brown
Sandy Deselle
Dave Heebner

Class of 2021

Gale Nelson
Bobby Hanson
Laurie Fryman

Class of 2022

Patty Seiler



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