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Lent 2017: Baring, Sharing, and Preparing



**From the Desk of
Reverend Joel Weible**

It happened again this year. On the Monday before our Ash Wednesday service this year, I made my annual voyage. I go “down” to this place several times throughout the year, but every year as the Season of Lent begins again I walk down the cellar steps into the stoned-walled, dirt-floored, tomb-like, “basement” beneath our sanctuary to retrieve the wooden cross that will stand in our sanctuary throughout this season of penitence and return. Every year, the “chicken wire” that is stapled on it that allows us to adorn it with the flowers of Easter morning remains. I remove that wire and move the cross to the exit. I chuckle a bit each year as I hoist this central symbol of our faith and ascend the stairs, bearing the cross on my back and wondering who might be seeing me emerge, moving up and out of the cellar, turning left up the ramp and into our sanctuary.

Once in the sanctuary, and a bit more alone, I place the cross just left of the pulpit where the baptismal font most often sits, and I prepare it for all to see in the weeks ahead. I wrap the base with a brown blanket that makes it look like an earthen mound. I then go in search of the purple cloth we drape the cross with and, finally, I place the *Crown of Thorns*, donated by Nita and Paul Culbertson two years ago, on the top. I marvel at how the days can often seem to “drag on,” but how the years fly by. It’s Lent again and we’re intentional again. We are squarely focused on who we are and what we’re supposed to be doing in a way that we haven’t been since (maybe) the Advent season, but surely no other time of the year.

Our Christian life begins in the waters of baptism and ends in Resurrection, but between the “Alpha and Omega” is the journey. On this leg of that journey, we have chosen once again to travel with the church here in Pewee Valley toward the cross and beyond. So, as you all come up out of the cellars of your lives, bearing the crosses of your lives, it is my prayer that you, too, will find a place for them in our common sanctuary - our lives together - to set them down and adorn them for the Lenten journey. Only in this way, with crosses “*bared*” and “*shared*,” may we be “*prepared*” for the Easter morning that is our promise when the journey is through.

See you in church this month. Bring your crosses ...

Joel

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Special points of interest:

- Lenten Devotionals
- PW Spring Gathering
- Fish Fry
- Update on CDC
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FISH FRY

Friday, March 24th / 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.

A fun evening traditionally enjoyed in our church
for over 55 years!

Fresh Fillets of Cod ~ French Fries ~ Slaw
Pies (Fresh-baked by our members)

Adults \$11.00 ~ Seniors \$10.00 ~ Children \$4.00



MEETING JESUS: Our 2017 Daily Lenten Devotionals

from Presbyterians Today magazine

Lent began on March 1st this year, but it's not too late to pick up a Lenten Devotional and spend a little extra time in scripture and prayer. This year, each day we "meet" the people who met Jesus and hear about what they learned so that we, too, may share their joys and struggles.

Pick up a copy of Meeting Jesus in the sanctuary or Family Life Center this month.

BASKETBALL, BEER & BBQ at CEDAR RIDGE CAMP

Saturday Evening, March 18th

Our Friends at Cedar Ridge Camp are providing a big screen, good food, and fantastic fellowship for the 2017 NCAA Tournament Games on this day in Hopkins Hall! You must be 21 to attend, but the cost is only **\$20 per person!** Time is TBA at the camp. Visit the website for up-to-date information. Hope to see you there! ***CedarRidgeCamp.com***

SPRING GATHERING

Presbyterian Women of Mid-KY Presbytery

"Through Education, Let Children Dance Through Life"

Speaker: Carol Winkler, Church-wide Moderator

When: Saturday, April 1, 2017

9:00 a.m. - Coffee and Fellowship

10:00 a.m. - Worship and Gathering

Lunch - \$9.00 with registration

Where: Beulah Presbyterian Church
6704 Bardstown Road, Louisville, KY 40291

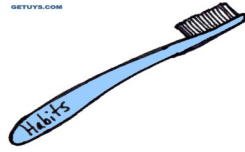
Offering: *Open Table Ministry at Beulah Presbyterian*
"Everyone Reads" at Engelhard School

Mission Challenge: Hygiene Kit Items for PDA

Please bring: gallon zip lock bags, hand towels (16" x 28"), wide-tooth combs, bar soap (bath size in wrapper), washcloths, toothbrushes, and/or Band-Aids.

Registration Deadline: March 24, 2017

Questions: Contact Mary Hockenberry at 690-3611 or email: maryphockenberry17@gmail.com



2nd ANNUAL MISSION COLLECTION AT PVPC

Presbyterian Disaster Relief Project : Mid-Kentucky Presbytery

PCUSA churches in Mid Kentucky Presbytery have committed to packing **1000** “Disaster Relief Hygiene Kits” and PVPC wants to help! We hope to put together 50 kits and send them in by April 23RD.

Each PDA Hygiene Kit will fit into a one gallon zip lock bag and your Mission Team is asking that you bring in the following items in the month of March and put them in the Gathering Room donation bin:

- I Hand towel (16”x28” – no bath towels!)
- I wash cloth
- I wide tooth comb
- I nail clipper
- I bar of UNSCENTED soap (bath size in wrapper)
- I toothbrush in original wrapping
- 10 Band-aids or other adhesive bandage strips

The PCUSA Disaster Assistance office will cover the cost of shipping the hygiene kits to the distribution warehouse in Arkansas. Thank you for your commitment and love. Call the church office for more information!

2017 ANNUAL ELDER RETREAT REPORT

On the first Friday night of February, your Elders gathered for our Annual Elder Retreat – once again at the PCUSA’s Camp Cedar Ridge. We spent Friday evening getting to know each other better with informal activities. (Check your Elder list to see if you can guess “Who was an Eagle Scout?” “Who has absolutely no rhythm?” and “Who has limited vertical jumping ability?”)

On Saturday morning, after an incredible breakfast and a brief devotion, we sat together to explore, discover, and begin to vision the **“Abundant Life”** that God offers us and how that abundant life may be lived right here in and through our congregation! We began to discern the challenges we will engage over this year to provide increased mission and ministry in our church, for our community and in the world, challenging ourselves to engage in deeper and new ways in the year ahead. Thank you all for the continuing love and support you give your Session leaders!

January 2017 Financial

	Current Month	Current Month Budget	Year To Date	Year To Date Budget
Member Contributions	\$37,733	\$20,766	\$37,733	\$20,766
Loose Plate Offerings	\$83	\$167	\$83	\$167
CDC Contributions	\$8,110	\$8,110	\$8,110	\$8,110
All Other Income	\$5,377	\$1,406	\$5,377	\$1,406
Expenses	\$30,005	\$32,456	\$30,005	\$32,456

CDC News!

Happy March! Let me start by sharing with you all how thrilled the people at the Portland Presbyterian Food Pantry were to receive our food donations. The ladies that received the food insisted that I mention in this newsletter how grateful they were for all that food! Thanks to you all for your generosity; and thanks to Pastor Joel and Toby for helping to deliver all the items. They shared with me that every month they are assisting around 1,000 people including a lot of children. So, even though Mrs. Tobe's class won the overall prize of an ice cream party, we were all winners because we were able to help others. I also want to mention that along with food, one of their other greatest needs is linens such as sheets, towels, blankets, etc. If you have any extra of these items in your house that are gently used (but do not go out and buy anything!), please consider donating them to this organization. Feel free to bring them to the CDC office at your convenience and I will make sure they find their way to the Pantry.

HAVE YOU ENROLLED YOUR KROGER PLUS CARD? (I thought all caps might grab your attention!) The CDC is slowly moving in the right direction with enrollment in the Kroger Community Rewards Program, going from 13 households enrolled at the beginning of the year to 28 in mid-February. But we really want to have more!!! Remember, our goal is to replace our mulch on the playground with a poured, rubber surface. Yes, it is expensive but there are many benefits to this surface for our CDC children and their families. So, please, please, please enroll your Kroger Plus card in the program and designate the Pewee Valley Presbyterian Church as your recipient. Ms. Kathy and I are always happy to help get you enrolled if you stop by the office!

Some of the fun things going on around here during the month of March will include: a fieldtrip for our 4 year olds to Derby Dinner on March 8th to see the show "Stinky Kids"; Chapel with Pastor Joel on March 1, March 14, and March 28; and a St. Patrick's Day celebration for everyone on Friday, March 17th so hopefully you'll see lots of green around here that day! If anyone has some interesting Irish heritage that you would like to share with the children, we would love to arrange a time for you come and share. Please call the CDC office at 241-0177 or email at cdcoffice@bluegrass.net

Have a blessed March!

Sharon Davis
Director



CHAPEL SERVICE WITH THE CDC, 10:00a

- Wednesday, March 1st --
- Tuesday, March 14th --
- Tuesday, March 28th --

We have three chapel services this month, for the children in our care five days week! Any and all who are able are welcome and encouraged to come! Our time together usually lasts about twenty minutes and includes songs, prayers, a sharing from scripture by Pastor Joel, and a celebration of the month's birthdays. Love to see you in our sanctuary with the children!



EASTER EGG HUNT AT CAMP CEDAR RIDGE! Saturday, April 15th from 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Come one, come all – and bring the kids! Cedar Ridge Camp's Annual Easter Egg hunt is April 15th this year. The *huge* egg hunt begins at 2:30 p.m. and everyone may be certain of their success in the search! There are games and prizes galore and all are guaranteed to have fun! Visit the website for even more information about other activities, including Summer Camps for 2017! **CedarRidgeCamp.com**

March Birthdays

08 Vivien Reinhardt
09 Thomas Guilford
10 Sue Hohman
10 Melody Lindsey
12 Carol Warren
15 Regan Moore
17 Caroline Davenport
19 Peggy Wood
20 Regina Bates
21 Ellen Weingardt
24 Julia Age
25 Gabe Weible
27 Wendy Wilt
28 Hailey Age
28 Jordan Bates
28 Lily Gardiner
30 Alex Pappas
31 William Chaudoin
31 Julia Hood



March Anniversaries

12 Lewis & Linda Carlisle
14 Zack & Carole Logan
17 Rod & Carol Culver
17 David & Melody Lindsey
17 Larry & Sandy McCarson



Children's Sermon

March 5 Mike Yelton
March 12 Katie Weible
March 19 Brandon Ouellette
March 26 Kim Pappas

Worship Attendance

02/05/17	10:30	73
02/12/17	10:30	52
02/19/17	10:30	56
02/26/17	10:30	77

Ushers for March

03/05/17 Larry & Connie Vice, Ron & Carol Warren
03/12/17 Carol Culver, Vivien Reinhardt
03/19/17 Zack & Carole Logan
03/26/17 TBA

Coffee Clean-up

MARCH:

05 Rebecca Byford
12 Larry & Connie Vice
19 Karen Wood & Beverly Pierce
26 Ron & Carol Warren

March 2017

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

			1 *CDC Chapel, 10a *Ash Wednesday --Dinner, 5:45p --Service, 6:30p *Mystagogia, 7-8p	2 *Starz Volleyball, 6:30-8:30p	3	4 *Soccer Shots, 9-10a
5 *Worship Team *Gym Rental for party 2-6:00p *Mystagogia, 6-7p	6 *Member Development., 7p	7 *Starz Volleyball, 6:30-8:30p	8 *Choir, 7p	9 *Starz Volleyball, 6:30-8:30p	10	11 *CDC Training *Soccer Shots, 9-10a
12 **DST BEGINS** *CE Team *Mystagogia, 6-7p	13 *Session, 7p	14 *CDC Chapel, 10a *Starz Volleyball, 6:30-8:30p	15 *Choir, 7p	16 *Starz Volleyball, 6:30-8:30p	17 *Wedding: Werner/Poole, Sanctuary, 3p	18
19 *Mission Team *Music Team *Youth Team *Finance Team *Mystagogia, 6-7p	20	21 *Starz Volleyball, 6:30-8:30p	22 *Choir, 7p	23 *Starz Volleyball, 6:30-8:30p	24 *Fish Fry, 4:30- 7:30p	25 *Gym Rental for party 1-4:00p
26 *Mystagogia, 6-7p	27	28 *CDC Chapel, 10a *Starz Volleyball, 6:30-8:30p	29 *Choir, 7p	30 *Starz Volleyball, 6:30-8:30p	31	

Prayers and Concerns

Members:

Jerry Beaverson
Mary Boone
Tommy Boone
Sarah Copely

Zachary Corcoran
Wayne Hartigan
John Hendrickson
Charlene Staats

Gary Stoess
Mason Wilt

Friends and Family:

Morris & Mary Kirchoff (for D.D. Hendrickson)
Chip Zaring (for Carol Akers)
Ralph White (for Alan White)
Aidan Wisdom (for D.D. Hendrickson)
Jo Rinck (for Karen Wood)
Adam O'Daniel (for Ann Weingardt)
Traci Richardson (for Ann Weingardt)
Tristan Ballinger (OC student)
Jim McCarson (for Larry & Sandy)
Hays Savchick (for Jim Trimpe)
Alexa Henson (for Rebecca Byford)
Sabrenia Foe (for Regina Bates)
Lynn Bunger (for Jim Trimpe)
Kevin Starks (for Clare Grant)
Norma Sheets (for Wilma Wayne)
Stu Basore (for Jan Beaverson)
Ralph Haskell (for Ann Finney)
Jay Bowman (for Kim Pappas)
Vicki Liles (for Jan Beaverson)
Bob Stavinoga (for Jan Beaverson)
Ardeth Pappas (for Kim Pappas)
Matt & Vicky Rogers (for Clare Grant)
Bobbie Holihan (for Virginia Baumann)
Karen Bennett (for Melody Lindsey)
Steve DeWitte (for Rock & Debbie)
Emily Haffenden (for Hendricksons)
Dave Gray & Family (for Ann Weingardt)
Trudy Woods (for Jill MacNiven & Paula Malone)
Bob & Diana Polgrove (for DD Hendrickson)

Gene & Barbara Mueller (for D.D. Hendrickson)
Chuck Schatzman (for Mark Lane)
Alice Walser Booker (for Joanie Walser)
Aline Eads (for Sally, Thom, Lamont)
Ed & Jan Vance (for Karen Wood)
Carrie Ciaverelli (for Ann Weingardt)
Alice Oechslin (for Ann Weingardt)
Don & Camilla Crowder (for Melody Lindsey)
Stan Penn (for Karen Wood)
Cathy Kremper (for Mark Lane)
Reed Francis (for Laura Kinnicutt)
The Kindermans (for the Hendricksons)
Beverly Drake (for Ann Finney)
Noah DeValle (for Sharon Davis)
Ashley Jasin (for Wendy Wilt)
Mary Kistner (for Karen Wood)
Jim Stoien (for Ann Finney)
Fred Miller (for the Hendricksons)
Kylie Fox (for Gale Fox)
Francis Fox (for Gale Fox)
Allyson Powlus (for Rick Fletcher)
Bill Hirtzel (for the Hendricksons)
Monte Farmer (for Margaret Hill)
Larry Bebe (for Mark Lane)
Ed Stoess (for Jim & Ann Stoess)
Peggy Walhgren (for the Hendricksons)
Children of Uspiritus (for Bill & Mary Ruth)
Kimmy White (for Wendy Wilts' daughter)
Michelle Hendrickson (for John & DD Hendrickson)

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Big News From the Little Valley!



Christiaan Faul, Youth Director

Sunday

8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Noon – 4 p.m.

Shelly Settle, Administrative Asst.

Monday-Friday

8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Marie Fledderman, Bookkeeper

Monday-Tuesday

8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday

8:00 a.m. – Noon

