

PRESBYTERIAN CHIMES

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Newsletter

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United Presbyterian Church of Randolph

Dear Church Family and Friends,

I awoke this morning at 6:45, pleasantly surprised that the sun was up. It certainly is easier getting up when it is light. And suddenly I had the horrible thought that we are changing the clocks soon.

Springing forward. This 6:45 will soon be 7:45 and I will once again need to awaken in the dark. I am just not a morning person. However, I must say that it will be pleasant watching the sun in the sky until 7:30 pm.

I was just curious about something we all know, but I just wanted to get the actual figures. With this changing of the clocks, this month we celebrate the first day of Spring or the Vernal Equinox. On this day we have exactly 12 hours of day and 12 hours of night. This will happen on Monday, March 20, at

5:24 pm. This is in comparison to the first day of Winter or Winter Solstice on December 21 when there will only be 9 hours of daylight, and the Summer Solstice on June 21 when there is 15 hours, 21 Minutes and 35 seconds of daylight! Of course, we have the Autumnal Equinox on September 23 when we have equal day and night. I live at the latitude of 42.80651 N, and the church is 42.16132 N. This means that I get a little bit more light in the summer and less in the winter. Here is the exact formula to figure just how much more daylight I get. Aren't you excited?!?! Me neither.

What is the point? Our lives are constantly changing. There is not even one day or one place that is like another. This can be good...sometimes. Sometimes it is nice just to depend on something. But we can really never depend on anything staying the same or totally rely on anyone or anything. (Except the proverbial – death and taxes!)

$$T_0 = \frac{T}{\pi} \arccos \left(\frac{\tan \varphi \sin \theta}{\sqrt{\tan^2 \alpha + \cos^2 \theta}} \right)$$
$$\text{daylength} = \begin{cases} T - T_0 & \frac{\pi}{2} \leq \alpha \leq 3\frac{\pi}{2} \\ T_0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

where $T = 24$ hours, φ is latitude, $\theta = 23.4^\circ$ is Earth's axial tilt, and α is the angle from Sun to Earth, calibrated to zero when (Sun)-(Earth's South Pole)-(Earth's North Pole) are on the same plane. Conversion from α to day in year can be done directly.

All is not lost. The Bible tells us, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever!" Hebrews 13:8 CEB and "Every good gift, every perfect gift, comes from above. These gifts come down from the Father, the creator of the heavenly lights, in whose character there is no change at all." James 1:17 CEB Good news! We can totally and forever rely on God! God isn't seasonal, sometimes more available than others. God is always with us – the same day and night, winter, spring, summer and fall!

When we understand the constancy of God, During this season of Lent, I would like you to ask yourself, "Is my relationship with God seasonal?" In other words, are you hot or cold with God or are you consistently walking with God in every season?

Enjoy this season of Lent as you focus on your relationship with God!

With peace and hope,

Pastor Molly

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March 4 Amber Riddell
March 6 Diane Carpenter
March 7 Eva McLaughlin
March 7 Lisa McLaughlin
March 8 Alice Stoddard
March 8 Erik Connor
March 9 Brianna Hetrick
March 13 Elise Pihlblad
March 14 Rory Connor
March 17 Linda Inkley
March 22 Christian Inkley
March 23 Lynn Myers
March 23 Zane Garman
March 27 Dan McLaughlin
March 29 Sean Connor
March 30 John Inkley

Notes from Session

FEBRUARY 2023

- * Mary Myers elected Clerk of Session for 2023
- * Session meeting for 2023 will be on 2nd Wednesday at 2:30 except in July.
- * Rev. Marilyn Hale- pastor at Portville served as moderator for Rev. Clark-Porter.
- * Moved some funds to CD for 2023 to get better interest.
- * Worked on plans to set up phone tree, text and email lists to help contact members.
- * Looking for activities for youth to use on the church grounds.
- * Planning special activity for all on Sunday, March 12 (stone soup, craft idea).
- * Looking for church reporter and making signs to hang on the old sign out front.
- * Made plans for Lent and Easter – Soup suppers, Ash Wednesday, Passover meal, Good Friday devotion time, Easter Sunday.

MARCH BLESSINGS

We've come through January
And February, mostly confined
But now that they're over
Can Spring be far behind?

I dream of singing birds,
Sunshine and showers
Sweet cool air
And fragrant springtime flowers.

Spring, like a waiting canvas
Bursting forth with shades of green
Splashed with bright blue sky
And sprinkled with colors to be seen.

Lent is leading us slowly
To blessed Easter day.
We'll praise our risen Lord
Who shows us His way.

Ann Luce



LITURGISTS FOR SUNDAYS

March 5
Liturgist— Nancy Pihlblad
Communion—Connie Lockwood

March 12
Liturgist—Barry Shields

March 19
Liturgist—Dan Pihlblad

March 26
Liturgist—David Golando

April 2
Liturgist—Connie Lockwood
Communion—Nancy Pihlblad



General Fund Treasurer's Notes

<u>JANUARY 2023</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 7,629.62
Total Receipts	\$ 17,715.09
Gain or (Loss)	\$10,008.47
Capital Improvement Fund	\$5,030.51
Driveway Fund	
Paying Forward Fund	

If you would like a box of envelopes, please let the office know.

For further information, ask a member of Session or the Treasurer, Reg Boutwell.

LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAYS

March 5
Genesis 12:1-4a
Psalm 121
Romans 4:1-5,13-17
John 3:1-17 or Matthew 17:1-9

March 12
Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm 95
Romans 5:1-11
John 4:5-42

March 19
1 Samuel 16:1-13
Psalm 23
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41

March 26
Ezekiel 37:1-14
Psalm 130
Romans 8:6-11
John 11:1-45



The Knitting Group will meet on Sunday, March 19th at noon. All are welcome to join!

Tips for Memorizing Scripture



- 1) *Be consistent*
- 2) *Be creative*
- 3) *Meditate on it*
- 4) *Speak it*
- 5) *Apply it*
- 6) *Share it*

Pastor Molly would love us all to memorize the following verses from
1 Corinthians 13

"Love is very patient and kind, never jealous or Envious, never boastful or proud, never haughty or selfish or rude.

Love does not demand its own way.

It is not irritable or touchy.

It does not hold grudges and will hardly even notice when others do it wrong.

It is never glad about injustice, but rejoices whenever truth wins out.

If you love someone, you will be loyal to them no matter what the cost.

You will always believe in them, always expect the best of them, and always stand your ground in defending them."

STONE SOUP EVENT

Mark your calendars for Sunday, March 26th everyone. We will be hosting a Stone Soup Luncheon immediately following the Worship Service. We will be told the story of Stone Soup and will be creating our own version of the soup to enjoy. Please plan on attending and please bring an ingredient of your choice to add to the soup. Connie Lockwood will be supplying the stones and making the initial broth.





Tune in to live Worship Services
Watch for an email for the link Sunday morning
just before 10:00 or watch later by going to
YouTube.com
Search Molly Golando



The March Session Meeting will be held on
Wednesday, March 8th at 2:30pm.
Mark your calendars with the different time.



Lenten Soup Suppers and Study will begin on
March 1st. The Soup Suppers will begin at 5:30pm
and the study will begin at 6pm. We will be
studying the book "A Journey to the Resurrection."
There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex.
People are asked to contribute soup, bread or a
simple dessert if possible.

All are welcome. Invite a friend!

Please pray for our Mission Partners

COMMUNITY CUPBOARD
COMMUNITY HELPING HANDS
DISASTER RELIEF
EMERGENCY FUND
EQUIP (INDIA) ASIA
EQUIP (INDIA) ASIA SWAUGERS
FRIENDS OF THE NIGHT
GENESIS HOUSE
HEIFER INTERNATIONAL
LAVID ORPHANAGE IN MEXICO
ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
SAMARITAN PURSE SHOE BOX
ST SUSAN CENTER
UCAN

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

April 2, 10:00AM
Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday

April 6, 5:30PM
Maundy Thursday Dinner and Service

April 7, Good Friday
YouTube Meditation Service

April 9, 6:30AM
Sunrise Service at Weeden Park
followed by breakfast

April 9, 10:00AM
Easter Worship

PRAYER CONCERNS

Loss:

Family of Daniel Healey
Family of Reah Wilcox

Home Bound:

Please call or visit

Alice Stoddard
Bob Whitney
Bettie Alexander
Nick Kinney
Byron Ashdown
Dan & Ruth McLaughlin

Health & Concerns:

Alex—Carol's grandson
Alice Stoddard
Bethany VanRensselaer
Bettie Alexander
Betty Crooks
Bill Fessel
Brittany Iskula
Byron Ashdown
Carol Brown
Carrie Congdon
Carrie R.
Carter Graham-bad fall
Catherine & Alexis Moore
Cherie & John Mattson

Health & Concerns:

Cheryl-Rhonda's sister
Chris Parker -diabetes
Chris Oyer
Chris Passamonte
Chuck & Kim Smith
Dan Brown
Dan's cousin—cancer
David Dunbar
Dick & Donna Chubon
Don Showers
Hank Minnick
Hunter Young -cancer
Janie & Niall Pihlblad
Jean Ormond
Jonathan -stroke
Julie Smith
Karen Howell-knee surgery
Karen Noblett- cancer
Linda Inkley
Luke-Spina bifida
Mack Barber

End Racism

Health & Concerns:

Marion Wade
Marla Frame
Marsha Zunner
Michelle -Stacy's friend
Phyllis McElwain
Randy-Rhonda's brother
Reg Boutwell-back
Rosamond Flagg
Sandy Chubon
Sue Robinson
Teresa Chadwick-waiting for kidney
Tracy Turner severe injuries from accident
Verna Miller
Earthquake victims in Turkey and Syria

Military Personnel & Their Families:

Major Aaron Wellman
Mike Fleischmann
Anthony Schwartz
Erin Connor
Matt Kinahan

Encouragement:

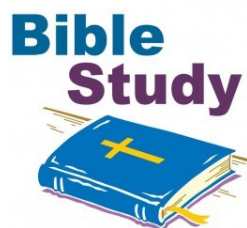
Our world
Our gov't
Peace in Haiti
Ukraine
Russia
Disaster Victims
Care Givers
Police Officers
Medical Personnel
Military Personnel
Families of fallen soldiers
Families coping with addictions
Prison Ministry (CCM)
Foster Care Parents/children
Lisa Underwood
Jim & Rhonda Ashdown

Our Church:

Pastor Molly Golando
Deacons & Elders
Church Staff
General Committees

Travelers:

Dan Pihlblad & his family in India; will be moving and there are visa concerns
Dottie Blakely
Tom & Kay Wade



The current Zoom Bible study is covering the book of Genesis. Pastor Molly sends out a link before each study so you can easily sign in. Coffee Chat is each Thursday from 6:30pm to 7pm at which time the Bible study begins, 7pm. If the time slot does not work for you, all you need to do is go to YouTube and search Molly Golando the following day. You'll find past and the current study there.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Pastor 9-12 Lenten Soup Supper 5:30	2 Zoom Fellowship 6:30pm Zoom Bible Study 7pm	3	4
5 Choir practice 8:30am 2nd Sunday In Lent	6 8pm AA	7	8 Pastor 9-12 Session Meeting 2:30 Lenten Soup Supper 5:30	9 Zoom Fellowship 6:30pm Zoom Bible Study 7pm	10	11 
12 3rd Sunday In Lent	13 8pm AA	14	15 Pastor 9-12 Lenten Soup Supper 5:30	16 Zoom Fellowship 6:30pm Zoom Bible Study 7pm	17	18 Boy Scout Canned good drive
19 Mission Sunday Knitting @ noon 4th Sunday	20 8pm AA	21	22 Pastor 9-12 Lenten Soup Supper 5:30	23 Zoom Fellowship 6:30pm Zoom Bible Study 7pm	24	25
26 Stone Soup After worship 5th Sunday In Lent	27 8pm AA	28	29 Lenten Soup Supper 5:30	30 Zoom Fellowship 6:30pm Zoom Bible Study 7pm	31	

Don't forget to set your clocks one hour ahead on Saturday, March 11th, before you go to bed.

You don't want to be late for church!

NEWSLETTER

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

To celebrate and continue the work of Christ by ministering to all people, supporting each other as a loving family, and working together in Christian service.