



## WEST HEMPFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**March 2018**

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### **Before the Next Newsletter Arrives or the Cock Crows**

It is hard to fathom that before the next church newsletter hits your email or mailbox, the church will have made the journey through the season of Lent, celebrated Palm Sunday, and born witness to the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus Christ. This last, an event that would blacken the skies of its time and rock the world for all time. After the last Passover meal, which Jesus would share with his closest followers and before being taken away for trial and death, Jesus tells his friend and disciple Peter that Peter would deny Jesus three times before the very next morning (or the time of the cock's crowing). Peter, of course, denies that this could ever happen. Yet, it does happen. Thrice.

Students of art know that, historically, great quantities of oil and ink in the art world have portrayed the myriad events of the biblical saga – from both the old and new testaments. “The Denial of Peter” is one of those events frequently captured on canvas or by quill or charcoal. All of these particular historical works depict Peter as an isolated human being following his denial of Christ. Peter is physically removed from other humans - a solitary figure, others portrayed at a distance. Or Peter is removed from the people right around him – alone in a crowd. This “alone in a crowd” being accomplished by the artist's casting of light and shadow upon him and Peter's own body language – hands up in false innocence or out in explanation, but never touching anyone else. Either way, Peter is depicted apart from all else – because of his own shame and guilt.

None of us, who claim to love Jesus, would want to be in Peter's sandals. Yet, we will be. Maybe before the cock crows (somewhere) tomorrow, but certainly before the next newsletter arrives and Easter morning finds you, we will all have denied Jesus with words, thoughts, deeds...with the things we have done or left undone. However, no artist will commemorate our failure to canvas. No future art student will have to write a paper about the shadow cast upon our lives by our very denial of Christ. It is most unlikely that there will be a moment when a photographer snaps a picture of our shame for posterity. In short, we will not share in the infamy of a Peter – a moment of indescribable hypocrisy caught for the world to see.

The thing we will all share with Peter is the undeserved outpouring of forgiveness and love of our friend, Jesus Christ...even when we deny him. That which separates Peter from everyone else in the artists' portrayals will not separate us from our relationship with Jesus. It cannot because of what Jesus did at Calgary. Peter suffered horribly that first Good Friday and Saturday, not knowing that the Resurrection would mend what Peter had broken. We do know. Our shame and guilt; our denials and dismissals, of the One who dies to save us, will not separate us, but bind us to Jesus, who died for that very reason.

Blessings,

Peggy

## HOLY WEEK

### Sunday, March 25 --- Palm Sunday

Worship at 8:30 & 11:00 AM

### Thursday, March 29 --- Maundy Thursday

Passover Seder at 6:00 PM in the Lobby

Worship at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary

### Friday, March 30 --- Good Friday

Worship at 7:00 PM

**Holy Saturday** – Egg Hunt moved to March 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm

### Sunday, April 1 --- Easter Sunday

Worship at 8:30 & 11:00 AM with Celebration of Holy Communion



## MARCH WORSHIP SCHEDULE

<b>March 4<sup>th</sup></b>	8:30 & 11:00 AM Worship Sunday School
<b>March 11<sup>th</sup></b>	8:30 & 11:00 AM Worship Sunday School Coffee hour
<b>March 18<sup>th</sup></b>	8:30 & 11:00 AM Worship Sunday School
<b>March 25<sup>th</sup></b>	8:30 & 11:00 AM Worship Sunday School



**CAN YOU SAY “YES?”** We all like to be greeted when entering the sanctuary. It is especially important for those who visit our church. If you can be at church a little early to welcome folks in or make sure they have a bulletin and any directions that they need, we have an easy way for you to say “Yes!” to serving the Lord. New greeters and ushers are always welcome. Please call the church office if are willing to welcome!

**THE CHOIR IS HAPPY TO WELCOME NEW MEMBERS IN 2018.** If you like to sing, no matter your skill or experience, please help the choir lead worship and make a joyful noise to the Lord. Choral singing adds significantly to our worship experience. See Tony Greendonner on Sunday morning if you’d like an introduction to the choir life!



**THANK YOU** to Mrs. Virginia DeTesta for donating a freezer to our upstairs kitchen

**THANK YOU WHPC** for another great time together and all who helped set-up, prepare, & clean-up for the Pancake Breakfast!!

## 2018 COMMITTEES

Below is a list of the (co-)chairs and deacons who are members of each committee. **Any member or regular visitor of the church, who would like to help with the work of any of these, is more than welcome.** Contact the chairperson or deacon to inquire about what the committee is doing and how you can help. Actively participating in the life of Christ goes beyond Sunday worship to the many other ways that we minister, serve, and have fellowship. (If you serve on a committee and your name was inadvertently left out, please let Peggy know)

**Building Committee** – Bob Randolph (chair), Wylie Irwin (co-chair), Bert Bartko (deacon), Larry DeTesta (deacon), Bob Edmonds (deacon), Tom Toth, Jon Grinder, John Hilewick

**Christian Education** – Rachael Pritz (elder, chair), Heather Ressler (elder, co-chair), Nikki Mackenzie (deacon), Melissa Wybiral (deacon), Mary Esther DeTesta, Robin Gambino

**Fellowship** – Judy Sturdevant (elder, chair), Nancy Cox (deacon), Larry DeTesta (deacon), Melissa Wybiral (deacon)

**Mission** – Janet Lore (elder, chair), Paul Jackson (elder, co-chair), Toni Hajek (deacon), Jen MacIntosh (deacon), Jeff Siegel (deacon) Jen Mikluscak

**Nominating** –George Valmassoni (elder) Judy Sturdevant (elder) Larry DeTesta (deacon),

**Outreach & Nurture** – Sandy Young (chair), Marge Jackson(deacon), Pam Siegel (deacon) Helen Toms (coordinator)

**Personnel** – Bob Randolph (elder, co-chair) George Valmassoni (elder, co-chair), Peggy Shannon (head of staff), Mona Ray (non-session member)

**Stewardship & Finance** – Deb Immel (elder, chair), Karen Kifer (elder, co-chair), Tony Hladek, Bob Lore (treasurer), Helen Toms (consultant, without vote)

**Worship** –Birdie Grinder (elder, chair), Deb Miller (elder, co-chair) Barbara Hazlett (deacon), Tony Greendonner (music director), Peggy Shannon (pastor) Krissy Ritson ( will be Communion set-up of elements coordinator)

**Clerk of Session** - Karen Kifer (2018)

**Moderator of Deacons** - Larry DeTesta

**Secretary of Deacons** - Toni Hajek

**Treasurer of Deacons** - Allan Immel

**Deacon Card Ministry** - Nancy Cox

Elder Dave Collier - no assignment as of yet, willing to serve anywhere.

## REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS (unless notified)

Deacons – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday each month at 6:30 pm – upstairs kitchen

Mission – 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday each month at 6:30 pm - Narthex

Session – 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday each month at 6:30 pm – upstairs kitchen

Stewardship & Finance – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday each month at 6:30 pm – conference room

Christian Ed. – 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday each month at 6:30 pm – upstairs kitchen

Presbyterian Women’s Association – 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month

Meet in the upstairs kitchen at 10:00 am

Last Tuesday each month at 1pm – upstairs kitchen (lunch prior)

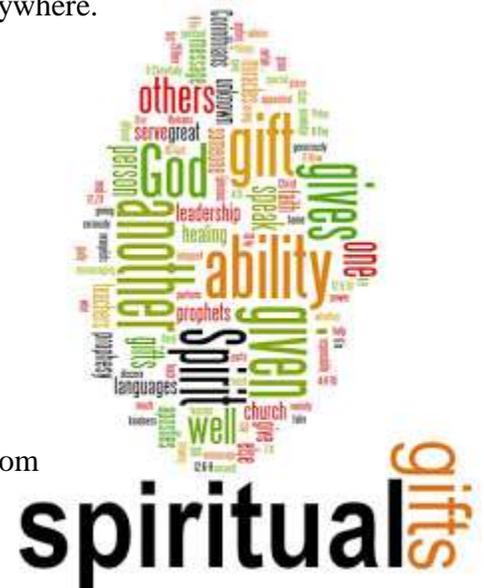
Worship – as needed

Nominating – as needed

Building – as needed **\*Building Committee Meeting: Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM\***

Fellowship – as needed

Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) – Mondays each week



## OPPORTUNITIES FOR HELPING:



**Beverly's Birthdays** is an organization that hosts birthday parties for children who would otherwise NOT have a celebration. Can you imagine, as a child, that your birthday is not an event? Our church volunteers bake cupcakes and decorate them. We also provide items for goody bags. Undecorated cupcakes are needed and will be decorated on **MARCH 28<sup>th</sup> at 10am**. What a way to serve and make a very special child happy!

**Food 2 Go 4 Kids** is our partnership with West Hempfield Elementary School. We help them provide bags of food for around 70 children to take home with them on the weekend. This assures that no child will go hungry without the safety net of school breakfasts and lunches. Food items are donated. Volunteers at church gather in the upstairs kitchen to separate and count the food, and pack the bags. Counters are needed (those pesky Pop Tarts come in all size packages).

- **Food packing is March 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30**
- Caring volunteers do this every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month
- Contact Janet Lore or Jen MacIntosh to find out more about either program. Their contact information is in the directory



## HAITI MISSION ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER

WHPC gives monthly support to a children's school in Haiti. The annual spaghetti dinner is an important fundraiser so that we can continue our giving. Everyone is welcome to help. **Meatball making will be March 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. The dinner is March 10<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-6:30 PM.** Lots of helping hands have made this a huge success in the past. Can you help this year? Contact the church office or sign-up on the volunteer bulletin board outside the sanctuary.

The meal includes spaghetti and meatballs, a salad bar, bread, dessert, and a drink

Cost is \$5 for children (3-12), under 3 eat free, \$8 for adults

Carry-out will be available.

**March 10<sup>th</sup> – 4:00-6:30 in Fellowship Hall**

Chinese Auction of Gift Baskets



West Hempfield 2018 Food Bank Dates

**FOOD BANK VOLUNTEERS!**

**May 19, 2018 and August 18, 2018 from 9:00-11:30 AM**

## CHRISTIAN ED



**EGG HUNT:** Easter Candy Donations Needed: We are in search of individually wrapped candy to fill our plastic eggs for the **BIG HUNT!** All donations are needed in by **March 17<sup>th</sup>**. Candy can be placed in the empty bin located outside sanctuary doors, under the bulletin board. **Egg Stuffing will be held on March 18<sup>th</sup> after the 11:00 service.** Thank you for your support!

**VBS:** The Christian Education Committee is also in search of volunteers who would like to participate in vacation bible study. This year VBS is scheduled for the week of **June 11-15 from 6 to 8pm**. If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering, please register at [www.westhempfieldpc.org](http://www.westhempfieldpc.org) or email Rachael Pritz at [rachlynn5680@yahoo.com](mailto:rachlynn5680@yahoo.com) Thank you!!

## PWA EASTER CANDY SALE

The PWA Candy Sale begins Sunday, **March 11<sup>th</sup> and continues through March 25<sup>th</sup>**. Please see the display after Sunday services or stop by the church office between 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM for assistance. The candy is delicious and beautifully hand-crafted. What a treat for your Easter baskets. Thank you for supporting the PWA!

There are still a few **PWA PIES** left from their sale. Call the church office to put your name on your choice.



**MARCH 11<sup>th</sup> Coffee Hour following both worship services is provided by the Choir.**

**GET CREATIVE:** Once again we will have a **Chinese Auction** during the spaghetti dinner. Tickets are purchased as guests enter and winning tickets will be drawn at 6:15. If you would like to donate a basket, Heather Manhart is the contact person at 412-508-1967 or in the office during work hours. In the past there have been pasta dinner baskets, kid friendly baskets, movie night baskets, gardening baskets, bath & body baskets, etc. What would YOU like to win?



**SING! SING! SING!** In 2013, the Presbyterian Church published its first new hymnal in decades. Our church hymnals are more than 20 years old and need replacement. A generous memorial gift in the name of Olga Havlicsek, earmarked for music, will pay for the initial cost of 120 hymnals, the software to project the music & words onto the screens, plus the accompanist's book. As excited as we are to be updating the musical part of worship, we will weed out the old hymnals slowly, keeping the songs we love as well as learning some new songs. At the appropriate time, you will be permitted to keep a copy of an old hymnal. The remainder will be disposed of properly, first being offered to other churches at no cost. If you would like to purchase a hymnal

in honor or memory of someone, the cost is \$25 per hymnal and a name plate will be placed inside the hymnal(s). You may make a donation of any size to defer the cost of the software if you wish. Please send your donation by check to the office or place it in an offering plate on Sunday mornings by April 1, 2018. Please make one of the following notes on your check memo line:

1. "For hymnal(s) in honor of \_\_\_\_\_"
2. "For hymnal(s) in memory of \_\_\_\_\_"
2. "Hymnal(s) – no dedication"



- March 3 – Jake Gilmartin
- March 4 – Connor Wybiral
- March 5 – Paul Jackson
- March 9 – Debbie Miller
- March 11 – Janet Vandermer
- March 14 – Matt Porterfield
- March 16 – Marion MacIntosh
- March 19 – Cameron Mackenzie
- March 21- Mary Porterfield
- March 24 – Ruth Uhlig
- March 24 – Barbara Davis
- March 25 – Nancy Stepinsky
- March 27 – Joyce Edmonds
- March 28 – Sam Joseph
- March 28 – Wylie Irwin
- March 28 – Pat Smith

If you have a March birthday, and we've missed you – PLEASE, let the office know!

**EASTER FLOWER  
ORDERS DUE WITH  
PAYMENT BY MARCH  
20<sup>th</sup>, 2018**



If you would like to order a flower for yourself, in honor of or in memory of another, complete the form below and place it, along with your payment in the offering plate or in the office. We will decorate the sanctuary with them for Easter, then you may take what you purchased. Thank you!

Flower	How many?	Cost:
6 ½" Pot Easter Lilies (White – 1 stem, 3 blooms)	_____	\$9.50
6 ½" Pot Tulips (Assorted Colors)	_____	\$9.00
10" Pot Large Lilies (White – 3 Stem, 24"-30" tall)	_____	\$32.00

Your Name:

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In Memory/Honor of (circle one):

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*Please print legibly. Thank you!*

*One Great Hour of Sharing*

One Great Hour of Sharing is an annual offering of the PCUSA. The Presbyterian Mission Agency used all the monies from this offering toward the development of people and communities around the world. Every PCUSA church takes part in this mission effort. Below is a guide – we’re keeping marriage in prayer and a suggestion for your offering.



Fish banks are available at the back of the sanctuary. *They will be collected on Palm Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>.*

**March 2018**

				1 Please deposit 10 cents for each birthday you've celebrated	2 Please deposit 5 cents for everyone you say "hello" to today	3 Please deposit 10¢ for each TV show watched per week
4 Please deposit 10 cents for every hour you sleep	5 Please deposit 10¢ for every room in your house	6 Please deposit 50¢ for every box of cereal in your house	7 Please deposit 50¢ for each cookbook that you own	8 Please deposit 10¢ for each door in your house	9 Please deposit \$1 for every child that you have	10 Please deposit 50¢ for each dress/suit you own
11 Please deposit 5 cents for every plate in your kitchen	12 Please deposit 10¢ for every item currently on your shopping list	13 Please deposit 50¢ for every bed in your house	14 Please deposit 10¢ for each letter in your name	15 Please deposit 5¢ for each movie that you own	16 Please deposit 50¢ for each set of stairs in your house	17 Please deposit 5¢ for each light in your house
18 Please deposit 50 cents for every vehicle in your household	19 Please deposit 10¢ for each pair of scissors in your house	20 Please deposit 5¢ for every window in your house	21 Please deposit 10¢ for every picture hanging on your walls	22 Please deposit 10¢ for each medicine bottle in your cabinet	23 Please deposit 50 cents for every bed in your home	24 Please deposit 10 cents for every trip to the grocery store
25 Please turn in your fish banks						

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>PWA CANDY SALE:</b> 3/11 3/18 3/25				1	2	3
4 *Communion* 8:30 & 11 Worship Sunday School 9:45am	5 PNC MEETING  DART BALL @ WHPC	6 PWA Meeting 10am Daisies 6pm – upstairs kitchen	7 Senior Cards 11-2:30 FOOD 2 GO 4 KIDS 6:30PM Men’s Bible Study 7pm	8 SCOUTS 6PM  S&F Meeting, 6:30pm	9 <i>Meatball Making Party 6pm – upstairs kitchen Set up for Spaghetti Dinner – around 7pm</i>	10 <i>Spaghetti Dinner 4-6:30pm Fellowship Hall Take-Out Available</i>
11 <b>Coffee Hour</b> 8:30 & 11 Worship Sunday School 9:45am <b>*PWA CANDY SALE*</b>	12 PNC MEETING  DART BALL @ WHPC	13 <b>VOTING IN FELLOWSHIP HALL DEACONS MEETING 6:30PM NAMI 7PM</b>	14 Senior Cards 11-2:30  Men’s Bible Study 7pm	15	16	17  SCOUTS BANQUET IN FELLOWSHIP HALL Set up 10am
18 8:30 & 11 Worship Sunday School 9:45am <b>*PWA Candy Sale*</b> Building Mtg. 10am Egg stuffing after 11am worship	19 PNC MEETING  DART BALL @ NORWIN ALLIANCE	20 <b>EASTER FLOWER ORDERS DUE!!</b>	21 Senior Cards 11-2:30 FOOD 2 GO 4 KIDS 6:30PM Men’s Bible Study 7pm Christian Ed Meeting 6:30pm	22  SCOUTS 6PM	23  <b>SESSION REPORTS DUE!!</b>	24  <b>EASTER EGG HUNT 1PM - SANCTUARY</b>
25 Palm Sunday 8:30 & 11 Worship Sunday School 9:45am <b>*PWA CANDY SALE*</b>	26 PNC MEETING  DART BALL @ CIRCLEVILLE	27 SESSION 6:30PM  PWA Charity Circle 1pm-church	28 Senior Cards 11-2:30 Beverly’s Birthday’s Decorating @ 10am Men’s Bible Study 7pm	29  MAUNDY THURSDAY Seder 6PM Service 7PM	30  GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE 7PM	31