

From the Pastor

March 2019

### Lent and Easter

This year, 2019, Easter Sunday will be April 21. This means that the 40 day season of preparation which we call Lent will begin on Wednesday, March 6. That day, "Ash Wednesday" is traditionally observed as a fast day and received its name from the custom of marking a worshiper's forehead with ashes to signify repentance. (There are actually 46 days between March 6 and April 20, but the 6 Sundays are not counted because they are feast, not fast, days.)

As in years past, we have several special opportunities for worship and study during this time: Wednesdays, March 13 through April 16

10 am-12pm, a study sponsored by the Women of Hebron Lutheran Church. Sunday, April 14, 10 am, Morning Worship observing Palm/Passion Sunday. Thursday, April 18, 6 pm, Maundy Thursday meal and Communion in the Fellowship Hall. Sunday, April 21, 6:30 am, Ecumenical Worship sponsored by the Ministerial Association. 10 am, Morning Worship celebrating the Resurrection of the Lord. One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

### Watch for further details in the weekly bulletins and the April newsletter.

The Women of Hebron Lutheran Church again invite all to share in their Lenten Bible Study. This year's subject is *Women in the Bible*. The study is held at Hebron Church each Wednesday from 10 am to 12 pm, from March 13 through April 16. Pastors of various local congregations provide the leadership and the study has become a wonderful setting for learning while enjoying fellowship with a diverse group of women and men.

### **Corporation of Madison Presbyterian Church**

The Board of Directors of Madison Presbyterian Church, Incorporated held its organizational meeting for 2019 immediately following the February 12 Session Meeting. Elder Mike Willis was elected President. Session Clerk Bettie Berry will serve as Secretary and Congregational Treasurer Allan McLearen will continue as Treasurer of the Corporation. The Board is composed of the Elders currently active on the Session as per the Bylaws.

#### **Daylight Savings**

Don't forget that Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 10!!!

## Save the Date

## Sunday, April 28th Immediately following the Church service

# Potluck luncheon to celebrate John's retirement.

## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

## The Session held its Stated Meeting on February 12, 2019

## Treasurer's Report

The January financial report totals for income and spending were as follows:

	YTD (actual)	YTD (budget)		
Income	\$ 19,217	\$ 9 <i>,</i> 817		
Expense	\$ 19,612	\$ 11,208		

## **Team Reports:**

**Witness:** The next special offering will be One Great Hour of Sharing on Easter Sunday, April 21.

**CE:** On March 10, MPC will host a joint youth meeting with Blue Ridge Presbyterian Church for a pizza supper. Bible School with be June 9-12.

**PW:** Session approved the budget for Presbyterian Women.

**Green:** Needs a team Leader. Recertification for Green Congregation is on-going. Earth Day events in the community will be publicized.

Outreach: Plan to do Easter baskets.

**POJ:** Bettie Berry was elected commissioner to attend POJ on February 16<sup>th</sup> at Three Chopt Presbyterian Church.

**Called meeting needed:** Session set February 19<sup>th</sup> for a called meeting to receive Lee Rees into membership and approve baptism for Anneston Rees.

**Approve Statistical Report:** Session approved the 2018 Annual Statistical Report with no objections.

**Committee for Pulpit Supply:** Bobbie Carroll, Frank King, and Sharon Weakley will be the committee for pulpit supply.

### Session Liaison for teams:

Witness- Special Offerings- Bettie Berry

Finance-Mike Willis

Personnel- Mike Willis

Stewardship- Kim Barnes

Building and Grounds- Billy Pattie

Communication

Christian Ed- Bobbi Carroll

Fellowship-Frank King

Green- Rives Wetsel

Presbyterian Women-Sharon Weakley

Care and Support- Kim Barnes

Outreach- Kim Barnes

The next Stated Session Meeting will be held at 7 pm, Tuesday, March 12, 2019.

Madison Presbyterian Church Pastor: John Storey				AERIAN C	10	
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Bill Pattie	Frank King Class of 2020	Bettie Berry, Clerk of the Session	11	ОЩО	H	
Kim Barnes	Sharon Weakley Class of 2021	y		(USN)		
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Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Worship: 10:00 a.m.						
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## Breakfast Buzz Friday March 15th 9:00a.m.

## Our speaker this month will be Jessica Burnside

## The presentation will begin with an introduction to DOGS-East Search and Rescue

and a description of the services they provide. It will cover breeds of dogs on the team and what traits they look for in a search dog compared to a pet. There will be an explanation describing the differences between trailing canines and air-scent canines. An outline of air-scent canine training for large search areas will be presented as well as training methods for teaching canines to communicate their finds. It will conclude with pointers to follow for someone who becomes lost and recommended items to have along on a hike.

*Three things in human life are important: The first is to be kind; the second is to be kind; and* the third is to be kind — Henry James