

First Presbyterian Church

3654 Main St., Mineral Ridge, OH

Our Lenten Journey 2020

Sunday Mornings during Lent

9:15 am Church School for all ages

10:30 am Worship—Monologues and Reflections

11:30 am Fellowship after Worship



Wednesday evenings at First Presbyterian Church

Ash Wednesday, February 26

5:30—6:15pm—Dinner of fish with macaroni and cheese, rolls, and coleslaw.

The food will be kept warm until 6:15, so come when you can.

6:30pm—Service will be held in the sanctuary with Communion and the Imposition of Ashes for those who wish.



Wednesday, March 11, 6:00 pm “Lenten Soup and Service: 2020 Offering of Letters”

Matthew 25 says, “When I was hungry, you gave me something to eat.” Hunger is a real issue in our community, our country, and all around the world. There are things that we can do locally: contribute to our food pantry or Niles Community Services or serve free meals to the community. In addition to what we can do in the Mahoning Valley, we can make our voices heard by writing our congressional representatives and letting them know that we stand with those who are hungry.

Join us on Wednesday, March 11th at 6:00pm for soup and to participate in Bread for the World’s 2020 Offering of Letters campaign. Come to learn more about national and global poverty and hunger issues. Come to advocate for our children and the most vulnerable. Come to fellowship with friends. Come to share a meal with brothers and sisters. Come so you don’t have to cook!

Wednesday date will be announced soon.

5:30—6:15pm—Soup Dinner—Our committees will make a variety of soups.

6:30pm—We will gather in the sanctuary for an evening of music with Eric McClellan.

Sunday mornings at First Presbyterian Church

During the Sundays of Lent, worship will be focused around the monologue series “Help Us to See You” with a different character presenting their story each week, followed by a brief reflection. Each service will include un-lighting of the Lenten candles. Communion will be celebrated on the first Sunday of Lent, March 1.

The Children’s Message each Sunday will highlight the different places our One Great Hour of Sharing offering goes. Our children will collect the offering each week at the beginning of the Children’s time.

Lenten Prayer Wall during Lent

Beginning on Ash Wednesday, you will find a Prayer Wall in the narthex. During the season of Lent, you are invited to deepen your connection with the community and your church family by praying for one another. Write a prayer on a tag and hang it on the wall, you can be as specific or as anonymous as you feel comfortable. Take a prayer tag home and pray for this person or situation each day for that week, then return it to the wall.



Childcare is available at all services.

Mission Projects during Lent

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING WILL BE RECEIVED DURING LENT.

Your gift allows:

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to restore communities around the world affected by natural or human-caused disasters.

Presbyterian Hunger Program to work with Presbyterians and other partners to alleviate hunger and eliminate its causes in this country and internationally and make it possible for all to be fed.

Self-Development of People to affirm the dignity of all by assisting in the empowerment of economically poor, oppressed, and disadvantaged people.



Our goal this year is \$1,500.

MISSION PROJECT—"40 DAYS—40 ITEMS"



Everyone that wishes will receive a large trash bag and instructions to daily remove one piece of clothing from their closets that they want to donate. When the 40 days of Lent conclude, please donate them to a charity of your choice or bring them to church for the Deacons to donate to Niles Community Services.

LENTEN PRAYER BANNERS

Our 2020 Lenten journey will have us thinking about where we see Jesus all around us. Matthew 25 reminds us that in loving and serving our neighbors, we are loving and serving Jesus. As a way to help us remain focused on looking for God at work around us, our sanctuary will be decorated with four interactive banners. Thinking about our theme, "Help us to see you" we will be invited to write our observations and prayers on these banners as we look for God- in our lives, in our church, in our world, and in our neighbor. We will begin using the banners as part of our Ash Wednesday service and they will remain up through Easter.



OTHER ITEMS FOR MISSION

FREE COMMUNITY BREAKFAST— Our church will serve as the location for a March 28 breakfast, much like the one we hosted at Christmas. Our neighbors at Ohltown United Methodist Church will cook and serve the breakfast from 9-11 am that morning. What an opportunity for us to fellowship and eat with members of our community!

EASTER GIFT BAGS—Our Deacons will be putting together Easter treat bags for any children who attend the Community Breakfast. Check the March Church Mouse for more details on what you might be able to help us collect!

EASTER EGGS—We will again be collecting filled plastic Easter eggs this year for our 70 friends in the first grade at Seaborn Elementary. Make sure the candy you put inside the eggs is wrapped and is gluten and peanut free to account for children's allergies. Some examples are: Smarties/Sweet Tarts, Jolly Rancher candies, Bubble gum, Skittles. There are many others, but please check the ingredients list!

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2020 LENTEN SCHEDULE



Childcare is available at all services.



The church will be open daily from 8am-4pm and before and after the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services for participants to connect with God through a series of guiding prayer stations that will be set up in the lounge.

Palm Sunday—April 5

9:15am Church School for all ages
10:30am Morning worship will begin with a joyous procession into the sanctuary.
11:30am Fellowship in Fellowship Hall



Maundy Thursday—April 9

6:00pm Worship with an Agape Feast and Communion in Fellowship Hall



Good Friday—April 10

7:30pm Worship—This is a service of shadows. Special music provided by Anita Miller and Eric McClellan.



Easter—April 12 — "Hallelujah, Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen, Indeed!"

8:30am Early Worship—Communion
9:15am Breakfast in Fellowship Hall
10:00am Outdoor celebration- Release of Doves
10:30am Worship—Communion

