



Desert Pulpit - Elko Nevada

**Happy
Easter**

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Sunday Schedule

9:00 Sunday School for all ages
 10:15 Worship Service

Church Office Hours

Monday thru Thursday
 8:30 am - 3:00 pm
 Fridays
 8:30 am to 1:00 pm

Adult Choir Practice

7:15 pm Thursday

Easter is a BIG Day

Easter is a BIG day, right? It's the defining moment for the church, the celebration of **Life overcoming death!** But the white of Easter can only be seen when it is contrasted with the dark background of our lives--the darkness of sin.

There, I said it. The word nobody wants to hear. But the darkness of our sin is what we confront and confess during this season of repentance that leads up to Easter. It's what makes Easter a day of celebration, a season of gratitude that **God chooses to forgive our sins!**

Jesus told a story about two men who were forgiven their financial debts--one a little, and one a LOT. He states that the one who was forgiven much would love much. As we appreciate Easter, allow yourself to ponder those things for which you have received forgiveness--the darkness overcome by Christ's light. Then come and celebrate on Easter--celebrate the Light of Christ shining into your life!

Faithfully,

Pastor Pat

Sermon Titles and Scripture Readings for April

April 3	"Children of Light"	Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41
April 10	Tyler Gunter will be preaching	
April 17	"The King on a Donkey"	Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 Matthew 21:1-11
	Palm Sunday	
April 24	"The Glory Revealed"	Colossians 3:1-4, Acts 10:34-43
	Easter Sunday	

Director of Family Ministries

Happy April!

April brings Spring Break, Jews for Jesus presentation, the PW rummage sale, the Maundy Thursday service, and Easter Sunday. We will have an Easter Egg hunt for the children in between the 8:30 and 10:15 services. For a full list of activities and times, please check the calendar or you can check our website www.elkofirstpres.org

For the next month the T.W.C, (Teens working for Christ) youth group will be fundraising for World Vision's 30-hour famine. We will participate in the famine on May 6-7, and be conducting the worship service on May 8th, Mother's Day. This is one of our youth's favorite events. They raise money, go hungry for 30 hours and do some community service. We also have fun! They will be given a wrist band on Thursday night to remind them that their last meal is their lunch on Friday. We will meet at 6pm on Friday at the church until 6pm Saturday. We are again asking the congregation to come at 6pm on Saturday with soup and bread to help break our fast. We will share with you some of the things we learned about hunger, on Saturday night and Sunday morning.

This year the youth will be raising money with "the Purple Potty." This is how it works: We paint an old toilet purple and for \$5 you can send the potty to the yard of your choosing, \$10 gets it removed from your yard—and you get to pick the next destination, \$15 buys potty "insurance". If you would like to help us to "flush" out hunger please see any of our youth and they will be able to help or call Charlyn 738-3430 or 934-3593.

We will also be in the fellowship hall after worship every Sunday until our event.

Thank you for helping us to help others! Also we are looking for large cardboard boxes. Our theme this year is Haiti and we are going to build a cardboard city which many people lived in right after the quake.

Remember if you know of any 4th, 8th or graduating seniors or college students, please contact Charlyn, We are getting ready for promotion Sunday. **Also Senior parents**, I need your pictures, ASAP. Promotion Sunday: May 22.

Vacation Bible School will be August 1-5, 2011. We will start looking for teachers, leaders and helpers soon. so think about helping to grow the young hearts of our community towards God.

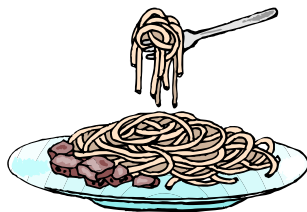
There are NO Youth Activities on Sunday April 3 and NO Kids' Club or Youth Night on Thursday, April 7 as Charlyn will be out of town for Spring Break.

Reminder: Turn in One Great Hour of Sharing Fish Banks on Palm Sunday April 17.

Calling all Children! We need you to help to carry the palms into the sanctuary on Palm Sunday. Meet in the Narthex before the service to receive your palms and you can carry your banks at the same time.

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ReSurge International (formally Interplast) **Lunch**
Sunday, April 10, 2011



The Mission Committee would like to invite you to have lunch with us on **Sunday, April 10**, after worship services in the Fellowship Hall. We will be serving a Spaghetti lunch with salad, garlic bread, and a dessert. Our focus this year is shipping NO/NO's to clinics already established by ReSurge International in Asia and South America. So all donations will go toward shipping this year. Ken Becker, a ReSurge International volunteer, who is in charge of the No/No program, will match any money we raise. So this is a wonderful opportunity for us to make a real difference for children with cleft palettes. All the No/No's made this year will be shipped out on April 11, 2011. Please have all completed No/No's back to church by April 10. Mary Dee has an Olivewood Cross and Olivewood box she brought back from Israel last year that will be auctioned off during the Spaghetti Lunch. Thank you so much for making this such a rewarding mission project.

Submitted by Mary Dee Norris

Esther Circle

ESTHER Circle will meet on Thursday, April 21st in the Parlor at 1:00 PM. We are listening to a DVD on Revelation for our Bible Study. All women of the Church are invited to attend. Call Mary Dee Norris at 744-2554 for information.

Joy Circle

JOY Circle will meet on Monday, April 11th at 7 PM in the Parlor. We **will not** be working from the Revelations Bible Study, but watching, listening & responding to the DVD series on Revelations. Devotions are by Ann Haglund and Jill Phillips has refreshments.

Submitted by Ann Haglund

RUMMAGE SALE



Will be held **Friday, April 15, 2011 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm and Saturday, April 16 from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. You can bring your donated items starting **Monday April 11, 2011** during regular church hours. ***No large appliances, please.*** If anyone has donated items to be picked up, please call the church at 738-3430 for more information on pick up times.

Church Hours are:

Monday thru Thursday: 8:30 am - 3:00 pm

Fridays: 8:30 am to 1:00 pm

Easter Lily Poem

Easter morn with lilies fair
 Fills the church with perfumes rare,
 As their clouds of incense rise,
 Sweetest offerings to the skies.
 Stately lilies pure and white
 Flooding darkness with their light,
 Bloom and sorrow drift away,
 On this holy hallow'd day.
 Easter Lilies bending low
 in the golden afterglow,
 Bear a message from the sod
 To the heavenly towers of God.

By Louise Lewin Matthews

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Easter Lily History

Dating back to Biblical lore, the lily is mentioned numerous times in the Bible. One of the most famous Biblical references is in the Sermon on the Mount, when Christ told his listeners: "Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they toil not, neither do they spin; and yet..... Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these."

Often called the "white-robed apostles of hope," lilies were found growing in the Garden of Gethsemane after Christ's agony. Tradition has it that the beautiful white lilies sprung up where drops of Christ's sweat fell to the ground in his final hours of sorrow and deep distress. Churches continue this tradition at Easter time by banking their altars and surrounding their crosses with masses of Easter Lilies, to commemorate the resurrection of Jesus Christ and hope of life everlasting.

A mark of purity and grace throughout the ages, the regal white lily is a fitting symbol of the greater meaning of Easter. Gracing millions of homes and churches, the flowers embody joy, hope and life.



Sports Fans!!!

Did you know that Team Presbyterian, your Volleyball Team, is having a winning season this year? Team members include Dan Jones, Travis Anderson, Megan Tibbals, Mary Suing, Susan Merschel, Matt Jones, Mike Jones, and Jan Baum. They play on Tuesdays at the Indian Colony Gym. Come cheer them on! They will play at 8PM on March 29, 8PM on April 5, 7PM and 8PM on April 12, and 6PM and 7PM on April 19.

Lily Orders

Order forms for Easter Lilies will be in the Sunday bulletins starting April 3. Order forms will be due back to the office by April 18, 2011. Order one or more Lilies in Memory of loved ones or in Honor of loved ones.



April Easter Schedule

- ★ April 17 - Palm Sunday, Holy Week begins
 - ★ One Great Hour of Sharing
- ★ April 21 - Maundy Thursday Services at 7:00 pm
- ★ April 22 - Good Friday - **OFFICE CLOSED**
- ★ April 23 - Beeping Easter Egg Hunt from 9:00 am to 12:00
- ★ April 24 - Easter Sunday
 - ★ 6:30 Sunrise Service
 - ★ 8:30 Worship Service
 - ★ 10:00 Easter Egg Hunt on the Lawn



SOUP SUPPER

Jews for Jesus

On Wednesday, April 6, 2011 there will be a soup supper at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. A Passover Presentation will be held in the Sanctuary immediately following the soup supper. Contact Pat Harrington at 397-3013, Patty Fisk at 738-2096 or Judi Boyce at 738-8242 for more information.



Rev. Ralph C. Bolin Scholarship

Applications are now available for the Reverend Ralph C. Bolin Scholarship. Scholarship forms can be picked up at church office or on the church website. The applications must be hand delivered or received in the mail by noon, **April 15th, 2011**. All applications have to be submitted complete in one envelope. Directions are included in the form. If you have any questions, please contact Ann Haglund at 738-7072.

In the News

- **Julie Stefka** was student of the week at Elko High School.
- **Doris Toothman** of the Lamoille Women's Club presented a donation to BrightPath.
- **Cassi Van Slyke, Nichole Delbridge, Shelby Delbridge, Alisa Culp, Nicki Cuthbertson** and **Rebecca King** of the Spring Creek High School's High Expectation Choir performed 'Celebrate America' on KNPB Public Television.
- **Dan & Carolee Jones** attend the wedding of their daughter **Chelsea Jones** to Stephen Robert Burrows. **Aaron Jones, Kevin Jones** and **Nathan Jones** were groomsmen.
- **Bill Nisbet** with the Elko Flag Foundation participated in The President's Day fundraiser to keep Elko's giant U.S. Flag waving.
- **Lee Gago** and **Pastor Pat Mecham** helped celebrate the groundbreaking ceremony for Habitat for Humanity held on March 6, 2011.
- **Jared Fisk** placed 13th in the 100 butterfly during the Nevada State Short Course Championships in Carson City.
- **Mary Tomera** and **Garrett Tomera**, members of the Mound Valley 4-H, turned in record books to be judged during the Elko County Achievement night.
- **John Cavaness** along with other workers at Barrick Gold Cortez Mine received a safety champion award.
- **Shirley Knapp** and **Ralph Gamboa** took third place in the Elko Bridge Club event.
- **Susie Jones, Pat Harrington** and **Clarice Gamboa** participated in the World Day of prayer held on March 4 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church.
- **Billie Crapo** helped welcome the Studio C Salon as they joined the Elko Area Chamber of Commerce.
- A benefit dinner, auction fundraiser for Mark Porter was held at the **Presbyterian Church** on March 5, 2011.
- **Alyson Freitag** was among the Elko students to compete in the Rotary Club annual student speech contest held on February 23.
- **Jared Fisk** competed in the Nevada State Short Course Swimming Championships in Carson City.
- **Erin Mecham** was one of Elko High School Choraliers selected for the Nevada All State Choir.
- **Nicole Delbridge** from Spring Creek High School Select Choir performed at Carnegie Hall in New York.
- **Floyd Fisk, Jared Fisk, Katie Kumb** and **Alex Smith** participated in this years' Annual Elko Triathlon.
- **Katie Kumb** participated in the Triple jump with a score of 27-8 during the recent tract meet.
- Elko County Art Club Art Gallery named **Becky Kerna** Artist of the month.

T G I S

(Take Groceries In Sunday)



Spring Clean

Help others clean! During the month of April, the Mission Committee will be collecting cleaning products which will be distributed to local non-profit organizations. Please place your donations in the box in front of the church office.

Thank you for your donations!

'When they call to me, I will answer them.'

– Psalm 91:15

Earthquake. Tsunami. Nuclear meltdown. Any one of these disasters could be catastrophic. Rescue efforts continue in Japan following the March 11 tsunami and earthquake and the growing nuclear crisis. Thousands have been confirmed dead, tens of thousands are missing, and hundreds of thousands have been evacuated.

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is responding through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) and our ecumenical and mission partners. Already, \$100,000 from the One Great Hour of Sharing offering has been sent to provide immediate relief.

While Japan is among the world's most advanced countries, the damage caused by the unprecedented scale of these multiple disasters is beyond imagination. Stay informed through the PDA website and Rapid Information Network e-mail reports.

PRAY — Join with others in lifting up the people of Japan and those providing aid.

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**Life is too short for us to do everything we want to do; but it is long enough
 for us to do everything God wants us to do.unknown source**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

04/02	Kristi Glass
04/07	Tyler Creek
04/09	Kelly Hobbs
04/10	Matt Thiel Sr.
04/10	Taj Gray
04/12	Gladys Burns
04/12	Patty Fisk
04/13	Doris Toothman
04/15	Ben Brownlee
04/15	Michael Boyce
04/17	Alice Babcock
04/17	Larry Plumb
04/18	Brett Pearson
04/19	Kim Bolin
04/19	Cooper Cavaness
04/23	Josh Hays
04/24	Shawn Cavaness
04/29	Marilyn Pennington
04/30	Trenton Freitag

Fellowship Hour

April 3 Liz Better, Loretta Reed, Janet Webb, Tyler & Julie Vincent, Frances Schain, Kathy Reyes.

April 10 Buck & Judi Boyce, Andrew & Renee Crouch, Nick & Josephine Atiemo, Heather Wines, Kevin & Kristi Tomera, Debbie Schorsch.

April 17 John & Shawn Cavaness, Rob & Sonja Brownlee, Tom & Susan Merschel, Alice Babcock, James, Tim & Sally Winsley, Linda Trontel.

April 24 8:30 service
 Pat & Melissa Mecham, Joan Zunino, Bill & Ann Nisbet, Kevin & Pat Harrington, Bill & Janet Strickland, Mark & Charlyn Van Slyke.

10:15 service
 Glen & Casey Guttry, Tyler & Amber Vavak, Betsy Basso, Vern & Julie Blessing, Mike & Jan Baum, Enid Zunino

(If you change coffee hours, please call the church office.)

Coffee and Cookies are served in the Fellowship Hall after Worship Service.

Everyone Welcome!!