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Tom's Corner

.O how time flies. March is already upon us, as we'll soon be entering into 'Lent' on Wednesday March 1st. That evening at 7:00 pm there will be a special 'Ash Wednesday' service with a new flair to it. It is called 'Taize' worship. 'Taize' is an ecumenical inter-spiritual community that started in 'Taize' France in the 1940's. Brother Roger Schutz, a Reformed Protestant, started the movement and soon both Catholics and Protestants became involved in this ecumenical movement.

'Taize Worship' can best be described as a series of 'short chants' that are sung by those gathered, and then there are periods of meditation and scripture reading that are interspersed between the singing of the chants. Overall 'Taize' is a contemplative and meditative type of worship in which one can go away with a sense of peace and oneness with our Lord *Jesus*.

I was first introduced to 'Taize' in seminary years ago in San Anselmo, CA. Then during my last call in Uniontown, PA that congregation practiced it weekly during Lent. I encourage all of you to come with an open mind to this first service of our Lenten Journey together at 1st Presbyterian Church. Do invite a friend to come to this new kind of worship service as we enter this most 'holy time' in our Christian Faith. And also remember that there'll still be an imposition of ashes on one's forehead or hand as part of the regular tradition practiced on Ash Wednesday.

God's blessings to all of you as we grow together in our Christian faith and witness to a world who desperately needs *Jesus* in their lives. Stand strong in the faith as we journey together in God's present and future Kingdom. My prayers go with each of you and your loved ones.

God's Peace,

Rev. Tom Holslag – Interim pastor

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Director of Family Ministries



Thank you to everyone who supported the Youth Group in their Souperbowl of Caring!
\$513.00 and a shopping cart full of food were raised and given to CADV Harbor House

Thank you!

It's Purple Potty Month: The youth group will be passing the purple potties around throughout the month of March. If you do not wish to be eligible to receive the purple potty, "Potty Insurance" will be available to purchase in the Fellowship Hall after worship each Sunday. All proceeds will be given to "World Vision" in conjunction with the 30 Hour Famine and used to feed starving children.

Prices are as follows: \$5.00 Send the Potty to a Friend

\$10.00 Remove from Your Yard and Send to a Friend

\$20.00 Potty Insurance

If you send the potty to someone who is not a part of our church, please notify them that we're coming.

Nursery: Babies 6 weeks to 3 years old

Session has asked the Youth Group to paint the windows in the nursery to provide privacy, as well as keeping the sun from heating that room so much in the summer. The thermostat that controls the classrooms across from the office is in the nursery and when the sun shines so bright in that room it makes the air conditioning kick on and freeze the other classrooms just to keep the nursery from being too hot.

Children's Church: Children 4 years through 2nd grade

On March 26th we will be passing out the "One Great Hour of Sharing" fish banks during the Children's Message. The children will bring their fish banks back on Palm Sunday April 9th.

Confirmation Class: 5th Grade through 12th Grade

Reverend Tom and Melissa are team-teaching confirmation classes and it's going great! We have three participants who will be given the opportunity to join into church membership on Easter Sunday.

Youth Group: Kids 6th grade through college

March 4th the Youth Group will resume our monthly cooking for Underdog Street Ministries and serve the food to people experiencing homelessness the following day after worship.

Our youth group meets Sunday afternoons after worship and Tuesday nights at 6:00 at the church.

College/Young Adults: Kids out of high school through 25 years old

Our college kids and young adults meet at Charlyn's house on Wednesdays at 5:30 for fun, fellowship, and food. Charlyn provides a main course and invites people to bring a food to share.

Who's Doing What In March:

	<u>Children's Sunday School</u>	<u>Children's Message</u>	<u>Children's Church</u>
March 5	Sally Winsley	Becky Schaffner	Malissa Bisson
March 12	Heather Norero	Melissa Fonder	Alisa Culp
March 19	Becky Schaffner	Heather Norero	Heather Norero
March 26	Sally Winsley	Emily Fonder	Becky Schaffner

Love and Blessings, Melissa Fonder



**PRESBYTERIAN
DISASTER ASSISTANCE**

OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

January 2017

*As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves
with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.
Colossians 3:12*

Dear Friends:

I recently received a note from a colleague who serves as the pastor of the Presbyterian congregation in Kirkuk, Iraq. He was writing to thank the PCUSA for its prayers and support in the wake of the July bombing in a Baghdad marketplace that killed more than 300 persons. He said, *your prayers and concerns are deeply appreciated and very much needed and welcomed. Indeed the most recent attacks in Baghdad were a devastating blow to a community already reeling from much pain and sorrow. What's most saddening, however, is how desensitized we have become to such horrific actions ...* He went on to describe how important it is for the church to stand up in the face of evil or suffering to proclaim good news and *help those whom the Lord sends our way.* He concluded: *The Lord is good, and always will be. We nonetheless want to ask for your continued prayers, support, and care -- your love and generous support is a reminder that our friends in the West have not forgotten us or our plight.*

Pastor Haitham's words—spoken in the midst of the challenges of wartime in Iraq—are echoed in the words of countless other neighbors in need here in the US and across the world, who receive grants for the repair and healing of their communities that are only possible because you have not forgotten their plight. In South Sudan, church leaders are able to provide desperately needed food, hygiene, and shelter for thousands displaced by violence and famine. In the Philippines, people whose livelihoods were destroyed by Super typhoon Haiyan are learning new trades, reestablishing farms, and stabilizing their families' lives. In Lebanon and Syria, children in refugee camps are again attending school and brave families who are trying to stay in their country are returning to renovated apartments in the battered city of Homs. In South Carolina and Texas, flooded homes are mucked out, volunteer work teams are joining hands to rebuild, and the most vulnerable of our neighbors are seeing their dignity and hope restored.

Thank God, you have not become desensitized by the magnitude of needs arising out of disaster and conflict, but instead, you have been filled with a spirit of hope and generosity. Your generous gift(s) given to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to support emergency and disaster response in the United States and around the world helps bring the presence of Christ to a broken and hurting world and enables PDA to support the vision and work of recovery of those who are most affected when chaos strikes. We thank you.

With deepest appreciation,

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TAKE UP THE CROSS FOLLOW JESUS

Ash Wednesday.....Psalm 51:1-7
Repent of your sins

Thursday.....Luke 9:51-56
Moving toward the cross

Friday.....Matthew 16:24-26
Take up your cross

Saturday.....1 Corinthians 1:18-25
We preach Christ crucified

MOVING IN FAITH BELIEVE IN JESUS

Sunday.....2 Corinthians 5:6-8
Walk by faith

Monday.....Ephesians 2:8-10
Saved by faith

Tuesday.....John 3:16-17
Believe in the Son

Wednesday.....Galatians 2:15-16
Justified by faith

Thursday.....Romans 5:1-5
Peace through faith

Friday.....Philippians 1:27-30
Stand firm in faith

Saturday.....Hebrews 11:1-3
The assurance of faith

MOVING IN STRENGTH BE STRONG IN THE LORD

Sunday.....1 Corinthians 1:26-31
Strength in weakness

Monday.....2 Corinthians 12:7-10
Christ's strength in you

Tuesday.....Ephesians 6:10-18
Put on the armor of God

Wednesday.....Psalm 27:1-4
The Lord is my salvation

Thursday.....Exodus 15:1-6
The Lord is mighty

Friday.....Ephesians 3:14-21
A prayer for strength

Saturday.....Psalm 28:8-9
The Lord is my strength

MOVING IN LOVE GOD IS LOVE

Sunday.....1 John 4:7-10
This is love

Monday.....John 13:1-5
Love to the end

Tuesday.....1 Corinthians 13:4-7
Love bears all things

Wednesday.....Romans 5:6-9
God shows his love

Thursday.....1 John 4:18-21
He first loved us

Friday.....1 John 3:1-3
Called children of God

Saturday.....Psalm 6:1-5
God's steadfast love

MOVING IN PEACE LIVE IN JESUS' PEACE

Sunday.....John 14:27
Jesus gives us peace

Monday.....John 16:33
Peace in times of trouble

Tuesday.....Isaiah 26:2-4
Kept in peace

Wednesday.....Philippians 4:4-7
Pray for peace

Thursday.....Romans 15:12-13
Filled with peace

Friday.....1 Thessalonians 5:12-14
At peace with others

Saturday.....2 Thessalonians 3:16
The Lord of peace

MOVING IN SUFFERING CHRIST SUFFERED FOR US

Sunday.....1 Peter 2:21-25
Following in Christ's steps

Monday.....Hebrews 12:1-3
The joy set before you

Tuesday.....1 Peter 4:12-17
The fiery trial

Wednesday.....Matthew 5:10-12
Persecuted for Christ's sake

Thursday.....Isaiah 53:4-6
Christ suffered for us

Friday.....Acts 5:38-42
The disciples suffer

Saturday.....2 Corinthians 1:3-7
Comfort those who suffer

MOVING THROUGH DEATH FROM DEATH TO LIFE

Palm Sunday.....Luke 19:28-40
The Sacrifice enters

Monday.....Psalm 49:7-8, 15
The price of ransom

Tuesday.....Romans 6:3-5
Buried with him in baptism

Wednesday.....Philippians 2:5-11
Obedient unto death

Maundy Thursday.....Luke 22:14-22
The Lamb of God

Good Friday.....John 19:28-30
Jesus dies on the cross

Holy Saturday.....John 19:38-42
A new tomb

MOVING TO VICTORY

Easter Sunday.....Matthew 28:1-10
He has risen!

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MOVING TOWARD THE CROSS



DAILY BIBLE READING FOR LENT

"When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem" (Luke 9:51). Jesus' step carry him ever closer to the cross. During Lent, we walk with our Lord as he takes up his cross for the sake of our salvation.

T G I S

(Take Groceries In Sunday)



Flush Out Hunger in Elko

Help flush out hunger in the Elko area. The Mission Committee is now collecting non-perishable food items to be distributed to local non-profit organizations. Please check the expiration dates on your donations and place them in the box in front of the church office. Thank you for your previous contributions.

Thank you for your help

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The Elko organizing committee of the 2017 World Day of Prayer would like to invite you and your church members to a special prayer service for the Philippines on March 3, 2017, from noon to 1:00 p.m. at the Greater Life Church located on 7th and Juniper streets in Elko. The service will be followed by a sampling of Filipino foods and an opportunity to learn about Filipino culture.

World Day of Prayer is a worldwide interdenominational movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer and action each year on the first Friday in March. Each year the focus is on a different country, and writers from that country have contributed to the service, interpreting the Bible in their own context and lifting up issues of mission, justice and peace that are important to them. Offerings collected during the services are administered by World Day of Prayer national committees to non-profit agencies that deal with the issues identified by the writer-country.

NEWS

- **Joshua Randall**, Son of Cheryl
Randall competed in the Ironman 70.2 competition in Dubai. Josh finished as the No. 1 ranked male in U.S. for males in the 35-39 age group.
- **Kaitlyn McLeod** with the Spring Creek Spartans basketball scored six points in the second quarter of the game between Elko and Spring Creek and finished with a total of eight points.
- **Mark & Leon Menke**. Mark and Leon were featured in the local paper. Mark was the UNR Agricultural Extension Agent for the County. Leon was a School Teacher with a bachelor's degree in education from UNR. Mark and Leon were long time members of the First Presbyterian Church.
- **Lexi Baum** with the Elko High School Indians basketball team, helped win the game against Spring Creek Lady Spartans.

Keys

If you have been issued a key or keys to the church building, you will need to come by the office and sign a form. If you no longer need a key we would appreciate it if you turned in that key so we can re-issue it. Session wants to keep better track of all keys that are being used.

Thank you.

Obituary

Kay Hess passed away on Feb. 14, 2017. Funeral service was held at First Presbyterian Church on Feb. 20. Kay is survived by her husband Dick, five children and ten grandchildren.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR

- 03/05 Becky Schaffner, Becky Nahnacassia, Clarice Gamboa, Heather Norero, Heather Heard
- 03/12 Kathy Reyes, Liz Better, Aida Mathews, Lorelee Justice, Linda Trontel
- 03/19 Jennifer Kidwell, Thompson Family, Charline Hull, Frances Schain, Jan Atkinson
- 03/16 Bev Klem, Guttry Family, B.J. Hurley, Hobbs Family, Hays Family

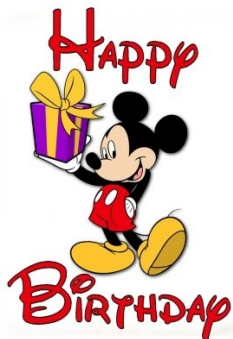


You will also need to help set up and clean up
Everyone Welcome!



BIRTHDAYS

- 03/01 Janet Webb
03/02 Bonnie Hill
03/04 Tyson Schaffner
03/06 Janet Strickland
03/07 James Polkinghorne
03/08 Alisa Culp
03/08 Curtis Jones
03/10 Rebecca Schaffner
03/10 Garrett Tomerra
03/11 Becky Kerna
03/12 Alex Kump



- 03/14 Jerry Cooney
03/21 Becky Nahnacassia
03/23 Jean Powell
03/24 Mavis Morley
03/25 John Daniel
03/24 Barbara Reiersen
03/25 Mary Harper
03/29 Jacob McLeod
03/30 Casey Guttry

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday, a day of fasting, is the first day of Lent in Western Christianity. It occurs 46 days before Easter. Ash Wednesday is observed by many Western Christians. Ash Wednesday services at First Presbyterian Church will be held on March 1 at 7:00 pm.

My family and I thank you all for the cards, prayers and healing thoughts at the passing of my dad, Ed Vollmer, on December 16, 2016. I will be going back and forth to California to help my mom, Betty, but I am not moving. Thank you for your caring and love!
Kim Bolin



Daylight saving time begins **March 12**. Remember to move your clocks forward one hour on Saturday March 11.



Changing of the Seasons
Soup, Salad, Dessert Potluck
on Sunday March 19, 2017.
Bring your favorite dish to share.

March – 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 ASH WED. 9:00 MOPS— Steering 9:00 Tai Chi 9:30 Bible Study 4:30 Cub Scouts 5:30 Choir 6:30 Collage group 7:00 Worship	2 12:00 Al-Alon 5:30 Cub Scouts 5:30 NAMI	3 <i>World Day of Prayer</i>	4 10:00 Youth Cooking for Homeless
5 1st Sunday of Lent 8:30 Choir 9:00 Sunday School New Members Class 10:15 Worship Youth serving the homeless 1:00 Confirmation Classes	6 9:00 Women's Bible Study 5:30 Cub Scouts 6:00 Boy Scouts	7 11:00 Hobby Group 1:00 Hobby Group 5:30 Handbells 6:00 Youth 6:00 Cub Scouts	8 9:00 MOPS 9:00 Tie Chi 9:30 Bible Study 12:30 College Lunch 5:30 Choir 4:30 Cub Scouts 6:30 College Group	9 3:00—8:00 MOPS fundrais- er 12:00 Al-Alon 5:30 Cub Scouts 5:30 NAMI	10 8:00—9:00 MOPS fundraiser	11 8:00—9:00 MOPS fundraiser
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