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Tom's Corner

I recently read an article in the **Herald Standard** entitled “Intelligence advise for the next president: Rocky road ahead.” To quickly summarize what this article said, regardless of who is elected president in the fall, the future of the world will most likely be very problematic moving forward in ways that will radically impact our social, religious, political, economic, and environmental prospects. In other words, those ‘Heads of State’ in the very near future here in America and throughout the world will most likely face the kind of challenges like never before, that have the potential of ripping apart that basic fabric of our civilized world. And I don’t know if you’ve ever seen any of the ‘Mad Max’ movies, including the old ones

starring Mel Gibson and the most recent one that actually won several Academy Awards. But I think part of the purpose of these films was to portray a fictitious and post barren world in which humanity has all but destroyed itself. And for those few survivors’ left, they have resorted to a dog eat dog existence seeing who will be the last to survive through their brutal and horrific violence that they are carrying out on one another.

However, as a Christian I can’t believe that this kind of world will ever come to pass. Fortunately we worship and follow a savior who claims to have overcome the world, regardless of what the future holds in store for us. So no matter how unsettling and fearful the current world might seem, never forget that *Jesus Christ* has overcome the world, and in that we can take comfort and always be at peace.

Continue to fight the good fight, and never forget that our righteousness is in *Jesus* who has overcome the world, and that he’ll never let you go.

In Christ’s service

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Director of Family Ministries



Happy Easter

Thank you to everyone who supported the Youth Group's Purple Potty Fundraiser!
\$686.00 was raised for World Vision in conjunction with our 2017 30-Hour Famine!
Thank you!

Easter

Sunday, April 9 Palm Sunday

9:00am Combined Easter Sunday School in the Sanctuary for Youth, College & Adults
10:15am One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering (and fish collected from children)

Monday, April 10

Lilly Orders Due to the Office

Thursday, April 13

7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service Re-enactment of the Last Supper

Friday, April 14

7:00pm Good Friday Service

Sunday, April 16 Easter Sunday

6:30am Sunrise Worship Service
9:00am Potluck Brunch - Please bring fruit, breakfast breads, & breakfast casseroles
10:00am Easter Egg Hunt
10:15am Worship (No Fellowship Hour)

Sunday School

Sunday school for 5th grade through adult will be combined in the Sanctuary of April 9th.
There will be no Sunday School on Easter Sunday

Youth Group: Kids 6th grade through college

30-Hour Famine 2017:

Friday, April 7th

1:00pm STOP eating
5:00pm Meet at the Church for the Lock-In

Saturday, April 8th

7:00pm Break the Famine with a soup and bread potluck

Who's Doing What In April:

	<u>Children's Sunday School</u>	<u>Children's Message</u>	<u>Children's Church</u>
April 2	Heather Norero	Heather Norero	Bev Klem
April 9	Becky Schaffner	Becky Schaffner	Malissa Bisson
April 16	No Sunday School	Melissa Fonder	Heather Norero
April 23	Sally Winsley	Emily Fonder	Becky Schaffner
April 30	Heather Norero	Becca Thompson	Bev Klem

Love and Blessings, Melissa Fonder

Jeff and Christi Boyd



Christi and Jeff will be in the United States from May to October in 2017. Email them to learn about their exact schedule and invite them to visit your ministry. Christi & Jeff will be preaching at First Presbyterian on August 6. Make plans to come hear them talk about their mission.

About Jeff and Christi Boyd's ministry

As regional liaison for Central Africa, Jeff Boyd facilitates support for the relationships, programs and activities of Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) partners in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Cameroon, and Equatorial Guinea. He also resources PC(USA) mission personnel and helps connect partner churches with PC(USA) congregations that want to be involved in ministry in the region. Besides the Congo, Christi works in three other French-speaking African countries, Madagascar, Niger, and Rwanda, and one non-French-speaking country, South Sudan. She accompanies global partners as they seek to remedy the marginalization of women and children in their communities, and engages with Presbyterian constituencies in the U.S. that wish to come alongside and promote those efforts. In the Congolese village of Zapo-Zapo, parents proudly send their children to a new Presbyterian school complex that was built thanks to joint Presbyterian efforts brought together with the help of Jeff Boyd. A new Presbyterian education initiative in Congo began when Jeff connected the national leadership of the Presbyterian Community in Congo (CPC) with a couple from First Presbyterian Church in Evanston, Illinois, who were doing volunteer mission work in Congo. The couple facilitated a participatory process for the Congolese partners to identify and strategize around priority areas for its educational ministries. Presbyterian churches across the United States soon joined in to support the resulting Congo Education Excellence Program, which rallies to ensure quality education for Congo's future generations. The Congo Education Excellence Program is a major focus of the Congo Mission Network. Christi fosters relationships that are aimed at helping women like Julienne, a Presbyterian evangelist from the West-Kasai Province in Congo. After the death of her husband Julienne found compassion and solidarity from the CPC Department for Women and Families. Following traditional widowhood rites, her in-laws had dispossessed Julienne of her home, her farm, and her children. With support from the Presbyterian Women's Thank Offering, the CPC is offering hope in such times of mourning and striving to curb harmful cultural practices. The CPC wants legal recognition for traditional marriages and official registration of childbirths. Across the African continent the well-being of women and children is compromised—and authentic Christian witness undermined—by customs that send people into poverty and deprive them of their rightful opportunities. Christi helps bring together U.S. Presbyterians and African partners in order to maximize their collective mission impact. She works where African women's and children's interests meet Presbyterian World Mission's critical global initiatives of poverty alleviation, evangelism, and reconciliation.

Regional context

Most of the countries where Jeff and Christi work are rich in natural resources, but only a small and powerful segment of the population benefits from the revenues they produce. In fact, poverty is rampant, educational access is limited, and disease is widespread. The wealth created by the abundant natural resources often fuels regional conflicts that exacerbate the vulnerability of women and children to cultural and gender-based violence. The PC(USA) works with partners in all seven countries to address these challenges. Congo, Cameroon, Rwanda, South Sudan and Madagascar have large and growing Presbyterian/Reformed churches. The Reformed presence is much smaller in Equatorial Guinea, which is predominately Roman Catholic, and Niger, which is mostly Muslim.

About Jeff and Christi Boyd

Jeff, a former math teacher, brings to his duties as regional liaison more than two decades of experience as an educator in the United States, Pakistan and Africa. Education is a priority for the partner churches with whom he works. Jeff says his agenda is guided by "what the local partner is already doing or is committed to do." Though trained as a physical therapist, Christi has longstanding experience bringing people together to address root causes of hunger and poverty. Having completed 13 years as facilitator for the Joining Hands Initiative in Cameroon, she has particular expertise in building bridges of solidarity that connect people to tackle problems of a globalizing world. For Christi, her efforts on behalf of the marginalized are rooted firmly in her faith. "Through the words of Jesus and the prophets, God consistently defends the cause of the poor, vulnerable, and oppressed," she says. "The Scriptures call us to follow in their footsteps." Since arriving in Africa in 1990, the Boyds have lived in Tanzania, Cameroon and are now in Congo for the second time. As Christi puts it, "We discerned that the Author of all good things indeed had not yet finished the Congo chapter of our life in mission service." Jeff and Christi feel a strong call to serve in Africa. "We feel this is where God wants us at this time," Jeff says. "Christi and I are both constantly challenged in our work. There remains so much to learn and work on." Jeff, a native of California, holds a B.A. degree from Whitworth College and an M.A. degree from California State University. Christi earned her physical therapy degree from Academie voor Fysiotherapie in Groningen, The Netherlands, the country of her birth. Jeff and Christi are members of Crescent Hill Presbyterian Church in Louisville and are the parents of three grown children, Matthias, Salome, and Naomi.

T G I S

(Take Groceries In Sunday)



April Showers

Let's shower those in need with products to stay healthy. The Mission Committee is now collecting personal items to be distributed to local non-profit agencies. Suggested items are shampoo, soap, shaving cream, razors, toothpaste, toothbrushes, floss, deodorant, band aids, combs, brushes, tampons, hair ties, etc. Please place your donations in the box in front of the church office. Thank you for your previous contributions.

GrassRoot Uganda Sale

Coming to a Fellowship near you, April 30th after church. The Mission Committee will be hosting the spring collection of items to support GrassRoots Uganda. Once again all of the proceeds go back to the women striving to support themselves and those they reach out to who are less fortunate than they are. Some of their giving includes books for children, and of course they even tackle building libraries.



Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday is one of the most important days in the Christian calendar after Christmas and Easter. Palm Sunday is the Sunday before Easter, and marks the beginning of Holy Week, the week of events leading up to Jesus' death.



MAUNDY THURSDAY

Worship Service: 7:00pm

Thursday April 13

Rehearsal for Maundy Thursday will

be at 6:30 on Wednesday,

April 12, 2017

An empty tomb, a stone rolled away speak of the Savior who rose on Easter Day.

*But I trust in you. O LORD; I say, "You are my God."
My times are in your hands: deliver me from my
enemies and from those who pursue me.*

Psalm 31:14,15

Esther Sunday Schedule:

Sunday, April 9—Palm Sunday

9:00am Combined Easter Sunday School in the Sanctuary for Youth, College and Adults

10:15 On Great Hour of Sharing
Special Offering

Monday, April 10

Easter Lily orders due

Thursday, April 13

7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service

Re-enactment of the Last Supper

Friday, April 13

12:00 Ralph Bolin Scholarship Applications due

7:00pm Good Friday Service

Sunday, April 16—Easter Sunday

6:30am Sunrise Worship Service

9:00am Potluck Brunch

Bring fruit, breakfast breads, and
breakfast casseroles

10:00am Easter Egg Hunt

10:15am Worship Service

NO FELLOWSHIP HOUR

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- 04/02 Henry Family, Byars Family, Strickland Family, Munson Family, Heather Norero
- 04/09 Winsley Family, Hall Family, Patty Fisk, Halton Family
- 04/16 Tara Lounsbery, Boyce Family, Kump Family, Nancy Neef, Pruitt Family, Mike Jones Family, Paula Bergeron, Tammi Laughter
- 04/23 Fonder Family, Pike Family, Kathy Reyes, Lee Reiersen, Nisbet Family
- 04/30 Gary Family, Bondo Family, Joan Zunino, Joyce Roberts, Van Slyke Family



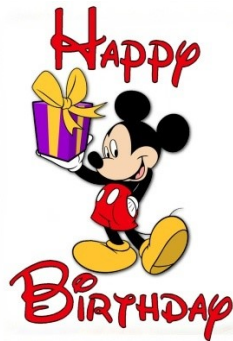
You will also need to help set up and clean up
Everyone Welcome!



Memories are priceless possessions that time can never destroy, for it is in happy remembrance the heart finds great joy.

BIRTHDAYS

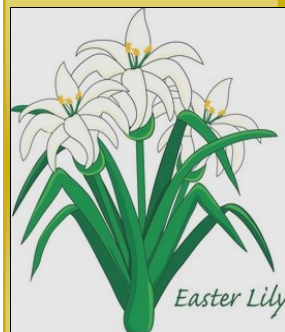
- 04/02 Kristi Glass
- 04/06 Megan Henry
- 04/08 Sarah Henry
- 04/08 Carol Hall
- 04/09 Kelly Hobbs
- 04/10 Alice Babcock
- 04/10 Matt Thiel
- 04/12 Patty Fisk
- 04/12 Gladys Burns
- 04/13 Doris Toothman
- 04/16 Bertha Lister
- 04/17 Nathaniel Schaffner
- 04/17 Larry Plumb
- 04/18 Brett Pearson
- 04/19 Kim Bolin
- 04/29 Tom Holslag



CORRECTION

In the new Directory

Hugh Collett's phone number should read: 775-738-5955. Please make this correction on your copy.




Easter Lily order forms will be available in the bulletin and also in the church office. Orders are due on Monday, April 10. This year the cost will be \$7.00.



The Presbyterian Coffee Project is a partnership between the Presbyterian Church (USA) and Equal Exchange, a worker-owned co-operative offering 100% fairly traded coffee, chocolate, tea. You can purchase these items in the church office during regular office hours. They make good gifts.



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
2 Communion 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Worship Music & Worship 12:00 Youth Studies 1:00 Confirmation	3 9:00 Women's Bible Study 6:00 Boys Scouts	4 1:00 Hobby Group 5:30 Handbells 6:00 Youth Group 6:00 Cub Scouts	5 9:00 MOPS – Steering 9:00 Tai Chi 9:30 Bible Study 4:30 Cub Scouts 5:30 Choir 6:00 College Group	6 12:00 Al-Alon 5:30 NAMI 5:30 Cub Scouts	7 <i>YOUTH 30 HOUR FAMINE</i> Youth cooking for the homeless	8 <i>YOUTH 30 HOUR FAMINE</i> 7:00 Soup & Bread
9 Palm Sunday 9:00 Combined Sunday School 10:15 Worship One Great Hour of Sharing offering Mission Meeting 1:00 Last Confirmation Class <i>Youth Feeding the Homeless</i>	10 <u>Deadline for Lily Orders</u> 9:00 Women's Bible Study 5:30 Cub Scouts 6:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Joy Circle	11 11:30 Hobby Lunch 1:00 Hobby Group 5:30 Handbells 6:00 Youth 6:00 Cub Scouts	12 9:00 MOPS 9:00 Tai Chi 9:30 Bible Study 4:30 Cub Scouts 5:30 Choir 6:00 College Group 6:30 Rehearsal for Maundy Thursday Service	13 Maundy Thursday 12:00 Al-Alon 5:30 NAMI 5:30 Cub Scouts <u>7:00 Maundy Service</u>	14 Good Friday 7:00 Good Friday Service Deadline for Ralph Bolin Scholarship Applications OFFICE CLOSED	15 
16 Easter Sunday 6:30 Sunrise Service NO Sunday School 9:00 Potluck 10:00 Easter Egg Hunt 10:15 Worship NO Youth Studies	17 9:00 Women's Bible Study 3:00 M & E 6:00 Boys Scouts	18 DEADLINE FOR DESERT PULPIT ARTICLES 1:00 Hobby Group 5:30 Handbells 6:00 Youth 6:00 Cub Scouts 6:00 Session	19 9:00 Tai Chi 9:30 Bible Study 4:30 Cub Scouts 5:30 Choir 6:00 College Group	20 12:00 Al-Alon 1:00 Esther Circle 5:30 NAMI 5:30 Cub Scouts	21	22
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