

**OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of the First Presbyterian Church  
of Coldwater, MI is to:

- † Glorify God by bringing others into Communion with Him,
- † Nurture the spiritual, emotional, physical  
and social needs of its congregation,
- † Encourage faithful stewardship of the God given gifts of time,  
talent, and substance, and
- † Be sensitive to the needs of our greater community.



**Sunday Schedule:**

9:00 am Choir Resumes  
9:15 am Adult Sunday School  
9:15 am Children Activity Center  
Bell Choirs see calendar

**Sunday Schedule:**

10:30 Worship Service  
Childcare provided  
11:45 A.M. Coffee Hour

**MARCH'S**

**\* CHURCH SERVERS\***

**OPENING-CLOSING THE CHURCH:**

Julie Lewis

(Note to those opening and closing. Please Do  
NOT unlock the south door in the Narthex.  
Thank you).

**LITURGIST:**

April 7th Rita Snyder  
April 14th Cheryl Metters  
April 21st Tarina Macklem  
April 28th Sally Whitten

**COUNTERS:**

Bob Stewart  
Beth Montgomery  
Sally Whitten

**COMMUNION SERVERS**

Pete and Cheryl Metters,  
Paul and Lorie Hershberger

**DEACON IN CHARGE: USHERS & GREETERS:**

Are now found on page 4 the Deacon's page.



**Finance Committee Report ~\$\$\$\$**

**\*\*Monthly Needs for 2019 budget**

Needed Monthly to meet budget: \$14,095.00

Needed weekly to meet budget \$3,523.75

Annual Per Capita: payment \$3,680.00

**\*\*Financial Report from : February 2019\*\***

Income and Donations: \$14,743.47

Payments and month Payroll: \$17,404.45

**Weekly giving~**

3/3- \$2,099.00

3/10- \$3732.00

3/17- \$3,047.00

3/24- \$3,665.00

**Remember:**

*Stewardship is more than financial giving....  
It is a sense of thanksgiving for all that  
God has given us.*

From Pastor Deb....



What's been Happen'ng at the  
Tall Steeple,  
you ask??

What's Happen'ng??

Lent is happening and we will be half way through by the time you read this.

Please feel free to join us on Wednesdays at noon for food, fellowship, prayer and discussion. We have been using excerpts from Living the Questions, next up, the Myth of Redemptive Violence. Our last luncheon is Wednesday, 10 April.

Once again we will host the Maunday Thursday service at 7pm on 18 April. We will be joined by our UMC neighbors as well as our Church of Christ neighbors. This year we will be blessed with music from a joint choir. Many Thanxs to Sam Parker and Cindy Garne for making this possible. A hospitality time where we can meet and great will follow the service.

Our UMC neighbors will be hosting the Good Friday Service at noon on 19 April. As Easter is the third Sunday of the month, Brother. Barton will be here for communion.

Cindy has designed a spread sheet for our Diaper Pantry. I thought it might be interesting to know how many people we have seen not just in a month but for our November 2017 -- November 2018 and the number of packages of diapers given out. Folks are very generous in their support of the Pantry and we are thankful.

Monday we learned of the passing of Soozie Bradshaw. Rest Eternal grant unto her, O Lord. And let light perpetual shine upon her.

May God's Peace be with you during this holy season of Lent and go with you always. deb.



#### Lenten Luncheon Sponsors

April 3rd~ Chris Doll, Rev. Deb, Jan Corey

April 10th~ Jan Corey, Lorie Hershberger



**DEACON IN CHARGE:**  
Doris Heinemann

**Ushers for April**

**April 7th** Tarina Macklem, Nancy and Bruce Gregory, Luella Senker  
**April 14th** John and Sue Dogan, Joel Rufenacht, Joe Best, Justice Corwin  
**April 21st** Peter and Carol Rufenacht and girls  
**April 28th** Beth and Bob Montgomery, Luella Senker, Lamar Livensparger

**† Care and Prays for All of the shut-ins:**

*Duane and Vera Rufenacht*  
531 Tompkins Dr.  
Coldwater, MI

*Lois Swanson*  
71 Oakwood Dr.  
Coldwater, MI 49036

*Virginia Shedd*  
300 E. Washington Street #3  
C/O Drew's Place,  
Coldwater, MI



Next Session meeting is scheduled for Thursday April 25th at 6:00 pm

**2019 Annual Meeting**

**The Session at its February 28th meeting, approved the call of the  
180th Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation  
of the First Presbyterian Church of Coldwater, Michigan,  
SUNDAY MAY 19th immediately following Worship Service and lunch  
(approximately 12:30 PM), to review and act on annual reports,  
Nominating Committee recommendations,  
and other business that may be appropriate.**

**All Committee's Annual Reports are due in the office by Friday May 10th, 2019**

**This includes:**

Report of Session,	Health Clinic
Finance and Budget	Outreach and Diaper Pantry
Nominating Committee	Personnel
Building & Facility	Presbyterian Women
Deacon Board	Music
Fellowship	Worship
	Interim Pastor

# FPC Presbyterian Women



REPORT FROM PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN FOR THE APRIL, 2019 NEWSLETTER

## THANKS OFFERING BENEFICIARIES-

Each year since 1888, Presbyterian Women have been encouraged to donate to the Thank Offering. Over the years, support has been given to thousands of ministries worldwide, and raised tens of millions of dollars for mission. In March of 2018, the Creative Ministries Offering Committee of Presbyterian Women reviewed 83 applications submitted for grants from the 2017 Thank Offering. Sixteen of the projects were chosen for funding. Twelve of the projects are ministries serving people in need in the United States. Four of the projects are international. More than 40 per cent of the projects funded are health ministries. The diversity of the projects is a powerful message about the needs of so many. One grant will provide security systems to a particular community of low income families that has experienced abuse, poverty, homelessness. Another will provide safe means to transport food to help a hunger community. Another will fund production costs for a filmed documentary that will explore the rights of refugees and immigrants through the lenses of people of faith. Another will provide mobile showers to people who are homeless in a county where 79% of the homeless live on the street. These are only a few examples of the projects funded for 2018. Anyone may contribute to the PW Thank Offering. Locally these donations are turned in in the Fall and then forwarded to join in the wider effort. Every dollar donated has the potential to have a huge impact.

## CIRCLES –

Any woman of First Presbyterian is welcome to join a circle. The Deborah Circle meets the second Monday of the month at 10 AM. The Sarah Circle will resume meeting the second Tuesday of the month at 7 PM. The Bible study for both circles is God's Promise, I Am With You. The Circles offer a great opportunity for fellowship, responding to needs of the church and congregation, and bible study.

## SPRING GATHERING –

Another reminder of the opportunity to attend the Spring Gathering of Presbyterian Women to be held in Grand Haven Sat. April 27. There will be car pooling. The deadline for registration is April 12. The cost of registration is \$15 which includes lunch. Let Cindy or anyone on the Coordinating Team know if you are interested in attending.

Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team: Jan Corey, Lorie Hershberger, Beth Montgomery, Sue Paarlberg, Linda Stewart, Sally Whitten

# Scripture for the Lent Season

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>31 Walk in the Light</b> You are light in the Lord; walk as children of the light. <i>Eph 5:8-14</i>	<b>1 APRIL No More Weeping</b> God will create a new heavens and new earth. <i>Is 65:17-21</i>	<b>2 God Is Our Refuge</b> Come and behold the works of the Lord. <i>Ps 46:2-3,5-6,8-9</i>	<b>3 Honor the Son</b> The dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and live. <i>Jn 5:17-30</i>	<b>4 Believe the Word</b> The Scriptures bear witness to Jesus, the Son of God. <i>Jn 5:31-47</i>	<b>5 This Is the Christ</b> No one arrested Jesus; his hour had not yet come. <i>Jn 7:1-2,10,25-30</i>	<b>6 Like a Lamb</b> Jesus was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. <i>Jer 11:18-20</i>
<b>7 Risen to Life</b> I am the resurrection and the life; believe in me. <i>Jn 11:1-45</i>	<b>8 I Will Fear No Evil</b> The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. <i>Ps 23:1-6</i>	<b>9 The Son Lifted Up</b> Lift up the Son of Man and know that I am he. <i>Jn 8:21-30</i>	<b>10 The Truth Frees You</b> The Son will set you free and you will be free indeed. <i>Jn 8:31-42</i>	<b>11 Father of Nations</b> I will make my covenant between me and you. <i>Gn 17:3-9</i>	<b>12 Jesus Is God's Son</b> Jesus' enemies seek to arrest him for blasphemy. <i>Jn 10:31-42</i>	<b>13 A Covenant of Peace</b> God will make an everlasting covenant with his people. <i>Ez 37:21-28</i>
<b>14 Humble Lord</b> Jesus was obedient to the point of death on a cross. <i>Phil 2:6-11</i>	<b>15 Anointed for Burial</b> Mary anoints Jesus for the day of his burial. <i>Jn 12:1-11</i>	<b>16 One Will Betray Him</b> Now God will be glorified in the Son of Man. <i>Jn 13:21-33,36-38</i>	<b>17 With the Twelve</b> Jesus celebrates the Passover with his disciples. <i>Mt 26:14-25</i>			

## Holy Week Scripture

<b>Monday of Holy Week 15</b> <i>Isa. 42:1-9;</i> <i>Ps. 36:5-11;</i> <i>Heb. 9:11-15;</i> <i>John 12:1-11</i>	<b>Tuesday of Holy Week 16</b> <i>Isa. 49:1-7;</i> <i>Ps. 71:1-14;</i> <i>1 Cor. 1:18-31;</i> <i>John 12:20-36</i>	<b>Wednesday of Holy Week 17</b> <i>Isa. 50:4-9a;</i> <i>Ps. 70;</i> <i>Heb. 12:1-3;</i> <i>John 13:21-32</i> <i>International Day of Farmers' Struggles</i>	<b>Maundy Thursday 18</b> <i>Exod. 12:1-4</i> <i>(5-10) 11-14;</i> <i>Ps. 116:1-2, 12-19;</i> <i>1 Cor. 11:23-26;</i> <i>John 13:1-17, 31b-35</i>	<b>Good Friday 19</b> <i>Isa. 52:13-53:12;</i> <i>Ps. 22;</i> <i>Heb. 10:16-25</i> <i>or Heb. 4:14-16;</i> <i>5:7-9;</i> <i>John 18:1-19:42</i>	<b>Great Vigil of Easter 20</b> <i>Gen. 1:1-2:4a; Ps. 136:1-9, 23-26;</i> <i>Gen. 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13; Ps. 46;</i> <i>Gen. 22:1-18; Ps. 16; Exod. 14:10-31; 15:20-21;</i> <i>Exod. 15:1b-13, 17-18; Isa. 55:1-11;</i> <i>Isa. 12:2-6; Prov. 8:1-8, 19-21; 9:4b-6; Ps. 19;</i> <i>Ezek. 36:24-28; Ps. 42 and 43; Ezek. 37:1-14;</i> <i>Ps. 143; Zeph. 3:14-20; Ps. 98; Rom. 6:3-11;</i> <i>Ps. 114; Luke 24:1-12</i>
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# Schedule

~Sunday April 14 at 10:30 am

Palm Sunday Worship

Following the Worship Service there will be an Easter Egg Hunt

For all of those who are young at heart!

~Thursday April 18th at 7:00 pm at FPC

Ecumenical Communion & Feet Washing Service

First Presbyterian Church, Interim Pastor Deb Semon-Scott

United Methodist Pastor Julie Elmore,

and First Church of Christ Pastors, Gene and LaFern Cobb

Friday April 19th at 12:30 pm

Ecumenical Good Friday Service

Coldwater United Methodist Church

~Sunday April 21st at 10:30am

Resurrection and Communion Sunday

First Presbyterian Church

~Sunday April 21st following

the Worship Service an

Easter Brunch

# Church News

**From the PNC:** Thank you for your continued prayers.

**Choir practice is Sunday mornings at 9 am**

**Adult Sunday School Meets**  
Sunday Mornings at 9:15 am

**Children's Activity Center** meets Sunday mornings at 9:15 am

**Know your Colors Bell Practice** Sunday, March 31st and April 7th and will be performing April 14th.

**Adult Bell Choir Practice** is every Wednesday at 6:30 pm and the choir will be performing Easter Sunday

**The Stitchers group** will meet April 1st 10:00 am. This is a fun group... come check them out!

**The Wednesday Book Discussion Group** will take a break through Lent and resume again in May.

**From the Security Committee:**  
**Please make note...** all the outside doors will be locked at 10:30 am until the service is over. At that point ONLY the north Calvin Hall door will be unlocked for people to go in and out of until the church is locked-up for the day. The handicapped entrance will be available to exit but not for entry.

## FPC's Website

<https://www.firstprescoldwater.org>  
Visit it sometime!



## BIRTHDAYS

Karen McGraw 04/17  
Rachel Rufenacht 04/20  
Lois Williams 04/27

## ANNIVERSARIES

Bruce and Nancy Gregory 04/27

Thank You~

The Thank you that was sent to Mr. Tucker on behalf of the whole church.



Dear Mr. Charles Tucker,

We feel very blessed by your generosity. Your book *Tears That Changed a Nation* was well received by a very grateful congregation here at the First Presbyterian Church of Coldwater. The whole body was very excited and could not wait to start reading it. We truly appreciate that you thought of us and your thoughtfulness is a gift we will always treasure.

God Bless you!

Sincerely,

The First Presbyterian Church  
of Coldwater

## **Prayers**

- † *Soozi Bradshaw* 's family and friends as they grieve her death.
- † *Tharen and Charlotte*, Lois Williams niece and nephew-in-law, auto accident
- † *Pastor Deb* 's great nephew *Jaxon* born with health issues.
- † *Marsha Stetler*, Luella Senker's daughter, complete knee replacement.
- † *Harold Massey*, health issues, Luella Senker's son-in-law.
- † *Lois Swanson*, at Maple Lawn for rehab.
- † *Marvin Merkle*, Ruby's brother, many health concerns
- † *Sue Schwem*, wife of Sally Whitten's nephew- cancer.
- † *Ann Byrd*, Julie Zorn's sister, just diagnosed with cancer.
- † *Brian Ludlow* blood clot health issues.
- † *Jack Faulkner*, Ludlow's friend, cancer treatments is working.
- † *Julie Dunlap*, cancer, Marsha Sansom's friend, health issue
- † *Darlene Loetz* ,cancer, Marsha Sansom's friend, health issue
- † *Vera Rufenacht and Duane Rufenacht*
- † *Darlene Mier*, Marsha DeGroot's friend, health issue
- † *Barbara Poor*, Cliff Parr's mother.
- † *Gladys Hershberger*, Paul Hershberger's mom
- † *Diana Massey*, Luella Senker's daughter
- † *Mary Stone* Rev. Deborah J. Smith's sister, health issues
- And...**
- † *Pray for our future and current pastor and the PNC.*



## ***Praises***

### **3-3-2019**

- † A wonderful family reunion.
- † Safe travels
- † Great vacation coverage.

### **3/10/2019**

- † The working bees that are making the prayer shawls.
- † God given talents, and the wisdom to know how to use them.
- † The Lenten Luncheon Sponsors.
- † Velma Cole

### **3/17/2019**

- † Lenten Luncheon Sponsors
- † First Day of Spring!
- † The spring like weather this week

### **3-24-2019**

- † The Lenten Luncheon Sponsors
- † The Lenten Luncheon Study
- † Sunshine

### **3/31/2019**

- † Lenten Luncheon sponsors
- † Weather more like Spring
- † Good Community Outreach





Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I will: ☐ take mine home

I will: ☐ leave mine to be distributed.

(Shut Ins, Nursing Homes, or Food Pantry )

Check the box for either Memory or Honor

**In Memory**

☐ **Of**

☐ **Honor**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Or Check (#) \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_



“God has made everything beautiful in its time. God has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.”

Ecclesiastes 3:11

## Lilies for Easter

Each year, the Lilies in our sanctuary are a beautiful tribute to those we honor, whether as a memorial, or an opportunity to say we love you to our family and friends.

These beautiful lilies are purchased through Neitzert's Greenhouse and the cost of each lily is \$15.00 \$10.15 will go to the cost of the lily and with Session's approval \$4.85 will be donated to the purchase of new chairs for the lounge. Please return form to Cindy by April 12th and make checks payable to the First Presbyterian Church.

# Ways to Reach Out... to our Community

## THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

FPC donated pound 105 lbs of food to the Branch Co. Food Pantry in the month of Feb.

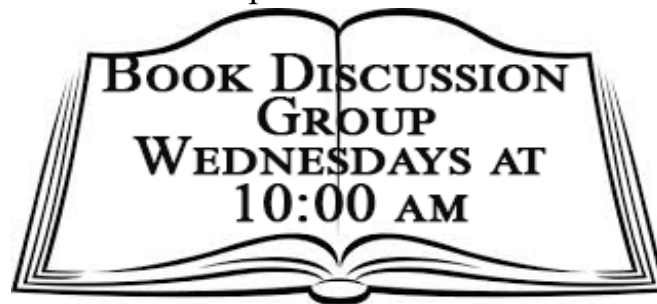
**Food Pantry Item for April Cold Cereal for kids** ( the food pantry is requesting cereal, they have a lot of children and they are really low in the cereal department)

**DIAPER PANTRY:** Is open on Thursdays from 4pm- 6pm. If you would like to volunteer with this ministry please see or call Beth Montgomery 517-278-5028 or the church office 517-278-6068.

**The Presbyterian Health Clinic's** hours are Thursday from 4 pm to 6:30 pm.  
New Volunteers are always welcome!



The Stitchers meet the First Monday of the month,  
Bring a friend and whatever project you are  
working on! It can be any project, prayer shawl  
,beading, wreaths or card making, any craft...  
you get the picture?....It is about the Fellowship!  
April 1st, 2019



Will resume in May



The Under Covers will meet the 3rd Tuesday of  
each month .

April 16th, 2019

Please join us for a FUN time!

# Creamy Au Gratin Potatoes

## Ingredients

- 4 russet potatoes, sliced into 1/4 inch slices
- 1 onion, sliced into rings
- salt and pepper to taste
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 cups milk
- 1 1/2 cups shredded Cheddar cheese

## Directions

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F (200 degrees C). Butter a 1 quart casserole dish.

Layer 1/2 of the potatoes into bottom of the prepared casserole dish. Top with the onion slices, and add the remaining potatoes. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

In a medium-size saucepan, melt butter over medium heat. Mix in the flour and salt, and stir constantly with a whisk for one minute. Stir in milk. Cook until mixture has thickened. Stir in cheese all at once, and continue stirring until melted, about 30 to 60 seconds. Pour cheese over the potatoes, and cover the dish with aluminum foil.

Bake 1 1/2 hours in the preheated oven.

# Lemon Icebox Pie III

## Ingredients

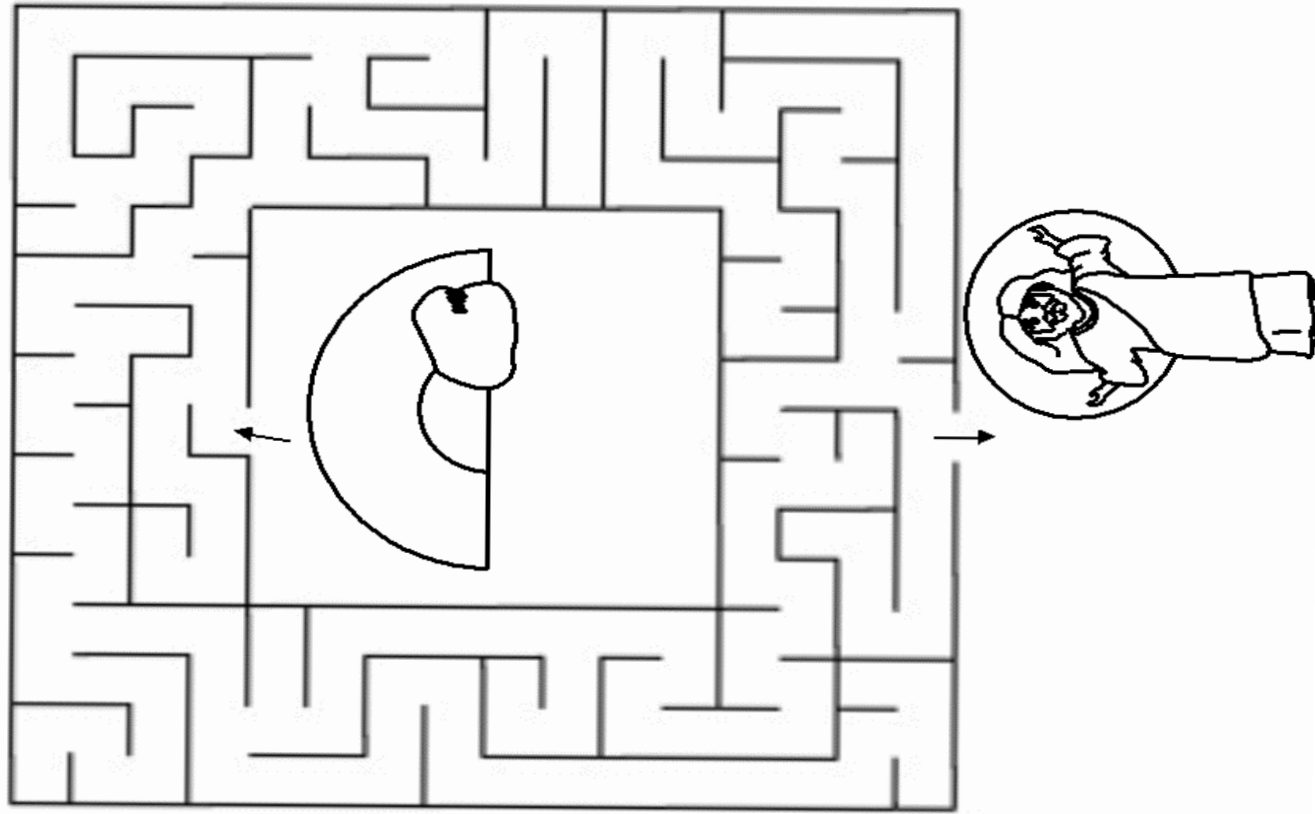
- 1 (9 inch) prepared graham cracker crust
- 2 (8 ounce) packages cream cheese, softened
- 1 (14 ounce) can sweetened condensed milk
- 2 lemons, juiced
- 1 teaspoon lemon zest

## Directions

In a medium mixing bowl, beat cream cheese until fluffy. Add condensed milk, lemon juice, and lemon rind. Mix until smooth. Pour mixture into crust. Refrigerate at least 2 hours before serving. Garnish with whipped cream and mint leaves if desired.

# Easter Maze

Help Jesus find his way out of the tomb so he can tell the disciples He's Alive



# Kids Connection...

## Easter Word Search

LXFLOWERSNUSMITULIPS  
TPASTELJKFTSSPRINGAB  
DUCKLINGECOLORFULWA  
YFAMILYRPPWDAFFODILS  
EHUNTANROCHURCHJAPGK  
TTQQSNAHOPLANTSMPARE  
SJPGUCHICKTREATSRRHT  
LAGBCRBCHOCOLATEIANA  
DECORATEXESUNDAYLOPL  
RBUTTERFLYEASTERNEST

APRIL  
BASKET  
BUNNY  
BUTTERFLY  
CHICK

DECORATE  
DYE  
DUCKLING  
EASTER  
EGGS

CHURCH  
CARROTS  
CHOCOLATE  
COLORFUL  
DAFFODILS

FAMILY  
FLOWERS  
HOP  
HUNT  
NEST

PARADE  
PLANTS  
PASTEL  
SPRING  
SUNDAY  
TULIPS  
TREATS

April 2019													May ▶
Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
	1		2		3		4		5		6		
		10 am Stitchers Group											
		6:30 pm PNC			12pm Lenten Luncheon		4pm Diaper Pantry						
					6:30 pm Adult Bell practice		4-6:30 pm Clinic						
7	5th Sunday of Lent	8	9		10		11		12		13		
	11:45 am KYC Bell	10 am Deborah Cir.											
	Practice				12pm Lenten Luncheon								
		6:30 pm PNC	7pm Sarah Circle		6:30 pm Adult Bell practice		4pm Diaper Pantry						
14	Palm/ Passion	15	16	16	Tax Day (Taxes Due)	17	18	Maundy Thursday	19	Good Friday	20	Great Vigil of Easter	
							4pm Diaper Pantry						
	11:45 am KYC Bell .						4-6:30 pm Clinic		12:30 pm Good Friday				
	practice						7pm Ecumenical		Service United				
		6:30 pm PNC	7pm Under Cover		6:30 pm Adult Bell practice		Communion/Foot Washing		Methodist Church				
			Quilters				Serv. @FPC		Coldwater				
21	Ressurrection Sunday	22	23	23		24	25	Administrative Professionals	26	Arbor Day	27		
		Easter Monday											
		Church office closed											
							4pm Diaper Pantry						
	One Great Hour of Sharing		6:30 pm PNC		6:30 pm Adult Bell practice		4-6:30 pm Clinic						
28		29	30	30			6 pm Session meeting						
	11:45 am KYC Bell pract.												
	practice												
		6:30 pm PNC											

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### **Come Join Us On Sunday**

9:00 am ~ Choir Practice  
9:15 am ~ Adult Sunday School  
9:15 am ~ Children's Activity Center  
10:30 am ~ Worship Service  
11:45 am ~ Coffee and Fellowship Hour  
11:45 am ~ Bell Choir practice

Child Care Provided  
Handicapped accessible building

### **Meet our Church Staff**

INTERIM PASTOR, *Rev. Deb Semon-Scott*  
Music ACCOMPANIST, *James Shipper*  
ADULT BELL CHOIR DIRECTOR, *Rita Snyder*  
KNOW YOUR COLORS BELLS, *Eunice Williams*  
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSIST, *Cindy Fickle*  
OFFICE ASSISTANCE, *Cathy Maresh*  
CUSTODIAN, *Rob Denniston*

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