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Demonstrate your love



I grew up in Massachusetts; a fairly small state with a large Catholic population. Some have said that Lent is for Catholics. I may have agreed with them when I was in grammar school. Most of our neighbors were Catholic and I saw a lot of people with ashes on their foreheads on Ash Wednesday. I wanted some too and didn't know why our church did not have a service for that. (We were Congregationalists)

There were three of us. We were good friends who hung around together.

Susan was Jewish. I learned about the Yakama, mezuzah, menorah, Passover and other Jewish traditions from spending time with her and her family.

Sandy was a Catholic. I learned about confession, rosaries, eating fish on Fridays, making the sign of the cross and many other outward signs of her faith.

I did not have anything like them to demonstrate my faith traditions. In my home, we had a deep belief in God and endeavored to follow Christ's teaching. I did have a cross that I wore and, I think that was enough.

We never made fun of one another or questioned each other's faith practices. We just loved each other and were glad we were friends.

In this season of Lent, reflect on how you demonstrate your love to others. Take time to read your Bible, think about Christ's journey, give something up to honor His sacrifice, think about giving back, and be open to the graces that are bestowed on us through the faithfulness and love of Jesus Christ.

God Bless You.
Sue Seiler

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One Great HOUR OF SHARING

Around the world, people lack access to food, clean water, sanitation, education and opportunity. Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) serves to help change the lives of people in these challenging situations. The Offering provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need.

On Great Hour of Sharing, received during the season of Lent, makes a difference in the world through three impactful programs. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program and Self-Development of People.

Started in 1949, One Great Hour of Sharing is a long standing ecumenical effort aimed at raising the funds necessary to provide relief and reconstruction for communities in the aftermath of disaster. What started as an hour-long radio appeal has evolved over the years, varying from eight to 29 participating denominations, and has become the most participated –in Offering in the PC (USAS).

We will be collecting OGHS the last 3 Sundays of Lent. March 13, 20 and 27th.

Please give generously!



Title: The 13th Gift:
by Joanne Huist Smith
Date: March 25
Time: 9:00am
Place: Saxby's

For readers of Richard Paul Evans and Greg Kincaid comes *The 13th Gift*, a heartwarming Christmas story about how a random act of kindness transformed one of the bleakest moments in a family's history into a time of strength and love.



Boy Scout Troop 75

Boy Scout troop 75 joined us for Boy Scout Sunday on February 14, 2016. We welcomed the scouts and their families while the scouts participated in the service through ushering/ greeting and serving fellowship hour.





Heart of Worship

March Pulpit Supply-

March 6- Rev. Greg Gibson
March 13- Rev. Greg Gibson
March 20- Rev. Greg Gibson
March 27-Rev. Bob Wade



- Maundy Thursday Service with Holy Communion at the Bellbrook Methodist Church at 7:00pm



- Cross Walk on Friday @ 12noon beginning at the BellHop Café walking to Bellbrook Park with service at 12:30.



- Good Friday Tenebrae Service at 7:00pm at the Bellbrook Presbyterian Church.



- Easter Sunrise Service @ Bellbrook Park at 7:00am



- Easter Worship at the Bellbrook Presbyterian Church at 10:00am with Guest Pastor Bob Wade.



Chancel Flowers

The Worship team is providing members of the church the opportunity to add an element of life and beauty to the sanctuary as another part of worshiping God during our Sunday services. Please consider donating to bring the beauty of flowers to our worship services.

A Chancel Flowers sign-up sheet will be available in the Fellowship Hall for you to schedule when you will donate flowers. You can donate in memory of someone, in honor of someone or a special event, or just because.

You can either bring flowers from your garden or those you have purchased (we have some vases or bring your own) or we have coordinated with TJ's Gardens to provide flower arrangements that will be delivered to the church. The flowers you bring or order from TJ's Gardens are yours to keep.

TJ's Gardens will provide standard arrangements in 2 different price points: \$25 and \$45. You can request specific flowers or colors for these arrangements (if you sign up more than 1 week before the Sunday you choose).

To order the flowers from TJ's Gardens: sign up on the Chancel Flower sheet, check the box for 'TJ's Gardens', indicate if the flowers are in memory or honor, and place your payment (for the price point you desire) in the offering plate as a designated offering for Chancel Flowers (mark the envelope with your desired price point).

To indicate you will bring in flowers: sign up on the Chancel Flower sheet, check the box for 'bringing flowers', and indicate if the flowers are in memory or honor.

It's that easy and will brighten the sanctuary throughout the year. Thank you for your contribution to our worship services!

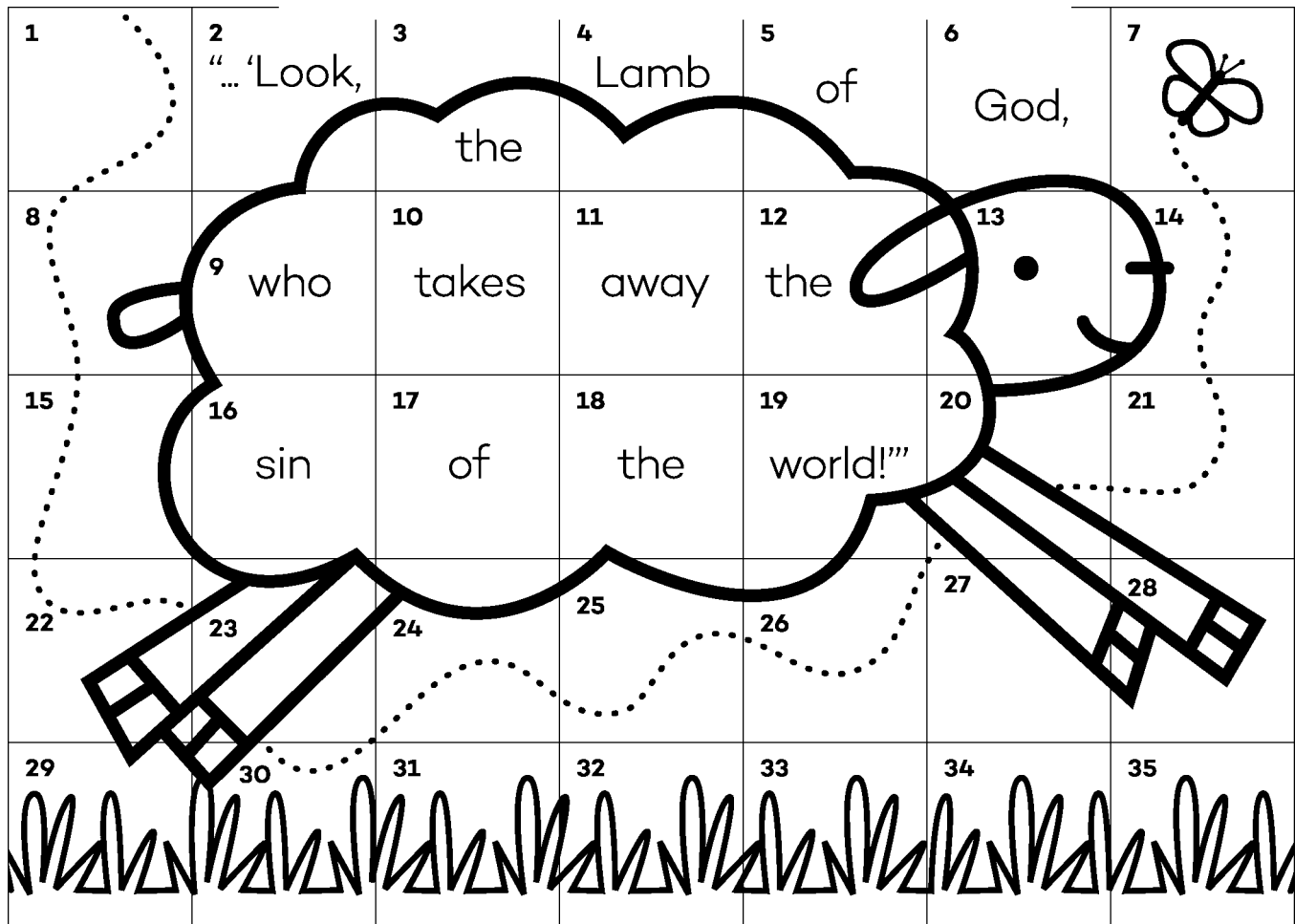
Children's Corner



The children's Sunday school class will be meeting Saturday March 26 to make some special cookies to be presented to the congregation on Easter morning. Stay tuned for time and location. Call Pat Crowe at 672-1073 with any questions.

Easter morning the kids will enjoy an Easter Egg Hunt! Bring a friend and let's celebrate the day!

Happy Easter



March 2016

FH=Fellowship Hall

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		Winter's Library 6-8	11:00am Bellcreek Seniors (FH) 7:00pm Choir 7:00pm Troop 75	Winter's Library 6-8	World Day of Prayer	
6 Communion 8:45 am Keystone Class 10:00 am Worship 10:20 am Children's Sunday School 11:00am Fellowship Hour Guest Pastor- Rev. Greg Gibson	7	8 Winter's Library 6-8	9 11:00am Bellcreek Seniors (FH) 7:00pm Choir 7:00pm Troop 75	10 Ministerial Association Meeting 12-1 @ BellHop Trustee Meeting 7:00pm	11	12
13  SPRING AHEAD Birthdays 8:45 am Keystone Class 10:00 am Worship 10:20 am Children's Sunday School 11:00am Fellowship Hour for birthdays Guest Pastor- Rev. Greg Gibson	14 Historical Society 6:30pm	15 Men's Breakfast 8:30 	16 11:00am Bellcreek Seniors (FH) 7:00pm Choir 7:00pm Troop 75	17 Session Meeting 7:00 pm St. Patrick's Day	18	19
20 Palm Sunday Anniversaries 8:45 am Keystone Class 10:00 am Worship 10:20 am Children's Sunday School 11:00am Fellowship Hour Guest Pastor- Rev. Greg Gibson	21	22	23 11:00am Bellcreek Seniors (FH) 7:00pm Choir 7:00pm Troop 75	24 Maundy Thursday Service at the Bellbrook Methodist Church 7:00pm Book Club @ 9:00am at Saxby's	25 Cross Walk 12noon Service at Bellbrook Park @ 12:30 Good Friday Tenebrae Service 7:00pm 	26 Children's cookie bake
27 Easter Sunrise Service @ Bellbrook Park 7:00am 8:45 am Keystone Class 10:00 am Worship 10:20 am Children's Sunday School 11:00am Fellowship Hour Guest Pastor- Rev. Bob Wade	28 	29	30 11:00am Bellcreek Seniors (FH) 7:00pm Choir 7:00pm Troop 75			



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1- Ethan Farenholz; Rachael Farenholz
- 2- Kelly Janus
- 5 – Sean Hearrell
- 9 – Terry Allen
- 12- Molly Janus
- 15 – Don Hopping
- 24 – Jim Contestable
- 26 – Rhona Owen; Luke Smallwood
- 29 – Katie Zinnecker



MARCH WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 19 – David and Carrie Carbone

Special dates

- World Day of Prayer, *March 4, 2016*
- Fourth Sunday in Lent, *March 6, 2016*
- Girl Scout Sunday, *March 6, 2016*
- Fifth Sunday in Lent, *March 13, 2016*
- Daylight-Saving Time Begins, *March 13, 2016*
- Palm/Passion Sunday, *March 20, 2016*
- Holy Week, *March 20-26, 2016*
- First day of Spring, *March 20, 2016*
- Maundy Thursday, *March 24, 2016*
- Good Friday, *March 25, 2016*
- Holy Saturday, *March 26, 2016*
- Easter Sunday, *March 27, 2016*

Announcements



Reminder to turn your clocks forward on March 12 before you go to bed.



Bellbrook United Methodist Church has invited the congregation of the Bellbrook Presbyterian Church to join them in their Maundy Thursday Service on March 24 at 7:00 PM.



A cross walk will be held on Friday March 25. You can meet at the Community Church, the Bellhop Café or Christ Church at noon. Then everyone will walk to Bellbrook park for a service at 12:30. Everyone is invited.

Bellbrook Presbyterian Church will hold a Good Friday Tenebrae Service at 7:00pm. The service will be filled with hymns and readings. Everyone is welcome!



We will be ordering Easter Lilies again this year at a price of \$9.00 each. Please fill out and place the order form below (along with your payment) on the desk in the office. You may also mail it to 72 W. Franklin St. by 3/21/2016. Number of Lilies Ordered - _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Ordered by _____

Amount paid _____



Tony Tipton
Family of Rhonda Keegan
Angela Jones
Sarah Firebough
Ben Downing
Anji and Matthew Erikson
People in snowy areas
Heroin addictions and deaths
Patty Ashworth
Dorothy Evans
Family of Bill Penewit
Family of Joe Rush
Alma Rodgers
Lisa Graham
Betty Cornette
Kathy Beleny
Joyce
Jane and Greg Speros
Mac Winston
Phyliss Blackaby
Bill Burge
Bob Murphy
Walt Worthington
Jerry Randall
For Struggling relationships
Peggy Smith
Jane Betz
Allene Rader
Susi Kircher
Frank and Leslie Luhn
Darlene Wilson
Traveling Prayers
Alzheimer Patients + caregivers
Cancer Patients + caregivers



Terry Allen- 620-4811
Dorothy Evans 317-5008 or 287-7219
Valerie Fairchild-Timmons 768-9971
Kim Hensley 848-4756
Allen Circle-Rader 848-8218
Donna Ruschau 429-2107
Sue Seiler 848-2043. 478-1426 or 604-1426
Call with assurance of confidentiality, love
and prayer



Susi Kircher
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