

The APRIL Leaven 2022

Dear Friends,

I know that our hearts have been very heavy as we have watched the continuing suffering in the war between Ukraine and Russia. We are entering the Easter Season which is full of resurrection imagery. Yet, we struggle to find those signs of resurrection. But I trust God is in the cracks and crevices of that struggle, touching hearts and minds, and helping to change hearts and minds. The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) through the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance will continue to get resources where they are needed. The rebuilding, when this war ends, will be critical and at that point the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) will be a part of that healing.

Closer to home, we continue with our process to discover where God is leading us in this new season. I enjoyed the community meal and continue to be impressed with your commitment to mission. We had a good response to our first congregational conversations and those will continue.

During the Easter Season, I will be preaching from lectionary texts in the gospel of John. John is a different gospel from the other gospels and I am looking forward to sharing those beautiful reflections with you. Blessings to you all this Resurrection Season.

Peace - Krista

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP

Thank to those that helped make the city of Leavenworth cleaner. Below are those that participated: Dick Gibson, Chris Aus, Claude Wiedower, Debbie Anderson, Pat Domann, Jim Mathison, Carolyn Tillotson, Carl Johnson, Tom Stovall, Sally Azbill, and Linda Barry.



MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR TWILA CORLEY

Twila Corley passed away in the early morning of April 4, 2022. Twila wishes were to be cremated. There will be a visitation here at the church at 10:00 a.m. on April 30th followed by a Memorial Service at 11:00 a.m.

IN THE PROCESS OF BEING FOSTER PARENTS

We are starting the background check and formal approval to become foster and adoptive parents. Please pray that the state does their due diligence in deciding if we are acceptable . If anyone has these items they want to sell or donate that would be amazing. Anything we don't use we will store or donate.

2 Dressers 2 Twin Beds 1 Crib and Baby Furniture A Swing Set
Back Packs Toiletries

Christopher and Jessica Flynn

Calamities, Food and Opportunities

Allow me, if you will, to "connect the dots," as they say, between calamities, food and opportunities in discussing the One Great Hour of Sharing offering, the first of the four denominational offerings the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) receives every year.

Calamities is a reference to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, one of the three beneficiaries of the offering. Funds allocated for PDA are used to help people and places that have been impacted by natural disasters such as tornadoes, hurricanes, floods and wildfires, and man-made disasters such as acts of terrorism or the current war in Ukraine. In fact, PDA is already doing what it can to ease the pain and suffering this conflict, now entering its seventh week, has caused among the civilian population, but it takes money to keep the relief effort going when there are so many needs that must be met on a daily basis.

Food is a reference to the Presbyterian Hunger Program, another beneficiary of the offering. Funds allocated for the PHP are used to help feed people around the world, people who in most cases probably don't know where their next meal is coming from. Starvation being a real threat in the lives of many people these days, the food provided through this program can be the literal difference between life and death.

Opportunities is a reference to the Self Development of People project, the third beneficiary of the offering. Funds allocated for SDOP are used to give individuals and communities of people the chances they need in order to be able to succeed in this tough, tough world we're living in.

Shirley Rockwell talked about Presbyterian Disaster Assistance this past Sunday and there is a chance someone with PDA will be at the church on Sunday, May 1 to share more information about this ever-important ministry with us.

Carl Johnson will be talking about the Presbyterian Hunger Program and the Self Development of People project this coming Sunday. In the meantime, please keep adding bills and coins to the Fish Bank that was given to you on March 27. Let's get that net in the sanctuary so filled up with fish that it'll be hard to bring it out of the water and into the boat on Easter Sunday, the day we will be receiving the One Great Hour of Sharing offering.

Thank you!

Rick Nichols, moderator, Faithful Discipleship Committee

CHA-CHING! COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE

For 1st Pres members continuing their post-secondary education this fall, the \$1,000 Boatright Scholarship is available thanks to the generous donation of William and Genevieve Boatright. Please contact Debbie Anderson if you're interested in applying, have an eligible family member or have questions. **Applications are due by April 11th** in the church office.

IN NEED OF ITEMS FOR PANTRY

Both of the cabinets in the basement of the church from which the little food pantry is restocked are definitely running on the low side this morning. Anything you can provide that would help us tackle the problem of hunger in the Leavenworth/Lansing area as best we can would be greatly appreciated. Items can be left in the special bin in the narthex and someone will take them down to the cabinets for you. Thanks.

THE BIBLE COMES TO LIFE

Our church recently purchased 5 live performances from the Sight & Sound Theatre, Branson, Missouri. The DVD's are approximately 2 hours and are: Joseph/Moses/Jonah/Noah/Ruth. If you would like to check out one of these DVD's please contact Arlene, in the church office or Claude Wiedower.

MISSION COMMITTEE NEWS

The Mission committee moved to give \$100 each to Lansing High School and Leavenworth High School for their graduation celebrations.

A letter from Sister Vickie Perkins, representing Leavenworth Affordable Housing, Inc. was presented. The letter requests funds to support the work of the group. They are working to provide safe, clean and affordable housing in Leavenworth. To that end, Sister Vickie and the committee have also applied for Kansas Community service Credit. It was decided to ask Sister Vickie to speak to the congregation in the near future.

The community meal subcommittee gathered and the workers agreed that the meal would continue under the leadership of Chris Aus, Ginnie Strand and Shirley Rockwell. Chris would take over the buyer portion, Ginnie will continue as head cook and Shirley will do the paperwork and other duties as assigned. The group also voted to have the meal on EVERY THIRD TUESDAY. No longer on the 4th or 5th Tuesday, it was confusing. The community meals served 127 guests on the 22nd of March.

The Mission committee will meet the FOURTH SUNDAY of every month immediately after worship, starting in April.

The group voted to purchase a table at the Community of Hope fund raiser on April 30. Approved up to \$500 for the table.

The group discussed the Little Pantry and made it our focus until Mother's Day. The Little Pantry is used every day. A volunteer fills it on Monday, Wednesday and Friday each week and it is often completely empty in that time. With the cost of food going up it appears that the need is growing

this spring. Originally, we ask for food items that could be used without a can opener and eaten without heating. I would suggest that we widen that ALL FOOD ITEMS that could be placed in the pantry with the weather taken into consideration.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance will have a nation meeting in KC April 26 to May 1. We have asked for one of their representatives to speak at worship on May 1. This was done through the Presbytery office and they have not given us a name of the speaker yet.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU

For the \$430 donated on Blanket Sunday thru CWS (Church World Service) and sponsored by PWC I am sure many of the blankets have gone to refugees in the Ukraine. Tornado Season has just begun, CWS is very generous during weather disasters too! I will let you know next year when I get this year's report where our blankets have gone!

Thanks, Ginnie

PRAYERS

Immediate: Richard and Linda Cooper (Darrel and Margie Holland's daughter and son-in-law), Holly Allen and Family, Lorna Mathison, Katie Scircle, Marge Grafke-Doby, Patty Fargen (Linda Barry), Diann Wooley (Cindy Scircle), Ukraine-Russia, Cathy Corley and family, Erica Johnson (Linda), Howard and Joyce Kirk (FPC), Mike Ray (Esther)

Ongoing: Joe Hudson, Barbara-Sue Rose, Maria Gordon (Carolyn Tillotson), Le Thomas, Al Pursell, Brianna Hoffman (C. Scircle), V. Williams (Barbara-Sue Rose), Judy Jahn, Michael Brock (C. Scircle), Mike Graham (Pam Crume), Dana Guanciale (John and Ginnie Strand), Jeanie (Barbara-Sue Rose), Rick Nichols, Margie Holland, Greta Sharp, Gerald Carder, Cindy Scircle, John Garner (Carolyn T.)

APRIL FELLOWSHIP TREATS

April 10 –Choir and Bell Choir

April 17 –Circle 3

April 24-Circle 4

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

**2-Dody Marsh 10-Jacob Litewski 19-Judy Jahn(100th Birthday please send a card to:
South Wind Home, 496 Yucca Lane, Pratt, KS 67124
20-John Strand 21-David Nall
23-Rev. Dr. Krista Kiger 24-Gerald Carder 29-Cathy Corley 30-Cindy Geiger**

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

1-Bill and Cindy Geiger 2-Jerry and Miriam Bowman 25-Gustavo and Katherine de la Cruz

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 Fellowship Treats-Choir and Bell Choir 9:15 AM Choir Practice 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Worship 11:30 AM Congregational Small Group Conversations	28 7:00 AM Men's Morning Discussion Group 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Cody Choraliers	29	30 9:30 AM Crafts & Fellowship 6:00 PM Bell Choir Practice	31	1 Church Office Closed	2
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10 Palm Sunday 9:15 AM Choir Practice 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Worship	11 7:00 AM Men's Morning Discussion Group 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Cody Choraliers	12 10:00 AM Circle 3 1:00 PM ESL 6:00 PM <i>Session Meeting</i> 6:30 PM Circle 5	13 9:30 AM Crafts & Fellowship 6:00 PM Bell Choir Practice 7:00 PM Choir Practice	14 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service	15 Church Office Closed Good Friday	16 10:00 AM League of Women Voters
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