

April 2019



First Presbyterian Church Croswell

Hello out there!

April already? How time flies and this year is off to a faster start than last year. March is all but a memory as I write this but March was very good. Our Ash Wednesday Service, joint with the Methodist churches was very well received and we are well into planning for the Community Good Friday Service which will be held at the Lexington UMC at noon on April 19, complete with the joint choirs.

Yes, I did skip mentioning the Maundy Thursday Service but don't worry, we are not skipping it here. As is the tradition, we will have the service on April 18 at 7:00 PM here in our church. Pastor Ellen Schipert and I are planning a special Tenebrae service that will involve members of all the congregations (actually three Methodist congregations and us) reading scripture. (Don't worry about being asked, we have enough volunteers already) And Holy Communion will be served at that service as well. There is another new item added to the service as well. We will have a joint choir that evening. We hope that you will come and worship with us as this should be a beautiful service.

There are more things in store here in Croswell. The Sunday after Easter will be another new service. Bright Sunday will be a new service that will lift your spirit and usher us into the further celebration of our risen Lord. Along those lines, we are planning a special communion service for the first Sunday in May with the young people of the church having a special part in the celebration of the sacrament. We have started the program to give those who wish to participate in worship the opportunity to serve as Worship Leader, who lead the Call to Worship and the Prayer of Confession. (It's strictly voluntary)

Continuing with "what's new", work has started on the new south entrance. Randy Bales and his crew are hard at work on the upgrades which include a new door, insulation and restoration of the woodwork. And there is more to come.

Yes, the church is alive and well and we hope all of you that we haven't seen in while will come and join our joyous throng for worship.

See you Sunday!

Don



Pray For

Debbie Damon

Dave Edmiston

RuthAnn
Kettlewell

Fred Pomeroy

Anita Cudney

Dick Sample

Our Nominat-
ing Committee

COMMUNION**Maundy Thursday Service****April 18, 2019 7:00 PM****SESSION UPDATE**

Next Session meeting will be Tuesday April 9, 2019 (no meeting held in March).

PASTOR OFFICE HOURS**Thursday mornings – 9 AM – 12 Noon****LENTEN DATES****Palm Sunday April 14th – 10:00 AM**

Maundy Thursday April 18th – 7 PM Communion service at FPC, Croswell; Don Wixson CP will share in leadership with Rev. Ellen Schippert

Good Friday Community Service April 19th @ 12 Noon held at Lexington U. Methodist Church, community choir to sing

Easter Sunday April 21st – 10:00 AM service, Adult choir to sing. We will also be collecting the Lenten donation bags on this morning.

EASTER LILIES

Please contact Croswell Greenhouse to order your Easter lily for Easter Sunday. Lilies will be placed in front of the church for Easter service and may be taken home after the service. Please indicate if the flower will be “In Honor of” or “In Memory of” and a special brochure will be included in the bulletin with all the information.



Our Little Library in the Corner

Is this all life is about?" Many of us have asked this question at one point or another in our lives. : "Is it just an endless pursuit after things that never really satisfy?", we ask. "Where can I find lasting contentment and joy?" The author of this book guides readers through the book of Ecclesiastes to demonstrate that the answer is and always has been this: Contentment and joy are gifts of God; they come to people who take life daily, whatever it may bring, from the hand of a loving Father. From **Is This All There Is to Life?** by Ray Stedman. (Turquoise Dot)

Did you miss seeing Mel Gibson's **The Passion of the Christ**, or maybe you'd like to see it again?? We have it available in either DVD or VCR format!! A great pre-Easter reminder of what our Lord has done for us! (Orange Dot)

"What became of the little colt who bore Christ on his triumphant entry into Jerusalem?...Here, in a tender story with dramatic art, Little Colt shares the story of that history-changing, life-changing day." **Little Colt's Palm Sunday**, by Michelle Adams. (Yellow Dot)

To check out an item from our Library, simply remove the card, put your name and the date on it, and place it in the basket on the table. There is no time limit, but please remember to return the item when you are finished. Enjoy!!

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

SPECIAL OFFERING

EASTER SUNDAY

In the weeks leading up to Easter Sunday, material will be provided in church bulletins giving information on the Presbytery offering, One Great Hour of Sharing. Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The three programs supported by OGHS – Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People – all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need.

First Presbyterian Church, Croswell's efforts to support this offering has been a long-standing tradition – the offering is a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need.

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<i>Birthdays</i> <i>Anniversaries</i> <i>Meetings</i> <i>Church</i>	1 <i>Michelle Oldford</i>	2	3 <i>Randy Bales</i>	4	5 <i>Memorial</i> <i>Mary Ellen Badgero @ 11am</i>	6
7 <i>Mike Bloomfield</i> <i>5th Sunday of Lent</i>	8 <i>Michael Hosler</i> <i>Margaret Hetzel</i>	9 <i>Deacons 6pm</i> <i>Sessions 7pm</i>	10	11	12	13
14 <i>PALM SUNDAY</i>	15	16	17	18 <i>7pm</i> <i>Maundy Thursday</i> <i>Ralph Kinsley</i>	19 <i>Good Friday</i> <i>noon @ Lexington UMC</i>	20
21 <i>EASTER</i>	22 <i>Earth Day</i>	23 <i>Ed Stone</i> <i>Caden Young</i>	24	25 <i>Muriel Wideman</i>	26	27
28	29 <i>Dave Edmiston</i>	30		<i>Steve & Gale Oldford April 9th</i>		