

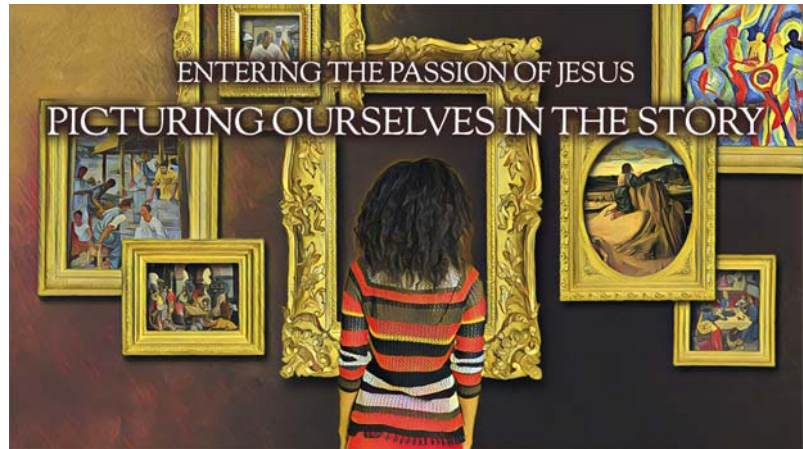
White Lick Presbyterian *Church Chat*

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March 2023 in the year of our Lord, Jesus Christ

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Remarks from Ruth:

by Ruth Moore

March has always been a busy birthday month for my family. My great-grandmother, my grandmother, my mother, and I all had/have birthdays in March. Four generations of first born female children born in March. I broke the chain by having my first born female child born in July, but she (Hadley) continues the legacy of strong, hardworking, women dedicated to careers of helping others.

The season of Lent – which continues in March – is not quite so outwardly focused as the lives of the women in my family. But, sometimes we need to focus on our own needs – physical as well as spiritual – so we can be the disciples God calls us to be. While we are always called to be mind-

ful of the needs of others, Lent is also a time for us to focus on our internal spiritual life. That is why I am sending daily devotions for Lent in my weekly emails.

Our study and worship theme this month continues to focus us on *Entering the Passion of Jesus* as we examine the last week of Jesus' life. We will enter the story of Jesus' life and see him as he enters the temple and confronts the money changers. We will hear Jesus as he teaches about the Greatest Commandment and the Lesson of the Widow's Mite. Then we will put ourselves in the story of the women who anointed Jesus with oil, and experience the Last Supper in a new way. I invite you to join this Lenten journey by worshipping with us on Sunday mornings, and joining the Lenten studies on Sunday mornings or Wednesday nights. More >

March can still feel a lot like winter, and I know we are all anxious to get out of the house and enjoy some warmer weather and interacting with others. The Deacons are sponsoring Dinners for 8 on March 24th – see article below – so I invite you to sign up to spend some time breaking bread and getting to know other church members a bit better. I have volunteered Mark to cook something (he is thrilled about this!) and we will have 3 other host families.

We are baptizing our favorite church toddler – Darla Sue Ruppel – in worship on Sunday the 5th with a fellowship lunch (and a baptism cake!) following worship so you don't want to miss that.

I am so looking forward to the first day of Spring, and more sunshine and color in God's creation. And I am also hoping that this month will be a time of spiritual growth for all of us as we journey to the cross and the miracle of the resurrection at Easter.

Here is to Spring and to new growth and opportunities at White Lick Presbyterian Church!

Blessings, Pastor Ruth

Lenten Studies Continue:

It's never too late to join in the Lenten study groups that are *Entering the Passion of Jesus* – a video and discussion study led by Pastor Ruth. We meet in Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings at 9 am and on Wednesday nights at 7 pm on Zoom. Send Pastor Ruth an email if you would like a Zoom invite for the Wednesday night Zoom group. (pastorruth@indy.rr.com)



One Great Hour of Shiring



You shall be called Repairers of the breach
-Isaiah 58

Millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity.

One Great Hour of Sharing is the single, largest way that Presbyterians connect every year to work for a better world!

- The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing –
 - Natural disasters - *Presbyterian Disaster Assistance*
 - Food for the hungry - *Presbyterian Hunger Program*
 - Support for the poor and oppressed - *Self-Development of People*
- All work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From ini-

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tial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

One thing remains steadfast and true: We are the Church, together, no matter where we are, and the Church belongs with those struggling for justice, righteousness and peace for life.

We will be collecting OGHS offerings during Lent. Please mark your check or Bill Pay with OGHS when you send to the church. The "GIVE NOW" link on the church website whitelickpcusa.org has a OGHS category.

If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot!

Dinner for Eight

The Deacons are sponsoring "Dinner for Eight" on March 24th at 6 pm. The host will provide space as well as the main entrée and drinks. The host will contact participants to ask if they would like to bring a salad, vegetable or dessert. This activity

January 2023 Financial Information

Income	Expenses
\$10,822.80	\$10,596.10

Please keep your giving up to date. Place your offering in the plate at Church.

Mail your gift to the Church office:

**2530 N County Road 600 E
Avon, IN 46123**

Use the "bill pay" feature at your bank. Use the "give now" link on Church website:

whitelickpcusa.org

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is open to all; singles and couples. A sign up sheet will be available beginning March 5th. Add your name to one of the groups. And then look forward to some good food and fellowship with members of your church family.

If you would like to host a group, contact Mary Ann Hoke at (317) 752-5246 or rhone4@indy.rr.com.

Fellowship Lunches

Here is the schedule for Fellowship Lunches. Each team will take a turn at presenting Lunch, as shown below:

March	5	Session
April	2	Deacons
May	7	Building & Grounds
June	4	Mission
July	2	Holiday — No Lunch
August	6	Worship
September	3	Holiday — No Lunch
October	1	Hospitality
November	5	Tech Team
December	3	Finance

(These are not general pitch-ins; however, you are always welcome to bring a food donation or help clean up.) 😊

Clean and Green Earth Day

The town of Brownsburg is having a community clean-up on **Earth Day, April 22 from 9 am-1 pm.**

Teams will be removing trash throughout Brownsburg or removing invasive plants from Williams Park.

After cleaning local parks, trails, and Town areas, we'll celebrate by creating a mural with recycled items found during

clean up. Trash bags and pickers will be provided.

Teams can be assigned to a location or may choose their own. Priority locations are any areas that drain directly to a local waterway.

This event is in partnership with the Hendricks County Partnership for Water Quality and State of Indiana Cooperative Invasives Management.

Individuals, churches, civic, community, and neighborhood groups can register for the event. Teams must be registered by **Monday, April 17**.

If you are interested in being part of a team for either activity please contact a member of the mission team or Annetta Davis.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Mark Moore
- 2 Mason Brooks
- 2 Mike Cooper
- 7 Brooklynne Parker
- 7 Madison Parker
- 10 Faye Ann Krohne
- 10 Chloe Temple
- 15 Dee Johnston
- 17 Pastor Ruth Moore
- 18 Diane Akers
- 20 Skylar Temple
- 27 Cindy Shelton

(If your birthday is missing, Please notify wlpres@indy.rr.com.)



March Calendar

Sunday worship 10:30 am online link:
YouTube https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_X2uIIQX3x0vECTI2SDT-w

Wednesday, March 1

7:00 pm *Entering the Passion of Jesus* study on Zoom

Thursday, March 2

6:30 pm PAL Group in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, March 5 – Hymn Sing Sunday

9:00 *Entering the Passion of Jesus*

10:30 Worship in Sanctuary & on YouTube

11:30 Fellowship Lunch – Session

Wednesday, March 8

6:00 pm Deacons Meeting

7:00 pm *Entering the Passion of Jesus* study on Zoom

Thursday, March 9

6:30 pm PAL Group in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, March 12 – Communion Sunday

9:00 *Entering the Passion of Jesus*

10:30 Worship in Sanctuary & on YouTube

Daylight Saving Time begins

Tuesday, March 14

6:30 pm Mission Team

Wednesday, March 15

7:00 pm *Entering the Passion of Jesus* study on Zoom

Thursday, March 16

6:30 pm PAL Group in Fellowship Hall

Friday, March 15

St Patrick’s Day and Pastor Ruth’s birthday

Sunday, March 19

9:00 *Entering the Passion of Jesus*

10:30 Worship in Sanctuary & on YouTube

Monday, March 20

6:00 PW Meeting in Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, March 21

7:00 pm Session Meeting

Wednesday, March 22

7:00 pm *Entering the Passion of Jesus* study on Zoom

Thursday, March 23

6:30 pm PAL Group in Fellowship Hall

Friday, March 24

6:00 pm Dinners for 8 in various host homes

Sunday, March 26

9:00 *Entering the Passion of Jesus*

10:30 Worship in Sanctuary & on YouTube

11:30 Worship Team Meeting in Library

11:30 Conversations that Challenge Christians

Wednesday, March 29

7:00 pm *Entering the Passion of Jesus* study on Zoom

Thursday, March 30

6:30 pm PAL Group in Fellowship Hall



Editor's Column:

Did you feel it? Ash Wednesday? A kind of a hush fell over the world. Anticipation. Something is coming. It's kind of like when you're in a theatre and the House lights start to dim. Everyone gets quiet anticipating the drama which is about to unfold.

Unlike Christmas where the anticipation is electric because of the joy that is coming due to the impending birth of Christ, this anticipation is guarded, restrained.

No, Now we are coming up to a very difficult time. The gift (Christ) comes to fruition. Death seems to take the upper

hand as Christ approaches the cross and crucifixion. But life will take the upper hand in time as he is raised from the dead. But that is yet to come as he prays in the Garden that "this cup be removed from me."

OK that's almost Easter I'm getting ahead of myself again. Right?. Right now we are in lent. It started with Ash Wednesday. And we are leading up to that gruesome factor that terrible icon of the cross of Christ. It is awful to anticipate. We know, we know that after the awful comes the wonderful and yet in this time leading up to the offering this is our time for reflection for reevaluation for introspection.

Now is the time for a closer walk with God. Remember last month how I told you about his answer to my trivial prayer as to when I would be full time at work? Can you imagine he took the time to answer that one. Do you wish you had that kind of patience with your kids? God is such a good parent and just think; how many children does he have? It is time for a closer walk with God; he's waiting for you.

This is the season of lent. Join Pastor Ruth Sundays in Fellowship Hall at 9:00 a.m. and Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom

