

Pastoral Ponderings – Ruth Moore

Mark and I both have birthdays in March. His is the 2nd and mine is the 17th – St Patrick's Day. Usually it is still pretty cold when Mark's birthday occurs and he remembers lots of birthdays as a child when there was snow on the ground. By the middle of March, when we are ready to celebrate something on the 17th, and drink some green beer, the weather is often warmer and we feel like Spring might actually occur this year! Remember, as Christians we are hopeful people. We know the story of new life and resurrection from the dead. God's creation will awake from winter and new life will begin. Easter will bring new life and the miracle of resurrection for us all.

As March begins, we are right in the middle of Lent. Our worship series: What r u up 2? continues to challenge us to find good to be up to. Our Lenten study on the Gospel of Mark continues to inform us about the gospel we are spending so much time in this year.

By the end of the month we have Palm Sunday and palms to sway in worship. On Friday, March 29th, we will worship together, remember and celebrate the Lord's Supper, and hear again the words in the garden as Jesus was taken away.

On Easter Sunday, March 31st, we will have a Sunrise service at 7 am and a joyful celebration of the resurrection at 10: 30 am.

Don't forget to invite family and friends to worship with you on Easter Sunday. The Men's Bible Study group will provide breakfast after the Sunrise Service and up until about 9:45 am. We will also have a cross outside for you to fill with flowers to celebrate Easter and to share with our neighbors as they drive by the church.

March will be a meaningful month at White Lick Presbyterian Church, I hope you can be a part of it.

Pastor Ruth

Holy Week/Easter Highlights

Palm Sunday – 10:30 am March 24 – A parade of palms

Maundy Thursday/Good Friday Service – 7 pm, March 29 – Communion

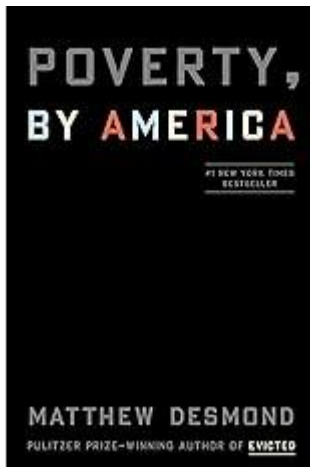
Easter Sunday Services – 7 am and 10:30 am

Easter Brunch – 7:45 am – 9:45 am

Cross Decorating – all morning long – bring flowers to share!

Conversations that Challenge Christians: March 24 “Hidden and Ignored”

“Poverty isn’t simply the condition of not having enough money. It’s the condition of not having enough choice and being taken advantage of because of that”. In Chapter 4 of *Poverty, by America*, Matthew Desmond’s research opens wide the discriminatory practices of our banking and credit systems that force the cash-strapped poor into alternative financial options to pay for their basic necessities. In Chapter 5, Desmond challenges the prevalent belief that welfare recipients are lazy and prefer a government check to honest work. Besides destroying that belief with actual facts, Desmond goes on to say: “The biggest government subsidies are not directed at families trying to climb out of poverty, but instead go to ensure that well-off families stay well-off.” Chapter 6 further emphasizes that the current situation of not investing in public services keeps the poor in poverty and enables us to keep the issues hidden and ignored. You do not need to have read Chapters 4-6 of the book to come and have an informative discussion. Snacks will be provided.



Chord’s of Love Easter baskets –

This Easter we will be collecting candy and other items for our mission partner, “Chords of Love” for baskets for the children with parents who are fighting cancer. If you pick up small, non-edible items, the kids’ ages are: (2 girls) = 6-9 years old, (14 girls) = 12-17 years old, and (8 boys) = 9-16 years old. PLEASE NOTE: one of the boys has sensory issues.

If you would like to donate anything, please feel free to leave it in the blue totes marked “Mission”. NO NEED TO DONATE BASKETS OR PLASTIC EGGS, WE HAVE PLENTY. We will be collecting items until the 17th of March, when we will be assembling the baskets after worship. Thank you in advance for your kindness!



**Sunday, March 3,
after worship**

**Catered by Session
members – elected to
serve you!**

**The Deacons invite you to attend the next
Dutch-Treat**

“Fine Time for Lunch Time”

Thursday, March 14, at 1:00 pm

Smokey Bones in Avon

**Sign-up on the sheet as you enter the
sanctuary or contact:**

Mary Ann Hoke (317)752-5246

February 14 - March 31, 2024

One Great Hour of Sharing

For 75 years, One Great Hour of Sharing has provided Presbyterians a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world.

One Great Hour of Sharing helps people around the world in need. Every penny, nickel, dime, quarter and dollar given goes to help people affected by hunger, disaster and injustice. The offering began in the 1940's when one minister set a goal to raise one million dollars in one hour. It was one great hour of sharing! More churches participated the next year, and the year after that, and the year after that, and on and on, every year since. This year we celebrate that Presbyterians have given to One Great Hour of Sharing for 75 years!

The offering is collected during the season of Lent. Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, to promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and to assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing helps to improve the lives of people in challenging situations. The Offering provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need. In fact, OGHs is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. Join us! **When we all do a little, it adds up to a lot!**

January 2024

Financial Information

Income	Expenses
\$10,036.50	\$11,922.74

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 46123

Use the "bill pay" feature at your bank.

Use the "give now" link on the church website: whitelickpcusa.org

THANK YOU for your financial support.

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Reminder to all: the deadline for all articles is the 15th of the month for the following month. Please use Word format and Arial font if possible.

If you would like to receive *Church Chat* by email, please let Pastor Ruth know.

THE LOVE TRAIN at Unity Church

3rd Saturday each month, 10:00am – 12:00pm
Unity Church at 9th & Delaware.
(Downtown Indianapolis)



We serve a hot meal (carry-out), give out snack bags for later, hygiene kits and seasonal clothing to all that come. The goal is to help with needs, lend a listening and caring ear, but more importantly to tell everyone how loved they are!

Erik and I feel very blessed to participate in Indy Love Train. It is amazing that just a few hours once a month can be so rewarding! To see all the comradery and smiles on the faces of the volunteers working together to prepare the meal. The laughter and pure joy in the room. Erik almost always has his Army Veteran hat on. There are always one or two clients that strike up a conversation with him because of his hat. They feel like they have something in common and there is a sense of friendship. It is amazing how many of the clients that frequent Indy Love Train are Veteran's. Truly God's work is being done! Come join in the LOVE!

We can always use: Snacks, Drinks, Blankets, Toiletries, Seasonable clothing (larger sizes)

For more information contact Erik or Nan Johnson Cell# (317) 361-9840

My Vision -Jerry Bennett, Editor Emeritus

Easter is early this year. I was looking at last year's issue to see if I had used a little poem I had written many years ago about the empty tomb. Instead, I found I had shared a condensation of the climatic last chapter of my book detailing Christ's face off with the Devil in Hell.

I thought, how bold of me to share part of this unfinished work in our newsletter. How bold indeed. No! How timid. To speak of the passion of Christ in a church newsletter. Is there a safer space to whisper "I love the lord"? The time has come to get on with it!

Every now and then my dad whispers to me directing me to a better decision. His input is always in the form of a question. He was a wise man. I am a typographer; I have designed Church Chat in the tradition of a 'bookish' journal. But I am also, and perhaps more importantly, a writer and publisher. I currently have three books in different stages of readiness for publication. I have a gracious lady across the table who is quite busy raising three grandchildren who is degreed in journalism and theology. What a resource.

By the time this gets into print I will have gifted thirty-six books on self-Improvement to graduates of the Circles Getting Ahead class at Tabernacle Presbyterian Church where I serve as an Ally (mentor) to those seeking a better way. It is a position that has allowed me to influence the founder of Circles, Scott Miller, and on another occasion on a Zoom conference, a member of the Synod who requested a copy of a poem I recited during that conference.

I must seek a wider audience. When I worked in advertising typography one of our clients had a line drawing on their letterhead of a candle atop an overturned bushel basket. The scriptural reference is obvious: lift my light to the top of the overturned basket so that more will benefit from my words of witness to the loving enlightenment of our Father.



March Birthdays

02 Mason Brooks, Mark Moore, Mike Cooper
 07 Madison Parker
 10 Faye Ann Krohne
 15 Dee Johnston
 17 Pastor Ruth Moore
 18 Diane Akers
 27 Cindy Shelton



Saturday, March 2

1:00 pm Banner Work Day

Sunday, March 3

9:00 am Lent Study

10:30 am Worship, Sanctuary & online

11:30 am Fellowship Lunch

Wednesday, March 6

7:00 pm Lent Study Zoom

Thursday, March 7

6:00 pm PAL, Fellowship Hall

Saturday, March 9

9:00 am Men's Bible Study

Sunday, March 10 – Communion Sunday

9:00 am Lent Study

10:30 am Worship, Sanctuary & online

11:30 am Worship Team

Tuesday, March 12

6:30 pm Mission Team

Wednesday, March 13

6:00 pm Deacons

7:00 pm Lent Study Zoom

Thursday, March 14

1:00 pm Fine Time for Lunch Time

6:00 pm PAL, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, March 17

9:00 am Lent Study Zoom

10:30 am Worship, Sanctuary & online

Monday, March 18

6:30 pm PW

Tuesday, March 19

7:00 pm Session

Wednesday, March 20

7:00 pm Lent Study Zoom

Thursday, March 21

6:00 pm PAL

Sunday, March 24

9:00 am Lent Study

10:30 am Worship, Sanctuary & online

11:30 am Conversations that Challenge

Wednesday, March 27

7:00 pm Lent Study Zoom

Thursday, March 28

6:00 pm PAL, Fellowship Hall

Friday, March 29

7:00 pm Maundy Thurs/Good Friday
Worship

Sunday, March 31

7:00 am Easter Sunrise Worship

7:45 am Easter Breakfast

10:30 am Easter Worship in Sanctuary &
online