“I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?”

Isaiah 42:19

Last month the world saw something that it hasn’t seen in over 600 years. The Roman Catholic Pope stepped down. Citing the infirmities that come along with age, Benedict XVI announced that at 85 he’s ready to retire. This means that for the first time in centuries a new pope will be selected while the previous pope is still alive.

It makes sense to most of us that someone the pope’s age would retire. But the buzz surrounding this announcement illustrates something that we all know to well. The church, Catholic, Protestant or otherwise accepts change slowly.

That’s why we are to be commended for the change approved at the Called Congregation Meeting on February 17. At that meeting 34 members and 3 nonmembers were present. By a ballot vote of 30 members to 4, we changed our worship time from 10:00 am to 11:00 am. Granted this isn’t quite on the same scale as the Pope’s decision but for us it has a more immediate impact. Congratulations everyone!

Starting on March 3, we will meet for worship at 11:00 a.m. Sunday mornings. In line with the change in our worship time, our Sunday School classes will meet at 10:00 a.m.

Many blessings,

Pastor Terry
The Easter Story as told in the Gospels
King James Version

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. (John 3:16-17)

The Last Supper
And his disciples went forth, and came into the city, and found as he said unto them: and they made ready for the passover. And in the evening he cometh with the twelve. (Mark 14:16-17)
And as they did eat, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and brake it, and gave to them, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. And he took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them: and they all drank of it. And he said unto them, This is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many. Verily I say unto you. I will drink no more of the fruit of the vine, until that day that I drink it new in the kingdom of God. (Mark 14:22-25)

Jesus is Crucified
Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the common hall, and gathered unto him the whole band of soldiers. And they stripped him, and put on him a scarlet robe. And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put it upon his head, and a reed in his right hand; and they bowed the knee before him, and mocked him, saying Hail King of the Jews! And they spit on him, and took the reed, and smote him on the head. And after that they had mocked him, they took the robe off from him, and put his own raiment on him and led him away to crucify him. (Matthew 27:27-31)
And as they led him away, they laid hold upon one Simon, a Cyrenian, coming out of the country, and on him they laid the cross, that he might bear it after Jesus. And there followed him a great company of people and women, which also bewailed and lamented him. (Luke 23:26-27).
And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left. Then said Jesus, Father forgive them; for they know not what they do. (Luke 23:33-34)
Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took his garments, and made four parts, to every soldier a part; and also his coat: now the coat was without seam, woven from the top throughout. They said therefore among themselves, Let us not rend it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be: that the Scripture might be fulfilled, which saith, They parted my raiment among them, and for my vesture they did cast lots. These things therefore the soldiers did. (John 19:23-24)

Jesus Dies and is Buried
And it was about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And the sun was darkened, and the vail of the temple was rent in the midst. And when Jesus had cried out with a loud voice, he said, Father into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost. Now when the centurion saw what was done, he glorified God, saying, Certainly this was a righteous man. (Luke 23:44-47)When the even was come, there came a rich man of Arimathea, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus' disciple: He went to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered. And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock: and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed. (Matthew 27:57-60)And Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses beheld where he was laid. (Mark 15:47)

Jesus is Risen!
And very early in the morning, the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun. And they said among themselves, Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulchre? And when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away: for it was very great. And entering into the sepulchre, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment; and they were affrighted. And he saith unto them, Be not affrighted: ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him. But go your way, tell his disciples and Peter that he goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him, as he said unto you. (Mark 16:2-7)
So then, after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven and sat on the right hand of God. And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen. (Mark 16:19-20)
Dear Thursday Coffee Group,

We thank you for your praying and caring. We know God is walking with us and your prayers keep us going & warm our heart.

Your friends in Christ,
Rich & Judy Greene

We are changing our time for Sunday School and Worship on Sundays. The new hours, beginning March 3rd will be:

Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.
Worship - 11:00 a.m.

Be sure to drop in for coffee, maybe a Danish or cookies and wonderful fellowship on Thursday mornings at 10:00 a.m.
in Memorial Hall!

Connection Online

If you would like to read the “Connection” newsletter online, go to our website:
http://www.presbyterianchurchofbullshoals

Click on the ‘Info Center’ tab at the top, then on the drop-down menu, click on “Presbyterian Connection”, then choose the month of the newsletter you would like to read. The most recent newsletter will be at the top.

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WORSHIP IN MARCH

March 3, 2013
3rd Sunday in Lent
Isaiah 55: 1-9, Psalm 63: 1-8
Communion
“Come to the Table”

March 10, 2013
Daylight Savings Time Begins
4th Sunday in Lent
Joshua 5: 9-12; Psalm 32
2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-32
“Join the Party”

March 17, 2013
5th Sunday in Lent
Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126
Philippians 3: 4b – 14; John 12: 1-8
Blessing of the Food Pantry
“Moving Ahead”
Pot Luck

March 24, 2013
Palm Sunday
Easter Pageant
One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

March 28, 2013, 6:00 pm
Maundy Thursday
Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 116
1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31-35
“Service of Shadows”
Communion

March 31, 2013
Easter
Acts 10:34-43; Isaiah 65:17-25
Psalm 118: 1-24; John 20:1-18
Communion
“I Have Seen the Lord”
PRAYER LIST FOR CONGREGATIONS, PRESBYTERY OF AR.- 2013

March 3 - Woodlands, Hot Springs Village
March 10 - Second, Little Rock
March 17 - Walnut Grove, Farmington
March 24 - First United, Fayetteville
March 31 - First, Harrison

Holiday Island Church
First, Yellville
First, Mena
West Fork Church, West Fork
First, North Little Rock

PLEASE NOTIFY PAT ERLEWINE IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE WHO SHOULD BE ON OUR PRAYER LIST.

BIRTHDAYS

March
March 3 - Dick Sass
March 10 - Allen Althof
March 20 - Betty Perrin
March 22 - Pat Erlewine
March 28 - Betty Aaron
March 30 - Jini Sass

April
April 6 - Mary Ann Smith
April 10 - Betty Craig
April 11 - Darcy Burghard
April 18 - Vivian Meyers
April 19 - Norma Taylor
April 19 - Garrett Carpenter
April 22 - Don Miller

ANNIVERSARIES

March 12 - Bob & Arabella Richardson
March 18 - Dr. Roger & Meg Simons

Happy Anniversary
NEW INSTRUCTIONS FOR USHERS

Be at church at 9:30 a.m.
Stand in the Narthex by the two outside doors.
Greet people as you give them a bulletin. Ask visitors to please sign the guest register.
Close Sanctuary doors after announcements.
Please sit in the front pew on the RIGHT side as you face the altar.
Take up the offering using the center aisle only. One usher for each side. Hand the collection plate to the person sitting closest to the center aisle. Ask them to pass it down the pew and back again to you.
Wait for the doxology to begin before taking the offering up to Pastor Terry.
Remain up front for the prayer.
If you an usher on a Communion Sunday, you and the two communion servers will serve the congregation. The communion servers will not help with the offering.
If you are unable to usher on your Sunday, please call Sandy Erickson at 431-4549.
Thank you for being an usher.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMMUNION SERVERS

Please sit in front pew on the LEFT side as you face the altar. You will help the ushers with serving Communion. The two ushers will take up the offering.
If you are unable to serve Communion or have any questions, please call Sandy Erickson at 431-4549.
Thank you for being a communion server.
LIBRARY LINES FOR MARCH 2013

A new book was donated to the library called JOSIAH FOR PRESIDENT by Martha Bolton and it is also our featured book:

“When former Congressman Mark Stedman throws in the towel on his presidential campaign, his only choice is to return to his home state and decide how to spend the rest of his life ... until he meets Josiah Stoltzfus, an Amish farmer from Pennsylvania. Stedman learns more from Josiah in a few hours than in his many years in office. He comes to the conclusion that someone like Josiah should be running the country. Not a career politician, but someone with a little old-fashioned common sense, someone who’s not afraid of rolling up his sleeves and getting his hands dirty. Someone like Josiah Stoltzfus. Using his old campaign headquarters for a base, Mark Stedman determines to introduce a new candidate to America. He pledges to do everything in his power to make sure Josiah gets elected. But can a plain man of faith turn the tide of politics and become the leader of America, and what will he have to risk to do it?”

A big Thank You to all those who so generously donated to our library. You are the ones who help keep our wonderful library supplied with great books.

During the Lenten Season we have been asked my Pastor Terry to do some extra study with a study partner. The non-fiction part of the library is full of wonderful study books and Bibles that can be checked out. A wide selection of books have also been put on display in the Children’s Library. Please take the time to check out some of these books and start the Lenten Season off right by studying the Word of God with another.

Faye Brackett, Librarian
The Mission Committee sponsored the Super Bowl for Caring again this year on Super Bowl Sunday. Thanks to all your generous donations a $121.50 was collected to support the Food Pantry.

Starting on March 3rd, we will be promoting the One Great Hour Of Sharing. Be sure and read the Bulletin Boards and look for the Fish. If you choose to use the Fish for your donations, please be sure and write your names on your Fish. The Fish will be collected on Palm Sunday the 24th of March. Donation envelopes will also be available in the pews.

Gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing Support the following: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People.

Since 1949 Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing to share God’s love with those in need. Your generous gifts assist those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and assist in helping to empower the poor and oppressed.

Thank you to all for your generous support.

Faye Brackett
The Mission Committee
Presbyterian Women has a mission, a voice and a place in the church. Presbyterian Women's predecessor organizations began more than 200 years ago when women had no role outside the home. In the early 1800s the first Presbyterian women's organization defied societal and church conventions. These courageous, dedicated women faced the biases of men and others who felt women should remain at home. In spite of the numerous restrictions, the women's organization gained respect, especially that of missionaries in the field who requested women's donations and prayers.

In the mid-1800s with civil strife in the nation, the church split; it would be many years before the wounds were healed and the northern and southern branches were reunited. The work of Presbyterian women varied with the cultural backgrounds of North and South. Despite regional differences, Presbyterian women have always been in the forefront of national movements. Presbyterian women have long advocated for women and children, and crusaded for the right to fair, paid work for African Americans, Native Americans, people of Appalachia and immigrants. They went into the field to actively do something about a host of other societal problems. In the late 1800s the mission work of Presbyterian women broadened to include areas in Alaska and San Francisco, with a particular focus on Asian women.

By answering God's call, women's work in the church and in society was validated, and the role of women in both foreign and home missions expanded throughout the 19th century. In 1872 the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church in North America (UPCNA) asked women members to devise some way to systematically raise money to support women missionaries in the field. In 1875 Sarah Foster Hanna spoke to the General Assembly and received permission to establish the first national organization for women in a Presbyterian denomination, the Women's General Missionary Society. Southern women were more hesitant about organizing a church wide missionary society; it took the southern women of the Presbyterian Church in the United States (PCUS) more than 26 years to get permission to set up a national women's organization, Women of the Church. Presbyterian women's financial support of missions was phenomenal and included the Thank Offering (first in 1888) and the Birthday Offering (first in 1922), both of which continue today. The early 1900s were a time of upheaval and discontent; women gained power, women lost power, but through it all, women remained dedicated to the church. Then in 1930 the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. (PCUSA) opened the office of elder to women, thereby expanding the power of women to serve on any board of the General Assembly. The offices of elder and minister were opened to women in the UPCNA when the PCUSA and the UPCNA merged and to women in the PCUS in the sixties. In the 1930s the definition of the word "missions" was expanded. It began to mean much more than sending out missionaries, preachers and teachers to far away lands. It meant sending workers to work in the inner cities. It meant working to bring people together. It meant working with former enemies after the two great wars. Peace became a continuing emphasis of Presbyterian women as they continued their faith journey through the 20th century and into the 21st century. They also worked to stamp out hunger, exploitation of women and children and war. Presbyterian women were strong women who took tough positions on racism, freedom to choose in problem pregnancies and equal rights for women in society and in the church. After many years of talk about reunification, it became a reality in 1983 when the two churches rejoined, becoming the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). There were many difficulties in blending two organizations of strong women. Finally in 1988, Presbyterian Women was born, incorporating the best in the United Presbyterian Women and the Women of the Church. Two centuries after the first Presbyterian Women gathered to pray and give their money to the church, women have voice in the church and in the world. A legacy of devotion to the church and dedication to God are a strong foundation for continuing mission and taking Christ into every area of life in their third century. Presbyterian Women exists today because women are adaptable, determined, proactive, charitable, generous and dedicated to God. The Birthday Offering and the Thank Offering make it possible for new and existing ministry projects around the world to expand their work in new and creative ways.

From: http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/pw/about-history/
Who You Gonna Call?  A Partial List of Who Does What

NOTE MORE CHANGES SINCE LAST MONTH

- Vicky Baer - Clerk of Session & Membership
- Faye Brackett - Missions
- Ken Hobart & Elaine Miller - Treasurer, Personnel & Finance Committees
- Norm Hockley - Evangelism Committee & Thursday Morning Coffee
- Ken Hobart - Church Financial Plan & Investments
- Meg Simon - Worship & Music
- Steve Broskovak - Property (Building and Grounds)
- Terry Hart - Christian Education & Moderator of Session
- Pat Erlewine - Deacon Moderator
- Sandy Erickson - Prayer Chain
- Mary Kerr - PW Moderator & Treasurer
- Pam Hobart - Memorial Hall
March Puzzle

Easter Word Search

Ascension
Body
Cross
Crown
Crucifix
Denial
Empty tomb
Gethsemane
Herod
Judas Iscariot
Lamb
Last Supper
Linen
Mary Magdalene

Peter
Resurrection
Robe
Rock
Salvation
Simon of Cyrene
Sins
Stone
Temple
Thieves
Veil
Roasted Halibut with Orange Salsa

From Woman’s Day

Ingredients

Orange Salsa:
- 1 small red onion, quartered and thinly sliced crosswise
- 1/4 cup fresh lemon juice
- 2 navel oranges, peeled and diced
- 2 pickled jalapeno peppers, chopped
- 1/2 cup fresh cilantro, chopped
- Roasted Halibut:
  (4 piece(s) (3/4-in-thick ) halibut fillet (6 to 8 oz each)
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- Olive oil nonstick spray

Directions

· Make Orange Salsa: Toss onion with lemon juice in a medium bowl. Let stand at least 30 minutes, then stir in remaining ingredients.

· Make Roasted Halibut: Heat oven to 500 degrees F. Line a rimmed baking sheet with foil (for easy cleanup). Place fish on sheet; season with salt and pepper. Coat tops with nonstick cooking spray.

· Roast 10 minutes or until cooked through. Serve with Orange Salsa.

Serves 4
Total Time: 25 minutes
Prep Time: 15 minutes

Calories 275
Total Fat 6g
Saturated Fat 1g
Cholesterol 64mg
Sodium 511mg
Total Carbohydrate 13g
Dietary Fiber 2g
Sugars n/a
Protein 43g
THIS WE BELIEVE for MARCH

"Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed."

"Isaiah 53:4-5"

~MISSION STATEMENT~

"We will be scripture-based to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ and spiritually led to guide all people to be active doers of the Word"

Approved by Session on November 16, 2007

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