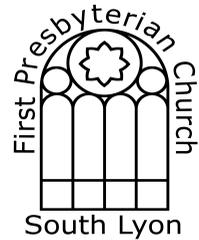


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# First Word



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## First Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

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### Final Destination: Jerusalem

Since the first of March, we have been travelling with Jesus and his disciples to Jerusalem, and to the cross. On this journey, we have been treated to rich parables that are unique to only Luke's gospel, such as the Good Samaritan; the Prodigal Son; and the rich man and Lazarus. Each parable has invited us, as well as challenged us, to open our hearts and minds to see a world that is much bigger than our own. We have been challenged to see the world through God's eyes, and then invited to transform our lives accordingly.

Soon, very soon, we will reach our final destination...Jerusalem. We will shout with joy, "Hosannas! Hosannas, in the highest!" as we wave our palm branches on high as Jesus makes his triumphant entry. But then, in just a few days later, our shouts of joy will turn to cries of betrayal. "Crucify him! Crucify him!"

Unlike the first disciples and those who travelled with Jesus almost 2000 years ago, we know this is not the end of the story. We know that a new chapter awaits us at dawn on the third day as an empty tomb is discovered, first by the women, and then by Peter. Jesus Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed!

Be sure to experience Holy Week at FPC beginning with Palm Sunday on Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, when we will gather in the Parlor as the children lead us into the sanctuary for worship.

On Maundy Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, join us for a potluck dinner, followed by the Haggadah, the telling of the Passover story, which will end in the upper room where we will share in the Last Supper.

On Good Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, join us as we host the South Lyon Community Good Friday Service at 7:00 p.m. Once again, pastors from several of our local congregations, as



## MAUNDY THURSDAY

Be sure to join us on **Maundy Thursday, April 13th, at 6:30 p.m.** for a special pot-luck supper and Hagaddah. Hagaddah comes from the Hebrew language and means “telling.” On this special night we will re-tell the story of the Israelites and their deliverance from slavery. We will taste foods of the Passover meal, and then join the disciples in the Upper Room as we celebrate the Last Supper.

Pastor Jo will have a special table for the children as they will play an important part in the story. The evening is for all, young and old, so come and celebrate with us.

## GOOD FRIDAY

This year FPC will host our South Lyon Community Good Friday Worship Service on April 14th at 7:00 p.m. Be sure to join us as we worship with our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. This year our service will feature a Tenebrae service, as well as the community choir. If you would like to sing in the choir, be sure to let Sally know.

We will also need volunteers to help greet, take up the offering, and to be hosts and hostesses. Let Pastor Mike know if you can help.

## ALL DAY CRAFT DAY

**Saturday, May 6 - 8am-8pm**

*What could be more fun than spending all day on Saturday, May 6th from 8am - 8pm crafting with your friends? Knowing that your monetary donation goes to help young children at risk attend camp this summer! Sounds like a great day to me.*

*Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be provided along with electricity to work on your craft. We have plenty of tables so no craft is too big to work on. The donation is the same as last year - \$35.00 - no inflation.*

If you are interested in this crafting day please see the sign-up sheet located at the Friendship Table.



**MISSION & OUTREACH**

Active Faith: This month's prime donation of non-perishable food is rice: Rice-a-Roni, Minute Rice, Cheesy Broccoli Rice sides. Watch for sales at your favorite grocery store. As of mid-March, 301 pounds of food have been transported to Active Faith.



The Strike Out Hunger bowl-a-thon was Sunday 26 March. FPCSL was represented by 3 teams of bowlers, raising \$395 for Active Faith. Thanks Gwyn for organizing this event.

Capernaum Health Clinic: Fortunately for the clinic, the power outage did not affect First UMC. FPCSL provided Wednesday's lunch and 10 members donated 139 hours of service.

Ten volunteers are needed to provide a dozen undecorated cupcakes by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 11th. Please see the signup sheet on the wall near the Parlor. Drop off will be the church kitchen - then - at 4:00 p.m. we will decorate the cupcakes (see signup sheet) to take to E1E Easter meal the next day (April 12th) at Spirit of Hope Church. We are also in need of cupcake carriers to transport the cupcakes.



Everyone Eats: Wednesday 12 April is the Easter meal at Spirit of Hope Everyone Eats program.

Wednesday 19 April is our assigned day to feed the hungry at Spirit of Hope. The carpool leaves at 9:30am promptly. Bob and Anne need extra help because Jefferson Ave. PC is out, that means they are involved with opening the second site of E1E at Gratiot Ave PC. You will be driven to the site at Spirit of Hope Church and brought back to the parking lot about 2pm. Have fun serving the Lord. The sign-up sheets are on the purple clip board for volunteers.



**Families Building Faith: Generous donations and volunteers have helped fill Easter Baskets for those less fortunate in the SE Michigan area.**

**Kids Hope USA:** We have children at Dolson Elementary waiting for a mentor. Got an hour to share? Substitutes are needed for sick days too! If not now, may be your calendar will have an opening next September. Contact Pastor Mike.



Remember to collect Box Tops for Education, Labels for Education, and Campbell Soup labels. Pray for the children, mentors, prayer partners, and teachers as we continue this vital mission.



**WORLD-WIDE KNIT IN PUBLIC DAY: Saturday 10 June from 1pm to 4pm on the front lawn. Sign up online at [www.wkipday.com](http://www.wkipday.com) under "find a KIP". Crocheters welcome. Our KIP is First Knit Together.**

### **Recap:**

**American Red Cross:** On Tuesday 14 March we collected another 29 pints of blood. Next drive should be in June; ask Bob.



**Everyone Eats:** served 60 meals at March meal thanks to Bob W & Bill.

The Mission & Outreach committee meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 10:30am in the Library. Anyone interested in using their talents and influence, please join us.



## The Taizé Music Tradition

During our Ash Wednesday service, we sang seven hymns from the Taizé tradition. The sanctuary was dark, illuminated by candle light. The pacing of the service was unhurried, and there was space for silence. The music was meditative and easy to sing.

The Taizé Community, an ecumenical monastic order in France, was started in 1944 by Brother Roger Schütz, a Swiss Christian leader in the Reformed church. Prior to the founding of the community, Roger and his sister Genevieve hid Christian and Jewish refugees fleeing the Nazi regime. Brother Roger started the Taizé Community to reconcile the different Christian churches and to further work and service in pursuit of social justice. Today the community has over one hundred brothers from Roman Catholic and Protestant traditions and from over thirty countries.

People began visiting the Taizé Community on pilgrimage in the 1960s, and the brothers began organizing international young adults' meetings. Currently, the community welcomes more than 5000 visitors each year. Some stay for a few days; others volunteer within the community for longer periods of time. The brothers also serve out in the world, with some living away from the community and doing work in countries outside of Europe.

In their effort to include ecumenical traditions, the brothers often sing music and pray in different languages within each liturgy. Their music includes chants and other songs with simple phrases, usually from Scripture and especially the Psalms. Jacques Berthier and Joseph Gelineau are the main composers in this tradition. (All of the hymns included in *Glory to God* were composed by Berthier.) The songs are sung in canon (in a round), sometimes alternating refrains with verses, sometimes with verses sung over ostinato (repeating) refrains, and sometimes with solo or accompanying instruments.

Taizé music is prayerful and changes within each community that sings it. The music is not prescribed but instead is malleable and open to the gifts available in any given community. Taizé music invites repetition, allowing the singers to reflect on the text in a prayerful way. Martin Luther said that when we sing, we pray twice. I'd like to think John Calvin would agree with him, at least when we're talking about the Psalms. The more we sing together, the more we breathe together, bringing a physiological unity to our theological unity. The breath of God breathes on us and in us, rhythmically, the

Spirit moving in and out.

When our ensemble rehearsed for the Ash Wednesday service, we discussed about how many times I thought we'd repeat a hymn, mainly so the other musicians would have some idea about the length. But in the service itself, we repeated some of these hymns longer than I'd planned. On more than one occasion, just when I thought we might wrap it up, the congregation began singing more robustly and with more confidence—they were just getting going!—so I was inspired to continue. We were breathing and praying together. Such is the work of the Holy Spirit.



### **GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP**

**Monday, April 17 at 10:00 a.m.**

**at**

**The Java House Café**

**All are welcome!**



### **THE SOUTH LYON SOCIAL JUSTICE TASK FORCE**

Join us on Sunday evening, April 23rd, at 6:30 p.m. in the church Parlor. Our discussion will focus on anti-bullying, as well as future planning.

On May 7th, we will join our friends at First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth for a potluck supper, sharing, and encouragement.

All are welcome to join the conversation!

### ***Lions, and Tigers, and Bears....oh my!***

On Saturday, May 20th, please plan to attend our Family Fellowship outing as we venture to the Detroit Zoo to see the animals and enjoy a picnic lunch.

If you are interested in attending please plan to be at the church by 9:30 a.m. as we will carpool to the zoo.

**More details to come as plans take shape!**

## FOR...and ABOUT SOUTH LYON PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of Detroit will be holding their April 5, 2017 meeting at First Presbyterian Church, 1432 Washtenaw Avenue, Ann Arbor. This is the first time in ages that we will be able to attend so close to home. Several women are going, if you are interested, let Barbara Clark Greene know by April 2, we will carpool. Lunch cost is \$8.00. The program will feature an Overview of the Horizon Bible Study for 2017-2018.

So many of us love Ruth Azar, the incredible Presbyterian Woman behind the 2nd Mile Center of Detroit. She was recently honored by the City of Detroit, The Board of Police Commissioners and the Chief of Police. Here is the article that appeared in the PWPD Prism Newsletter and written by Kari Gorman:

“Some years ago, my friend Ruth Azar told me that she was being called by God to open a mission center on the east side in the City of Detroit. She told all of us about her call. Maybe, you, like me, were a bit incredulous. For goodness sake, we are Presbyterians after all, “The Frozen Chosen”. We do not talk about hearing the voice of God to one another! She spoke to the Trustees of the Presbytery, the Coordinating Cabinet of the Presbytery, the Coordinating Team of PWPd, churches and individuals. At each level, Ruth made believers out of all of us and now we can add to that the City of Detroit.” In February, Mrs. Ruth Azar, Executive Director of SMCD was recognized for her devotion to improving the quality of life in the area that surrounds The Second Mile Center of Detroit.



The Detroit City Council recognized her achievement with the **“Spirit of Detroit Award”**. ***The Board of Police Commissioners*** **“Honored her with a Resolution”** that details her leadership in bringing the community and police officers together in a positive way.

***Police Chief, James Craig*** has given her a **“Certificate of Recognition”** for her outstanding service and cooperation through her work at The Second Mile Center of Detroit.

We are all extremely proud of Ruth’s accomplishments and excited that South Lyon First Presbyterian Church has been blessed to know her and 2nd Mile Center and that we are able to support her endeavor.

In the word of Kari Gorman, former Moderator of PWPd, “We can do mighty things when we listen to God’s calling and work together as brothers and sisters in Christ. Thanks be to God!”

**April 12:** The Women’s Bible Study will meet at 11:00 a.m. in the Library and will be studying the 8th lesson of “Who Is Jesus?” We will be viewing Jesus through the 8th

lens as we move outside the New Testament to explore Jesus through the lens of our Sister Abrahamic faiths, Judaism and Islam.

**Circle of Hope** will meet in the Parlor at 12:15 p.m. with Marilyn Birckelbaw as hostess and the roll call word is "Cross". Join us for fellowship, and good conversation. Bring a sandwich to share, dessert provided by the hostess.

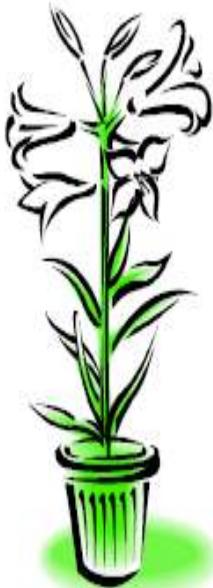
**April 24:** Circle Eve meets at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Anne Lyke. A light supper will be provided. Call Anne for text (248-437-4961).



**April 23:** Tickets will go on sale for the Mother/Daughter Tea on May 13 following Worship Service. Price is \$5.00 each or \$10.00 per family. Surprise entertainment will follow our tea that will delight us all. **MARK YOUR CALENDAR...YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS?**

### EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM

Easter is just around the corner. Help us decorate the sanctuary by purchasing beautiful Easter flowers. This year, in addition to the Easter Lily, you may purchase tulips and daffodils. Just complete this form and place it in the offering plate, or return it to the church office, with your payment, no later than **April 9th**.



No. of Easter Lilies \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15 = \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Tulips \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$8 = \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Daffodils \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$8 = \_\_\_\_\_

In honor/memory/celebration of (circle one please):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

From: \_\_\_\_\_

# Prayers & Praises

Prayer requests received during the month of March.

## Please pray for . . .

- the family of Ted Morgan
- Ray Chapman
- Bryan and Summer Davis
- Barbara and Ida - for peace and healing.
- Kody Kramer, diagnosed with cancer.
- premature Baby Alice with collapsed lung.
- Mary Haack
- Bette Haack
- Patti Fifield
- Jack Rae
- Vonda Boatman
- Millie Turnbull
- Heather Mueller's friend Julie
- Florence O'Brien
- Kevin Marx
- Ann Clifton's friend Lori Pearce
- Matt Mueller's co-worker Angela and husband Ron
- The family of Marty Finkel
- Ben and Tiffani Bond on their nuptials.
- Praise and thanks to Boy Scouts Troop #38 for help on Work Day.

Request prayer by calling the church office at (248) 437-2875 or online at [www.fpcsouthlyon.org/prayer-requests](http://www.fpcsouthlyon.org/prayer-requests).

Please let your Deacon know how your prayer is being answered. If you do not know who your Deacon is, contact the church office.

## Our Shut-ins and Homebound

- Shelly Birckelbaw
- Joan Borsh
- Millie Bunn
- Edna Hope
- Betty Ross
- Ann Seden
- Shirley Westacott

## Our Men Serving in the Armed Forces

- Kenny Bond
- Ben Bond
- Jared Roth

## Our Friends Under the Care of Presbytery

- Anne Lyke
- Ruth Azar



*Terrance Morgan*

*Birth 12/21/1938*

*Death 3/24/2017*

# JESUS IS RISEN!

When Jesus' disciples saw that the stone was rolled away from his tomb, they knew he had risen. Make a moveable tomb to celebrate Easter.

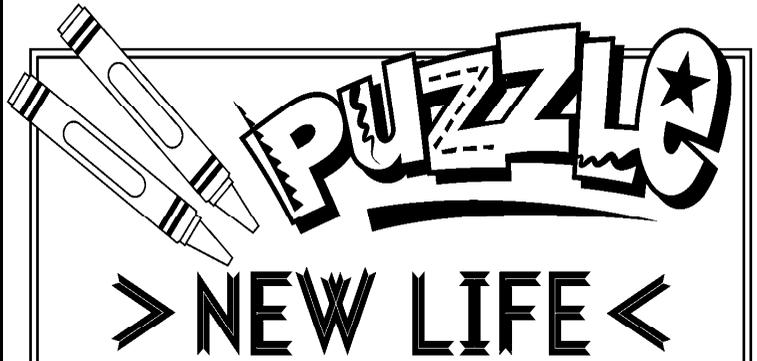
### What you need:

- 4 pieces of paper (brown, blue, black, yellow)
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Glue stick
- Brad fastener
- Marker



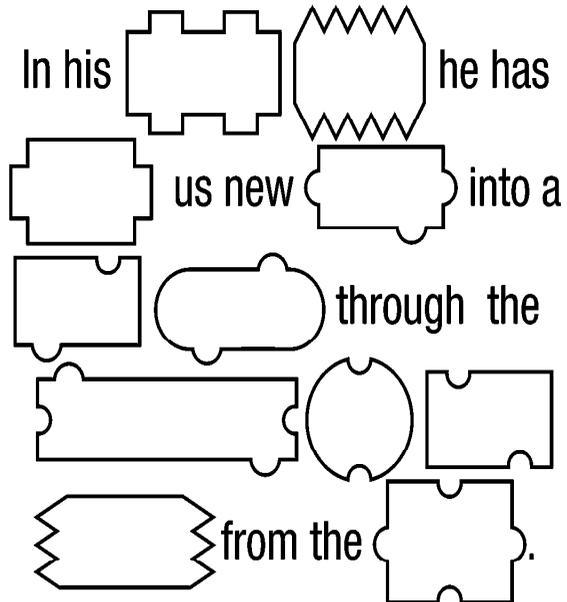
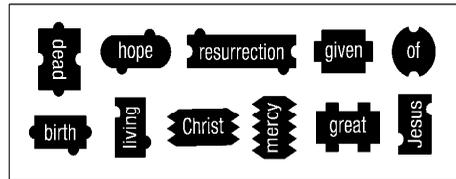
### What you do:

1. Fold the brown paper in half, short side to short side. Cut along the fold. On one half, draw and cut out a large half-circle (the tomb). On the other, draw and cut out a palm-sized circle (the stone).
2. Glue the brown tomb onto the blue paper.
3. Cut a black circle (the inside of the tomb) the same size as the brown stone and glue it onto the brown tomb.
4. Place the brown stone over the black half-circle; this is the entrance. Push the brad through one edge so the stone can move from side to side.
5. Cut out a cross from the yellow paper and glue it by the tomb.
6. Write "Jesus is risen!" atop the blue paper.



How did God work through Jesus to give us new life at Easter?

Directions: Use the puzzle pieces from the box to complete 1 Peter 1:3, NIV.



1 P E T E R 1 : 3 , N I V

Answer: In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. 1 Peter 1:3, NIV

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## **Mission Statement:**

*We are sent out by Jesus Christ to feed God's people spiritually, physically, and lovingly; planting seeds of hope, compassion, and justice within and throughout South Lyon and wherever else the Holy Spirit leads us.*

**SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30 AM**

**Rev. Michael Horlocker, Pastor**

**Rev. Jo Morgan, Parish Associate**

**Sally Messner, Director of Music**

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