

THE LEAVEN

First Presbyterian Church
Leavenworth, Kansas

MARCH 2018

SOULE SEARCHING ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Lent 2018

Dear friends in Christ,

Lent is traditionally a season of fasting and prayer. During this time, Christians pay close attention to spiritual disciplines that deepen our understanding of what God is doing in our lives and in the world. As a church, we spend time together hearing about and praying for the ministries of compassion and justice done through our support of One Great Hour of Sharing.

Jesus' ministry was among those who were most vulnerable. He preached good news to the poor and release to the captives. One Great Hour of Sharing helps us share this same good news to those same vulnerable people in our world today: those who are hungry, who are suffering from disaster, who are dealing with oppression in society.

Every gift made to this offering will meet the needs of people, and you will hear about just a few of these individuals over the coming weeks during worship. These stories will help us to see the face of those whose lives have been changed by our gifts, but they are only a few of the thousands and thousands of people served in this important ministry.

I would encourage you to visit the One Great Hour of Sharing website (www.presbyterianmission.org/oghs) to find out more information on how your support of OGHS helps people all over the world, and offer prayers for the projects and people who receive them.

That brings me to the challenge, which also relates to our support of One Great Hour of Sharing. While we trust our OGHS programs to respond to the needs of our poorest and hungriest neighbors, those programs can only do so to the extent of our generosity. I challenge each of you to give a gift to the offering—you'll see how giving opens your heart to God's work in your own life. So I hope that you'll join us on Easter Sunday, April 1st, and that you'll join Christians all across the country in opening their hearts to witness tangibly to the abundant love of God through One Great Hour of Sharing.

Yours in the love and grace of Jesus Christ,

Tim

Oh so
LUCKY
to have
you!

BACK PACK BUDDIES IN MARCH

We are privileged to again provide weekend meals to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd graders at Henry Leavenworth Elementary School during the month of March. We will pack the first two weeks of weekend back packs at 8:00 am on Monday, March 5th and then the remaining two weeks after the Pot Luck on Sunday, March 11th. We can have two weeks of weekend food packed for 150 children the children in about an hour with your hands helping. Come join the fun. It truly is a wonderful thing we are able to do for these kids, working together to do God's work right here in our community.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The First Presbyterian Church has scholarship opportunities from three different endowments: the Boatright Scholarship Fund, the Cory Community Scholarship Fund, and the Carol Ann Low Scholarship Fund.

- The Boatright Scholarship is given to members of the congregation who have completed one or more years of college and will continue enrollment in 2018-2019.
- The Community Scholarship is given to assist a 2018 graduating senior from Leavenworth County with academic potential and financial need. It is for students who are not members of this church and who will enter college in 2018.
- The Carol Ann Low Scholarship is for members of the congregation who are 2018 graduating seniors and will be entering college in 2018-2019.

Applications forms (with specific application requirements) are available in the church office. Completed applications must be received by **March 30, 2018**. We encourage all interested students to apply. If you have questions, contact Judy Wiedower or Linda Barry.

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 One Great Hour of Sharing — Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People — all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

Promoted during the season of Lent (February 14 – April 1), we will dedicate this offering on Easter Sunday. Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) helps to improve the lives of people in these 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.

Farming Tools

\$10



One Great Hour of Sharing

\$20 can provide up to 10 jerry cans to help families more easily transport clean water to their homes.

One Great Hour of Sharing

A family of chickens:

\$25



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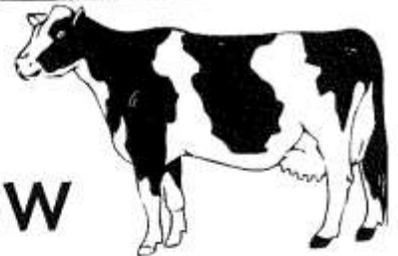
Your gift of \$30 can buy a bag of seeds to start a small nursery of quickly-growing, drought-tolerant Moringa trees.

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\$40 can buy a piglet for an economic development and food security project.

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\$45/share
or \$450 /cow



One Great Hour of Sharing



\$50/share
or \$1,500/well

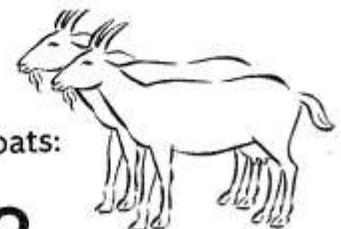
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\$50 can provide a refugee family with a food basket full of essential supplies.

One Great Hour of Sharing

A pair of goats:

\$178



Dear Friends,

I do not know how many of you know that I am getting prepared for a trip to Kenya. The group I am traveling with will be leaving from KCI on Memorial Day and returning June 8th. This delegation from Heartland Presbytery will be working in a tiny village, Thwake, from which one of our presbytery's current pastors, Rev David Nzioka, hails. Rev. Nzioka will be leading our trip. We will stay on his family's homestead in the village and worship and work with his home church.

Previous groups from Heartland have helped build a medical clinic, a small girls' school and a church. We will be working on the very beginning of a community building. The medical clinic will be open with a dentist, surgeon, and several nurses in our party. We will work alongside the local nurses and staff to assist community members with health care, spiritual needs and concerns.

This is a first venture for me across the Atlantic and into Africa. I am excited and a bit nervous. The trip to the village will take nearly 24 hours one way. Those who have gone before me have told me it is worth every minute and much more. I looked up the village yesterday on Google Earth. From the air it looked like a small farming operation in the southwestern corner of Kansas. However, not far away was a small wooded area and a fairly large river. There were no power lines, no paved roads, just vast open expanse of land. I have the feeling I will learn about natural darkness as the only power is solar. Thwake Village is a four to five hour drive east of Nairobi.

At the end of our stay we will visit a National Park and have opportunity to see and photograph African wildlife. The trip will be a challenge in many ways. The challenge I am most interested in at this point is in making friends with brothers and sisters in the faith and seeing how I can interact and communicate in this setting. My prayer is that God will work in me as is needed for the moments I am there. May I be ready to learn, to remain open to new experiences and people, and share myself fully with the people I meet.

On June 10th I may be tired and jetlagged but I will return ready to begin to share my adventure with you. Meanwhile, we have Lent, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter to commemorate and celebrate. I am always energized for this important journey of faith and new life. Plan to be with us for all our services between now and Easter Sunday.

Blessings,

Tim

FOUND

There is a pair of clip on sunglasses that were found at the church in a black polar optics case. Please let the church office know if you lost a pair.

DIRECTORY

First Presbyterian Church directory is available if you would like one please contact Arlene at the church either by email or phone (fpclvks@gmail.com or call 913-682-6891).



PRAYER CONCERNS

Immediate: Tim Saunders (Bobbie Snyder's son-in-law), Breanna Hoffman (Cindy Scircle's relative), Bill Traynham (Jerry's brother), Roger Frazer, Steve (Howard Kirk's brother), Gerry Bowman and Family, Rod Cox's father

Ongoing: Marilyn Ferbert (Judy Jahn's daughter), Joe Hudson, Anna Hurt, Al Pursell, Judy Jahn, Arlene Stovall, Jack Thomas, Dorothy Streiner (Cindy Scircle's relative), Aunt JB (Kristen Michaels), Ellen Owen (Ann Keeling's neighbor), Katherine Traynham (Jerry's mother), Gail Garrett, Gladys Griffin (Maria Traynham's mother), Ava (Caitlyn's cousin)

March FELLOWSHIP TREATS

Here is the schedule for providing treats for March:

March 4-Circle 5 **March 11**-Pot Luck
A, M-S-Main Dish **B,C,T-Z** -Salad, Sides and/or Bread **D-L**-Desserts
March 18-Session **March 25**-Deacons

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

2-Paul Keeling **5**-Pam Crume **8**-Linda Johnson **9**-Ivana Bowman
14-Pam Chamber **15**-Bill Katzenberger **16**-Brian Hurt **18**-Howard Kirk
21-Isabella Bowman **22**-Mike Lemke **23**-Marge Grafke-Doby
23-Shirley Comstock **25**-Caleb Gardner **29**-Kathie Wagner



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

7-Rod and Dru Cox **9**-Caleb and Fran Gardner
17-Carl and Linda Johnson **19**-Jim and Lorna Mathison

INVITATION

Heartland Presbytery cordially invites you to celebrate the ordination of Paul M. Isgrig to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church USA on Sunday, March 18 at 3 p.m. at Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church 3108 SW 40 Hwy, Blue Springs, MO 64015 with a reception to follow in Stone Hall.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 25, Palm Sunday 10:30 am

March 29, Maundy Thursday 6:00pm Potato Bar Supper
7:00pm Worship with Communion

March 30, Good Friday 7:00 pm Tenebrae Service

April 1, Easter Worship 10:30 The Lord is Risen!!!



MARCH 11th set your clock again

EASTER LILY ORDER

I would like to purchase an Easter lily to be in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 1st. Cost is \$10 each to be paid to the First Presbyterian Church by March 18th.



IN MEMORY OF: _____

IN HONOR OF: _____

IN RECONGNITION OF: _____

Your name: _____

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 Fellowship Treats Circle 2 & 4 9:00 AM Adult Education Class 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Worship 12:00 PM Worship Committee Meeting	26 7:00 AM Men's Morning Discussion Group 10:00 AM Circle 4 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM <i>Cody Choraliars</i>	27 10:30 AM Faithful Discipleship 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Community Meal	28 9:30 AM Crafts & Fellowship 6:00 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Choir Practice	1 6:00 PM Deacons Meeting	2 Church Office Closed	3 1:00 PM Flute Practice
4 Fellowship Treats Circle 5 9:00 AM Adult Education Class 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Worship 12:00 PM Worship Committee Meeting	5 7:00 AM Men's Morning Discussion Group 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM <i>Cody Choraliars</i>	6	7 9:30 AM Crafts & Fellowship 6:00 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Choir Practice	8	9 Church Office Closed	10 1:00 PM Flute Practice
11 Fellowship Treats Potluck 9:00 AM Adult Education Class 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Worship 11:30 AM - 1:00 AM Pot Luck	12 7:00 AM Men's Morning Discussion Group 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM <i>Cody Choraliars</i>	13 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Circle 3 6:30 PM Circle 5	14 9:30 AM Crafts & Fellowship 6:00 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Choir Practice	15 6:00 PM <i>Session Meeting</i>	16 Church Office Closed	17 1:00 PM Flute Practice
18 Fellowship Treats -Session 9:00 AM Adult Education Class 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Worship 11:30 AM Christian Education Committee Meeting 2:30 PM Circle 2 PWC-Kathie's Home	19 7:00 AM Men's Morning Discussion Group 10:00 AM Circle 4 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM <i>Cody Choraliars</i>	20	21 9:30 AM Crafts & Fellowship 6:00 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Choir Practice	22	23 Church Office Closed 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Amateur Radio Testing	24 1:00 PM Flute Practice
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