



PRESBY-NOTES

February

*It is the mission of First Presbyterian Church of Beatrice
to know Christ, to make Christ known and to exhibit Christ's love
through worship, education and service*

2021

Faithful Footprints: Reflections on our journey following Jesus

It's time for Lent?

Didn't we just take down our Christmas decorations? Yes, if you are like me, it



was just a week or two ago that you got the last of the Christmas decorations put away. (Let me be clear, Rudi took down the decorations shortly after New Year's, while I finally got the tree put away a week or two ago). And also, yes, we are only a couple weeks away from Lent; which starts on Ash Wednesday, February 17.

A tradition that many Christians have picked up in the last few decades is to give something up for Lent. The idea being that we give something up that will allow us to grow closer to God. So, some give up social media in order to spend that time instead in prayer or something else that turns their attention to God. Others may give up dessert, television, cursing...the possibilities are endless. Just as Jesus sacrificed his life to be closer with us, so we sacrifice in Lent to grow closer to God. Or, we add a practice that brings us closer to God. You could join the Lenten book study that our church is holding on Wednesday nights at 7:30pm via Zoom beginning on Feb. 24th (contact Doris Martin or the church office if you are interested). You could also add another prayer time during the day, donate your time and talents to a community service cause, read

the Bible or a book/Gospel of the Bible...once again the list of actions you could take to bring yourself closer to God is just about endless and specific to you.

Lent is a time for us to be more intentional about our relationship with God and those around us, as well as how we can more reflect the life and lessons of Jesus in our own life. So, what is that for you? What will you give up or add this Lenten season that draws you closer to God? Let's not let this Lenten season fly by like nearly all of 2020 did. For, even in this time of uncertainty and instability, whether we are able to return to worshiping in-person or not, we can be intentional about our relationship with God and others. We can add or subtract a practice in a way that will strengthen our connection with our Creator, and maybe we'll continue after Easter. Christ has made his sacrifice to be closer to us, may we show our gratitude by doing the same for God.

Your partner in the journey,

Zac

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The annual meeting of the congregation to include the installation of new elder class will be held Sunday, February 7. The meeting will be via Zoom.



Presbyterian Women donated to the Community Food Pantry and the Salvation Army in December for their annual drive. We would like to congratulate Don and Connie Harmon who were awarded the Honorary Life Membership in November. Congratulations to a couple who do so much for our Church.

I would like to ask someone to volunteer to take over the Moderator's position of PW. I don't feel that I am up to the job with my limited knowledge of zoom and my phobia of making phone calls. Since we don't have in person meetings my communication with members is not good enough for a moderator. Someone who can set up zoom meetings would be a great help. Please think this over and let me know if you are willing to help us out.

Moderator Julie Hay

**Session was held via Zoom on 1/19/2021

**Annual Congregational meeting will be held February 7th via Zoom at 11:30 am and will include installation of newly elected Session members

**Karen will be looking to do Advent messages weekly via youtube video

** We will return to in-person worship on February 17th with recommended guidelines of masks, social distancing practices and no coffee hour after worship

** Next slated Session meeting to be held 2/15/21 at 7:15pm via zoom



PRAYERS: Carol Straub; Diane Mayer; Verna Light; Willard Engelman; Bob Hancock; Dorothy Appleget; Charlotte Carney; Judy Prebyl; William Cook III; Barb Harrison; and Dennis Luckey.

Also: Shannon Fanning; Vera Lyons; Elmer Cook; Linnel Rials; Skylar Nicola; Elizabeth Shotkoski-Jurgens; Pat Morris; Steve Arneal; Lori Eckert; Jake Frana; Timothy Briskey; Mike Willet; Judy Knispel; Stan Martin (Gene Martin's brother); Nancy Chalupa; Hope Johns (Maxine Arneal's great granddaughter); Imogene Johnson (Connie Dake's sister); Norma Mitschler (Frank's sister); Adam Ideus (Stephanie Ideus' brother); and Ros Heckenlively (Zac's cousin).



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No activities planned at this time. Watch the weekly email for changes and notifications.

The Advent Bible Study was so successful we are already planning a Lenten Bible Study. We will be using a book by Amy-Jill Levine. In *Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week*, author, professor, and biblical scholar Amy-Jill Levine explores the biblical texts surrounding the Passion story. She shows us how the text raises ethical and spiritual questions for the reader, and how we all face risk in our Christian experience.

Jesus' final days were full of risk. Every move he made was filled with anticipation, danger, and the potential for great loss or great reward.

Jesus risked his reputation when he entered Jerusalem in a victory parade. He risked his life when he dared to teach in the Temple. His followers risked everything when they left behind their homes, or anointed him with costly perfume. We take risks as we read and re-read these stories, finding new meanings and new challenges.

The book's six chapters include:

Jerusalem: Risking Reputation

The Temple: Risking Righteous Anger

Teachings: Risking Challenge

The First Dinner: Risking Rejection

The Last Supper: Risking the Loss of Friends

Gethsemane: Risking Temptation

Please let Lennie know if you would like to participate in the Lenten Bible Study by Jan. 20 so books can be ordered and delivered. It will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 24, March 3, March 10, March 17, March 24, March 31. We will meet via zoom. There is no charge for the book.



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