



PRESBY-NOTES

March

2022

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

Lent: Time to Prepare the Way of the Lord.

We are entering the season of Lent, and we need to get ready. Ready for what? To be able to celebrate Easter with joy and renewal of hope. In order to celebrate Easter with the proper feeling and confidence we have to understand Lent and preparation.

Lent is the forty days from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday. It is the time to get ready, to prepare to celebrate Jesus' Resurrection from the dead on Easter Sunday. If we prepare, it means so much more to us when we gather on Easter. So how do we prepare? Traditionally it has been devoted to practices like prayer, fasting, abstinence, and penitence. These are activities that can help a person remember and become personally familiar with Christ's fasting for 40 in the wilderness, during which he endured temptation even by Satan.

During Lent we remember and endure our own temptations to give in to our petty desires and our self-centeredness. We clear our minds and hearts for the recognition and appreciation of what God has done for us in Jesus Christ.

We prepare. To "pare" is to trim something by cutting away its outer edges; to cut off the outer skin of something; to reduce it in size, extent, quantity, or number. In Lent we want to pare away some of the thoughts, habits, practices or fears that have become embedded in our lives over the last year. In order to be ready for Easter we have to pre-prepare. To reduce or eliminate the habits that separate us from God and His blessings. During Lent we reduce the distractions that draw us away from God through

prayer, the reading of Scripture, meditation and even fellowship with Christian friends.

My hope for this Lenten season is that we are all able to "pre"-prepare for the celebration of Easter. We can't just walk in on Easter Sunday and be ready to experience the joy and thanksgiving that Easter provides for us in the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead!

Let us "Prepare the way of the Lord"!

Rev Wakeman

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
IS PLANNING A BIG SURPRISE**

**SURPRISE
INSIDE**

JUST WAIT!

**AS WE CONTINUE OUR MISSION
TO CARE FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN**



- *Souper Bowl Sunday brought in 40 items and \$421 for the Beatrice Food Pantry and FPC Little Pantry
- *Ash Wednesday Service March 2, 2022, with pancake meal before service at 6:15pm and Church Service following at 7pm
- *Maundy Thursday Service April 14, 2022, at 7pm
- *Next Warren's Table 3/1/22- Anyone wanting to help with serving, preparing meals contact Fran Martin, Doris Martin or Jesse Bolli
- *Received \$1,000 donation from Wood's Brothers Foundation for Sweet Dreams Bed Ministry



PRAYERS: Maria Ojeda; Ardyth Orwen; Connie Dake; Carol Straub; Diane Mayer; Willard Engelman; Bob Hancock; Dorothy Appleget; Judy Prebyl; William Cook III; Barb Harrison; and Norma Jean McNamee.

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; 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); Kent Ruigh (Kristin Jurgens' cousin).

Our sympathy is with the family and friends of Charlotte Carney who passed away February 6, in Beatrice.

First Presbyterian Church will serve Warren's Table on Tuesday, March 1. If you can help, please come to the Episcopal Church at 4:45.

The Ash Wednesday Service will be March 2 at 7:00 p.m.

Family Fellowship is sponsoring a pancake/sausage feed at 6:15 p.m. preceding the Ash Wednesday service. Join us for food and fellowship!



In appreciation for the beautiful service, kind words, cards of sympathy, memorials and for attending the funeral service of our mother, "Charlotte Carney" and for serving at the reception held in her honor—we thank each of you.

Gratefully,

Sue, Ardys & Jerry, Jaimie and Families



Karmen Daake	4
Lanita Strader	5
BreAnna Petet	6
Jayma Stansberry	8
Verna Tubbs	13
Jerry Milke	15
Carol Wolter	15
Greg Weaver	17
Cori Zimmerman	18
Roger Strader	22
Ally Thavenet	24
Bob Hancock	25
Dan Jamison	27
Gayle Eskra	29
Paul Hay	29
Lauren Daake	30



DIRECTOR OF Children & Youth NEWS JOYS will help serve the pancake feed Wednesday, March 2 at 6:15 p.m.

JOYS will be meet on Wednesdays during Lent. March 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6, 13 from 6:15-7:30 p.m. Supper will be provided.



Westminster Guild



Westminster Guild will meet on Monday, March 7th at 4:00 p.m. in the Parlor for a covered dish dinner and fellowship. All women of the church and friends are welcome.

Presbyterian Women will enjoy lunch at the Beatrice Great Western Restaurant on the SCC campus on March 9 at noon. All women are encouraged to join us.



The Spring Gathering will be held on May 7 via zoom. The PW Synod Gathering will be June 16 to 19 in Sioux City, Iowa. Scholarships are available for women interested in attending. Please contact Doris Martin for additional information.

Presbyterian Women,
Join us on Wednesday, March 9, at noon
LUNCH
BUNCH
at Beatrice GreatWestern on the SCC campus for food, fun, and fellowship!