



The Highlander

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We look forward to celebrating the Season of Lent with you this month!

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*Please stop in, call or email the office by **TUESDAY APRIL 30th** with any information, announcements, updates, etc. that you would like to see in May's newsletter!*

THANK YOU to all our WORSHIP volunteers!

Have a question, or would you like to volunteer to help with some part of worship?

Contact either Chairperson Roberta Dinsmore or the office!



| DATE | APRIL 7 | APRIL 14 Palm Sunday | APRIL 18 Maundy Thursday with Communion |
|----------------|---|--|--|
| PASTOR/LEADER | Rev. Dr. Clair Lundberg | PCOP Youth & Children | <i>Please join us for this evening worship service at 7 PM</i> |
| LITURGIST | Madilyn Fye | PCOP Youth & Children | |
| SCREEN & SOUND | | | |
| ACOLYTE | | | |
| NURSERY | Dee Blose | N/A | |
| FLOWERS | Debra Dinsmore | | |
| USHERS | R. Barrett, W. Divelbiss, D. Forsythe, J. Hughes | J. Haire, T. Fezell, C. Haire, P. Young | |
| DATE | APRIL 21 Resurrection of the Lord with Comunion | APRIL 28 | |
| PASTOR/LEADER | Rev. Dr. Clair Lundberg | Rev. Dr. Clair Lundberg | |
| LITURGIST | Barbara Endress | Carole Haire | |
| SCREEN & SOUND | | | |
| ACOLYTE | | | |
| NURSERY | N/A | Deb Himes | |
| FLOWERS | ALL | Carole Haire | |
| USHERS | R. Dinsmore, R. Fetterman, R. Dinsmore, B. Burkett | K. Hughes, R. Lettie, D. Hartman, L. Lettie | |

Since some of our supply ministers do not choose hymns, we would like to use YOUR favorites!

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If you have a hymn that you would like to sing in church or at a hymn sing, please let Nancy know. You can email her at npearce@hotmail.com or write the name and give it to her at church.

FINANCE & GENEROSITY

Thank you for donating funds, time, and energy to PCOP!

| Date | Attendance in worship | Weekly offering | % to General Fund |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| March 3 | 47 | \$3,109.00 | 80.44% |
| March 10 | 44 | \$4,150.00 | 89.28% |
| March 17 | 50 | \$1,640.00 | 59.45% |
| March 24 | 56 | \$3,157.00 | 87.27% |
| March 31 | 68 | \$2,689.00 | 91.48% |
| MARCH 2019 FINANCIAL HEALTH | | | |
| | Current | Year to Date | 2019 Total Budget |
| Receipts | \$14,745.43 | \$39,779.08 | \$163,003.00 |
| Expenses | \$9,358.92 | \$28,574.44 | |
| Excess or [Deficient] | \$5,386.51 | \$11, 204.64 | |

During the season of Lent as Presbyterians focus on aligning our lives with God’s calling for us, the **One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)** special offering through the Presbyterian Mission Agency culminates on Easter Sunday. As stated by PCUSA, “Presbyterians have joined together in this ecumenical effort to share God’s love through ministries that provide relief to those affected by disasters, food for the hungry, and support toward the self-development of poor and oppressed communities.”

Donations received during OGHS are split into three areas:

32% goes to Restoring Hope via Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, helping communities as they recover and find hope after natural or human-caused disasters.

36% goes to Reducing Hunger via Presbyterian Hunger Program, supporting initiatives that create sustainable food systems and alleviate root causes of poverty so that all may be fed.

32% goes to Partnering in Progress via Self-Development of People, providing resources and education to oppressed and disadvantaged communities working to overcome poverty and injustice through initiatives they own and directly benefit from.

Traditionally, the OGHS special offering is received on Easter Sunday—**in 2019, this Sunday falls on April 21st.**

More information can be found at presbyterianmission.org/OGHS or in the bulletin inserts on April 7th and 14th.

**Monthly Giving
Spotlight:
One Great Hour
of Sharing**

MEMBERSHIP & PCOP UPDATES

Birthdays, prayer requests, moving and more!

DIRECTORY UPDATE!

Terry Studebaker
11712 Route 36
Punxsutawney, PA 15767



HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO. . .



Those Needing Our Prayers

| | | |
|-----------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| Betty Brumbaugh | Duane & Pam Carr | Betty Cessna |
| Gillen Geary | The Graham Family | Martha Irvin |
| Dorothy Jenks | Marie Jenks | Kathy Kopp |
| The Ward Family | The White Family | The Kevin Young Family |

Please contact the **office** to add a name to the newsletter/bulletin "Needing Our Prayers" list. Please contact **Rex Lettie** at pcop.prayer.chain@gmail.com to join or to add a name to the PCOP Prayer Chain.

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| April 1 | Barbara Endress |
| April 2 | George Momyer |
| April 5 | Nicole Williams |
| April 6 | Kim Robbins |
| April 8 | Mackenzie Reiter |
| April 11 | Mimi Miller |
| April 13 | Lu-Ann Grube |
| April 16 | Kaylynn Keeley |
| April 20 | Gary Juart |
| April 23 | Debby Elder |
| April 26 | Joan Wachob |
| April 28 | Keith Ferguson |
| April 30 | Matthew Dinsmore Carla Studebaker |



Thank you to all congregation for prayers, cards, meals sent to me while I was a Mercy Hospital patient and now at home. I appreciate all your kindness through Christ. See you when allowed out.
Prayers—Diane Craig Forsythe



SESSION & THE BOARD OF DEACONS

Keeping up with the committees and officers of PCOP!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The next meeting of the Board of Deacons will be:
SUNDAY APRIL 28th
 9:45 a.m.
 Memorial Parlor

The next meeting of Session (Unicameral Board)
 will be:
 TBA
 7:00 p.m.
 Lester Seminar Room

Did you miss out on Per Capita Sunday?

**Per Capita apportionment payments
 may still be turned in!**

**Per Capita is 100% voluntary and is NOT connected
 to your annual financial pledge or weekly giving.**

1 Member = \$35 2 Members = \$70
3 Members = \$105 4 Members = \$140
5 Members = \$175

Each year our congregation is apportioned a share of the expenses of the presbytery, the synod, and the General Assembly for ecclesiastical purposes. The apportionment is based on church membership. The amount varies with the needs of the presbytery, synod, and General Assembly, and is a regular expense payable by our congregation at the spring meeting of presbytery.



Beautify the sanctuary with flowers

Write "Deacons Flowers" in check memo line (\$25) and call the office to place your order. Available dates:

April 7, 28
 May 5, 19



MISSION & OUTREACH

A "Choose Your Own Adventure" to get more involved at PCOP!

*Volunteers are always
welcome to help at the next
First Tuesday
Community Meal!*



Chicken Enchiladas

Mexican Rice

Spanish Salad Bowl

Strawberry Pretzel Dessert

**Recipes and sign-up sheets for food,
kitchen help, serving, and clean-up
are located on the bulletin board
outside the Memorial Parlor**

**Crosstown Ministries Food Pantry
Woodland Avenue United Methodist Church
203 Woodland Ave.
April 15th @ 5:30 P.M.**

Volunteers are always needed throughout the month to:
donate food, unload the food truck, prepare boxes for the distribution,
and distribute the boxes to those who need them

Please contact Pastor Clint Phillips @ (814) 938-8160 for more information

FELLOWSHIP

Have fun and spend time with your PCOP family!



**Saturday, April 27th
@ 8 A.M.**

Questions? Ask Keith Hughes or Rex Lettie
Men's Breakfast meets 4th Saturday of every month!
(unless otherwise noted)

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday Friends Out

**Saturday, April 20th
@ 11:45 A.M.**

**Join us @ Gimmick's Restaurant
(no reservations!)**

Questions? Ask Ann Mumper
Saturday Friends Out meets 3rd Saturday of every month!



FINAL LENTEN DINNER & STUDY NIGHTS:

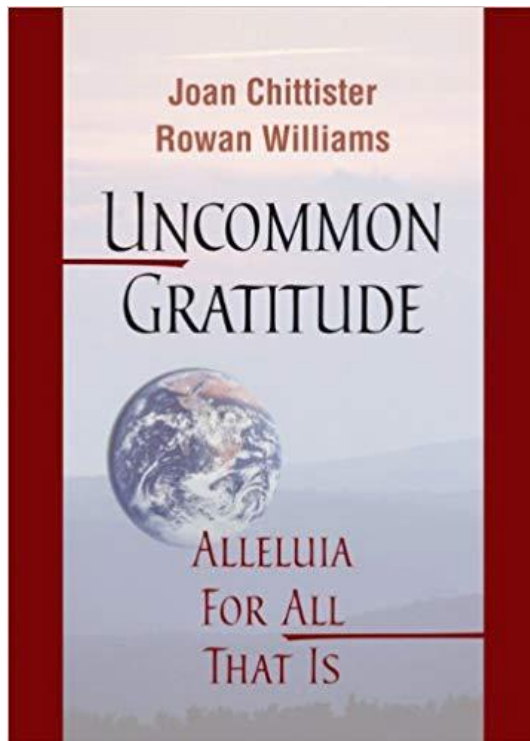
**April 3 & 10
@ 5 PM**

Questions? Ask Barbara Burkett
or Keith Hughes



YOUTH & CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

How to love God, share the gospel, and live as Disciples of Christ



Join Tuesdays @ 10
in April
to read and discuss

*Uncommon Gratitude:
Alleluia for All That Is*

by Joan Chittister and
Rowan Williams

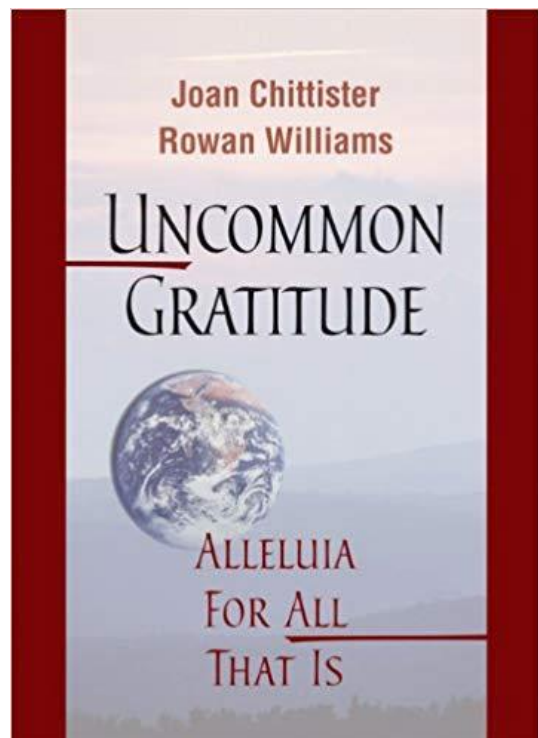
Adult Sunday School

*Uncommon Gratitude:
Alleluia for All That Is*

by Joan Chittister and Rowan Williams

Offered Sundays @ 9:45 a.m.
in the Lester Seminar Room

All are welcome to participate



WHO DO I CONTACT?

“I have a question about . . .”

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| Schedules, quarterly financial statement, newsletter, ordering flowers, bulletin information, ordering church supplies, using church facilities, etc. <i>And anything else!</i> | Keri in PCOP office |
| Hospitalizations, Emergencies, Member Care | Keri in PCOP Office Board of Deacons |
| PCOP Property & Grounds, maintenance requests | Property Co-Chairs Dana Hartman & William Cooper |
| Worship information, pulpit supply | Worship Committee Chair Roberta Dinsmore |
| Baptisms & Weddings | Clerk of Session Doug Chambers |
| Funerals & Memorial Services | Keri in PCOP Office Funeral Director |
| Mission & Fellowship Opportunities | Mission & Outreach Chair—Rex Lettie Fellowship Chair—Barbara Burkett |
| Youth Group & Children’s Sunday School | Youth Group—Dana Hartman Christian Education Chair— |
| Finances & Giving | Finance/Stewardship Chair Nick Suntheimer |
| New Members (Joining PCOP) | Clerk of Session Doug Chambers |
| Choir & Music | Music Director Nancy Pearce |
| First Tuesday Community Meal | Donna Anderson |
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| Current Members of Session | Roberta Dinsmore, Janey London, Rick Nesbitt, William Cooper, Dana Hartman, Rex Lettie, Barbara Burkett, Deborah Elder, Nick Suntheimer |
| Current Board of Deacons | Pam Hogan, Kay Nesbitt, Lee Blose, Kathi Cessna, Jean Hughes, Debra Dinsmore, Carole Haire |

APRIL 2019 CALENDAR

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|---|--|--|---|-----------------------|--|
| | 1 | 2 10 A.M. Tues @ 10 5 P.M. Community Meal | 3 5 P.M. Lenten Dinner & Study | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 5 th Sunday in Lent | 8 | 9 10 A.M. Tues @ 10 | 10 5 P.M. Lenten Dinner & Study | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14 Palm/Passion Sunday | 15 Monday of Holy Week 5:30 P.M. Crosstown Food Pantry | 16 Tuesday of Holy Week 10 A.M. Tues @ 10 | 17 Wednesday of Holy Week International Day of Farmers' Struggles | 18 7 PM Maundy Thursday with Communion | 19 Good Friday | 20 Great Vigil of Easter 11:45 A.M. Saturday Friends Out @ Gimmick's |
| 21 Resurrection of the Lord/Easter with Communion One Great Hour of Sharing | 22 Earth Day | 23 10 A.M. Tues @ 10 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 8 A.M. Men's Breakfast |
| 28 9:45 A.M. Deacons Meeting 2 nd Sunday of Easter | 29 | 30 10 A.M. Tues @ 10 May newsletter info deadline | <i>Be sure to check the bulletin board for coffee hour sign-ups! Everyone loves cookies and coffee!</i> | | | |

~ Sunday Morning Schedule ~

9:45 A.M. Adult Sunday School in Lester Seminar Room

11:00 A.M. Worship in Sanctuary

During worship: A Time for Young Worshippers

Fellowship Coffee Hour following Worship



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PALM SUNDAY

The youth of the church will be delivering the Palm Sunday service and message.

** All young people from preschool through high school are welcome to participate! **

April 7 rehearsal time: 9:45 to 10:30 AM

After, children from preschool–2nd grade will go to the nursery until time for worship.

Youth from 3rd grade–high school will have activities until worship.

After the children’s message, the younger children may go back to the nursery and the older students will have activities.

April 13 (Saturday) rehearsal @ 10 AM for anyone available to participate

April 14 (Palm Sunday) rehearsal time: 9:45 to 10:15 AM

All children may then attend breakfast in the dining room.

(rehearsal times are subject to change if more time is needed)