

DISCIPLESHIP NEWS

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February, March, April 2020

New Members

Those who are interested in knowing more about and possibly joining First Presbyterian Church, please speak to Pastor Dianne or send her an email at milprespastor@gmail.com.

Women

Women's Association will continue to meet on the first Tuesday at 10AM through the winter months. The group is discussing the book, "Unafraid: Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times" by the Rev. Adam Hamilton. Please speak to Nancy Price if you need a book.

Busy Fingers meets the third Wednesday of each month at 10AM. Bring your handwork or any project you'd like, and remember...Busy Fingers is cheaper than therapy!

Men

The men of the church meet each Wednesday at 9AM at Westside Restaurant in Milford for breakfast, conversation and fishing or woodworking tips. All men of the church are invited and, truth be told, the guys won't turn away women who would like to visit, either.

Dear Friends in Christ,

Lent is a holy season of introspection, prayer and discernment. As we remember the days and weeks which lead Jesus to the cross, we take time to reflect on our lives as disciples, see where we are lacking, repent and are restored to wholeness and full relationship with God made possible by Christ's very sacrifice. There are a number of tools available through the church to guide you through this process.

Weekly Worship & Daily Devotion

Probably the most obvious resource at your disposal is weekly Sunday morning worship. Sermons during the season will focus on Lent as a *Boot Camp for the Soul*, with practical guides to help us all reflect, repent and restore our relationships with God and with one another.

Setting aside time each day to turn to God in prayer and study is also helpful to the process. There are a number of daily devotional books on the market which can help guide your quiet time. Bible readings for each day will also be included in the Sunday bulletin for your convenience.

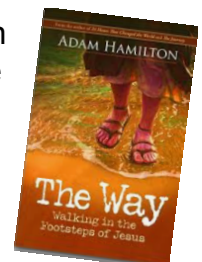
Weekly Noontime Services

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, which is February 26 this year. Each Wednesday at noon, the Milford Area Ministerial Alliance provides worship followed by a soup lunch. Host churches are listed on the calendar in this newsletter. First Presbyterian will take a turn on Wednesday, March 25. Ushers, a lunch coordinator, soup makers and servers, and worshippers will all be needed. Please sign up on the bulletin board.

Midweek Bible Study

I will lead a mid-week study each Wednesday in Lent. Starting with supper at 6:30PM, the discussion will begin at 7PM. We will be exploring places in Jesus' ministry including the Jordan River and wilderness, Capernaum, the mountains, the

Sea of Galilee, Samaria and Jerusalem, the events in Jesus' life which happened in those places and what impact they have on life today. Participants will need a copy of Adam Hamilton's book, *The Way*. They will be available at the church at least a week before February 26, the first week of class.



Maundy Thursday Communion

We will remember Jesus' final hours with an informal communion service in the fellowship hall on Thursday, April 9 at 7PM. How can we fully appreciate the miracle and joy of Easter without first understanding the sorrow Jesus experienced on our behalf? Let us join together in humility and be thankful.

I hope and pray that this Lenten season is one which builds the church, as individual disciples and as a community of faith. God bless you on this sacred journey and beyond, into the joy that is Easter.

In Christ's Service,

Pastor Dianne

Maundy Thursday Communion –
Thursday, April 9 at 7PM

COME JOIN, O CHURCH, IN SONG

Anyone interested in singing or ringing in one of our choirs, please speak with our minister of music, Ann Whitman. The vocal choir rehearses Sunday mornings at 10:30AM, and following the service for about a half an hour. Bell choir rehearses Monday evenings, 6PM, for one hour and is under the direction of Janice Campbell. Try out sharing



LEADERSHIP RETREAT

All elders, deacons and friends of the deacons currently serving on the church boards will gather together on Sunday, February 9 following worship for a Leadership Retreat. Geographically, the group is not traveling far (it's here at the church), but it is anticipated that the group's imagination will take flight to new heights. Please keep your leaders in prayer as they work together to discern God's creative plans for FPCM.



**This Old
Church**

We are one-third of the way through our three-year This Old Church Capital Funds Campaign. To date, we have received \$44,126.08 while at the same time maintaining the giving level to the general fund! Great job, friends! As we enter Year Two of the campaign, let's keep up the good work!

Donation envelopes are available in the pew racks in the sanctuary, or you may donate online by clicking on the "Give" button on the church website (www.fpcmilford.org). Thank-you for your kind generosity in 2019, and to come in 2020!

MOVIE MATINEE!



Wondering how to celebrate St. Paddy's Day this year? How 'bout watching a classic movie with your friends and neighbors in the comfort of the seats at the Riverside Theater in downtown Milford? Tuesday, March 17 at 2PM, First Pres will sponsor the screening of an old favorite, "It Happened One Night," featuring Claudette Colbert and Clark Gable. "Capturing its stars and director at their finest, *It Happened One Night* remains unsurpassed by the countless romantic comedies it has inspired." (Rotten Tomatoes movie website)



Then on Tuesday, April 7 at 2PM, Robert Preston and Shirley Jones will march across the screen and into your heart in the timeless musical, "The Music Man." Free admission and reasonably-priced concessions make these outings a no-brainer. See you at the movies!

Second" Fridays is a bit of a misnomer for the next several months, as only the March gathering is actually on the second Friday of the month. Please mark these events on your calendar and plan to attend:

Friday, February 21 – Learn about a time-tested addiction recovery program helping countless individuals overcome the relentless hold alcohol abuse has had on them and their families.

Friday, March 13 (this actually is the *second* Friday) – Game Night! Bring your favorite board game or just come and play someone else's. This fun evening is back by popular demand.

Friday, April 17 – Did downsizing to Delaware include little or no yard, or do you just need a little color near your front door? Our own gardening expert, Margie Huntzinger, will impress you with her knowledge and helpful tips re: Container Gardening.

All of the above programs are held in the church fellowship hall, are free to the public and include yummy snacks! Introduce your friends to FPCM by inviting them to 2nd Fridays!



February

5- Susan Wyatt
 5- Richard Davis
 14- James Carnright, Jr.
 23- Tanya Mann
 28-Dick Caldwell

March

15-Marie Savin
 17-Benden Gillespie
 22- Julia Popelas
 25-Carl Davis
 30-Mark Geyer



April

1-Kelly Davis
 9- George Abbott
 12- Sharon Madron
 13-Judy Adams
 15- Leah Elliot
 15- David Bowers
 16-Lisa Hart
 20-Sarah Burrese
 25-Jacob Elliot
 27-Jennifer Davis
 27-Charles Madron

LENTEN SERVICES Wednesdays at 12:00 noon— Milford Locations

February 26- Calvary United Methodist
 March 4- Church of the Nazarene
 March 11- St. Paul's Methodist
 March 18- TBD
 March 25- First Presbyterian Church
 April 1- Mt. Enon

FEBRUARY

First Presbyterian Church

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