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THE SOURCE

Monthly Newsletter from Jackson First Presbyterian Church

A Note From Our Pastor

Just a quick note to thank you for your thoughts, prayers, texts, and calls as I recover from rotator cuff surgery. I absolutely appreciate the behind the scenes support that have enabled Sunday mornings to seamlessly flow and the preaching support from Lori, Elizabeth, and Rev. Dr. Fran Lane-Lawrence. So far my shoulder is healing well and I can't wait to worship with you again on bright and early Sunday March 10th.

-Ruthanne



March 10th - Daylight Savings Begins

Set your clocks ahead an hour March 9th so you're on time to worship on Sunday.

LENT SOUP & STUDY - Wednesdays @ 11:30am - 1pm in Westminster Room

2024

LENT



Lenten Soup & Study
Wednesdays 11:30-1pm Westminster room
February 21 through March 27

Using Amy-Jill Levine's book *Sermon on the Mount* (\$16.19) along with her recorded teachings, we will explore the guide to the Kingdom of Heaven. Buy your own book or just come.

Every Wednesday through March 27th, we will be hosting a Lenten Soup and Study! We will use the above book, [Sermon on the Mount](#) as our devotional and will be diving into the Kingdom of Heaven. Please come with a copy of the book, or simply come to hear the discussion. We would love to have you either way! Contact Lori Tate with any questions.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sunday 10am - Trumpist, David Koch, is joining us Palm Sunday morning as we celebrate Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

Maundy Thursday - Our Maundy Thursday Services will begin with a pot luck dinner in Fellowship Hall. With the Memorial Garden as our focus, we will remember the Last Supper, celebrate Communion, and reflect on the events in the garden. Please arrive between 5:30 & 5:45pm to allow time to set up your dish for the pot luck and socialize a little bit before Dinner begins at 6pm. The dinner and service will be finished by 7:30 pm. Choir members please be aware that there will practice following the meal and service.

Good Friday Tenebrae Service 7pm - In the service of Tenebrae, or “shadows,” we will reflect on the last hours of Christ’s life and his death for us and our salvation.

Easter Sunday 10am - We will joyfully celebrate the risen Christ, complete with the choir and brass. Hopefully you will be able to join us.

EASTER LILY ORDERS



Share the joy of Easter this year by ordering a lily in memory or in honor of a loved one for the Chancel on Easter morning. After worship on Easter Sunday, the lilies will be delivered to our shut-ins. Please remember, you are not actually purchasing a plant, but recognizing your loved one(s) in our Easter Sunday bulletin.

Specify all information on the form below and return to First Presbyterian Church, 743 W. Michigan Ave., Jackson, MI 49201. If mailed, please designate “Lily” on your envelope. The cost of each lily is \$12 and must be prepaid or the Worship Committee will not be able to accept your order. Orders submitted by March 24th, 2024, will be printed in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Thank you for showing your support!

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

Given by: _____

Name: _____

Phone number: _____

The insert will also be available at the church during the worship services. Please feel free to turn a paper copy in, or email a copy to jenw@jacksonfirstpres.org.

UPDATE FROM THE PNC

The Church’s Ministry Discernment Profile (MDP) has been entered into the Church Leadership Connection (CLC) computer system. We received an initial 25 potential matches to review and consider exploring further. Please remember that the specific work of the PNC is confidential, however we will update you whenever possible. Please continue to pray for the PNC, our work and for the pastor that God is calling to JFPC.

Prayers for the Week

- Prayers for the Tate family as they lost their mother and grandmother.
- Prayers for a family to find a home in Jackson soon and for health.
- Prayers for a lump in a leg to be benign and go away soon.
- For peace and justice throughout the world.
- For a friend, Chuck, who is suffering from COVID.
- For the family and friends of Don as they grieve.
- For the homeless and veterans in our country who suffer from PTSD. Please heal them, oh Lord.
- Of joy for positive test results for a friend's daughter.
- Healing for the hole in infant Issac's heart as well as his other issues.
- Continued prayers for Brenda and Larry.
- For Connie, may his test results be encouraging.
- For my neighbor, Pam, whos being treated for cancer.
- Continued prayers for my great-granddaughter who is struggling with undiagnosed health problems.
- For Ukraine, may they get the support they need.
- Thank you, Lord, for the beautiful baby nephew born to our family this week.
- Prayers for Larry and John as they receive continuing treatments for medical issues.