

First United Monthly Newsletter

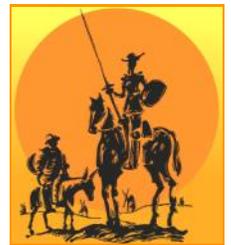
APRIL 2019

April is the month best known for **Easter** and the tax filing deadline, but did you realize it's **Holy Humor Month**, **National Grilled Cheese Sandwich Month**, and time for **National Wear Your Pajamas to Work Day** on 4/16? Here are some more important dates you should keep in mind...



As disciples of Christ, we read, "...but you will rejoice in the Lord and glory in the Holy One of Israel." (Isaiah 41:16) Be our guest as we consider a few of our favorite things as Christians who are joyful!

On **May 5** our second act will be about **Faith** as we continue our adventure with the heroic Don Quixote from the musical "*The Man of La Mancha*." We will strive to understand and emulate how our faith compels us to be brave in a world fraught with fear and despair. We will also be reminded that faith in God is not an impossible dream but an acknowledgment of His transformative love.



Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday - April 14 at 9:45 am

Maundy Thursday - April 18 at 7 pm

Good Friday - April 19 at 7 pm

Easter Morning - April 21 at 7:45 & 9:45 am with a Pancake & Porkie Breakfast between services



A Special Message from Pastor Luke

Andrew Lloyd Webber, the famous musical theater composer, wrote, "The one thing I have always felt about musical theatre is that it is, to an extraordinary degree, about construction." This spring we will be building on our tradition of celebrating worship through the arts by exploring the Biblical themes found within popular musicals. Join us as we explore and experience Joy, Faith, Hope, and Love through the songs of Broadway.

Beginning on **Sunday, April 28** we will focus on the Biblical theme of **Joy** showcased in the beloved musical, "*The Sound of Music*." Experiencing and expressing joy as Christians is not just something we occasionally participate in or feel.

**THE SOUND
OF MUSIC**



Hope is a central theme found throughout the Old and New Testaments. Join us on **May 12** as we find strength for our own journey of faith looking through the lens of the musical "*Les Miserables*." As people of faith, we do not lose hope because we have God's own promise that He will never forsake us. Hope gives us the strength to finish the race and the ability to trust that God will bring us home.

The final act of our "First United on Broadway" series will come your way on **May 19** with the theme of **Love**. The Apostle John wrote, "God is love." As Christians, our life is a love story between God and his children. Love's power is all around us. As we visit the musical "*The Phantom of the Opera*," we will find new ways of understanding the different facets of love that we experience each and every day.



Watch for more on this enlightening series including a special preview on Palm Sunday!

N.E.W. Community Shelter Update...

On **March 19** our team of volunteers served **193** meals prepared by Bruce Kilmer, Dennis Hibray, Joe Williams, and Lee Richardson. Cakes were provided by Diane Betz, Debby Cordova, Lynn Huebbe, Barb LeMense, Jane Grocholski, Mike Kettner, Dave & Susan Leiber, and Cindi Barnett.



Dinner was served by Lynn Huebbe, Kendra & Violet Smale, Tim

Toepel, Mike Kettner, and Cindi Barnett. Also, Lois Pelishek and Lee Richardson delivered meals to Freedom House.

Our next date at the shelter will be **April 16** from 5pm to 6:15pm. If you'd like to donate a cake, sign up in the Family Life Center or contact **Diane Betz** at 336-5054. If you would like to help prepare a meal or serve at the shelter, please contact **Cindi Barnett** at cindi.barnett@snc.edu or at 737-5376.

JOSHUA Update...

On **March 26**, almost 750 people of faith from around the state (25 from JOSHUA including two from our church family) took part in **Madison Action Day 2019**. The trip included an



inspirational program, a long procession to the Capitol, a rally for racial equality on the Capitol steps, and visits with many members of our state Senate and Assembly leaders. The day was an amazing display of unity, shared purpose, and the power of organized people.

For more information about JOSHUA, visit their website at www.joshua4justice.org or contact our own Anneliese Waggoner or Steve Warner.

Presbyterian Women Calendar



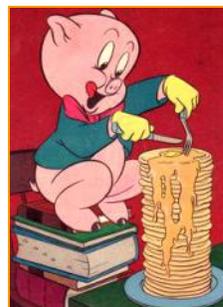
Join us for some of our group opportunities and activities!

- 4/1 - **Bake Sale prep @ 6:30pm (Kitchen)**
- 4/2 - **Election Day Bake Sale @ 7am (Kitchen)**
- 4/4 - **Mission Sewing Group @ 9:30am (K Lounge)**
- 4/6 - **Lenten Brunch @ 9:30am (Koinonia Lounge)**
- 4/11 - **P.W.C.T. Mtg. @ 8:30am (Room 11)**
& **Talbot Circle @ noon (Koinonia Lounge)**
- 4/20 - **Papercrafting @ 10am (Room 11)**
- 4/23 - **4th Tuesday Readers Group @ 1pm (Library)**
- 4/24 - **Esther Circle @ 9:30am (Koinonia Lounge)**
- 4/26 - **Rummage Sale Set-up 9am-6pm (F.L.C.)**
- 4/27 - **P.W. Rummage Sale 9am-2pm (F.L.C.)**
& **Used Book Sale begins (Family Life Ctr.)**

Looking ahead...

- * **Election Bake Sale - Tuesday, April 2**
Baked donations will be appreciated...
- * **Lenten Brunch - Saturday, April 6, 10am**
Fellowship for men and women...
- * **PW Rummage Sale - Saturday, April 27**
Be finding your "treasures" to donate...
- * **Christmas in July - Saturday, July 13**
You can decorate a table for six. Table design registration forms are available on the Presbyterian Women's bulletin board in the Family Life Center. Don't miss your chance!

A New Easter Sunday Treat



In addition to our two worship services on Easter Sunday, there's something else special to look forward to. Join us for a **Pancake & Porkies Breakfast** between services on **April 21**. This tasty fundraiser will start around 8:30am, so plan to stay after our first service or come early for the second one to enjoy breakfast!

Lots of you have been asking, so we are planning a **new church photo directory!** Details are being finalized, but we hope to take new pictures early in June. Watch for more details later this month.



Monthly Highlights



Presbyterian Women
**Election Day
Bake Sale**
Tuesday, 4/2



Agape Dinner
Wednesday, 4/3
5:45 pm



**Lenten
Brunch**
Saturday, 4/6
*Fellowship - 9:30am
*Brunch - 10 am

**Family
Easter Party**
Wed., 4/10
5:45 pm



**Women's
Fellowship**
Paintin' Pottery
Wed., 4/24 - 6 pm



Presbyterian Women
**Rummage
Sale & Used
Book Sale**
Saturday, 4/27



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Sunday School
Sunday 8:30am

Worship Service
Sunday 9:45am

Coffee Fellowship
Sunday 10:45am



Office Hours

Monday - Thursday
9am - 1pm

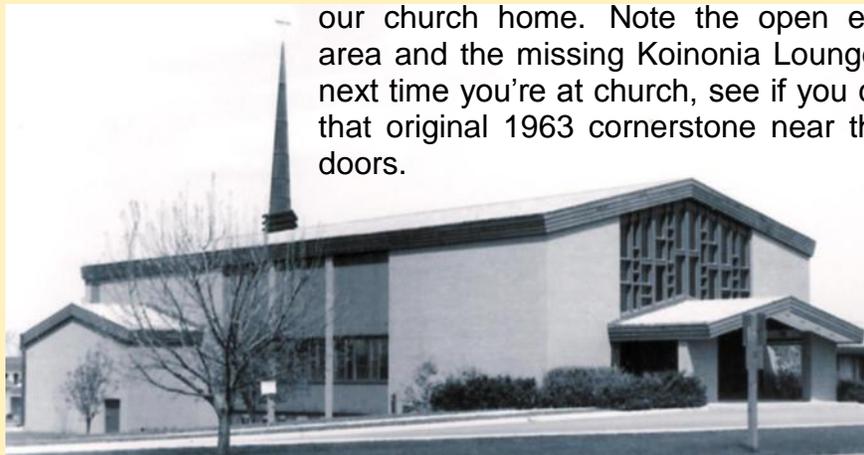
Friday - closed

Our History Corner...

Ground was broken for our current Sanctuary on **April 7, 1963** by Rev. Leland Rubesh. Just for reference, the people in the picture have their backs toward Webster Avenue. The wall in the background is the Education wing which had been built a few years earlier.



After just five months of construction, the brand new building became our church home. Note the open entrance area and the missing Koinonia Lounge. Also, next time you're at church, see if you can find that original 1963 cornerstone near the front doors.



**Do you have any church memories, stories, or photos to share?
Please contact Mark Young at mark@firstunitedpc.org
or contact the church office. Thank you!*

Presbyterian Pantry
"Item of the Month"
for April is
cans of fruit

