

News From The Pews

News of the First Presbyterian Church

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UPCOMING WORSHIP/EVENTS

April 1, 2010 – Maundy Thursday Communion Svc.

7:00 p.m. Worship Service

Worship Theme: "And You Are Clean"

Scriptures: Exodus 12: 1-14; John 13: 1-17, 31b-35

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April 2, 2010 - Good Friday Service of Tenebrae

7:00 p.m. Worship Service

Rev. Roger Rapp

April 4, 2010 – Easter Sunday

Worship Theme: "And the Winner is"

Scriptures: Isaiah 65: 17-25; 1 Corinthians 15: 19-26;

Luke 24: 1-12

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April 11, 2010

Worship Theme: "When It's Hard to Believe"

Scriptures: Acts 5: 27-32; Revelation 1: 4-8;

John 20: 19-31

Rev. Roger Rapp

April 18, 2010

Worship Theme: "Worthy is the Lamb"

Scriptures: Acts 9: 1-20; Revelation 5: 11-14;

John 21: 1-19

Rev. Bob Garrard

April 18 - 25, 2010 FPC hosts Cheyenne Interfaith families

April 25, 2010 / Youth Led Sunday Service



It's Happening Right Here!

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Easter - April 4, 2010

Volunteers needed for the following jobs:

Call members for Sunday flowers and prepare information cards for office use.

Assist in the church office every other Sunday.

If you are interested in doing either of these volunteer jobs, call the church office (638-3345).



Our fun loving and intellectual youth director, Lee Stover, died on February 24th in his sleep. His heart failed for reasons we do not yet know. We are still stunned and deeply saddened by his untimely death. He was making a wonderful difference in the lives of our youth and amongst the rest of the congregation, too. He would have done even more marvelous work here. His ultimate goal was to be a Presbyterian pastor. We continue to pray for God's comfort and hope of the resurrection to be with his courageous family, our youth and our church.

In this time of grieving Lee's death, let us continue to celebrate his life, and the reality of the resurrection made possible by the grace of God through Jesus Christ that Lee now knows. Jesus promised this resurrection to us also as we trust in him. In the light of Lee's death and with Easter coming soon, this passage of scripture from 1 Thessalonians 4:14, 17-18 means a lot to me.

"We believe that Jesus died and rose again;
and so it will be for those who have died in Christ.
God will raise them to be with the Lord for ever.
Comfort one another with these words."

The following youth, Jen Andrews, Matt Woodard, Kayla Cook, Tracy Duck, Megan Muhlbach, Bonnie Saville, Jessica Sanchez, Niki Stratton, and Noelle Johnson and their leader, Jen Hayes, helped me to organize a memorial service for Lee on March 6. Roger Rapp and Dennis Johnson assisted and Lee's brother, Luke, also spoke. Our youth demonstrated great faith and courage as they shared memories of Lee's ministry among them. The parents of our youth were a great support to them and me. Staff members, Caroline Carver, Dolfe VanAlyne, Judy Bezek and Ray Hamburg went the extra mile in helping us inform people and be of support to me. Former Youth Director, Laura Perry, came back for one night to help in the comforting process. Holly and I attended a wonderful service for Lee on March 8 at the First Presbyterian Church in Colorado Springs where they thanked our church for giving Lee such an exciting ministry with youth.

Now as we continue to grieve, we begin a new search for a youth director. A search committee has been formed and it includes some of the youth. Lee has set a very high standard, so we will move quickly, but carefully as we ask the Holy Spirit to lead us.

New carpeting, and tile, thanks to the Myra George memorial funds, now covers much of our church floors. Judy and Bob Bezek, Ray Hamburg, John Lane, Gary Moore, Glen Oslund, and Dave Ode are to be greatly thanked for moving furniture in and out of rooms as the carpet was laid.

Come join us in the Holy Week Services and prepare yourself for the joy that is ours as people of the resurrection through Jesus Christ.

Peace in Christ,

Bob Garrard

Women of First Presbyterian Church

Submitted by Kay Barnes

Spring Gathering for Presbyterian Women of Wyoming

Women of Presbyterian churches throughout Wyoming will gather in Powell, Wyoming for the Spring Gathering on April 15 -17. Meetings will be held at Union Presbyterian Church, 329 N. Bent St. Registration cost is \$20 and cost of meals comes to \$15.00. Registration forms are on the card table in the parlor. Registration should be sent with payment by April 1st. The registration form includes the names of some of the speakers including Melinda Brazzale from our church. If you are interested in attending, please contact Melinda (778-7009) so transportation to Powell can be arranged.

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)

First Presbyterian MOPS is going strong this spring. The MOPS leadership team wishes to extend a sincere thank you to the Fogg family for preparing and serving the meal at our March meeting. Their generous act of service saved the MOPS ministry approximately \$325 – the average cost to bring in dinner for 30 adults and 25 children. Julie and Kory, Laurell and Calvin, we can't thank you enough.

At our March meeting, we had the opportunity to visit with three local doctors and a pharmacist about medical questions parents everywhere ponder. Thank you to Dr. Bob McGuire and Sue Barttelbort from our congregation and to Dr. Greg Stampfli and Dr. Ann Marie McCarthy for graciously donating their time to our doctors' panel.

Upcoming Events!! Our MOPS group will join with the other three Cheyenne groups to sponsor Jon Holsten, author of The Swimsuit Lesson to the Laramie County Library on March 24th at 6 p.m. Jon's book introduces a simple way for parents to educate their children about sexual abuse. We will have a table at the event promoting our MOPS group and hope to increase the reach of our ministry. The event is free and open to the public.

April Meeting!! We are preparing for our April Tea and Testimony meeting April 8 where the salvation message will be presented by Rev Garrard, and Melinda Brazzale will give her Christian testimony. We continue to have new moms join us each month. Please pass along an invite to your family, friends and co-workers.

♪ ♪ Notes & Church News ♪ ♪

CHURCH CHAT

Church Chat is the creation of the **New Life Ministry**; its purpose is to have discussions about church news and activities with members. The first session was held March 21.

The **April Church Chat** will be held April 25 in the library south of the parlor and will be led by George Barnes. It will take place at 11:30 a.m. and we encourage everyone interested in church business to attend. We hope to share monthly news from session and deacons meetings as well as hear ideas about ways to improve our church activities. We'd also like to hear about additional activities our members might want to add while we discuss the many groups already active in our very busy church. The last **Church Chat** will be in May.

This will be a very informal time and we encourage everyone to bring their treats from fellowship. No one is expected to stay until the end, just listen and share at your convenience! If you have questions, please call Sue Riske at 635-3060 or email me at s.riske@bresnan.net.

IN YOUR CHURCH LIBRARY

Books on the display shelves in the library for the month of April will be about renewal. This topic reflects nature as spring brings us renewal of the earth as well as renewal we begin ourselves after experiencing once again Easter's joyous news of Christ's resurrection.

EASTER LILY CARE AFTER EASTER

When your Easter lily is finished blooming, don't throw it out. Let it dry, cut off the foliage and plant it in a partly sunny spot in the garden. It will grow and bloom again. *Eileen Crowley, Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin* (provided for the newsletter by Marydee Hartsook)

SILENT AUCTION – COIN COLLECTION

The Myra George coin collection left to the church has been inventoried and appraised at \$1,000 to \$1,800. A silent auction will occur with bids being taken in \$100 increments. We already have a bid of \$1,500. Appointments to see the collection can be made through the office. The collection will be sold as an entirety, not piecemeal. A pictorial display of the coins and a bidding list will be placed in the parlor. The auction will end September 1.

DAY OF GIVING – May 7th

Planning Ahead. May 7 is the Day of Giving in Cheyenne at the Community Center. Please think about volunteering, giving to the blood drive, signing up as bone marrow donor, bringing old medicines, and canned goods on that day.

Cheyenne Interfaith Hospitality Network

Our next rotation for the Cheyenne Interfaith Hospitality Network (CIHN) will be April 18-April 25. At this time, there are three families in the network but, as you all know, that could change by the time our week rolls around. We again thank all of you who so generously volunteered your time and meals for the February rotation; we hope you will do the same for April! Look for the schedule in the parlor after April 5.

We are also looking for several folks who would like to help the coordinators supervise when necessary. This involves a day or two when you would be in charge of the operation. You would let the dinner hosts and dinner volunteers into the church at 5, return at 8 to welcome the overnight sleeper, and finally return at 6 am to relieve the sleeper and then stay with the family until they leave at 7 am. You would be on call during the time you'd be supervising but you would not have to schedule any volunteers. We (John and Judy Phillips, and Sue Riske) would certainly train you and make sure that you know what to expect. Let us know if you are interested.

After April, we will host CIHN guests four more times this year. Those dates are June 20-June 27; Aug. 22-Aug. 29; Oct. 24-Oct. 31; and Dec. 26-Jan. 2.

Thanks for all you do!

John and Judy Phillips
Sue Riske



THANK YOU!
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- Thanks to Participants in Gifts of Women Service
A big thank you to everyone who participated in the Gifts of Women service on March 7. It was wonderful to see many new faces leading us in worship. A special thanks to Rose Burrows, who gave the very meaningful sermon, and to Mary Lou McMIndes, who gave the children's message. Our hope is that we will have this again next year. --
Melinda Brazzale

Come Check out Friendship Mariners

Friendship Mariners, a social group in the church for singles and couples, meets monthly during the school year. In February, we had our annual service auction and, thanks to everyone in attendance (and a few not in attendance), we raised over \$4,000 in our only fund raiser! That's the largest amount raised since we began the auction about 25 years ago. We were able to make sizeable donations to MOPS, Cheyenne Interfaith Hospitality Network, Salvation Army and the youth group.

At the March meeting we officially welcomed several new members: Mike Jones and Sherry Gardner, Louis and Louisa Brownstein, Bob and Linda McGuire, Patty Young and Roger and Mary Rapp. We are pleased and excited to have these folks join our ranks. In addition to welcoming this new group, we also had the pleasure of Lorie Andrews and her dance partner helping us learn some ballroom dancing techniques. They were great... some of us were pretty good, and many of us just had fun. On April 7, 6:15 p.m., in Fellowship Hall, we will have our April meeting featuring a raucous night of playing Bunko in addition to our dinner. This is a crazy dice game, including many tables of four people each, and is so mindless that lots of visiting goes on. Please join us!

For information about Friendship Mariners, contact Ernie and Melinda Brazzale, 778-7009 or mbrazz2@bresnan.net.

Congratulations . . .

Congratulations to Rick and Emily (Rapp) Louis, on the birth of their son, Ronan Christopher, on March 24, 2010. Ronan weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces and is 20 inches in length. Proud grandparents are Roger and Mary Rapp.



Deacon's Beacons

Submitted by Jane Nelson

It is a solemn thing to be an intercessor. We have a responsibility to “go between” for those God has given us. Someday we shall see what our prayers accomplished. Until then, we intercede in faith. - Rick Harrison

God has entrusted us with the mighty power of intercessory prayer. It is a gift. We become partners with Him in the accomplishment of His purposes in the lives of our friends. - Lloyd John Ogilvie

“GO BETWEEN” for:

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| Stacy “Skoumal” Adams | Glen Flyr | Nina Belle Hoy | Midge Reed |
| Meryl Adams | Dennis Fogg | Karen Hruby | Ken Riedl |
| Loretta Adsit | Adam George | Marcy Jacobsen | Doris Rogers |
| Lil Barbour | Rev. George | Evelyn Johnston | Patti Sandison |
| Richard Beauchamp | Bea Grams | Margret Jones | Nelson Santiago |
| John Bishop | Gay Grant | Roshni Joseph | Celia Schadel |
| Betty Brown | Joan Gray | Jim Kleine | Gloria Schiller |
| Jay Brown | Dianne Grimm | Dr. Rob Lanier | Schiller Children |
| R.J. Brown | Karen Grover | Mary Jane Larson | Allan Schultz |
| Bonnie Carley | Charles Ham | Ann Lembke | Amanda Tracey |
| Eric Case | Marydee Hartsook | Dan Lex | Dorothy Wagner |
| Lydia Cates | Larry Hastings | Kevin McMIndes | Pauline Ware |
| Scott Coulson | Pam Haswell | Linda Norris | Allen White |
| Robert Drummond | Pat Hawk | Kari Pace-Murdoch | Margy Will |
| Nic Elwood | Kathy Hengen | Sherry Popham | B.J. Wise |
| Pat Fairbanks | Marv Hoflund | Paula Qualls | |

- If anyone listed on the above list needs to be removed, please let the church office know. -

Happy and strong we shall be—able to endure all things, and to do all things—if we believe that every day, every hour, every moment of our life is in God’s hands. - Henry Van Dyke

This world is not conclusion,
 A sequel stands beyond
 Invisible as music—
 But positive, as sound,
 Emily Dickinson.

Pray for:

Vealess Hudspeth - Loss of wife, Jenny
 Greta Morrow - Loss of Mother
 Buzz and Frances Parker - Loss of Daughter

Judy Phillips - Loss of Brother-in-Law
 Family and Friends of Lee Stover
 Maïda Wedell - Loss of Cousin

Adult Study

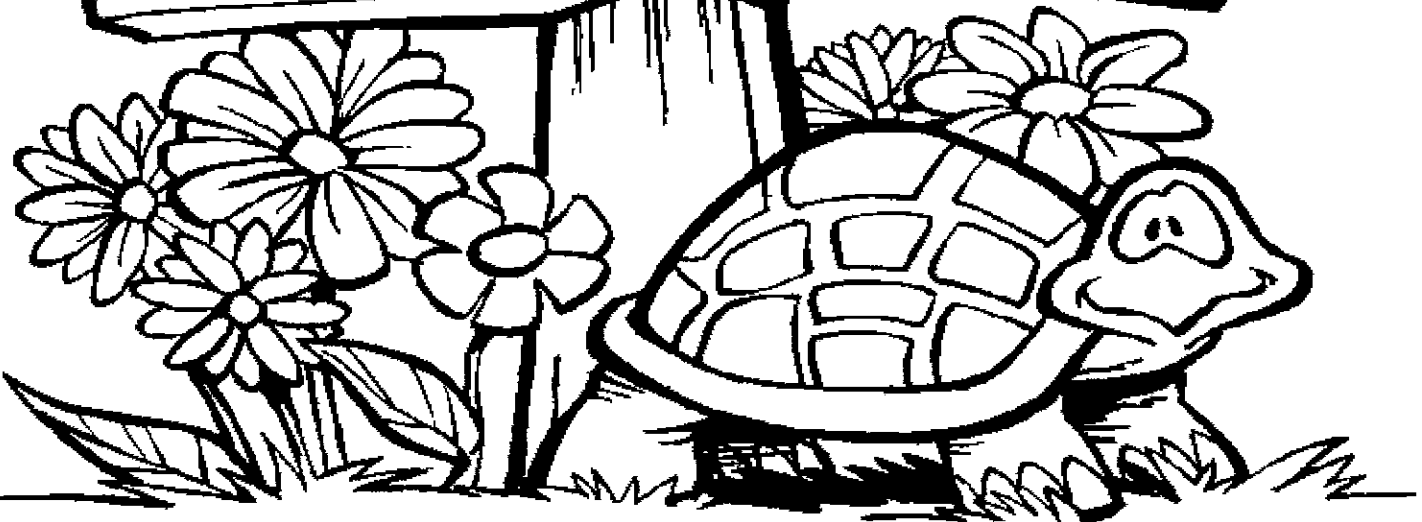
April 11 - May 23 / Church Library
Led by Reverend Roger Rapp

LIFE OF THE BELOVED

How do we live a spiritual life in a secular (non-religious) world? This is a question that Henri Nouwen, (1932-1996) explores in letters to a non-Christian friend in his spiritual classic, *LIFE OF THE BELOVED* (1992). Nouwen was a Catholic priest, who, in his many writings, has shown millions of people how to choose joy in any moment – even moments full of pain and brokenness.

Join us for the seven week study, beginning the Sunday after Easter (April 11) and continuing through May 23, as we explore *LIFE OF THE BELOVED*.

The group will meet in the library, led by Roger Rapp.
**A sign-up sheet is located in the parlor or
call the church office (638-3345) for more information.**



children's ministry

Why Should We Attend Sunday School?

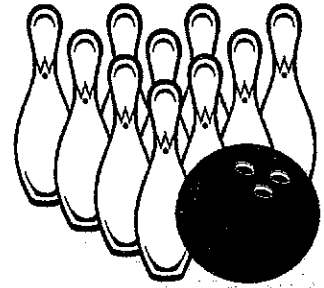
Matthew 19:14 reads, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs." Deuteronomy 11:18-19 says, "You shall put these words of mine in your heart and soul... Teach them to your children, talking about them when you are home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise."

In Matthew, it was not a mistake or a moment of softness when Jesus spoke these words to his disciples. Jesus was, as he always did, making a point. He was emphasizing the importance of children in God's kingdom. Children are the future. Jesus knew this. Without passing on God's word to the little ones, the word would no longer be. It is like the Olympic torch, it must be passed on and on to reach its final destination. Deuteronomy instructs us to look for teachable moments in everything we do and everywhere we go. In this way, we are bring the children to Christ and passing on the torch.

Sounds easy enough but these are not easy times we are living in. As a parent, we have so many things pulling at us at one time. We have to provide the basics - food, clothing, shelter and love to our children on a daily basis. Then, as demanded by society, we get to furnish education, piano lessons, soccer practice, homework time, family time, lessons on relationships, responsibility and cooperation. Then throw in teaching about health and fitness, providing nutritious meals, doing the laundry, cleaning house and diverting the damage of TV, video games and the computer. When do we have time to teach our children about God and faith? This is where the church comes in.

As a parent, you have so many things you must do daily for your family. At Sunday school, we only have one focus -- the Christian education of your child and your family. We are able to teach your child at their level of understanding through stories and activities which are Biblically relevant. Teaching a child simply about God and faith is not enough. We equip them to use their knowledge of God on a daily basis actually applying to their world.

We are not here as a replacement for teaching your child about God. We are here to help you by supplementing your child's Christian education. Sunday school is not meant to be just one more thing on your plate. It is a faithful response to Christ. It gives us courage and faith to live in the world. It is about fulfilling our commitment of baptism. It is a witness to our faith. This is why we should attend Sunday school. Let us help you. Join us Sunday mornings at 9:15am.



D.O.V.E Bowling/Pizza Party

For all of our
D.O.V.E.
participants,
we will be
having our
bowling &
pizza party on
April 26
from 6 - 8 PM
at 2 Bar Bowl





**LAST EARLY
RELEASE DAY FOR
2009-2010**

The last LCSD#1 early release day is April 22. Bring your K-6 graders for a fun filled afternoon. Lunch will be served. Since April 22 is Earth Day, we will be doing Earth Day projects. Please plan to pick your kids up no later than 5:30pm.

**Registration is required by
April 18th.**

If your child would like attend, please contact Caroline Carver at 638-3345, 632-6479, ccarver419@bresnan.net or firstprescmd@qwestoffice.net.

**Children's Choir
Special Rehearsal**

Children will sing at the 10:30am service on Easter Sunday, April 4th. We will meet at 10:00am in the Sanctuary for a brief rehearsal and will sing immediately after the organ prelude

Dennis Johnson



**New Carpet &
Tile**

Thank you to the church for our new carpet and tile. We love it and promise to take good care of it. It is nice to have a clean place to crawl!



THANK YOU!

We don't always say thank you to some of those we should. So from Children's Ministry a big thank you to:

Mr. Hamburg (Ray) - for cleaning our messes and keeping our area clean & safe.
Mr. Hubbard (Cliff) - for making sure we are nice and warm on Sunday mornings.
Mrs. Cook (Julie) - for having snacks and drinks for us each Sunday.

You are awesome!

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
APRIL 2010 COMPOSITE CALENDAR**

| Date | Day | Time | Event |
|-------------|------------|-------------------|--|
| April 1 | Thursday | **** | Maundy Thursday and Communion Service |
| | | 6:30 pm | Handbell Choir Rehearsal |
| | | 7:00 pm | Maundy Thursday Communion Service |
| April 2 | Friday | **** | Good Friday |
| | | 6:30 pm | Chancel Choir Rehearsal |
| | | 7:00 pm | Good Friday service |
| April 3 | Saturday | 3:00 pm | Dougherty/Logsdon Wedding (Sanctuary)) |
| April 4 | Sunday | **** | Easter Sunday (No Communion Service) |
| | | 7:45 am | Nursery |
| | | 8:00 and 10:30 am | Worship Services |
| | | 9:00 and 11:30 am | Fellowship Times |
| | | 9:15 am | Tour of Building (Rev. Garrard) |
| | | 11:30 am | Prairie Schooners Board Meeting (Library) |
| April 5 | Monday | 5:30 pm | Christian Education Ministry (Archives) |
| | | 6:30 pm | Associate Pastor Nominating Comm (Library) |
| | | 7:00 pm | Worship & Music Ministry (Archives) |
| | | 7:00 pm | Boy Scout Troop 116 |
| April 6 | Tuesday | 7:00 pm | Building and Grounds Ministry (Library) |
| | | 7:00 pm | Boy Scouts (OA) |
| April 7 | Wednesday | 5:30 pm | Handbell Ensemble |
| | | 6:00 pm | Handbell Choir |
| | | 6:15 pm | Friendship Mariners |
| | | 7:00 pm | Chancel Choir |
| April 8 | Thursday | 5:30 pm | MOPS (Children's Wing / Parlor) |
| | | 7:00 pm | Sarah Circle (Archives) |
| April 9 | Friday | 12 Noon | Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team (Library) |
| April 11 | Sunday | 7:45 am | Nursery |
| | | 8:00 and 10:30 am | Worship Services |
| | | 9:00 and 11:30 am | Fellowship Times |
| | | 9:15 am | Sunday School |
| | | 6:30 pm | Ichthus (Youth Group) |
| April 12 | Monday | 5:00 pm | Young Miss (Archives) |
| | | 6:00 pm | New Life Ministry (Library) |
| | | 7:00 pm | Boy Scout Troop 116 |
| April 13 | Tuesday | 12:00 Noon | Finance Ministry (Library) |
| | | 5:00 pm | Young Miss (Archives) |
| | | 7:00 pm | Missions Ministry (Library) |
| April 14 | Wednesday | 5:30 pm | Handbell Ensemble |
| | | 6:00 pm | Handbell Choir |
| | | 7:00 pm | Chancel Choir |
| | | 7:00 pm | Personnel Ministry (Library) |
| April 15 | Thursday | 11:30 am | MOPS Board Meeting (Library / Nursery) |
| | | 7:00 pm | Youth Director Search Committee (Library) |
| April 16 | Friday | **** | NEWSLETTER DEADLINE |
| | | 1:00 pm | Ruth Circle (Library) |
| April 18-25 | Sun - Sun | **** | FPC Host CIHN |

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| April 18 | Sunday | 7:45 am | Nursery |
| | | 8:00 and 10:30 am | Worship Services |
| | | 9:00 and 11:30 am | Fellowship Times |
| | | 9:15 am | Sunday School |
| | | 6:30 pm | Ichthus (Youth Group) |
| April 19 | Monday | 12:30 pm | Children's Ministry Team Meeting |
| | | 12:30 pm | Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (Library) |
| | | 7:00 pm | Session (Parlor) |
| | | 7:00 pm | Boy Scout Troop 116 |
| April 20 | Tuesday | 7:00 pm | Boy Scouts (OA) |
| April 21 | Wednesday | 5:30 pm | Handbell Ensemble |
| | | 6:00 pm | Handbell Choir |
| | | 7:00 pm | Chancel Choir |
| April 22 | Thursday | **** | Early Release Day |
| | | 6:00 pm | Prairie Schooners (Parlor) |
| | | 6:30 pm | Associate Pastor Nominating Comm. (Stage Room) |
| April 23 | Friday | 12 Noon | APNC (Library) |
| April 25 | Sunday | **** | Youth Sunday |
| | | 7:45 am | Nursery |
| | | 8:00 and 10:30 am | Worship Services |
| | | 9:00 and 11:30 am | Fellowship Times |
| | | 9:15 am | Sunday School |
| | | 11:30 am | Church Chat (Library) |
| | | 6:30 pm | Ichthus (Youth Group) |
| April 26 | Monday | 1:00 pm | Rebecca Circle (Library) |
| | | 6:00 pm | Children's Bowling Night (2-Bar) |
| | | 6:30 pm | Local Missions (Library) |
| | | 7:00 pm | Deacons (Parlor) |
| | | 7:00 pm | Boy Scout Troop 116 |
| April 27 | Tuesday | 7:00 pm | Boy Scouts (OA) Fellowship Hall |
| | | 7:30 pm | Boy Scout Troop 116 Board Meeting (Stage Room) |
| April 28 | Wednesday | 5:30 pm | Handbell Ensemble |
| | | 6:00 pm | Handbell Choir |
| | | 7:00 pm | Chancel Choir |