



# The Presby

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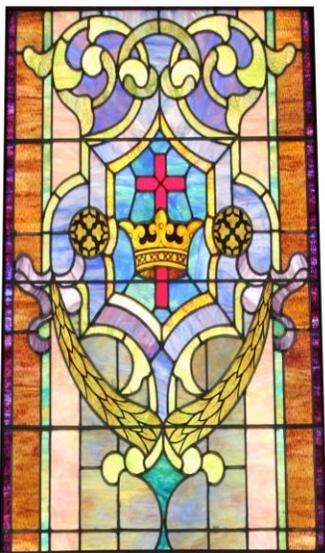
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## From the Pastor

On Maundy Thursday (April 13), as we gather for worship and the Lord's Supper, we remember the final days of Christ's life on earth as He gathered with His disciples to show His love for them and for us. On Good Friday (April 14), as we gather for the Tenebrae service in the sanctuary, we remember His willingness to suffer and die for our salvation and we thank God for His amazing love that is both unconditional and eternal. With the conclusion of the season of Lent, we look towards the celebration of Easter Sunday with hope, as we remember once again the proclamation of Good News in **John 3:16**, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life." This promise of God's love is confirmed at the empty tomb as Mary Magdalene and others are told, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen." Everyone is invited to join these services of worship as we walk together along this road that Christ has traveled.

In Norman Vincent Peale's book, The Power of Positive Thinking, we read the following reflection that is appropriate for our journey,

### "A Ten-point Worry-breaking Formula:"

1. Say to yourself, 'Worry is just a very bad mental habit, and I can change any habit with God's help.'
2. You became a worrier by practicing worry...With all strength and perseverance, you can command, start practicing faith.
3. How do you practice faith? First thing every morning before you arise, say out loud, 'I believe,' three times.
4. Pray, 'I place this day, my life, my loved ones, my work in the Lord's hands.'
5. Practice saying something positive concerning everything about which you have been talking negatively. Talk positively.
6. Never participate in a worry conversation. Shoot an injection of faith into all your conversations.
7. Mark every passage in the Bible that speaks of faith, hope, happiness, glory, and radiance. Commit each to memory.
8. Cultivate friendships with hopeful people.
9. See how many people you can help to cure their own worry habit. In helping another to overcome worry you get greater power over it within yourself.
10. Every day of your life conceive of yourself as living in partnership and companionship with Jesus Christ. If He actually walked by your side, would you be worried or afraid? Well, then, say to yourself, 'He is with me.'

The Mission Committee is coordinating a rebuilding trip to West Virginia during the week of May 14. If you are interested in learning more about this trip, you may speak with Ron Boone or Steve Hider. This is the continuation of our outreach to those affected by the flooding in West Virginia in 2016.

Peace, Brad Simpson

**Presbyterian Women:**

The PW Circle 1 will meet on Monday, April 3 at 11:00 a.m. Circle 3 will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the Jones Parlor.

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**Hope Pack the Bag Program:**

“Please find attached the photos from last night's packing. Your church had a terrific representation including Pastor Brad.

We acknowledged Bill turning 96 and he even did a little dance for us which was pretty cool.

The University of Md. was there with us last night on a mission trip and it was so nice to see everyone mingle and talk to each other as they were packing as if they had known each other for years. It was a great night of fellowship and your church made them feel very welcome. Please pass my thanks on to everyone.” Best regards, Mike

Thank you to all the helpers for the March pack the bag. 825 bags were packed.



We will need help with the pack the bag on Wednesday, April 26 at 4:00 p.m. We will meet in the warehouse behind the old Smokey's.

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**Kid's Club:**

Kid's Club will meet on Wednesday, March 29 at 7:00 p.m. at the church to help pick up pine cones.

**Youth Group:**

We will finish the Mission Project of pine cone pickup on Wednesday, March 29. Please meet at the church at 7:00 p.m.

April 5 at 8:00 p.m. Please meet in the youth room for a meeting.

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**Soup 'n the Word Schedule:**

Tuesday, April 4, 12:00 p.m. Soup 'n the Word – St. Paul Methodist

Tuesday, April 11, 12:00 p.m. Soup 'n the Word – Wytheville Baptist



**Holy Week Services:**



Palm Sunday, April 9

Maundy Thursday, April 13 at 7:30 p.m.

(Communion Service)

Tenebrae Service, April 14 at 7:30 p.m.

Easter Sunrise Service, April 16 at 7:00 a.m. at St.

Paul United Methodist Church, Pastor Tim Irving with give the message.

Easter Breakfast to follow at 8:00 a.m.

Sunday School at WPC at 9:45 a.m.

Easter Worship Service will be at 11:00 a.m.

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**Mission Trip Information:**

The Mission Committee is planning a mission trip to Greenbrier WV to help with the flood relief from the Fall of 2016. We will be leaving Sunday afternoon, May 14 or Monday morning, May 15 and traveling to White Sulphur Springs, WV. We will be hosted by a Catholic Church in White Sulphur Springs. We will work that week on various projects. If you are interested in this trip, please prayerfully consider going with us, and talk with Steve and Esther Hider. Please let the church office know as soon as possible if you are interested because we have must turn in tentative numbers by the first week of April. Any skill level is greatly appreciated.

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**Kiwanis Benefit:**

The Kiwanis Club of Wythe County presents The Primitive Quartet and The Riches on Saturday, April 8 at 6:30 p.m. at the George Wythe High School Auditorium. Advance tickets are Adults \$10.00 and children under 12 are free. Please see Sid Crockett or Roy Hand for tickets.

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**Stewardship Message:**

1 Peter 4:10  
As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.

Stewardship:  
The actions we take and the thoughts we think when we say, " I believe in God " .

We give to our church because it is where we learn of God's mercy and forgiveness. Remember, God gave EVERYTHING for us willingly. Let's focus on returning God's gifts through the generous sharing of our time, talent and treasures.  
*from the Stewardship Committee*

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**Dinner at the Children's Home:**

We will be celebrating and eating dinner at the Children's Home on Monday, April 3 at 6:00 p.m. A potluck supper provided by Wytheville Presbyterian Church will begin the time together. Please have the food at the Children's Home cafeteria by 5:30 p.m. We will once again be giving gift cards to the youth that are present at the home. If you are interested in providing a gift card, please bring the money by the church office or place a check in the offering plate made out to Wytheville Presbyterian Church but designated for "Children's Home gift." If you have questions, please call Stanley Martin at 228-7479. Thank you!

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**60+ Adventure:**

We will meet on Thursday, April 6 at 11:30 at Bob Evans to plan our 2017 adventures. Please call Scottie Kegley at 228-5166.

Storytelling Adventure! Tuesday, May 2 Sixty



Plus!

On Tuesday, May 2, the Sixty Plus group (others are also invited) will depart from the church at 9:00 AM to go to Jonesboro, Tennessee, for a storytelling event. Following lunch, we'll enjoy listening to the 2017 season inaugural storyteller, Bill Lepp. The group will return to Wytheville by @5:30 PM. Cost for this trip is \$11.00 per person plus the cost of lunch. Reservations with payment are needed by Friday, March 31.

# April 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 <b>Herley Hudson</b>
9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship <b>Jane Lacy</b>	11:00 Circle 1 6:00 Children's Home 7:00 Circle 3 <b>Steve Hider</b> <b>Chris DiYorio</b>	12:00 Soup 'n the Word - St. Paul	5:15 Choir practice 6:30 Potluck supper 7:15 Bible Study 8:00 Youth <b>Sid Crockett</b>	11:30 60+ Bob Evans 7:00 Bell Choir <b>Doreen Lavallee</b> <b>Che Roan</b>	7:30 Men's Prayer Breakfast <b>Charles Crockett</b>	8 <b>Sarah C. Scott</b> <b>Dorothy Repass</b>
9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship <i>Palm Sunday</i>	<b>Ashley Morrison</b> <b>Eli Dunford</b>	Soup 'n the Word -Wytheville Baptist <b>Patricia Smiley</b> <b>Cade Ashton Ritter</b>	5:15 Choir practice No Wednesday night activities	7:30 Maundy Thursday Communion Service	7:30 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:30 Tenebrae Service	15 <b>Gabe DiYorio</b>
7:00 Sunrise Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 7:30 Cove Service <b>Billy Rice &amp; John Wms</b>	<b>Geneieve Ritter</b>	<b>Office Closed</b>	<b>Office Closed</b> <b>Ginny Williams</b>	<b>Office Closed</b>	7:30 Men's Prayer Breakfast <b>Office Closed</b>	22
9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship <i>5 cents a meal</i> <b>Joann Cannoy</b> <b>Daisey Dunford</b>	<b>Roy Hand</b> <b>Noah McWhirter</b>		5:15 Choir practice 6:30 Potluck supper 7:15 Bible Study 8:00 Youth <b>Steve Willis</b>	7:00 Bell Choir	7:30 Men's Prayer Breakfast	29
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