



# The Presby

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## April Newsletter 2024

*Dear Members and Friends,*

*For many people, the month of April and season of Spring is their favorite. It is the time of year when things finally warm up and stay warm.*

*It is the time of year that the grass turns green and everything blossoms and grows. In essence, it is the time of year that we see new life.*

*Furthermore, for most years, April is the month of the year that we celebrate the new life that is found in, and through the Resurrection of our Lord.*

*In fact, the Resurrection changes everything, and we are reminded that nothing is impossible, and new life is available to all who seek it.*

*The truth is, we all need the new life that Christ offers, and we all need renewal in our lives.*

*May this season be a time that we focus on this, and receive the blessing of renewal found in our Risen Lord!*

*Grace and Peace,*

*Pastor John*

**Session Digest:**

The Session met for its Stated March meeting on March 24, 2024 in the Session Room.

Pastoral Concerns: Joanne Cannoy, Tony Cannoy, Joe & Shirley Cavender, Eural & Priscilla Clippard, Colleen Dunford, Pastor John Langham, the family of Gaye Mock, Scott Madden, Bill and Susan Pollard, Dorothy Repass, Judy Walters, Michael and Rachel Weller.

Motions approved by the Session:

- To allow the use of the Sanctuary & Hatcher Hall April 27 2:30-5P for a Celebration of Life Service for Gaye Mock
- To allow Line Dancing Classes on Thursdays afternoons in Hatcher Hall with Betty Gordon. Details to follow.
- There will be no Stated Meeting of Session in April.
- To accept the written Finance Report.

Review of Calendar of Events:

- April 15, 2024 - PCHH Potluck Dinner for the Children. Bring food at 5:30PM
- April 21, 2024 - Cove Service
- May 12, 2024 - Mother's Day
- May 19, 2024 - Cove Service
- May 26, 2024 - Stated Session Meeting

Submitted by Jim Gearhart

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**Stewardship Message:**

We are stewards not owners (God owns it all, we are caretakers.)

Because of God's goodness in our lives, we must make efforts to serve Him actively by putting our talents and gifts to good use, and to be worthwhile servants to meet the greatest needs of today.

One of the best biblical examples of stewardship is Noah becoming the steward of all the animals. He was called to build the ark and to help every species on Earth to survive the great flood. Noah was not only responsible to God for answering His call, but to all creatures on Earth, to steward them through the flood.

Stewardship honors God with gratitude for what he did for us. In these ways we can honor him with our worship, as well as our abilities and material goods. Whether you're serving in the community, taking care of church property, teaching the children, being the Pastor, maybe sending a card to someone, or giving financial support, these and many other talents are serving as good stewards.

**Pray this prayer**

**Gracious and loving God, we understand that you call us to be the stewards of your abundance , the caretakers of all that you have entrusted to us. Help us always to use your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously. May our faithful stewardship bear witness to the love of Christ in our lives.**

**Amen.**

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**5 Cents a Meal:**

Please remember the 5 cents a meal offering on April 21st. You may bring it to the church, or mail it in with your pledge. A basket will be placed in the narthex for your convenience. Please make a separate check. Many thanks for your giving.

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**Cove Service:**

The Cove Service returns to Sunday evenings beginning in the month of April. Please watch the weekly Announcements for further details as they develop.

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**Newsletter & Office Information:**

Information for the May Newsletter needs to be in the church office by Monday, April 22nd.

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**Hope Packs:**

We will be packing bags for Hope Packs the 4<sup>th</sup> Wed. of every month at 5:00 p.m. Please plan to help with this project!

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**PCHH Potluck Dinner :**

The annual PCHH Potluck dinner will be in the Dining Hall at the Children’s Home on Monday April 15<sup>th</sup>. Please plan to arrive at 5:30 p.m. and bring plenty of food. We will begin eating at 6:00 p.m. Our time together is always enjoyed by everyone!

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**Monthly Meetings :**

- Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup>      Circle 1, 11:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall
- Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup>      Circle 3, 7:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall
- Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>      Church Growth Committee, 2:00 p.m., Hatcher Hall
- Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>      Finance Committee, 4:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>      Worship Committee, 10:00 a.m.

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**MISSION CO-WORKER SUPPORT:**

SHARON KANDEL - ETHIOPIA, SUDAN, SOUTH SUDAN

REV. CHERYL BARNES - MALAWI, ZAMBIA, ZIMBABWE

REV. ELMARIE PARKER AND REV. SCOTT PARKER – IRAQ, SYRIA, LEBANON

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Happy Birthday Madeline Burke! Church Off. Closed	2 Happy Birthday Jane Lacy & Sarah Bates!	3 Happy Birthday Steve Hider, Ida McElroy, Chris DiYorio & Oliver Jack Lane!	4	5 Happy Birthday Sid Crockett!	6 Happy Birthday Che Roop!
7 Happy Birthday Charles Crockett!	8 Happy Birthday Sarah Crockett! A.D.K. meets 6-8 p, H.H.	9 Church Growth Comm. Meets 2p, H.H. Finance Comm. meets 4p	10 Happy Birthday Ashley Morrison & Eli Dunford!	11 Happy Birthday Patricia Smiley & Cade Ashton Ritter!	12	13
14 <b>Cove Service Returns 7:30P</b>	15 Happy Birthday Gabe DiYorio! <b>PCHH Potluck Dinner, gather at 5:30P</b>	16 Happy Birthday Billy Rice & John Williams! Worship Comm meets 10A	17 Happy Birthday Genevieve Moore Ritter!	18 Happy Birthday Allison Burke!	19	20 Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering in Abingdon
21 5-Cents-A-Meal	22	23 Happy Birthday Joann Cannoy & Daisy Dunford!	24 Happy Birthday Roy Hand & Noah McWhirter!!	25	26	27
28	29	30 Happy Birthday Joe Cavender!				