



First Presbyterian Church

February 2024

Wandering Heart: Figuring Out Faith With Peter

During Lent this year, we are focusing on the life and faith of one of Jesus' most famous disciples. In Peter, we see a person who is both steadfast and unsteady, a dear friend and a betrayer, a follower and a wanderer. In Peter, we often see ourselves. By following Peter's journey, we watch the story of Jesus unfold through the eyes of a very normal human trying to figure it all out—just like us. I hope we will each engage with the Scripture and topic in several ways – worship services, devotions, and special services.

Lent

2/14/24 Ash Wednesday 5:30pm Wandering Heart: "Tune my heart". Psalm 51:1-17
2/18/24 Wandering Heart: "Jesus sought me" Luke 5:1-11, Psalm 25:1-10
2/25/24 Wandering Heart: "Rescue me from danger" Matt. 14:22-33, Psalm 22:23-31
3/3/24 Wandering Heart: "Praise the Mount" Matt. 16:13-20, Psalm 19
3/10/24 Wandering Heart: "I'm fixed upon" Matt. 16:21-24, Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
3/17/24 Wandering Heart: "Teach me" Matthew 18:15-22, Psalm 119:9-16
3/24/24 Wandering Heart: "Songs of Loudest Praise" John 12:12-16
3/28/24 Maundy Thursday. Wandering Heart: "Streams of mercy" John 13:1-20
3/29/24 Good Friday Wandering Heart: "Prone to leave the God I love" John 18-19
3/31/24 Easter Sunrise Service
3/31/24 Easter Service. Wandering Heart: "And I hope". Luke 24:1-12

Peace ~

Pastor Annie



February

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 Elizabeth Circle 6:30pm	2	3
4 Worship & Fellowship Committee meet at 11:30	5	6 Mom's Group 9:00 am	7 LOGOS 5-7 Mardi Gras	8 Elizabeth Circle 6:30pm	9	10
11 Adult Discussion Group 9:30am Souper Bowl Sunday Fundraiser and Bowl Auction Session after Souper Bowl lunch and auction.	12	13	14 Miriam Circle 10:00am LOGOS 5-7 Ash Wednesday Service at 5:30pm	15 Elizabeth Circle 6:30pm	16	17
18	19 Sewing Circle 10:00am	20	21 LOGOS 5-7 Be- lated Valentines Day	22 Adult Mission Group 10:00am Elizabeth Circle 6:30pm	23	24 Men's breakfast 9:00am
25 Adult Discussion Group 9:30am	26	27	28 LOGOS 5-7 Wild Wild West	29 Elizabeth Circle 6:30pm		



FEBRUARY

Birthdays

* Happy Belated Birthday to Dave Tintsman, 1/23

1st		17th	Will Kelley
2nd	Michael Davis Deb Kramer	18th	
3rd	Riley Buehner	19th	
4th		20th	Pat Anderson
5th	Brooke Hartwig	21st	
6th	Carmel Mann	22nd	
7th	Shelley Moore	23rd	
8th		24th	
9th	Carson Cooper	25th	
10th	David Ditmer Jenny Ballinger	26th	Becky Boucher Jennifer Hodgins
11th		27th	
12th		28th	
13th	Nita Taylor Christine Rutherford	29th	
14th	Emily Schaeffer Jack Sanders	30th	
15th		31st	
16th			

CHOIR

Adults and older youth are invited to join our choir. You do not need to be able to read music. Rehearsals are the Wednesday evening before we sing in church (1st and 3rd Sundays) and other times as needed. Rehearsals are from 7-8pm in the Sanctuary. For more information, please contact Kelly Smith.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Where two or more are gathered in my name, I will be there - Jesus

WOMEN'S CIRCLES *Where women gather to share life's ups and downs together.*

Miriam Circle

This group of ladies meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 10am. Next meeting will be February 14 and they will finish up with Chapter 14 of Unshakeable Hope. The new books are in at a cost of \$10.60. This new book is "Life Lessons from John" by Max Lacado. This will book with begin on March 13th. Contact Arthella Pollock, 937-456-1289 for more information.

Elizabeth Circle

This group will meet Thursdays from 6:30-7:30pm from January 18 through April 11, with a dinner celebration on April 18. The group will be doing a book study on An Altar in the World by Barbara Brown Taylor. Contact Pastor Annie for more information.

In the New York Times bestseller An Altar in the World, acclaimed author Barbara Brown Taylor continues her spiritual journey by building upon where she left off in Leaving Church. Taylor shares how she learned to find God beyond the church walls by embracing the sacred as a natural part of everyday life. In An Altar in the World, Taylor shows us how to discover altars everywhere we go and in nearly everything we do as we learn to live with purpose, pay attention, slow down, and revere the world we live in.

MOMS GROUP – February 6th at 9:00am

Moms meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 9am in the church nursery. Bring your children along! After we get the children settled and grab a cup of coffee, Pastor Annie will lead us in a devotion, prayer and a parenting lesson.

MEN'S BREAKFAST - February 24th at 9:00am

Where men gather for food, laughter, and thoughtful conversation.

Come for a good breakfast and good discussion on the 4th Saturday of the month at 9am. Men take turns bringing the food and providing a program on various topics, along with doing special projects to help around the church and reach out to our shut-ins. Contact Tom Courtney for more information.

ADULT COFFEE SHOP DISCUSSION GROUP Where adults gather to share life and learn.

Join us on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month from 9:30-10:00am for a "Coffee Shop" discussion group. There will be a topic of the day to learn a little about, and then we will discuss it around the table over coffee or tea. This group will begin on January 14th and go through May 26th. Contact Pastor Annie for more information.

The discussion topics for Winter and Spring will be about following Jesus in "Worship" and "Comforting Those Who Mourn."

ADULT MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Truly I tell you, whatever you did for the least of these, you did for me. Matthew 25:40b

Adult Mission Team – Thursday February 22 at 10am

All adults are welcome to join this active Mission Team that does projects to bless people in our community. This month we will be doing a project to encourage our friends in the nursing home.

Sewing Group - Monday, February 19th from 10:00 to 2:00. We will be working on Curtains and quilts/shawls. Come anytime that works for you. Sandwich fixings for lunch will be provided.

YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Children's Church on Sundays – for elementary children and older preschoolers

After the children's story in worship (about 10:50), the children go downstairs for an age-appropriate and fun lesson from the Bible. They are given a light snack and are led by loving volunteers from the Congregation.

Nursery on Sundays – for babies and younger preschoolers

The nursery is staffed during worship by volunteers from our congregation. The children are cared for in a bright safe room with age-appropriate toys and activities.

LOGOS Wednesday night programming – 5-7pm

Youth, older preschool and elementary children gather on Wednesday evenings for a night of worship, Bible lessons, games, crafts and dinner. Drop off at The Sanctuary at 5pm and pick up in the Fellowship Hall at 7pm. Parents are always welcome to stay; let us know if you will need the nursery. Here are the themes for February:

February 7: Mardi Gras

February 14: Ash Wednesday

February 21: Belated Valentines Day

February 28: Wild Wild West

Elementary Children Will Learn The Lord's Prayer

The elementary group in LOGOS will be learning the Lord's Prayer and what it means. They meet on Wednesdays from 5-7pm. On March 24 they will be in worship to lead the congregation in saying the Lord's Prayer. Their teachers this semester are Stacey Barton and Pastor Annie.

Souper Bowl Luncheon & Bowl Auction Fundraiser for Food bank after church on Sunday, February 11th. See details on page 7.

1st Mission Trip Fundraiser

March 9, 2024, Dinner of Love for Love - 6-9:00pm. Mission Youth needed from 4-9pm. More details to come.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Session
First Presbyterian Church of Eaton
December 10, 2023

The regular meeting of the Session was held in person at the church following worship and Advent fellowship, starting at 12:38. A quorum was present. Pastor Annie opened the meeting with prayer.

Members present: Joe DeLuca, Jessica Falkner, Marlene Frantz, Keith Jones, Rachel Kelley, Carmel Mann, Shelley Moore, Kathy McCreary, Susan Schaurer and moderator, Pastor Annie Melick. Also present was the Treasurer, Doug Moore.

Members excused: Ashley Mondello-Garrett, Ricky Mondello-Garrett, and Amber Fogle

Report of the Moderator: Annie has been planning and coordinating worship components for Advent.

Treasurer's Report: Doug presented the treasurer's report that was emailed prior to the meeting on Nov 30, 2023. Doug also noted that all but \$500 for the Capital Campaign has come in to cover expenses of the remaining slated projects. This news was happily received with applause. **On motion**, approve the treasurer's report as written. Motion carried.

Communications On Dec 8, 2024. Brooke Hartwig emailed session to inform them of her resignation as Director of Christian Education, Children's Ministry and Missions Program. Her last day will be Dec 17, 2023. She graciously thanked session for allowing her to serve her church family in this role. Tom Courtney resigned from session, effective immediately on Dec 1, 2023, by email. After much discussion, Jessica Falkner and Marlene Frantz also regretfully asked to resign from their remaining terms of service, 2yr and 1yr respectively. **On motion**, session sadly accepted the resignation of Tom, starting Dec 1, 2023, and Jessica and Marlene effective at the end of this meeting. Motion carried. Session expressed thanks and gratitude for their service.

Report of the Clerk: Minutes of the Nov 12, 2023, meeting were emailed on Nov 18. **On motion**, accept the minutes of Nov 12 meeting as written. Motion carried.

Dec 17, 2023 will be the Congregational Meeting to elect officers. Marie Hayes will begin serving as Clerk of Session, starting in Mar 2024. Rachel will continue as clerk for Jan and Feb 2024.

Reports of Committees

Finance and Congregational Care:

The committee made a motion to approve the proposed 2024 Budget as presented. Session members had the opportunity to express opinions on the budget. **On motion**, to approve the 2024 Budget as presented. Motion carried. Joe updated that the roofing and painting projects which have not been completed yet will resume in the spring.

Worship and Fellowship: The committee met Dec 3, following worship. Advent fellowship will be Dec 10 and 24th, following the morning service. Signup sheets are out for advent fellowship to get volunteers to bring items. Brunch church is Dec 31. Service will be very relaxed and there will be no mission projects.

Christian Education and Missions: CE and Children's Ministry report was emailed on Dec 8. Children's Christmas Pageant will be Dec 17, during the worship service.

Other Business A treasurer's audit committee will be selected after the first of the year for an audit.

Adjournment and closing prayer: Meeting adjourned, and Annie closed with prayer at approximately 1:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Krotz Kelley
Clerk of Session



Souper Bowl February 11th

Our annual Souper Bowl Sunday is just around the corner. Feeding people is very near and dear to our church's heart. All the proceeds raised will go to The Common Good Food Pantry so they can buy needed supplies to serve those in our community.

The cost to attend and sip on delicious soup is \$6 a person. Our LOGOS youth has very talented artists who have painted bowls that will be auctioned off during the Souper Bowl. Those who have a gift of making delicious soups are needed and encouraged to sign up to cook soup that will be enjoyed by those who attend. The sign-up sheet is on the Information Table. Volunteers are also needed for set up and clean up.



Women's Spiritual Nurture Retreat April 12-14, 2024.

For more information and questions email info@kirkmontcenter.org

You can also talk to Rachel Kelley or Beth Pool who are working on putting this event together.

Your Lenten One Great Hour of Sharing Envelopes or Fish will be available on Sunday, February 18th.

Eaton First Presbyterian Church 2024 Lenten Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
February	14	15	16	17		
	2 cents for every video movie in your house	2 cents for every letter in your first name	1 cent for every door in you house	3 cents if you talked to an older relative this week, 6 cents if you didn't		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
3 cents for every plant in your house	3 cents if you helped with dishes, 6 cents if you didn't	1 cent for every minute on the phone	4 cents if you ate a healthy breakfast, 8 cents if you didn't	5 cents if you were nice to a teacher today, 10 cents if you weren't	2 cents for every window in your house	5 cents if you read the bible at least twice this week, 10 cents if you didn't
25	26	27	28	29	March 1	2
2 cents for every pet in your house/barn 10 cents if you have no pets	5 cents if you birthday is before Easter this year, 7 cents if on or after	1 cent for every light bulb in your home	1 cent for every refrigerator magnet on your refrigerator	2 cents for each sister or brother, NONE? Unlucky you put in 10 cents.	2 cents if you helped with dinner/supper today, 10 cents if you did not.	1 cent for every room in your house, bathrooms count for 2 cents.
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1 cent for each A on your last report card, 2 cents for Bs, 3 cents for Cs, 5 cents other grades	1 cent for each pair of shoes in your closet, 2 cents for boots	1 cent for each book you read this week 10 cents if you did not read	5 cents if you went to LOGOs, 10 cents if you did not go	2 cents for each letter in your middle name	1 cent for each toy from Christmas you still play with	10 cents if you are right handed, 5 cents if you are left handed
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
5 cents if you shook Wayne's Hand today, 10 cents if you did not	3 cents if your room is clean, 6 cents if it is not and clean it	1 cent for every CD or cassette tape in your house	2 cents if you did your Logos Bible study, 5 cents if not	2 cents for every video game and game boy	5 cents if you went to bed before 10PM and 10 cents if after	5 cents if you ate a salad today, 10 cents if you did not
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
5 cents if you prayed before lunch today, 10 cents if you did not	3 cents if you brushed & flossed your teeth this morning , 6 cents if not	2 cents if you washed your hands before dinner, 7 cents if not	2 cents if you said a prayer at bedtime, 5 cents if you did not	3 cents if you read your Bible today, 6 cents if you did not	1 cent for every radio in your house, cars included	10 cents if you have any new Easter clothes, 5 cents if not
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
5 cents if you smiled at someone in church, 10 cents if you did not.	5 cents if you told a family member you love them, 10 cents if you did not.	2 cents if you hung your coat up 5 cents if you did not.	2 cents for every picture of YOU displayed at home.	2 cents if you did your homework on your own, 5 cents if you had to be told.	1 cent for every Bible in your house.	5 cents if you prayed for a friend today, 10 cents if you did not.

Sunday, March 30th is Easter, Bring your "Great Hour of Sharing" Donation Box to Church Easter Morning and throw it in our collection Net.

LOGOS is back in session and the children are so excited!



Putting together Birthday Bags for the Common Good Food Pantry.







Prayers of First Presbyterian Church Family and Friends

"Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you"

~Jeremiah 29:12

In our continuing prayers:

Countries of War

Sarah Gregg –Continuing cancer treatment, Cy Acheson's granddaughter

Cy & Flossy Acheson - pray for strength and healing

Logan Eifort - tumor shrinking, Keith & Chris Jones grandson

Zoe Barnes - home but still a long way to go, Kelly Smith's cousin

Remember and Uphold:

Penny Ulrich-Vancrest

Betty Stewart-Greenbriar

Betty Bourne –Vancrest (Vickie Volkerding's mother)

Our Shut-Ins at Home:

Doris Barker

Marge Jordan

Julia Withrow

Elaine Hawley

For our Nation and those who serve

Church Members & Friends In The Service

Lt. Mac Altom/ U.S. Army

Zack Pool/ Air Force

Addam Moore/ U.S. Marines

Jeremy Barnes/ Navy

Tanner Crabtree/ Army

Brett Barnes / Navy

Caleb Cosmi / Air Force

Cameron Rife / U.S. Navy

Doug Crouse / Air Force

Nicholas Rife / U.S. Navy

Grant Davis / Army Reserve

Justin Foust / Army

Laura Soper/ Air Force Reserve

Alex Trogdon/ Navy

Ryan Hall / Army

Allen Trogdon/ Navy

Cliff Garey / Navy

Grace Wagner / Basic Training

Ryan Kiracofe / Air Force

Wyatt Hanson / Army

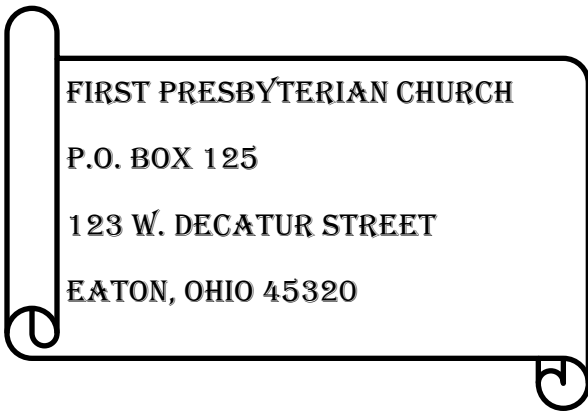
Miguel Martinez/Army Reserve- Active

Drew Roach / Navy

Soldier's Prayer

Dear Lord, please bless our soldiers, protectors of our land. Servants called to battle when our country takes a stand. Our country's prayers are with them no matter where they roam. Please listen when they are lonely and return them safely home.

Please contact our prayer chain coordinator, Ann Murray, 937-336-0116,
email: annmurray916@yahoo.com, call the church office, 937-456-3754,
office@eatonfpc.org, or drop a note in the offering plate with updates.



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Our Mission: *Listening to God's call, following in the way of Jesus and serving neighbors through the Spirit.*

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Clerk of Session: Marie Hayes

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Worship & Fellowship Committee: *Carmel Mann, Keith Jones, Susan Schaurer, Marie Hayes

Christian Education & Mission Committee: *Shelley Moore, Margie Bengé, Jillian Dittmer, Luke Pool, Molly Hurd, Amber Fogle

Personnel Committee: *Susan Schaurer, David Sikora, Margie Bengé

Memorial Committee: *Guy Bengé, Tonna Dittmer, Brian Pool

Treasurer: Doug Moore, treasurer@eatonfpc.org

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* Chairperson

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