



# First Presbyterian Church

## March 2016

### Sunday Regular Schedule

9:15am Disciples Class  
 9:30am Sunday School Class  
 10:30am Fellowship  
 10:45am Worship Service

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
<b>Youth Food Harvest</b> <b>"Passion Fruit"</b> Passionately give various non-perishable fruit, like you've never given fruit before!		<b>1</b> 7:00 am Men's Bible Study 11am-1:30pm CWU Toy Shop <b>Spud Lunch</b> at the First United Methodist Church	<b>2</b> 5:30 pm Worship Meeting 7pm Choir	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> <b>Communion</b> 12:15 pm Diaconate Meeting 	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 7pm Choir	<b>10</b> 1:30 pm Circle Meeting	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 4:00 pm Mission Meeting	<b>15</b> 10:00 am Session Meeting	<b>16</b> Noon Birthday Lunch at Jimmy's Egg 7pm Choir	<b>17</b> 	<b>18</b> F-A-W Deadline	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> <b>Youth Food Harvest</b> <b>"Passion Fruit"</b> 	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 7pm Choir	<b>24</b> Maundy Thursday Church Service Time: TBA	<b>25</b> Good Friday 	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> 	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<u>Monthly Volunteers</u> Liturgist: Joan Drake Usher: Margo Jones Presby-Cab: Margo Jones Hospital Visitor: Margo Jones	

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- Care for one another and for our community and world - For followers of Christ, care and concern for the physical and emotional well-being of our fellow church members and our neighbors near and far is a non-negotiable. Just as our Lord wept at the death of his friend Lazarus, the pain and sorrow of our friends and neighbors should move us to hurt with them and for them, as well as to prayer and, when necessary, gestures of comfort, support and aid.
- The indispensability of personal outreach and invitation - We spoke above about the importance of technology in reaching a broader audience, but did you know that, by far, the most effective means of bringing in first-time visitors is still a personal invitation? In fact, I would argue that in a society that is becoming increasingly depersonalized and distanced in terms of personal, face-to-face interaction, a personal invitation from someone familiar is more precious than ever. This doesn't necessarily mean we go door-to-door knocking and inviting people to church, but it means we keep our ears open. If a friend says they are looking for a new place to worship or we meet a new couple at the grocery store, let us extend the hand of invitation. We never know when God might be opening a door.
- A radical trust in the sovereignty of God - As Christians (particularly as members of the Reformed branch), we believe and proclaim that our God is a radically sovereign God. That is, there is nothing in this universe that does not exist or take place under His watchful eye. As Christians and members of the church, our great comfort is in knowing that the church is God's and for as long as God deems its life and work necessary, He will ensure its continued survival. This isn't an invitation to inaction, but it is an encouragement against fear. Because God is God, we need not be paralyzed by fear of doors being closed, but rather strive to work each day to do the things He calls us to do for as long as He gives us life together to do them!

These things we cannot waiver on, for this is what it means to be the church of Jesus Christ.

On the journey with you,

Mike

Pictured on right is Rev. Mike Manaugh and his daughter Ellie Manaugh.  
Picture is courtesy of Jim Barthell.



## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING AND YOU

Around the world people lack access to food, clean water, sanitation, education and opportunity – so many needy it is almost overwhelming. But your church is at work helping to address these needs and you can be a part of the work by contributing to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. Pat Hale will give a Moment for Mission on March 13 and the offering will be taken in our church on March 20, Palm Sunday.

We often think we cannot lend a hand to our worldwide neighbors because they are too far away for us to be of help, but the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need.

One Great Hour of Sharing, received during the season of Lent, makes a difference in the world through three impactful programs; Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program and Self-development of People.

PDA--PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE works within communities as they recover and find hope after the devastation of natural or human caused disasters. Receives **32%** of funds raised.

PHP--PRESBYTERIAN HUNGER PROGRAM take action to alleviate hunger and its systemic causes, and helps create access to healthy food for entire communities. Receives **36%** of funds raised.

SDOP--SELF-DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE partners with people and communities with tools for development and education to alleviate poverty, oppression and injustice. Receives **32%** of funds raised.

Today projects supported by One Great Hour of Sharing are underway in more than 100 countries and **YOU** can be a loving neighbor by your contribution to this offering.

Submitted by Sue Beall



Have a Blessed  
Easter Everyone!

From all of us on Session