

The Good News...

First Presbyterian Church

Lent Devotions...

This year, the CE ministry team has provided the congregation with two different devotion books to help in our journey through the Lenten season. The family focused book, "Coming Home to the Lord", by Patricia Fosarelli, is written so that families can work together on becoming closer to God. If you and your family, or a family not of our church, would like to have one of these booklets, please contact Linda in the office.



The Kindergarten and Pre-K Class of the Salt & Light Co. has made a Prayer Tree like the one shown on the Family Lenten Prayer Booklet. You can see it in the Jones Hall gathering room. If your family would like to make one, you are welcome to take one of our sheets of patterns for the shapes.



Easter Sunrise Service!

This year, we will be holding an Easter Sunrise service. There will be special music, and a liturgy presented by our High School and College youth. Breakfast will be served after the Worship service. If you would like to participate, please contact Mark or Tracy!

Enchilada Dinner...

Thank you to everyone who helped make the enchilada dinner a success. The youth raised **\$1,188.00** toward this summer's mission trips! A special thank you to Michelle Osborne and her amazing leadership!



Garage Sale... March 14th



The garage sale is just around the corner! The money raised will go toward the youth summer mission trips. So if you have a garage full of things that you no longer use and will probably never use again (you know that second toaster that you got for a wedding present) we would be more than happy to help you lighten your load! Donations will be accepted 8:30-3:30 Tuesday-Friday.

Elementary Sunday School Ages 1st-5th grade

Did you know that the elementary Sunday School class is using an incredible curriculum by the Presbyterian Church, “Workshop Rotation”. This curriculum takes a bible lesson, and presents it to the children in a variety of ways: art, drama, storytelling, cooking, and computers! Each Sunday the children experience something new and exciting.

We are currently studying “The Last Supper”. We hope that you will make every opportunity to bring your children to Sunday School!

Elementary Sunday School

9:00am in Reeves Hall in the Temple/Craft room.



Birth thru Kinder Sunday School...

Did you know that we offer Sunday School classes from birth to Kindergarten in Brannigan Hall each Sunday? Judith Ames and Carol Goss, along with Judi Ferguson and Amanda Armendariz, lead the children through the great and important lessons in the Bible. Each class contains elements of art, music and storytelling, just to name a few!

We know that you would not want your child to miss a minute of this great class!

Birth-Kinder Sunday School

9:00am Brannigan Hall



Time it is a changin'



This weekend is daylight savings time. Do not forget to set your clocks **BACK 1 HOUR on Saturday night, March 7th or you will miss all of the fun on Sunday!**

Important Date...March 28th 6:30pm



Jews for Jesus

On Saturday, March 28th at 6:30pm "Jews for Jesus" will be holding a Seder presentation here at First Presbyterian Church in the sanctuary. This promises to be a very meaningful and beautiful event. Please plan on attending and bring your friends and family. A small reception will follow.

“Down By The Creek Bank”



March 15th

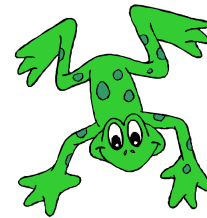
Celebration During worship

Spaghetti Dinner following in Watkins Hall

The Salt and Light Co. will celebrate “Down By The Creek Bank” during the Worship service on March 15th.

“Down By The Creek Bank” is celebrating it’s 25 year anniversary! It is a timeless and classic good ole scripture musical. The children are so excited, and we know that it will bring back memories, so grab the old fishn’ pole and meet us by the old holler log!

All proceeds from the spaghetti dinner will go towards the Salt and Light Ministry, the fastest growing ministry in our Church!



Youth Corner...



Casa de Peregrinos

On March 11th the mid school youth will be delivering all of the food collected by the church during the “Souper Bowl of Caring” to the food bank.

As you may know, the local food bank, Casa de Peregrinos, has not had enough food to feed our neighbors. Anyone interested in donating food please bring it to Mark’s office before the 11th.

Thank you!

High School/Mid School Mission Trip meeting...

Mission Trip

Summer is just around the corner, and registration is coming due for the High School and Mid School Mission trips.

On Sunday, March 15th, there will be a **MANDATORY** meeting for **ALL PARENTS** whose children will be going on the mission trips this summer. We will meet in the High School room at 1:00pm (that should give you plenty of time to finish your spaghetti!).

*Just a reminder, the High School is going to a Christian Music weekend, followed by community service with Father Joe Carol and the Vincent De Paul center in San Diego. The Mid School is going to a Navajo Indian reservation in Arizona.

Youth Calendar of events...

- **March 13**- High School Lock-In
- **March 14th**- Garage Sale (we need everyone!!!)
- **March 15th**- Parent meeting for Mid School and High School for summer Mission Trips 1:00pm in High School room
- **March 24**-movie and rehearsal for Easter Sunday 12pm 2 church (Mid and High School)
- **March 25**-rehearsal for Easter Sunday 4pm food provided (Mid and High School)
- **March 26** -Service project
- **April 11-12**-Easter campout and rehearsal
- **April 12**-Easter Morning, HE IS RISEN
- **April 24-25** -30 Hour Famine



Youth Corner...

Welcome to youth corner,

I am very encouraged by all of the great questions that the youth have about the subjects that we are talking about in Salt and Light. Everyone has a natural curiosity about what will happen in the future and there have been quite a few of these questions. Even though we are talking about the beginning of everything, it is interesting to see how we also look ahead. I guess that makes sense because by knowing our pasts we can better understand our future. Just like the bible, we can better understand what the New Testament is all about by knowing the Old Testament, and that is exactly my point.

Looking into the future there are a number of things that we need to keep at the forefront. First, there is the garage sale on the 14th of March, so if you have anything in your garage that you do not need any longer please let us sell it for you. Also if you come to the garage sale you may find something you cannot live without!! The Second thing is I have scheduled a youth parent meeting on the 15th of March at 1 pm, to talk about what we are learning, what our plans are, and summer trips. Please make every effort to make it to this meeting if at all possible. Even if you just want to find out what is going on please come and listen to me rant. LOL God bless you all.

Your Brother in Christ,

Mark Hellman

Youth Ministry Specialist

Congregational Life...Fun Stuff around the Corner

The Congregational Life & Outreach committee has several exciting events coming up in the next few months. In April we will be hosting an Old Fashioned Hymn Sing and Picnic. This will take place on a Sunday afternoon following the regular church service, and the food theme will be salads. We will also be hosting the annual Easter Egg Hunt this year, which will take place on Easter Sunday. In June we plan to organize a family camping trip to a nearby recreation area, most likely either Elephant Butte or Aguirre Springs. During the summer we also plan to host a variety of events, including the return of summer movies and a night out at a Diablos game in El Paso. We're always open to new ideas too, so keep 'em coming our way!

- *Old Fashion Hymn Sing and picnic*
- *Easter Egg Hunt*
- *Family Camping Trip*
- *Summer Movies*
- *Diablos Baseball El Paso*

