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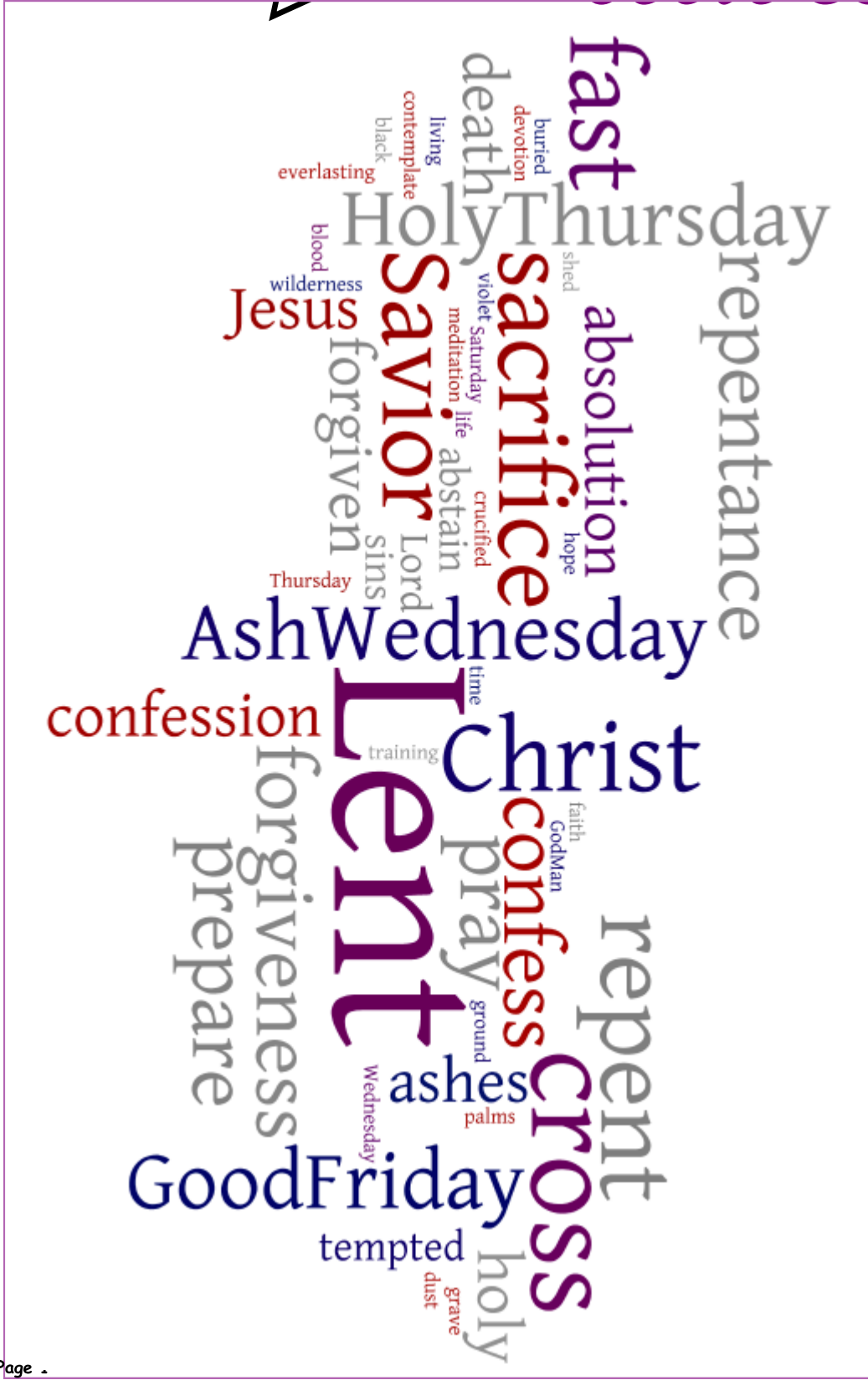
March 2017

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Special points of interest:

- Articles for the ALIVE! Are due in no later than the 26th of the month.
- 4 Cents a Meal Collection March 26th
- Annual Pie Sales DUE March 19th
- Easter Season schedule of events
- Turn clocks AHEAD, Sunday, March 12th!
- Adult Craft Day March 11th.
- Corned Beef Dinner March 16th



Scriptures

Monthly Scripture Readings

The Scripture readings you will hear in March will come from the following readings:

March 5th	Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Psalm 32 Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11
March 12th	Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121 Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17
March 19th	Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95 Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42
March 26th	1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23 Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

BIBLE STUDY RESUMES

Please note, a Lenten Bible study will meet 8:30 each Wednesday for 5 weeks, beginning March 8. Visitors return and regular members sometime mention the strength, support and learning that comes through discussion and focus materials such as this current focus, Ray Vander Laan's, *The Ministry of Jesus* (DVD).

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

Please get the information for any and all of the exciting activities that will occur the month of April to Holly Keys (holly.keys@aol.com or call 854-3975 before 8 pm or drop something in her box in the business office at the church (just let her know its there)) by Sunday, March 26th. Thank you!!!

Deacons

The Deacons traveled to The Summit at Saratoga where Irlene and Dave now live and we held our meeting in the Library there. Mary Van de Water joined us for this meeting which was nice as well as Rev. David Simmons. Our main focus this meeting was our pie fundraiser and how to best make this successful. We will be sending Nicholas Holmes another box of goodies to his college post office box. The Deacons put together a basket for the fundraiser for the family that recently had a fire; this event was hosted at the Methodist Church. Arna will work on updating the Church Directory in the near future. Discussed the Lenten lunch to be held at our church on March 2nd, we volunteered some soups, desserts, crackers, and some corn muffins from our group. Our next meeting will be at the church on March 20th at 1 p.m.

Mission Team

Your Mission Team continues to carry on the mission of the church - helping others and planning events to fund these projects. We thank all who help in any way to continue this work. The present members of the Team include: Moderator: Neal Rea; Steven Burgess, Marilyn Hanby, Charlie Perry, Rev. Dr. David Simmons, Helen Simmons, Amy Thetford, Arna Thibeau and Dolores Phaneuf. The team meets once a month and at the present time on a Tuesday evening. Notice is usually given during the Sunday worship and all are cordially invited to attend. We also look for suggestions from the congregation. At our February 7th meeting the following items were discussed:

- *Neal will check with Thane to see if any of the Scouts are interested in working on the playground.
- *Items from the "Giving Tree" were taken to the school nurse for distribution. Included were: 12 hats, 6 hat and mitten sets, 2 sweatshirts, 2 pkg. of underwear, 5 scarves, 15 pairs of gloves or mittens, and 1 head band.
- *Neal and Amy have dismantled and stored the Nativity Set
- *Irish Corned Beef dinner on Thursday, March 16 from 5:00 until 6:30 to benefit the Salem/Shushan Heat Fund. Adults \$12.00 children under 10 \$5.00
- *Motion was made and approved to start a fund with \$1000.00 to help Alberta obtain a more dependable car -- (funds from former fundraising events) and possibly sponsor a special fundraiser for this project
- *Motion made and approved to donate \$100 gift cards to Rucker family and the Sullivan family in Cossayuna, both had recent fires (funds from former fundraising events.)
- * Since we are depleting our funds rapidly and are not planning a fundraiser soon, we may have a drive and provide special envelopes for Mission in May
- * Operation Adopt a Soldier scavenger hunt in April -- the Girl Scout Troop will help distribute the donation bags

Next meeting of the Mission Team Tuesday, March 7 at 6:30 at Dolores' house. We welcome anyone interested, to help with this ministry.

Submitted by Dolores Phaneuf

2017 EASTER SEASON

◆Lenten Lunches

- 3/02 @ *Salem UP*, David Simmons speaking
- 3/09 @ *Salem Comm. Fellowship*, D Earthrowl speaking
- 3/16 @ *W Hebron UP*, Herb Arnold speaking
- 3/23 @ *Holy Cross*, Laura Mitchell speaking
- 3/30 @ *Salem Methodist*, Carol Finke speaking
- 4/06 @ *Shushan Presbyterian*, Jeff Peck speaking

◆Lenten studies and worship

- St. Paul's* - Fridays, 7:00 evensong service and bookstudy, "Living the Quaker Way (no supper)
- West Hebron UP* - Lectio Divina, Mondays 6 to 7:30 PM (soup and bread),
Wed 11:00 - 12:00 (no food)
- Salem UP* - bible study, Weds, 3/08 - 3/29, 8:30 am - 10:00, "Ministry of Jesus"
- Holy Cross* - Tuesdays @ 6:00, Lenten Evening Prayer

**Ecumenical Passion Service @ St Pauls
Sunday April 4, 4:00 pm**

HOLY WEEK (4/10-4/15)

◆Monday-Friday

- West Hebron Presbyterian* sanctuary open 6:00 am - 9:00 pm for reflection and prayer (printed daily devotion provided)
- Mon thru Thurs - *Breakfast @ Salem Methodist*, 7:00 am,.
- Worship leaders: Monday - Herb Arnold, Tuesday - Jeff Peck,
Wednesday Laura Mitchell, Thursday - Debbie Earthrowl

◆Maundy Thursday 4/13

- West Hebron UP* - 6:00 dinner, 7:00 Tenebrae Communion service
(Salem & Shushan UP & Salem Community Fellowship invited)
- Salem Methodist* - 6:00 PM , Last remembrance supper (covered dish) -
worship during and after

◆Good Friday 4/14

- Noon services at *West Hebron Methodist, Holy Cross, St, Paul's*
- 7:00 PM service at *Salem Community Fellowship*

◆Holy Saturday 4/15

- Easter Vigil, 6:00 pm to midnight, *West Hebron Presbyterian*, self led stations
- Easter Egg Hunt, *West Hebron Presbyterian*, 2:00 pm

Easter Sunday 4/16

- Salem Presbyterian* Sunrise service
- West Hebron Presbyterian* sunrise service at Napiwocki's, 6:30 am
- Salem Methodist* sunrise service, 6:30 am, Evergreen Cemetery

Pie Orders

Smith's Orchard Bake Shop Frozen Pies

The cost of a pie is \$12.00. Orders will arrive on April 8th. We will be taking orders for this fundraiser until March 19th.

Name: _____

Phone#: _____

PAID: CHECK # CASH DUE _____

Checks may be made out to: Deacons First United Presbyterian Church

Choose From The Following List:

Apple Pie - Regular Top

Apple Pie - Crumb Top

Blueberry Pie - Regular Top

Blueberry Pie - Crumb Top

Cherry Pie

Pecan Pie

Raspberry Pie

Strawberry Rhubarb Pie

Very Berry Pie

Pumpkin Pie

Chocolate Peanut Butter Brownie Pie

Thank you for your order!!

The pies will be at the Church for pick up between 11:30 am to 12pm on April 8th
Please mark your calendar when you get home.

My order was _____

Birthdays/Anniversaries

March Birthday's

8th Nathanael Holmes
Tauno Wirkki
17th Thane Rea
24th Laural Keys
27th Jane Hanks

March Anniversaries

NONE

If you would like a birthday or anniversary published in the Alive!, Please contact the church office at 854-9471 or holly.keys@aol.com.

Prayer Requests

If you need a prayer or wish to place someone on the prayer list, please complete this form, or one found in the Narthex, and give it to an usher or deacon.

Name of Prayer recipient: _____

Cause for joy or concern: _____

You name (optional): _____

Session Notes

At our February meeting Session approved a donation to the Salem Prom Committee, as has been done in previous years, in support of our students.

A Corned Beef dinner, sponsored by the Mission Committee, will be held on Thursday, March 16, to benefit the Salem Fuel Fund.

The Washington County Band will use our building for summer rehearsals on Tuesday evenings again this year.

Adult Craft Day

There will be an adult craft class at church on SATURDAY the 11th of March, from 10 until 2ish. Bring your lunch if you'd like and a craft. If you currently don't have a project- but would like to just come and visit, that is fine too. It's open to anyone in the community, "sew" if you have a friend whom may also enjoy, please invite them. A Saturday crafting day is in response to several people wanting to craft on a weekend day.

Words of Thanks

The Tom Jilek family wishes to thank our church family for your continued prayers and thoughts as Tom continues his recovery. He is now able to get out and about, (even a bit on his own) - but it will be some time before he will be able to actually resume working. It's light duty for now and farm office work to keep him occupied.

Spring Begins

Hooray! Spring officially begins on March 20th. Before that blessed day arrives on the calendar however, we need to remember to set our **clocks AHEAD on Sunday, March 12th**. Like mom always said, "time springs forward in the Spring". As a safety reminder, also remember to change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Here's hoping for a beautiful start to longer, warmer days.

PNC Update

The committee was excited to finally post our MIF (Ministry Information Form) on the internet through the OGA (Office of General Assembly) in Louisville, Kentucky. Our contact there was so very helpful in walking us through the process. As a result we have now received a number of PIFs (Pastor Information Forms), from candidates across the country who are seeking positions.

We will be meeting as needed to consider and process these applications.

The committee asks for your prayers for discernment as we move through the applications we receive.

March 2017

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Lent Begins Ash Wednesday Bible Study 8:30 am	2 Line Dancing 9:30am Hosting Lenten Lunch	3	4
5 Roger Ellis Worship 10am	6 Cub Scouts 6pm Boy Scouts 7pm	7 Mission Team 6:30pm	8 Bible Study 8:30 am	9 Line Dancing 9:30am	10 Adult Crafting 10 am
11 Daylight Savings Harry Booth Worship 10am	12 Cub Scouts 6pm Boy Scouts 7pm	13 Bible Study 8:30 am Session 7pm	14 Line Dancing 9:30am Irish Corned Beef Dinner 5 pm	15 St. Patrick's Day	16
17 Rev Lois Wolff Worship 10am Pie Orders DUE Worship & Music 11:30am	18 Deacons Mtg 1 pm Cub Scouts 6pm Boy Scouts 7pm	19 Spring Begins	20 Bible Study 8:30 am	21 Line Dancing 9:30am	22
23 Worship 10am ALIVE Deadline 4 Cents a Meal Collection	24 Cub Scouts 6pm Boy Scouts 7pm	25 Bible Study 8:30 am	26 Line Dancing 9:30am	27	28

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At First United Presbyterian Church:

We believe that God calls everyone to serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ!

Join us on Sunday's for worship, music, and fellowship!
Service begins at 10 AM

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www.salemnyfirstupchurch.com

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**Service Schedule for
March 2017**

Elder of the Month: Diane Jilek

Sunday, March 5th

Reader: Nancy Bardwell
Coffee Time: Ruth Ihne
Marie Bell

Sunday, March 12th

Reader: Sylvia Graham
Coffee Time: Valerie Roche

Sunday, March 19th

Reader: Kim Skellie
Coffee Time: Dolores Phaneuf
Jean & Norma Skellie

Sunday, March 26th

Reader: Neal Rea
Coffee Time: Kay Tomasi
Jane & Tom Keys