Sunday 3/15/20 Schedule

8:30 am - Worship / GH
9:30 am - Deacons / 106
9:30 am - Activity Time & Kids Choir
9:30 am - Adult Bible Study / 105
10:00 am - Children/Youth Sunday School
10:00 am - Faith & Theology / 107
11:00 am - Worship / Sanctuary
3:00 pm - Therapy Dog Class Level 2 / EE
5:30 pm - FPC Youth Pizza & Bible Study / Lloyds

Monday 16:
5:00 pm - Afterwork Bible Study / Library
5:30 pm - Music & Fine Arts / 107
5:30 pm - Worship & Sacraments / 106

Tuesday 17:
7:00 am - Men's Breakfast / HeBrews 211
11:30 am - Staff Meeting / 106
6:00 pm - Mission Meeting / 106

Wednesday 18:
12:00 pm - Men’s Lunch Group / Stauffer’s Café
5:30 pm - F3 (Food, Fellowship & Faith)
Everyone Welcome/ FH
6:00 pm - The Bible for Real People / HeBrews 211
7:15 pm - Choir Rehearsal / CR, S

Thursday 19:
9:00 am - Sewing Group / FH
1:30 pm - SSS Circle IV / Welcome Center
6:30 pm - Session / 106

Friday 20:
6:00 pm - Sudanese Women’s Bible Study / GH

Saturday 21:
1:00 pm - Sudanese Revival / GH

Sunday 22:
8:30 am - Worship / GH
9:30 am - Activity Time & Kids Choir
9:30 am - Adult Bible Study / 105
9:45 am - Intergenerational Gathering / FH
10:00 am - Worship / Sanctuary
11:00 am - Session / 106
12:30 pm - Sudanese Nuer Worship / B11, GH
3:00 pm - Therapy Dog Level 2 Class / EE
3:20 pm - Bell Rehearsal / S
5:30 pm - Youth Fellowship Fun Night Out/ Escape Room
6:00 pm - Random Acts of Kindness Group / Pastor’s House

ASH WEDNESDAY CROSS

The cross which carries the chains that we placed upon it during our Ash Wednesday service is now in the East Entrance.

Beside the cross there is a basket with strips of paper. I invite you to look deep inside yourself. Find those things that separate you from God – those thoughts and sin that hold you back from accepting God’s gift of grace. Write them down on the strip of paper and as you do so -- release them to God.

Tuck the paper into the wire or loop it into the chains on the cross – the chains of sin from which only God can free us. -- Pastor Jane

Do you have any sealing jars?
We could use 4-5 of them to store our coffee in the church to keep it fresh and longer lasting!
If you have one or two, please drop them off in the office with Carrie! Thank you :)
Join with Presbyterians worldwide in answering God’s call.

Consider setting aside something each day of Lent (we used to use the fish banks, remember?) as a way to mark the forty days from Ash Wednesday to Easter.

This Lenten season, please give generously to One Great Hour of Sharing. The Offering supports the Presbyterian Hunger Program, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and Self-Development of People.

IF WE ALL DO A LITTLE, IT ADDS UP TO A LOT!

**Worship Engagement Bags**

We are now offering "Worship Engagement Bags" for our children attending worship. These bags contain age appropriate and scripture related activities to help kids engage with the scripture and message of the day. These bags are located in the narthex outside the north doors of the Sanctuary and inside the entrance to Great Hall.

There are two colors of bags; the green bags are for non-readers (approx. 3-6 year olds) and the blue bags are for readers (approx. 7 & up). At the end of the worship service please return the bags with their contents (you may keep your artwork and the children's worship bulletin) to the Worship Bag rack.

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**Thirteenth Annual Spring Fellowship Trip**

**May 15-17, 2020**

Over the past 12 years of Spring Fellowship Trips, we’ve always enjoyed our travels through the Nebraska Sandhills. So, for our 13th Anniversary Spring Fellowship Trip, we’re planning another amazing adventure in the Sandhills! This trip will be to the central Sandhills in the Stapleton/Thedford/Mullen area. We’ll stay at the Roadside Inn in Thedford and visit with ranchers, historians, conservationists, and others as well as ‘tank’ down the Middle Loup River, view another sculpture garden, take a quilt barn tour, and share in fellowship throughout the trip. We will also climb bare sand dunes, walk on a fen, visit with land owners about development and conservation issues, identify native plants and birds, and learn about the history and culture of African Americans in the Sandhills. As always, we’ll see some of the most picturesque scenery in Nebraska, especially if you like rivers and lakes, grassland landscapes with prominent dunes and wet meadows, and ranch headquarters.

Late spring is the ideal time to visit the Sandhills because of warm days and cool nights, relatively few bugs, green hills and meadows, and active ranch schedules (including calving, branding, and moving cattle to summer pastures). We will leave around 12 noon on Friday, May 15 and return by late afternoon on Sunday, May 17.

Please contact Walt Schacht (wschacht@unl.edu; 402-326-0086) and complete the registration form (found in the office) and return it to the Church Office by May 1 if you would like to be part of this adventure. The trip is limited to 50 people. Detailed trip information will be on the First Presbyterian Church website and we will announce the date of the pre-trip information and meal sign-ups meeting soon.

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**Rebuild**

Missouri River Valley Presbytery (MRV) PDA Team has invited the Homestead Presbytery to participate in on-going work mission trips to the flood damaged areas of Valley, Nebraska and Pacific Junction, Iowa.

The overall theme is to:

REBUILD

Houses, Lives, Communities

“Celebration of Resilience & Recovery”

Tammy Rikle, of Good Shepherd Church here in Lincoln, is on the planning team working with MRV on this task. Currently there are 4 work week mission trips being planned during the Spring and Fall of 2020.

The first work week starts soon. March 15-21st in Valley, NE & Tuesday, March 17th & Wednesday, March 18th

Volunteers will carpool together from Good Shepherd to Valley. Please contact Nancy Field if you have questions. Deadline for this first work group is this weekend, March 7-8.

— Mission Outreach and Social Justice Committee