Listen! I am standing at the door knocking....”
Revelation 3:20

Respond to Jesus’ knocking by keeping our church, community, and world in your prayers this Lent. This Lenten Prayer Devotional highlights various ministries of our church and community. Daily scriptures follow the weekly lectionary, a three-year cycle through scriptures read by Christians around the world. Some prayers come from the 2014 Presbyterian Mission Yearbook.

May daily prayer during this Lent open doors for you, for our church, and for our community.
Wednesday, March 5 - Ash Wednesday
Focus: Confession

Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy mountain!
Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming, it is near - a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness...
Yet even now says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning:
rend your hearts and not your clothing.
Return to the Lord, your God, for God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
Joel 2:1-2, 12-13

Scripture readings: Psalm 51:1-17
II Corinthians 5:20b-6:10
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Let us join in prayer for: The church staff:
Ginger Arth
Stephanie Buchenroth
Zach Klobnak
Hannah McIntyre
Tim Shelton
Amy Shreve
Jim Stewart

Prayer:
God you called order out of chaos, and abundance out of famine. We thank you for forming us in your image out of the dust of the earth. Inspire us during this Lenten journey to look for the growth and hope amid the ash heaps and to not get too caught up in our own dust. In the name of Christ, who inspires and guides us. Amen.
Thursday, March 6
Focus: Confession

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh - my adversaries and my foes
they shall stumble and fall.
Though an enemy encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;
Though war rise up against me, yet will I be confident.
On thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:
to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the Lord, and inquire in God’s temple.
Psalm 27:1-4

Scripture readings:
Habakkuk 3:1-10, 16-18
Philippians 3:12-21
John 17:1-8

Let us join in prayer for:
The Session:
Class of 2015 Class of 2016 Class of 2017
Clay Albright Karl Benson Charlie Boyd
Bill Garriott Maureen Beto Judith Jia
Joanie Lukins John Davis Liz Orndorf
Susan Neale Chris Clidewell Darren Peckler
Julie Rodes Shane Wilson Mike Tetirick

Prayer:
Almighty and ever-living God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear
our prayers for this congregation. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless,
and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and
bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy church; through Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen.
Friday, March 7
Focus: Confession

*Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord…*

*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

Philippians 4:1, 4-7

Scripture readings:  
Psalm 22  
Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32  
John 17:9-19

Let us join in prayer for:  
The Deacons  
Class of 2015  
Class of 2016  
Class of 2017  
Anastasia Knight  
Claire Caudill Johnson  
Rhonda Green  
Jannie Nallinger  
Steve Goggin  
Nancy Martindale  
Lynn Preston  
Paula Hill  
Cindy Turcea  
Amy Wilson  
Gayle Waddell

Prayer:

*God of love and compassion, you poured out your life in service in your Son, Jesus Christ. By word and example he taught us to find fulfillment in giving ourselves, and greatness in serving others. Bless those called to be deacons, who lead us in service and caring. Empower them by the grace of your Spirit, that your whole church may give its life for the sake of the world, in the name of Jesus Christ who came not to be served, but to serve. Amen.*
Saturday, March 8
Focus: Confession

Hear my prayer, O Lord; give ear to my supplications in your faithfulness; answer me in your righteousness.
Do not enter into judgment with your servant for no one living is righteous before you.
For the enemy has pursued me, crushing my life to the ground, making me sit in darkness like those long dead.
Therefore my spirit faints within me...
I remember the days of old, I think about all your deeds...
I stretch out my hands to you; my soul thirst for you like a parched land.
Answer me quickly, O Lord;
Do not hide your face from me, or I shall be like those who go down to the Pit.
Let me hear of your steadfast love in the morning, for in you I put my trust.
Teach me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul.

Psalm 143

Scripture Readings: Ezekiel 39:21-29
Philippians 4:10-20
John 17:20-26

Let us join in prayer for: the Membership Committee
Bill and Mary Beth Garriott Charlie Boyd
Chuck Keiser Don Porter
Lynn Preston Eric Smith
Jim Moore Joel Boitnott
Katherine Orton Kathy and Preston Miles
Milton Reigelman Sara Egge
Scott and Nita Reisinger

The membership committee works to help our church grow by reaching out to visitors, welcoming them, and guiding them into the life of the congregation.

Prayer:
Almighty God, by the love of Jesus Christ you draw people to faith, and welcome them into the church family. May we show your joy by embracing new brothers and sisters, who with us believe and with us will work to serve you. Keep us close together in your Spirit, breaking bread in faith and love, one with Jesus Christ our Lord and Master. Amen.
Sunday, March 9
Focus on Submission

*How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!*
*My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord;*
*My heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God…*
*Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise….*
*For a thousand days in your court is better than a thousand elsewhere.*
Psalm 84:1-2, 4, 10

**Scripture Readings:**
- Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7
- Psalm 32
- Romans 5:12-19
- Matthew 4:1-11

**Let us join in prayer for:** the Worship & Music Committee
- Chris Glidewell
- Peggy Tudor
- Zach Klobnak
- Roger Hartner
- Sue Sullivan
- Martha Boyd
- Fran Halloran
- Jim Stewart
- Susan Jonas
- Phillip Jones
- Cris Harper
- Shan Kihlman

Our focus is on the planning and execution of our worship & music services throughout the year along with regular responsibilities of scheduling: Acolytes, Liturgists, Ushers, Greeters and Communion preparers & servers. We take care of replenishing pew items/prayer card and also write a monthly “Hands to Work/Hearts to God” article for the Salt Shaker.

**Prayer:**

*God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*Amen.*
Monday, March 10

Focus: Submission

Let your steadfast love become my comfort according to your promise
to your servant.
Let your mercy come to me, that I may live; for your law is my delight.
Psalm 119:76-77

Scripture Readings:
- Genesis 37:1-11
- I Corinthians 1:1-19
- Mark 1:1-13

Let us join in prayer for:
- the Budget & Finance Committee
  - Preston Miles
  - Bill Owens
  - Ken Copp
  - Susan Neale
  - Jim Fischer
  - Don Porter
  - John Rodes
  - Stephanie Buchenroth

The Budget & Finance Committee reviews prepares the church’s annual budget, reviews our monthly financial statements, oversees the church’s investments and bequests.

Prayer:

O Lord, forgive our fears
  that so stifle our stewardship.
Forgive our giving in and our giving up
  instead of giving ourselves
  to Christ’s mission of love.
Remind us the our hope
  is in standing up and risking,
  in talking our stewardship seriously.
Help us to remember, O Lord, that
  the stewardship question is not really
  How much will we give?
The stewardship question is,
  How will we spend what we have been given?
We pray it will be faithfully and cheerfully. Amen.

- Ann Weems
Tuesday, March 11

Focus: Submission

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea - for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him.

Mark 1:16-18

Scripture Readings: Psalm 34
I Corinthians 1:20-31
Mark 1:14-28

Let us join in prayer for: the Communication Committee
Jim Moore Bill Garriott
Paula Hill Dennis Moore
Ruth Morrison John Preston
Lois Quilligan Shane Wilson
Ginger Arth

The Communications Committee helps to publicize church activities. The committee also monitors the distribution of information to church members and the community and looks for ways to improve it. The committee is responsible for maintaining an attractive and useful website, most Facebook and Twitter posts and MailChimp communications to the congregation. The committee has, at times, also taken on the job of advising when and how to replace and/or update computer hardware and software used by the church.

Prayer:

Eternal God, you have called us to be members of one body. Join us with those who in all times and places have praised your name, that, with one heart and mind, we may show the unity of your church, and bring honor to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.
Wednesday, March 12  
Focus: Submission

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus and him crucified.

I Corinthians 1:1-2

Scripture Readings: Psalm 5  
I Corinthians 2:1-13  
Mark 1:29-45

Let us join in prayer for: the Personnel Committee
John Davis  
Mike Jackson  
Liz Orndorf  
Jean Smith  
Lucy Williams  
Greg Caudill  
Susan Neale

The Personnel Committee hire church employees, review job descriptions, set employment policies in the personnel handbook, do annual reviews with the church staff, and review staff compensation.

Prayer:

As Paul knew the power of knowing Christ and him crucified, let us to be of the same mind. Help us to bring unity of purpose in our ministry, peace when there are divisions, understanding when there is confusion, compassion when needed. May whatever we do in word or deed be done in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.
Thursday, March 13
Focus: Submission

*The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?*
*The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?*
...*One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:*
to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life...

Psalm 27

Scripture Readings:
- Genesis 39:1-23
- I Corinthians 2:14-3:15
- Mark 2:1-12

Let us join in prayer for: the Adult Formation Committee

The Adult Formation Committee provides engaging topics of study for adults on Sunday mornings. Topics this Spring include Christian Marriage and Passion Week.

Prayer:

*Almighty God, you have given your law to guide us in a life of love, and you have appointed teachers to interpret your will. Create in those who instruct your people a mind to study your Word, and good understanding, so that we may all learn your truth and do it gladly; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Master. Amen.*
Friday, March 14
Focus: Submission

Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.

1 Timothy 4:12

Scripture Readings:  Psalm 22
                Genesis 40:1-23
                1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Let us join in prayer for: the Youth Formation Committee

The Youth Formation Committee provides spiritual development for youth through PYC, Sunday School, Mountain TOP, and other activities.

Prayer:

Eternal God, your wisdom is greater than our small minds can attain, and your truth shows up our little learning. To those who study, give curiosity, imagination, and patience enough to wait and work for insight. Help them to doubt with courage, but to hold all their doubts in the larger faith of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
Saturday, March 15
Focus: Submission

*Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.”*  
Matthew 19:14

Scripture Readings:  
Genesis 21:1-13  
I Corinthians 4:1-7  
Mark 2:23 - 3:6

Let us join in prayer for:  
the Children’s Formation Committee

The Christian Formation Committee provides spiritual formation opportunities for children and families through Godly Play, Sunday Evening Fellowship, Vacation Bible School, Parent’s Night Out, Halloween Social, Christmas Craft Night, and other activities.

Prayer:  
*In baptism we made promises to our children and to the parents of our children, to nurture and care for them. We pray for all our children, for their parents, for all who teach, for those who work with Godly Play, Vacation Bible School, and our children’s music. Bless them. Give them wisdom, patience and perseverance. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.*
Sunday, March 16  
Focus: Service

Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years; and though she has spent all she had on physicians, no one could cure her. She came up behind him and touched the fringe of his clothes, and immediately her hemorrhage stopped. Then Jesus asked, “Who touched me?”….When the woman said that she could not remain hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before him...He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace.”

Luke 8:40-48

Scripture Readings: Genesis 12:1-4a  
Psalm 121  
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

Let us join in prayer for: the Medical Mission Team:  
Scott Scutchfield Karl Benson  
Jon Ricker Sandy Hartner  
Jim Stewart Susanna Goggin  
Leah Goggin Amy Goodlett  
Julia Mays Andrea Carey  
Pat Lewis

Prayer:  
Mighty and merciful God, you sent Jesus Christ to heal broken lives. We praise you that today you send healing in doctors and nurses, and bless us with technology in medicine. We claim your promises of wholeness as we pray for those who are ill in body or mind, who long for your healing touch. Make the weak strong, the sick healthy, the broken whole, and confirm those who serve them as agents of your love. Then all shall be renewed in vigor to point to the risen Christ, who conquered death that we might live eternally. Amen.
Monday, March 17
Focus: Service

*I will bless the Lord at all times; God’s praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad. O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt God’s name together.*

Psalm 34

Scripture Lessons:  
- Genesis 41:46-57  
- I Corinthians 4:8-20  
- Mark 3:7-19a

Let us join in prayer: for the World Mission Committee

Prayer:

*May the strength of God pilot us.*  
*May the power of God preserve us.*  
*May the wisdom of God instruct us.*  
*May the hand of God protect us.*  
*May the way of God direct us.*  
*May the host of God guard us against the snare of evil and the temptations of the world.*

*May Christ be with us,*  
*Christ before us,*  
*Christ in us,*  
*Christ over us,*  
*May your salvation, O Lord,*  
*be always ours this day and forevermore. Amen.*  

- Patrick of Ireland
Tuesday, March 18
Focus: Service

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
O my God, in you I trust...
Make me to know your ways, O Lord;
teach me your paths.
Lead me in your truth, and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all day long.

Psalm 25

Scripture Readings:  
Genesis 42:1-17  
I Corinthians 5:1-8  
Mark 3:19b-35

Let us pray for the missions supported by the World Wide Mission Committee:

**Bread for the World** is an advocacy organization that works on behalf of the hungry both here in the U.S. and abroad by lobbying legislators to increase funding for food programs for the impoverished. As a member congregation, we have access to free materials to help with the annual letter-writing campaign.

**Good Shepherd Hospital/IMCK** (Institut Medical Chretien du Kasai) is the primary health care facility in central D. R. Congo. Founded almost 60 years ago by American Presbyterians and Mennonites, the hospital is in great need of improvements, resulting from decades of political turmoil in the region. Our support recently helped purchase new mattresses for the hospital.

Prayer:

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, that the barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease, and that, with our divisions healed, we might live in justice and peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
Wednesday, March 19
Focus: Service

Jesus said, “Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Other seed fell on rocky ground where it did not have much soil, and it sprang up quickly, since it had no depth of soil. And when the sun rose, it was scorched; and since it had no root, it withered away. Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain. Other seed fell into good soil and brought forth grain, growing up and increasing, and yielding thirty and sixty and a hundred fold.”

Mark 4:1-9

Scripture Readings: Psalm 5
Genesis 42:18-28
I Corinthians 5:9-6:11

Let us pray for the missions supported by the World Wide Mission Committee:

*Eric & Becky Hinderliter* are PC(USA) mission co-workers teaching at LCC International University in Klaipeda, Lithuania. Established in the 1960s as Lithuanian Christian College, the University continues to attract students from all across the former Soviet Union and to prepare them for service and leadership with Christian character and worldview. We share in the annual support for the Hinderlitters.

*Living Waters for the World*, a mission of our Synod of Living Waters, develops partner-ships with local churches and communities in 25 countries to install water purification systems, and to train local leaders in health education, in operation & maintenance of the systems, and in basic business skills. We help support the operational expenses of this ministry.

*Living Waters for the World* projects in the Yucatan installed by our teams in partnership with Mexican Presbyterians now number 15. Covenant agreements and long-term partner commitments promote accountability and sustainability. Generous donations from our congregation in addition to budgeted funds pay for system hardware, building construction, and educational supplies.

Prayer:

May we be good soil, O God. May your word take root within us helping us to yield thirty, sixty and a hundredfold. We lift up to you our prayers for Eric and Becky, for their educational ministry. We pray for the students with whom they interact. Help them to proclaim the gospel by their example. We also pray for those whose needs are simply for clean water. We have the ability to help and to make a difference. Continue to help us understand the need and our responsibility to help. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.
Thursday, March 20
Focus: Service

Jesus said, “Let your light so shine before others, so they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.”
Matthew 5:16

Scripture Readings:  Genesis 42:29-38
I Corinthians 6:12-20
Mark 4:21-34

Let us pray for the missions supported by the World Wide Mission Committee:

Medical Mission teams have been sponsored by our church three times in recent years: to Haiti this March, and previously to Nicaragua and Guatemala. In co-operation with para-church agencies, the teams composed of members of our congregation and others, hold general health clinics in villages and have provided medical services in two orphanages. Budgeted mission funds pay for medical supplies and provide assistance for team expenses as needed.

Kentucky Refugee Ministries works hand-in-hand with the World Council of Churches to help refugees escape dire circumstances and resettle in new communities. In past years, it has been integral to our congregation’s sponsorship of refugee families from Bosnia, Iraq, and Liberia. We contribute annually to this ecumenical ministry.

Prayer:

You give us prophets, holy God, to cry out for justice and mercy. Open our ears to hear them, and to follow the truth they speak, lest we support injustice to secure our own well-being. Give prophets the fire of your Word, but love as well. Though they speak for you, may they know that they stand with us before you, and have no Messiah other than your Son, Jesus Christ, the Lord of all. Amen.
Friday, March 21
Focus: Service

Jesus said to them, “Let us go across to the other side.” And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was...A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat so that the boat was already being swamped. But Jesus was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said, to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm.

Mark 4:35-41

Scripture Readings: Psalm 105
Genesis 43:1-15
I Corinthians 7:1-9

Let us pray for the missions supported by the World Wide Mission Committee: 
Witnessing Ministries of Christ and the Exodus Christian Presbyterian Church—India serves the Dalit “untouchables” in rural villages of Uttar Pradesh through education, vocational training, and evangelism/church development. WMC was founded and is led by Philip Prasad, a Dalit whose life was greatly impacted by the work of Presbyterian missionaries. Annually we provide scholarships for four Dalit children to attend school.

Theological Education Fund of the PC(USA) is a source of financial aid for prospective pastors as they pursue their theological education. The Fund is part of the answer to easing the burden of the high costs of seminary training and lessening after-seminary debt for new pastors. Congregations are challenged to allocate up to 1% of their total operating budget to this crucial fund.

Prayer:
Lord, you called the least of these, the outcasts of society, your brothers and sisters. We call them many names: poor, lazy, dirty, criminals, dopers, homeless, untouchables. Forgive us when we label them and like the priest and the Levite we walk past them without noticing. Help us, O God, to see them as Christ sees them, as our brothers and sisters. Amen.
Saturday, March 22
Focus: Service

And when he stepped out of the boat, immediately a man out of the tombs with an unclean spirit met him. He lived among the tombs; and not one could restrain him any more, even with chains...When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and bowed down before him; and he shouted at the top of his voice, “What have you do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most high God?...

Mark 5:1-20

Scripture Readings:  
Genesis 43:16-34
Psalm 149
I Corinthians 7:10-24

Let us join in prayer for:  
the Local Mission Committee
Audrey Smothers  Cindy Turcea
Claire Johnson  Daniel Clark
Don Porter  Jim Erwin
Jon Ricker  Kelly Rankin
Lynn Preston  Mark Hoebelheinrich
Maureen Beto  Melanie Thornberry
Missy Tetirick  Molly Boyd
Teresa Goggin  Vickie Glidewell

Prayer:  
You have blessed us with resources to use to help our community. We thank you for those who gave this great gift that has become our Deacon’s Aid Fund, and for those who had the wisdom to set it aside to be used to help those in our community both now and in the future. We pray, O God, that you will continue to bless us with resources and with the wisdom to not hoard the money, but to share it with those in need in our community. Continue to bless the work of our Local Mission Committee. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.
Sunday, March 23
Focus: Simplicity

...We rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us.

Romans 5:1-10

Scripture Readings:  Exodus 17:1-7
                         Psalm 95
                         John 4:5-52

Let us pray for the missions supported by the Local Mission Committee:

**Big Brothers Big Sisters:** Provide children facing adversity with strong, enduring, professionally supported, one-to-one relationships that change a child’s life for the better, forever.

**Bluegrass Rape Crisis Center:** Raise awareness in the Boyle County area regarding sexual violence in the community, dispelling common myths and misconceptions about rape, and providing accurate information about sexual trauma.

**Bluegrass Community Action Senior Companion Program:** This program was created to serve the senior citizens in our communities and help provide basic in-home support such as companionship, meal preparation, respite care, light housekeeping and personal grooming.

Prayer:

There are many children, O Lord, who are left alone, who do not have good guidance, who do not have friends, or adults who will teach them. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer for Big Brothers and Big Sisters. We cannot longer keep sexual abuse hidden in the closet, or only whisper about it. It is too prevalent and too destructive. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers for victims of sexual assault and for those who help heal the bodies and souls of victims. We call them senior citizens as if that somehow excuses us for caring for our elderly, for those who have grown feeble with years. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers for the all who reach out and minister to the elderly. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.
Monday, March 24

Focus: Simplicity

*I lift up my eyes to the hills - from where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. God will not let your foot be moved; the one who keeps you will not slumber. The one who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord will keep you from all evil; the Lord will keep your life. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forever.*

Psalm 121

Scripture Readings:  
Genesis 44:18-34  
I Corinthians 7:25-31  
Mark 5:21-43

Let us pray for the missions supported by the Local Mission Committee:

**Boyle County Schools (Family Resource Centers):** Create a student centered environment in which all basic needs will be met, allowing children to focus on gaining a solid foundation in education and all aspects of life to make our community a stronger, better place to live.

**Danville Schools (Family Resource Centers):** Assist children, youth, and families to not only meet their basic needs, but also to link them with community agencies and a variety of other resources and services

**Boyle County Detention Center:** The goal of the Substance Abuse Program at the BC Detention Center is to allow incarcerated men to achieve lifelong sobriety upon release.

Prayer:

*It is hard for students to learn when they come to school hungry, or when they do not have adequate clothes, or necessary supplies. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers for the Family Resource Centers in our schools that help meet the needs of our students. Help those who are able to contribute generously to the needs of our students. Our attitude towards those who are in prison is usually that they have gotten what they deserved. But Jesus tells us to pray for them. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers for those who are in prison, for those who have broken laws, who have hurt people by their actions. Pour out your grace upon them and by the power of your Holy Spirit transform and redeem them. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.*
Tuesday, March 25
Focus: Simplicity

*Jesus called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.*

Mark 6:1-13

Scripture Readings:  
- Genesis 45:1-15  
- Psalm 91  
- I Corinthians 7:32-40

Let us pray for the missions supported by the Local Mission Committee:

**CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates):** Advance the best interests of abused, neglected and dependent children in the Boyle/Mercer County Family Court system through the training and support of community volunteers who serve as Court Appointed Special Advocates.

**Family Services of Boyle County:** Provide short-term financial assistance to low-income families in Boyle County while helping them identify other programs and services that can contribute to their long-term financial stability.

**Greenhouse 17:** An advocacy agency committed to ending intimate partner violence in families and our community. Services include legal advocacy, financial literacy, permanent housing support, children’s services, individual and group counseling, trauma-informed card and transportation advocacy.

Prayer:

*Too many children are neglected and become case files and their future is determined by the courts. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers for children caught in the legal system. Hear our prayers for judges who rule compassionately for the best interest of the children, and hear our prayers for the volunteers who become Court Appointed Special Advocates who advocate for the children. The needs of our community are great. The resources are limited. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers for Family Services of Boyle County, for Crystal McPherson as she stretches every dollar to help as many as possible. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers for the work of Greenhouse 17. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.*
Wednesday, March 26
Focus: Simplicity

All of us possess knowledge. Knowledge puffs us, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by God.

I Corinthians 8:1-13

Scripture Readings: Genesis 45:16-28
Psalm 51
March 6:13-29

Let us pray for the missions supported by the Local Mission Committee:

Habitat for Humanity: Seeking to put God’s love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope.

Happy Feet: To provide new athletic shoes to needy children in preschool through high school to alleviate teasing and bullying by their peers and hopefully enable them to concentrate on learning instead of worrying about what they are wearing.

Heritage Hospice: Providing compassionate care for patients and families during the journey through life-limiting illness.

Prayer:

It began as the dream of Millard Fuller, the simple belief that all people deserve a decent, affordable home. Lord, in your mercy, continue to bless the work of Habitat for Humanity, and for those who drive thousands of nails that others might have a home. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers for children who are bullied and teased for what they wear. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer for those with terminal illnesses and for those who compassionately care for them. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.
Thursday, March 27
Focus: Simplicity

As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. When it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; send them away so they may go into the surround country and villages and buy something for themselves to eat.” But he answered them, “You give them something to eat....”

Mark 6:30-44

Scripture Readings:  
Genesis 46:1-7, 28-34  
Psalm 102  
I Corinthians 9:1-15

Let us pray for the missions supported by the Local Mission Committee:

Holly’s House: Create a home for single women with children. They accept women who wish to improve their socioeconomic status and want to create a better life for themselves and their children. Most of these women usually have very limited resources and assistance.

Hope Clinic: Provide health care and promote wellness among underserved, uninsured, low-income, chronically ill residents of six south-central Kentucky counties.

Wilderness Trace Child Development Center: Provide an early education for all kids, including those with significant disabilities, which fully prepares each child socially, academically and emotionally for kindergarten and ultimately, a life of independence.

Prayer:

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers for unwed mothers. The mother of our Lord was an unwed, teenaged mother. As you blessed her, so bless those served by Holly’s House. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers for those who are ill and cannot afford treatment and our ministry through the Hope Clinic. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers for children with disabilities and the work of the Wilderness Trace Child Development Center. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.
Focus: Simplicity

*When evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. When he saw that they were straining at the oars against an adverse wind, he came towards them early in the morning, walking on the sea. He intended to pass them by. But when they saw him walking on the sea, they thought it was a ghost and cried out; for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”*  
Mark 6:47-56

Scripture Readings:  
Genesis 47:1-26  
Psalm 130  
1 Corinthians 9:16-27

Let us pray for the missions supported by the Local Mission Committee:  
**Salvation Army:** Mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and meet human needs in His name without discrimination.  
**SPAN (Specials Persons Advocacy Network):** Provides educational and support activities for developmentally impaired individuals and their families.  
**Sunrise Children’s Services:** Provides three psychiatric residential treatment facilities serving boys between the ages of 6-18. These children often have been victims of extreme abuse and need the highly structured therapeutic environment that Sunrise provides. They treat the “whole” child including a individual treatment plan, balanced nutritional plan and recreational activities.

Prayer:  
*Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers for those who have unmet needs in our community, for those who are hungry, who need clothing, and a helping hand. Continue to use the Salvation Army to meet those needs. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers for those who are developmentally impaired and for those who work with them. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers for the Sunrise Children’s Services. In their treatment of the whole child, make them mindful of our need to be open minded and welcoming to all. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.*
Saturday, March 29:
Focus: Simplicity

*O send out your light and your truth; let them lead me; let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling. Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy; and I will praise you with the harp, O God, my God...Hope in God...*

Psalm 43:3-5

Scripture Readings:  
Genesis 47:27-48:7  
I Corinthians 10:1-13  
Mark 7:1-23

Let us pray for the missions supported by the Local Mission Committee:

**Buckhorn Presbyterian Art Program:** This is one of the Eastern Kentucky missions that we have helped. The lay minister, Gayle Burns, used funds for summer choral, dance and art classes.

**Meals on Wheels:** This long standing program provides hot balanced meals to residents of Boyle County. It is supported by volunteers from our church.

**Cents-Ability:** Money collected from church members to be sent to the Presbytery for local and world hunger projects.

**Showers of Blessings:** This is a way to help agencies in need through donations from church members of actual goods. Some of the past Showers of Blessings have included: school supplies for local schools; household items for Holly’s House; baby supplies for Pregnancy Resource Center; and sports equipment for Sunrise Children’s Services.

Prayer:

*Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer for the children of Buckhorn, for the church there that serves your people and reaches out offering good news. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers for the Meals on Wheels program in Boyle County, for those who receive the meals and for those who volunteer to deliver the meals. Lord, in your mercy, year our prayers for those who are hungry and who are fed through the contributions of our members. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers of thanks for the generosity of others, who give above and beyond time and time again helping to meet need. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.*
Sunday, March 30
Focus: Meditation

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths for his name’s sake.
Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff - they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

Psalm 23

Scripture Readings:  I Samuel 16:1-13
                    Ephesians 5:8-14
                    John 9:1-41

Let us join in prayer for our Stephen Ministers, Stephen Leaders and former
Stephen Ministers who are called on when needed:
Martha Boyd           Jean Harney
Nancy Porter          Ron Tudor
Char Williams         Alice Davis
Don Porter            Evie Smith
Peggy Tudor           Jackie Stigall

The church's Stephen Ministry provides one-on-one, confidential care to adults facing life-changing events. Stephen Ministers receive 50 hours of training in listening and caregiving skills and are then assigned to care receivers (both in and outside the congregation) who are in need of the ministry's Christ-centered care. The minister and his/her care receiver meet on a regular basis for talk and prayer. The minister also meets twice a month with others in Stephen Ministry to receive peer supervision, focused on helping the Stephen Minister give the best possible care to his/her care receiver. Please prayerfully consider becoming a Stephen Minister.

Prayer:
  Compassionate Lord, you walked the earth to bring the Good News of
  God’s love to all. You showed us by example how to love and care for one
  another. Make known to us your caring presence through Stephen Ministry in our
  congregation. Help us to hear your call to service and witness. May this
caregiving ministry be one way in which we touch the lives and hearts of others
within and outside our congregation. Reveal to us your presence as we care and
serve. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.
Monday, March 31
Focus: Meditation

The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread...Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.
I Corinthians 10:14-11:1

Scripture Readings:  Genesis 49:1-28
                     Psalm 119:73-80
                     Mark 7:24-37

Let us join in prayer for: The Memorial Committee
Bud Bright          Nancy Cody
Dale Kihlman        Jackie Stigall
Susan Neale         Sid Woolcott

Primary responsibilities of the Memorial Committee are to record all donors in the Memorial Gifts Book, to review requests for expenditures of memorial funds, and to maintain the Memorial Display Case (in the connector between Fellowship Hall and the Sanctuary)

Prayer:
O gracious and holy God, give us diligence to seek you, wisdom to perceive you, and patience to wait for you.
Grant us, O God, a mind to meditate on you; eyes to behold you; ears to listen for your word; a heart to love you; and a life to proclaim you; through the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
Attributed to Benedict of Nursia (c. 480–547)
Tuesday, April 1

Focus: Meditation

For I received from the Lord what I had also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on then night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way he took the cup also after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

1 Corinthians 22:23-26

Scripture Readings: Genesis 49:29-50:14
Psalm 146
Mark 8:1-10

Let us join in prayer for: Pastoral Care Committee

The Pastoral Care Committee is a Deacon committee. Members agree to call on members of the church that are no longer able to get out. This includes our members who still live in their own homes and those that live in care facilities.

Prayer:

God of grace and hope, we thank you for life, love, and good memories, for the gift of age, and for the wisdom that comes from experience. We bless you for your constant presence, for with you there is fullness of joy. Give us the courage and faith to accept life as it comes, confident that the future is yours and that we belong to you forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
Wednesday, April 2  
Focus: Meditation

*Now there are a variety of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit of the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another the various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activate by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually jus at the Spirit chooses.*

I Corinthians 12:4-11

Scripture Readings:  
Genesis 50:15-26  
Psalm 147:1-11  
Mark 8:11-26

Let us join in prayer for:  
the Prayer Support Group
Cindy Turcea          Barbara Reynierson
Jackie Owens          Nancy Gower
Nancy Porter          Rebecca Good
Evie Smith

The Prayer Support meets on Sunday mornings during the Sunday School hour in the Conference Room. They remember those who are ill, hospitalized, living in care facilities, those that have lost loved ones, or have other prayer needs. They send cards. They place the prayer request cards in the pews and then receive them. All are welcome to join them on Sunday morning.

Prayer:

*Loving God, you want us to give thanks for all things, to fear nothing except losing you, and to lay all our cares on you, knowing that you care for us. Protect us from faithless fears and worldly anxieties, and grant that no clouds in this mortal life may hide from us the light of your immortal love shown to us in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.*  
Amen.
Thursday, April 3

Focus: Meditation

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body - Jews or Greeks, slaves or free - and we are all made to drink from the one Spirit.

I Corinthians 12:12-13

Scripture Readings:  Exodus 1:6-22
                     I Corinthians 12:14-26
                     Mark 8:27-9:1

Let us join in prayer for: Arnold Towers Ministry
Once a month, on the third Thursday of the month, groups within our church prepare and serve dinner to the residents at Arnold Tower.

Prayer:

Eternal God, you have called us to be members of one body. Join us with those who in all times and places have praised your name, that, with one heart and mind, we may show the unity of your church, and bring honor to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.
Friday, April 4
Focus: Meditation

Now you are the body of Christ and individually member of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all posses gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

I Corinthians 12:27-31

Scripture Readings: Psalm 148
Exodus 2:1-22
Mark 9:2-13

Let us join in prayer for: the Caregiving Committee
The Caregiving Committee is a Deacon committee. Their work includes providing crisis meals, bereavement meals, maintaining the prayer chain, a card ministry, providing transportation for those in need, creating the flower calendar, and sending care boxes to college students at Halloween and Valentines Day.

Pryaer:

Almighty God, you built your church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Jesus Christ himself as the cornerstone. Join us together by their teaching, so that we may be a holy temple in whom your Spirit dwells; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
Saturday, April 5
Focus: Meditation

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have loved, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; if it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrong doing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endure all things.

1 Corinthians 13:1-7

Scripture Readings: Exodus 2:23-3:15
Psalm 31
Mark 9:14-29

Let us join in prayer for: the Hospitality Committee
The Hospitality Committee is a committee of the Deacons. They are responsible for planning the annual church picnic, Easter morning breakfast, the donuts on Sunday mornings and any special receptions we have during the year.

Prayer:

How great is your love, Lord God, how wide is your mercy! Never let us board up the narrow gate that leads to life with rules or doctrines that you dismiss; but give us a Spirit to welcome all people with affection, so that your church may never exclude secret friends of yours, who are included in the love of Jesus Christ, who came to save us all. Amen.
Sunday, April 6
Focus: Fasting

But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you

Romans 8: 10-11

Scripture Readings: Ezekiel 37:1-14  
Psalm 130  
John 11:1-45

Let us be in prayer for our College Ministries.  
A few of the ministries specifically for college students include:

**Get Centred:** This is a Taize worship service held on at 10:00 pm on Sunday nights for Centre College students.

**Centre Lunch:** This is a time of fellowship and networking between students, professors, alumni on the 2nd Sunday of the month

**College Care Packages:** We mail goodies twice a year to college students near and far.

**Hosting Centre choirs:** Centre Women’s Choir, Lessons and Carols and other college events are held at church.

Prayer:

Lord, help us to remember that the holiness you desire is expressed foremost in how we treat our brothers and sisters. May our efforts to equip another generation for justice work be based on our love for you and our desire for your coming kingdom. Amen
Monday, April 7
Focus: Fasting

*Your hands made me and formed me; give me understanding to learn your commands. May those who fear you rejoice when they see me, for I have put my hope in your words….May my heart be blameless toward your decrees, that I may not be put to shame.*

Psalm 119:73, 74, 80

Scripture Readings:
- Exodus 4:10-20
- 1 Corinthians 14:1-19
- Mark 9:30-41

Let us be in prayer for our Youth ministries.

Please lift up the parents, teachers, and adult volunteers to walk beside the youth of our congregation and community. Be in prayer for Presbyterian Youth Connection that meets Sunday evenings from 5:30-7:30 pm. And pray for the youth that they would grow closer to God and have a sense of their place in the universal church.

Prayer:

*Creator God, we pray for discernment and guidance as we try to walk the narrow path that has been put before us. We know that it will be difficult but that the rewards will be great. It is in your Son’s name that we pray.* Amen
Tuesday, April 8
Focus: Fasting

And if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to be thrown into the sea with a large millstone tied around his neck...Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness how can you make it salty again. Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with each other.

Mark 9:42, 50

Scripture Readings:  Exodus 5:1-6:1  
Psalm 34  
1 Corinthians 14:20-33a

Let us be in prayer for the youth mission trip to Mountain T.O.P.

Each summer, youth and adults partner with Mountain T.O.P. (Tennessee Outreach Project) to help meet the physical, spiritual, emotional and social needs of the Tennessee Cumberland Mountain People. For a week, youth gather together and partner with families doing minor home repair. Be in prayer for the organization of the trip as snow days have affected the dates of this summer’s trip.

Prayer:  
Good and gracious God, thank you for the gift of life. We confess that we have become too comfortable with our own way of doing things. Grant us the freedom to embrace the new thing that you are doing in our midst, and employ our influence for the good of those that have none. Amen.
Wednesday, April 9
Focus: Fasting

But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of him. For we are to God the aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing.

2 Corinthians 2:14-15

Scripture Readings:
Exodus 7:8-24
Psalm 5
Mark 10:1-16

Let us be in prayer for Camp Burnamwoods.

As a mission of our Presbytery, Camp Burnamwoods provides a positive and energetic 500-acre environment in Central Appalachia. They are dedicated to aid in the spiritual development of children, youth, and adults. Burnamwood hosts a full summer of life-changing activities through summer camps and the Burnamwood Appalachian Ministry.

Prayer:
For your work in these mountains and beyond, O Lord, we are grateful. Thank you for those who give of themselves to show your love to all people. Unite us in your service through Christ our Lord. Amen.
Thursday, April 10
Focus: Fasting

*The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear?*
*The Lord is the stronghold of my life—of who shall I be afraid?*

*Psalm 27:1*

Scripture Readings:  
Exodus 7:25-8:19  
Mark 10:17-31  
2 Corinthians 3:7-18

Let us be in prayer Home Builders Ministry.

The Home Builders group is a young adult group in the church seeking to foster community in the church for those individuals who are in the home-building stage of life. Keep those entering the working world, are single, dating, married, or have young children, in your prayers today.

Prayer:  
*Gracious God, increase our awareness of situations where we can “do it better together.” We give thanks for the relationships that develop when we unite in your service, carrying the light of your good news to a world that so desperately needs it.*  
*Amen.*
Friday, April 11
Focus: Fasting

*For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.*

2 Corinthians 4:6

Scripture Readings:  Exodus 9:13-35
                      Psalm 22
                      Mark 10:32-45

Let us be in prayer Children’s Choir and Art Ministry.

On Sunday evenings, children ages 3-5th grade meet for choir and art. The children’s choir usually sings the third Sunday of the month. Centre students use the lectionary texts to plan art projects that help children embrace the scriptures.

Prayer:

*Almighty God, make us bold daughters and sons of those who have gone before, that continuing in faith and joy we may bring the good news of Jesus Christ to those you love. In the strong name of Jesus we pray. Amen.*
Saturday, April 12

Focus: Fasting

“What do you want me to do for you?” Jesus asked him.
The blind man said, “Rabbi, I want to see.”
“Go,” Jesus said, “your faith has healed you.” Immediately he received his sight
and followed Jesus along the road.

Mark 10:51-52

Scripture Readings: Exodus 10:21-11:8
Psalm 43
2 Corinthians 4:13-18

Let us be in prayer the Nursery Ministry.

Paid staff and volunteers provide a safe and caring place for children 3 and
under during Sunday worship service, Sunday Evening Fellowship, and Soups On
Us. Pray that our church is welcoming and supportive to young families as they
worship, learn, and serve.

Prayer:

Dear Jesus, help us to care for the littlest ones. Help us to show
them your miracles and your love. Amen.
Sunday, April 13 - Palm Sunday
Focus: Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem

*Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!*

Psalm 118:26

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 50:4-9a
Philippians 2:5-11
Matthew 21:1-11

Let us join in prayer for all the saints of the church who served faithfully and left the church as a legacy of their commitment and faithfulness.

Prayer:

*We give thanks to you, O Lord our God, for all your servants and witnesses of time past: for Abraham, the father of believers, and for Sarah, his wife, for Moses the lawgiver, and Aaron the priest, for Miriam and Joshua, Deborah and Gideon, Samuel and Hannah, his mother; for Isaiah and all the prophets; for Mary, the mother of our Lord; for Peter and Paul and all the apostles; for Mary, Martha, and Mary Magdalene; for Stephen, the first martyr, and all the saints and martyrs in every time and in every land. In your mercy, give us, as you gave them, the hope of salvation and the promise of eternal life. We hear their stories in the pages of scripture, in the records of history, in the recollections of our families and in our own childhood memories. As we remember these people, inspire us by your Spirit to join their ranks and follow our Lord through life, to be bold as they were, and brave as well, witnessing to your righteous truth and generous love. Give us grace, O God, that we will leave a legacy of faithfulness to encourage and challenge those who follow us along the way of discipleship. Let us journey now with Christ through this week to the cross and tomb of Friday and to the good news of next Sunday; through Jesus Christ our Lord. through the firstborn from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*
Monday, April 14
Focus: the church

*I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart;
I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.
I will be glad and exult in you;
I will sing praise to your name, O Most High!*

Psalm 9

Scripture Readings: Lamentations 1:1-2, 6-12
II Corinthians 1:1-17
Matthew 20:10 - 22:46

Let us join in prayer for the churches in our community.

Prayer:

*We, as The Presbyterian Church of Danville, are only a tiny portion of your body, O Lord. There are many other churches in our community through which people worship and serve. Some we know. Some we do not. Together, however, we seek to proclaim good news. May your Holy Spirit rest upon us and empower us as we strive to be the church, to live out the good news. Forgive us and restore us when we stray. Open our eyes to the needs of our neighbors and make us truly mindful of who are neighbors are. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.*
Tuesday, April 15
Focus: the church

_The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise._

Psalm 51:17

_Search me, O God, and know my heart;
try me and know my thoughts!
See if there be any wicked way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting!_

Psalm 139:23-24

Scripture Readings: Psalm 136
Lamentations 1:17-22
II Corinthians 1:8-22
Matthew 23:1 - 24:51

Let us join in prayer for the Presbytery of Transylvania and its churches.

Prayer:

_Again, O God, we are reminded that we are only a part of a larger body._
_While we share many similarities we are ourselves distinct. We pray, O God, for the churches of Transylvania Presbytery, and for all our brothers and sisters in those churches. Some are tiny churches in the mountains of Eastern Kentucky that struggle to keep their doors open. Some are strong, active voices ministering in their communities. We ask your blessings upon our staff, upon Richard Smith, Sharel Templeton, and Robyn Justus, and upon our elected leaders. We ask your blessings upon Rick Frederick as he begins his ministry as the Director of Camp Burnamwood. May we, who are many, be one in our service to your son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen._
Wednesday, April 16
Focus: the church

Jesus said, “Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, And I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

Matthew 11:28-30

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another as God in Christ has forgive you.

Ephesians 4:32

Scripture Readings: Psalm 139
Lamentations 2:1-9
II Corinthians 1:23-2:11
Matthew 25:1 - 26:16

Let us join together in prayer for the future of our church.

Prayer:

It is written that where there is no vision the people perish. May we have a vision for our church, O God. We strive to be faithful people. We strive to engage people in the good work of serving others. We strive to learn. We ask questions and we seek out answers. We listen and engage in dialogue, always seeking out your will. We strive to engage people in meaningful worship, and to be a welcoming, joyful congregation. We thank you for the blessings we have received in the past and will receive in the future. We thank you for members who are wise in years, and for the enthusiasm of young members. Pour out your blessings upon us, O Lord, that we might discern the path you would have us go. Give us courage to grow in new ways, yet ever faithful to you. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.
Thursday, April 17 - Maundy Thursday
Focus: the church

*I love the Lord, because the Lord has heard my voice and my supplications.
Because God leans over to listen to me, I will call upon the Lord as long as I live...
What shall I return to the Lord for all the bounty God give me?
I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-13

Jesus said, “I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I
have loved you, you also should love one another.

John 13:24

Scripture Readings: Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14
I Corinthians 11:23-26
Matthew 26:17 - 56

Let us join together in prayer healing

Prayer:

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal Jesus gave his
disciples a new commandment, to love one another as he loved them. Write this
commandment in our hearts; give us the will to serve others as he was the servant
of all. Your Son, O God, was the Great Physician who restored sight to the blind,
healed the lame, and cleansed lepers. Not all that ails us is an affliction of our
bodies. Some live in unhealthy relationships where love is not mutual. Some live
with mental illness, or afflictions of the soul. We suffer not only as people, but as a
culture taken over by the lure of greed, lust and power. Forgive us, loving God,
and restore us. Heal all that hurts or divides us. Bring us once again to the table
where all are welcome and all are fed. Feed us so that we might be strengthened in
our convictions and desires to serve you. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.
Friday, April 18 - Good Friday
Focus - Christ’s sacrifice

*My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?*

*Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?*

*O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer;*

*and by night but find not rest.*

Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

*In you are ancestors trusted; they trusted and you delivered them.*

*To you they cried, and were saved;*

*in you they trusted, and were not put ashamed.*

Psalm 22:1-5

Scripture Readings:

- Psalm 80
- Isaiah 52:13-53:12
- Hebrews 10:16-25
- Matthew 26:57 - 27:61

Let us join in prayer for all who mourn.

Prayer:

*Like the children of Israel, we often find ourselves exiled to that strange land of grief and despair, of heart wrenching sorrow, and we count ourselves among those who go down into the Pit. Like the Psalmist we wonder whether we will ever be able to sing your song again. We feel alone and forsaken, but then we remember that you did not forsake our ancestors, those that lived long ago, whose stories we only know through scripture. As you did not forsake them, so you did not forsake our family whose stories we know because they were told to us by our grandparents and by our aunts and uncles whenever our families gathered around a table for a meal. By your grace they survived. Because we can recount your marvelous and gracious deeds, we dare to sing your song, for you are the Good Shepherd who leads us through the valley of the shadow of death. For that love so divine, we give you are thanks and praise. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.*
Saturday, April 19 - Easter Vigil
Focus: Waiting

Friends in Christ, let us listen attentively to the word of God, recalling God’s saving deeds throughout history and how, in the fullness of time, God’s Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

Below are a series of Old Testament stories that recall God’s mighty acts in the past, followed by a brief prayer.

Genesis 1:1-2:4a - The Story of Creation

Prayer:
Almighty and eternal God, you created all things in wonderful beauty and order. Help us now to perceive how still more wonderful is the new creation, by which in the fullness of time you redeemed your people through the sacrifice of our Passover, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns forever and ever.

Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18, 8:6-18; 9:8-13

Prayer:
Faithful God, you placed the rainbow in the skies as the sign of your covenant with all living things. May we who are saved through water and the Spirit, worthily offer to you our sacrifice of thanksgiving. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Prayer:
Living God, by the Passover of your Son you have brought us out of sin into righteousness, and out of death into life. Grant to those who are sealed by your Holy Spirit the will and power to proclaim you to all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
Sunday, April 20 - Easter
Focus: the Resurrection

_The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised.”_  
Matthew 28:5-6

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基督确已复活!  
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