

Grace Presbyterian Church Newsletter

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A priest, minister, and Hindu guru were discussing the best positions for prayer while a telephone repairman worked nearby. "Kneeling is the best way to pray," said the priest... "No," said the minister, "I get my best results standing with my hands outstretched to Heaven."... "You're both wrong," said the Hindu. "The most effective position is sitting on the floor."... The telephone repairman interrupted, "I'm no authority like you guys, but the best prayin' I ever did was when I was hangin' upside down from a telephone pole."

We're in the Christian season of Lent, which consists of the 40 days and 6 Sundays ending Saturday noon prior to Easter on April 24.

Schedule of Special Services:

April 10. Symbols of Easter at the end of the morning worship service.

April 17. Chancel Choir Contata, "**Whispers of the Passion.**"

April 21. Maundy Thursday seder service for families and children in Fellowship Hall. Eat before you come. We will have the elements of Jesus last supper with his disciples, but it's not enough to make a meal.

Looking ahead.

April 24. Easter, the holiest day of the Christian year! One service, 10:45.

Postings. "Thank you for the cards and prayers as I have dealt with illness," **Martha Perry.** "Thank you for the thoughts, prayers, cards, phone calls, visits and gifts of foods and flowers I received while ill over the past two months. I was reminded each day of the amazing people at Grace!" **Sue Byrd.** "Thank you to everybody for the beautiful cards, prayers, telephone calls and visits. God bless you all!" **Helen Schackman.**

April meal-a-month donations to the Rescue Mission include pasta, pasta sauce, trash bags and razors. To be collected during worship on Sunday, April 24, Easter.

Ladies trip to St. James, Tues., May 3. Shopping and lunch at Sybills. Carpool leaving from church between 9:00-9:30a.m. Reservations mandatory, deadline April 20. Call Brenda at 618-920-0905.

The Deacons are serving communion monthly to residents of Autumn Ridge and Crystal Oaks. . . . If you can help knit or crochet prayer shawls, your help is needed. Call the church office.

Youth Group. Youth are meeting for Sunday School at 9:30a.m. Terry O'Neill, 314-322-2449.

Alpha Preview Nite. If you are thinking about taking Alpha in the fall, the preview dinner is Tuesday evening, April 26, at 6:15. Invite friends, family, and neighbors!

Children's Sunday School will be singing Easter! Come join the fun on Sunday mornings!

Adult Sunday School. **One** class is studying "The Present Word" curriculum. **A second** class is discussing the Serendipity Study Bible. All adults welcome!

Our new **Sunday School Class for young women** will be engaged in a study of parenting.

"When I was growing up, I thought the greatest Christian must be the person who walks around with shoulders thrown back because of tremendous inner strength and power, quoting Scripture and letting everyone know he/she has arrived. I have since learned that the most mature believer is the one who is bent over, leaning most heavily on the Lord, and admitting his/her total inability to do anything without Christ. The greatest Christian is not the one who has *achieved* the most, but rather the one who has *received* the most. God's grace, love, and mercy flow through him abundantly because he/she walks in total dependence." –Jim Cymbala

Presbyterian Women. The **Birthday Objective** was a success! \$222 donated!... **Thanks** to all the women who helped with the meal following the Community Lenten Service... **A contest** for the best Easter Bonnet worn at the 4/21 PW meeting... **Spring Gathering,** Wood River, Ill., 9-2:30. \$7 for lunch. We will car pool... **Mother/Daughter Party** on Mon, 5/2, 6:30. The theme is "Elvis & the 50s." Dress appropriately.

A mom was getting irritated with her five-year-old daughter, who wouldn't clean up her toys in the den. "But mommy, I can't clean up the den," the little girl said after the mom fussed at her for the third time... "Why not?" asked her mom... "Because I gave up cleaning for Lent."

Poem. *I wouldn't say she's not religious, (for fear of persecution), but all she gave up for Lent, was her New Year's resolution.*

