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Upcoming Events

Saturday, April 29 –
Spring Cleaning Day at
Church

Thursday, May 4 –
National Day of Prayer

Sunday, May 14 –
Mother's Day

Sunday, May 21 –
Last day of Sunday
School – Recognition of
children and teachers.
Deacons meet after
worship.

Monday, May 29 –
Memorial Day observed

Sunday, June 11 –
Deadline for turning in
Piggly Wiggly receipts.

Holy Humor Sunday

How many Presbyterians does it take to change a light bulb?
None. God has predestined when the lights will be turned off and on!

No joke, we are celebrating Holy Humor Sunday this Sunday, April 23.

Do you love to laugh? Can you tell a good joke? Then join us for this Sunday, April 23 for Holy Humor Sunday! Never heard of it? Well, many of us haven't but it is a century's old tradition. Here is some background information for you:

The idea of setting aside one Sunday each year to celebrate God's gift of laughter and joy may be new to me, but it's got a long and rich history in many congregations around the world.

Laughter Sunday (also known as *Holy Humour Sunday*, *Hilarity Sunday*, *God's Laughter Sunday*, *Bright Sunday* or *Holy Fools Sunday*) has its roots in a number of different Christian traditions.

Churches in 15th century Bavaria used to celebrate the Sunday after Easter as *Risus Paschalis* ('God's Joke,' or 'the Easter laugh'). Priests would deliberately include amusing stories and jokes in their sermons in an attempt to make the faithful laugh. After the service, people would gather together to play practical jokes on one another and tell funny stories. It was their way of celebrating the resurrection of Christ – the supreme joke God played on Satan by raising Jesus from the dead.

The observance of *Risus Paschalis* was officially outlawed by Pope Clement X in the 17th century. Perhaps people were having too much fun.

In the Orthodox tradition, people would gather on Easter Monday to tell jokes and funny stories, and to dance and eat together.

Other traditions celebrate *Laetare Sunday* (also known as 'Mothering Sunday') on the fourth Sunday in Lent. "Laetare" simply means 'rejoice,' and comes from the opening collect for that day: 'Rejoice with joy, you that have been in sorrow.' On this Sunday, the usual Lenten purple vestments and altar cloths are replaced by rose-coloured ones instead. Flowers (not normally present during Lent) are also brought into the sanctuary.

In 1988, the [Fellowship of Merry Christians](#) began encouraging churches to resurrect some of these Christian traditions—to celebrate the grace and mercy of God through the gift of laughter and joy.



OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

"As children of our Creator, we are inspired by the life and ministry of Jesus Christ and we seek his continual guidance through the Holy Spirit. Our mission as a congregation of individuals is to minister to all peoples through worship, fellowship, education, and outreach in order to meet spiritual needs."

EASTER FLOWERS

Thank you to everyone who gave flowers to decorate our sanctuary for Easter. The following people dedicated their flowers as listed here.

GIVEN BY:

Elaine Schabla

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Dale & Ann Febock

Linda Porter

David Gunnulson

Stan & Kay Lund

Marilyn Schuster

Julie Anderson

Melanie & Michael Rumpf

Melanie & Michael Rumpf

Larry & Sylvia Jensen

Jim & Mardy Schilleman

Al & Cheryl Bettenhausen

Lorin Fulton

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Derek & Sue Bettenhausen;
Nancy Erdman

Monty & Judy Pearson

Monty & Judy Pearson

Judy Schroeder & Mark Touhey

TO THE GLORY AND HONOR OF GOD, AND:

In memory of David Robinson

In memory of Ma & Pa Lipinski

In celebration of our grandchildren: Ella, Adam,
Claire, Elin and Henry

To honor Bonnie & Dana Lumby and Hattie Mohon

In memory of Jean Gunnulson

In memory of our loved family and friends in heaven

In memory of Sally & Don Dieter and Jean Gunnulson

In memory of Carol Floyd

In celebration of Max and Charlotte

In celebration of Clay & Karla

In memory of our fathers and mothers

In memory of our parents

In memory of our parents and our sisters

To honor Rev. David Watkins

To honor Jack Lichtenheld

In memory of Bill Erdman

In memory of our parents Chet & Helen Campbell

In memory of our parents Dorothy & Victor Pearson

In memory of Brendan Schroeder Touhey,
Leo & Loris Touhey, Ernie & Doris Schroeder

COMMITTEE NEWS

Spring Clean-Up Day

By Mark Touhey

Building and Grounds will host the annual spring clean-up day **Saturday, April 29 from 8 AM to noon**. We will be doing work both inside and outside. Everyone is invited to join in.

If you are not able to attend Saturday, feel free to stop by at your convenience and work on your own time. There will be a list of suggested projects, or feel free to do what you feel needs to be done. Just let us know so we avoid duplication.

Sunday School Recognition

On **Sunday, May 21**, we will conclude another program year of our Sunday School.

We are blessed to have these wonderful children and youth helping us to see and experience the love of God through their presence. In turn, we are equally blessed by the adults who have shared their faith, serving as Sunday School teachers and on the Christian Education Committee.

During worship on May 21, we will have a special liturgy celebrating this intergenerational ministry. We invite you to join us for this special morning. We also look forward to having our children and youth continue to share in our worship leadership over the summer!



Graduates in 2017

If you or a family member is graduating from high school, college, a university or graduate school, **please let us know so we may celebrate** with you. Please let the office know this information as soon as possible. We will be celebrating in early June.

EASTER PHOTOS



ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SESSION:

Class of 2017:

Kay Lund
 Fellowship
 Worship/Theology
 Charleen Janus
 Fellowship
 Nominating
 Dick Trailer
 Building and Grounds
 Finance-Stewardship
 Personnel

Class of 2018

Mark Touhey
 Building and Grounds
 Finance-Stewardship
 Personnel

Class of 2019:

Mare Stewart
 Fellowship
 Mike Stitz

Clerk of Session: To be determined

Treasurer: Dick Trailer

BOARD OF DEACONS:

Class of 2017:

Trent Bettenhausen
 Nancy Kristiansen

Class of 2018

Julie Anderson
 Ann Febock
 Secretary
 Mission
 Judy Schroeder, Co-Moderator
 Nominating

Class of 2019:

Linda Porter, Co-Moderator

Pastor / Moderator of Session:

Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler
 (608) 417-0231 Cell
 Pastor@OCPChurch.com

PLEASE HOLD THESE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN PRAYER

Ken Bilstad
 Griffin Clark (grandson of Bill & Patty Strohmusch)
 Don Hawkins (husband of Margaret)
 Egil Kristiansen (Jan Kristiansen's brother in Oslo, Norway)
 Wade Kubina (son of Jo Kubina)
 Stub Lund
 Kris Runge
 Shawn Spack (son of Jenine & Jack Spack)
 Cori Traeder (Neal's wife)
 Mary Trailer

Our children and unchurched children and families, our military around the world, our enemies, our church leaders, families and individuals experiencing financial, job-hunting, health, or relationship problems.

Families who are grieving the loss of loved ones.

If you would like to be added to our weekly prayer list, please leave word in the church office or contact the pastor. Permission to be included in this publicly posted list has been obtained from those listed or their families.

Presbyterian Night at the Madison Mallards Duck Pond

Sunday, July 16 – Cost: \$31 (Includes ticket to game, all-you-can-eat-and-drink ballpark food and soda, plus 3 tabs per person for tap beer, kids games, or novelty ice cream.)

2:30pm – Gates open; 4:05pm - Game

Let Ruth Poole or Pastor Scott know if you would like tickets for the August 4 game. **Order deadline is June 1st.**

Presbyterians Are Flooding to Miller Park!

Gather your folks on Saturday, May 27, for a fun-packed day at Miller Park. It's a 3:10 PM game against the Arizona Diamondbacks. Tickets are \$15 each. This year we'll be sitting in the bleachers! Discounted parking passes will also be available--\$11 for general parking and \$16 for preferred parking. **The deadline to order is May 15, 2017.** To reserve your tickets, contact Terry McGinley: PHONE: 608-847-5433 EMAIL: renalboy@frontier.com

"I'll be throwing a lot of baseballs into the stands for the Presbyterians that day" --**Ryan Braun, Brewer's outfielder**

"Our team always plays better when Presbyterians are in the stands." --**Craig Counsell, Brewer's manager**

"Presbyterians are the best! They cheer loud and long for the Brew Crew!" --**Mark Attanasio, Brewer's owner**

Volunteers

If you are unable to serve Communion, as Usher/Greeter, or Lector, please try to find someone to substitute for you. Or, contact Al Bettenhausen (608) 322-2932 or Judy Pearson (608) 764-8159.



Communion Servers

MAY 14 * *Kay & Stub Lund*

JUN 11 * *Ann Febock*

* Indicates responsible for set-up.



Greeters/Ushers

APR 30 Cathy & Jerry Thiltgen

MAY 7 Judy Pearson & Cheryl Bettenhausen

MAY 14 Kay & Stub Lund

MAY 21 Leto Family

MAY 28 Mark Olson; Al Bettenhausen

JUN 4 Trent & Kari Bettenhausen

Liturgist



APR 30 Melanie Rumpf

MAY 7 Charleen Janus

MAY 14 Mark Touhey

MAR 21 Judy Schroeder

MAY 28 Mare Stewart

JUN 4 Bud Rumpf

Nursery workers



APR 30 Deacons

MAY 7 Deacons

MAY 14 Deacons

MAY 28 Deacons

JUN 4 Deacons

Coffee Hour servers



APR 30 Kari & Trent Bettenhausen; Sue & Derek Bettenhausen

MAY 7 Cheryl & Mike Stitz

MAY 14 Happy Mother's Day! No Coffee Hour

MAY 21 Cheryl & Al Bettenhausen

MAY 28 Memorial Day Weekend – No Coffee Hour

JUN 4 Jenine & Jack Spack

JUN 11 Bobbi & Bud Rumpf



Clean Church

MAY/JUN **May 1-15: OPEN; May 16-31: OPEN; Jun 1-15: OPEN**

CALENDAR



DATE	BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES	DATE	BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES
May 4	Ken Bilstad		May 20	Randy Johnson	Jerry & Cathy Thiltgen
May 7	Sandra Schimelpfenig		May 21	Jack Spack	
May 10	Sam Yeadon-Stark		May 25	Andy Rumpf	
May 11		Richard & Mary Trailer	May 31		Michael & Melanie Rumpf
May 19	Paul Anderson	Paul & Julie Anderson			

Sunday Schedule

- Worship Service 10:00
- Communion second Sunday of each month
- Sunday School 10:00 from September through May

Abbreviation Key

AA: Alcoholics Anonymous
CCA: Cambridge Clergy Assoc.
CC: Communications Committee
CE: Christian Education
FC: Fellowship Committee

GN: Good News

MG: Membership & Growth

OA: Overeaters Anonymous

SG: Support Group

WT: Worship & Theology

YG: Youth Group

May 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 8:30 AM OA 9:30 AM John Knox Presbytery meeting in Wis. Dells	2	3	4 7:30 PM AA National Day of Prayer	5 8:30 AM OA	6
7 No Communion	8 8:30 AM OA	9	10 6 PM Session	11 7:30 PM AA	12 8:30 AM OA	13
14 Communion Mother's Day	15 8:30 AM OA	16	17	18 7:30 PM AA Newsletter articles due	19 8:30 AM OA	20
21 Sunday School Recognition 11 AM Deacons	22 8:30 AM OA	23	24	25 7:30 PM AA Ascension of the Lord	26 8:30 AM OA	27
28	29 8:30 AM OA Memorial Day	30	31			

Kudos To:

- ♥ Kay Lund, Judy Pearson, Jenine Spack, Patty Strohbusch, Mark Touhey, Judy Schroeder and Mike Stitz for delivering Meals on Wheels.
- ♥ Mare Stewart and Cheryl Spore for providing special music during our Lenten season. Thank you also for providing special music for our Easter Service!
- ♥ Kay Lund and Judy Pearson for donating the palms for Palm Palm Sunday.
- ♥ Judy Pearson for coordinating the flowers for Easter Sunday.
- ♥ Matthew Mandli and Sam Marrese Wheeler for their duet on Maundy Thursday.
- ♥ Cheryl Bettenhausen, Judy Pearson and Kay Lund for arranging Easter flowers in the sanctuary.
- ♥ All who gave flowers in honor of, or memory of loved ones to decorate the sanctuary on Easter.
- ♥ Al & Cheryl Bettenhausen for setting up the cross in front of the church.
- ♥ Pastor Scott for planning the events for Holy Week and Easter.
- ♥ Those who donated to One Great Hour of Sharing. We collected a total of \$191.61.
- ♥ Ann Febock for assisting with this year's "Alleluia Box!"
- ♥ Ann Febock and Melanie Rumpf for providing the eggs and treats for our Easter Egg Hunt! Thank you also to Trevor and Roman Leto for helping by hiding the eggs!
- ♥ Judy Schroeder, Cheryl and Mike Stitz for providing food for our Easter Breakfast!
- ♥ Everyone who took pictures and shared them with us during Holy Week and on Easter.
- ♥ Cathy Thiltgen for organizing the Children's Library, the Reading Program, and the movie day with the Sunday School children and youth.
- ♥ Kay Lund, Judy Pearson and Cheryl & Al Bettenhausen who spent time cleaning our church.

CHURCH SCHEDULE

WORSHIP SERVICE & CHURCH SCHOOL: 10:00 a.m. Sunday

COMMUNION: First Sunday of each month

FELLOWSHIP & REFRESHMENTS: Following worship service each week.

VIDEO OF WORSHIP: Cable Channel 98 or 987

Sun 5:30 PM; M-T 8 AM & Noon

(Link to video also available on our website or Facebook page)

OFFICE HOURS

PASTORAL OFFICE HOURS: Generally 9:00 - 12:00 Tue

BUSINESS OFFICE HOURS: 8:00 - 12:00 Mon - Thu

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Strawberry Salad Luncheon

From the Fellowship Committee

On **Saturday, June 24** the Fellowship Committee will once again host a strawberry salad luncheon. As in the past, we are requesting monetary, salad (hot or cold) or food donations. Your assistance is also needed for setup, preparation, serving and cleanup. Any hours that you can help out on this day will be greatly appreciated.

A committee member will be contacting you soon with signup information and how you can be of service. Proceeds from the luncheon are given back to our own church.