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# BELL RINGER

## Timnath Presbyterian Church

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## Bellringer Items Due

Please send your written submissions to:  
[staff@timnathpres.org](mailto:staff@timnathpres.org) or place them on the admin's  
desk in the church office, by **Sunday, March 26.**



## YOUR SUNDAY INVITATION

9am: Sunday School

10am: Worship

11am: Fellowship

### MINISTERS

ALL MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH

### STAFF

PASTOR: REV. MATT WEBBER  
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TREASURER: PAM FISHER  
OFFICE SECRETARY:

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### COMMITTEES/ORGANIZATIONS

#### SESSION REPS and/or CHRS

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE  
GIL FISHER (REP)

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE  
CLARENCE SITZMAN

CONCERNS COMMITTEE  
PAULA MATNEY

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE COMMITTEE  
LEANN STARLIN

FINANCE COMMITTEE  
SHARON JONES

MEMORIALS  
JIM ADDLEMAN, CHR.

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE  
PAULA MATNEY (REP)

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE  
JEAN JOHNSON MC CULLA

WORSHIP COMMITTEE  
DEBBIE CAMPAIN SKINNER

WELCOMING AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE  
ROSEMARY BLACK

YOUTH GROUP  
(VACANT)

COLUMBARIUM COMMITTEE  
PHYLIS SITZMAN



# From The Pastor

## Matthew 17:1-5

<sup>1</sup> Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. <sup>2</sup> And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>3</sup> Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup> Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." <sup>5</sup> While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!"

On the final Sunday in February, our Gospel message was from the Matthew passage above. It was this final little clause at the end of the sentence spoke by God that drew our focus, calling us to "listen to him." We identified the "him" to be, of course, Jesus, before asking how we are doing at listening to him. The answer is most likely that we can all do a little better when it comes to listening to Jesus. It turns out, we have a great opportunity before us, starting on Wednesday March 1<sup>st</sup> to do just that!

Wednesday, the first day of March is Ash Wednesday marking the beginning of the season of Lent. For the next forty-ish days, we have an opportunity to focus again on God and Christ's role in our lives. Noting that our Hebrew Scripture reading from the same Sunday as the above Gospel saw Moses climb the mountain of the Lord in order to sit and listen to God for no less than forty days, we saw parallels in the days ahead for us as well. Might we find the next forty days a prime opportunity to try again to listen to God?

Looking at how we might do this, I posed a few options. First, there is daily Bible reading. While many of you may already do so, there are probably a few who wish they could know more of what is in Scripture or wish to know the Bible better. There is no better place to hear the Word of God than the witness of Scripture. Perhaps reading the Gospels again would offer some insight into what Jesus calls us to be and do today? Wondering about the early Church? Acts gives us an up-close view of the Apostles and their sharing Jesus with the world around them. There is also beautiful poetry, songs, and even some scandalous history throughout the Hebrew Scriptures if you are looking for a bit of entertainment as you gain greater understanding of God's Word.

Another option might be joining the Lenten Book Study as we read *The Return of the Prodigal Son* together. Meeting on Wednesday mornings at 10:30am or Thursday evenings at 6:00pm, we will discuss the well-known story as we explore the different characters and their lives, not to mention the famous painting which adorns the cover of the book. All are welcome to share questions, insights, or just to come and listen as we seek to hear God's Word to us through art and Scripture.

Additionally, one might seek out community with whom to discuss all that you are hearing from God. As the body of Christ, we are not called to practice our faith alone. Share with one another what you are hearing. Swing by the office and let me know. I would *love* to hear your questions or your insights. You might also find new opportunities to start a new practice you have been wishing you had the strength to begin, like turning off the TV and reading more. Perhaps you will find a greater appreciation for softer music instead of radio talk-shows? Might you begin to recognize the peace that comes with silence rather than seeking some noise to fill the void? Will nature step in and sing you a song each morning or offer a soft whisper in which to hear God's voice? May the next forty days be a chance to listen and find out. Keep me posted on how you are doing and I will let you know what I hear as well. I look forward to hearing from you what you hear from God.

## Upcoming Scripture for March and April

March 5 – Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Matthew 4:1-11

March 12 – Guest Preacher Ruling Elder Mark Kenning

March 19 – Exodus 17:1-7; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42

March 26 – 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

April 2 – Ezekiel 37:1-14; John 11:1-45

April 9 (Palm Sunday) – Isaiah 50:4-9a; Matthew 21:1-11

April 13 (Maundy Thursday) – Exodus 12:1-14; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17

April 16 (Easter Sunday) – Jeremiah 31:1-6; Matthew 28:1-10

April 23 – Act 2:14a, 22-32; John 20:19-31

April 30 – Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Luke 24:13-35

## **SESSION HIGHLIGHTS**

(from February 7, 2017 )

- Communion was served to 95 people on February 5.
- A promissory note form was approved regarding Pastor Matt's housing fund.
- As a result of the surveys conducted by the Planning Task Force, the Session is investigating the addition of a paid youth director to our church staff.
- Lent will begin with Ash Wednesday on March 1. The first Sunday in Lent is March 5.
- Scholarship applications are available in the narthex for Highlands Presbyterian Camp.
- The installation of the chime system in the church bell tower will be completed soon, and a dedication of the chimes is being planned.
- Approved a church bazaar, to be held this fall.

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## **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Pastor Matt is leading a discussion on the Book of Confessions, we are currently discussing The Confession of 1967. There are several copies of the Book of Confessions still available, it is not too late to join us in these discussions. All are welcome.

## **GAME NIGHT**

Friday game nights on March 3rd and 17th at 5:30. Easy to remember that they are scheduled for the first and third Fridays of the month.



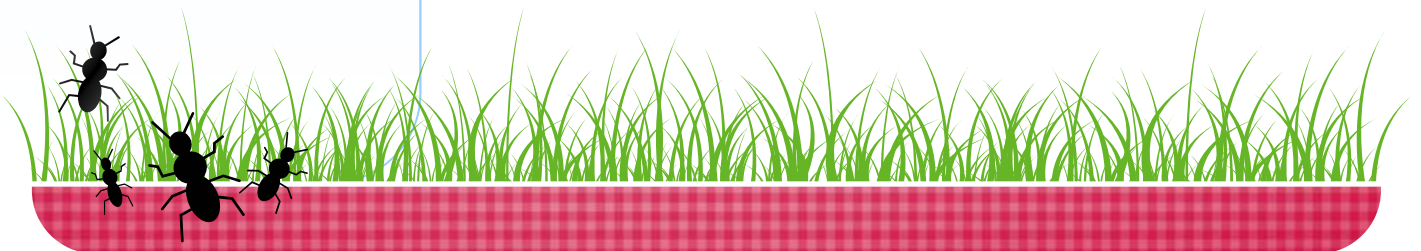
## **PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall on March 11 and 25 from 9 to 11 a.m. Please join us for a time of fellowship, devotions, creating and blessing prayer shawls. If you'd like more information about this ministry, contact Joan Saxbury at 970-482-8042. All are welcome!

## **Chime System Update**

The chime system for our church has been installed, and we greatly appreciate the work that Clarence Sitzman, Gene Boling, and Russ Skinner have contributed to this project. You may have heard a demonstration of the chimes, and a dedication is being planned in the near future. In the meantime, we are becoming familiar with the details about programming the hymn and chime selections. If you have any questions, please see Clarence Sitzman.

Thank you to Mary Ellen Moyer for designating Paul Moyer's memorial contributions to help fund this project. Additional contributions for the chimes are welcome, and can be made either to the church, with a note designating them for the chimes, or to the TPC Columbarium Fund.



# CIRCLES

## AFTERNOON CIRCLE

Please bring a favorite dish and a thought to share for our next potluck at the home of Sharon Waag, who will be hosting our meeting on **Thursday March 9, at 11:30am.**

## EVENING CIRCLE

*Who Is Jesus? What a Difference a Lens Makes* by Judy Yates Siker, the scripture for Lesson Seven is the book of Hebrews with the Key Scripture Matthew 1-2; Luke 1-2. Key idea; The four canonical Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) are not the only Gospels written by early Christians. Other stories about Jesus circulated in the early centuries of Christianity, offering us stories of the "missing years" of Jesus and, more importantly, information about the diversity of early Christianity. We will meet on Tuesday, March 21st, starting at 7:15p.m. at The MacKenzie Place in the Pioneer Bistro Room. Linda Ogilvie will lead the discussion and Judy Gossley will provide a snack.

## THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!!

Thank you to our church family for the support, care, and concern for us and Bev's family during the unexpected passing of Bev's brother. Thanks to the ladies for providing cookies for after the service and for the ladies that set up the food at our house. Your love and support is greatly appreciated. This would be so much harder to endure if it weren't for your friendship and caring. Thank you!

Mike and Bev McBride



## SPRING FORWARD TIME CHANGE!!!

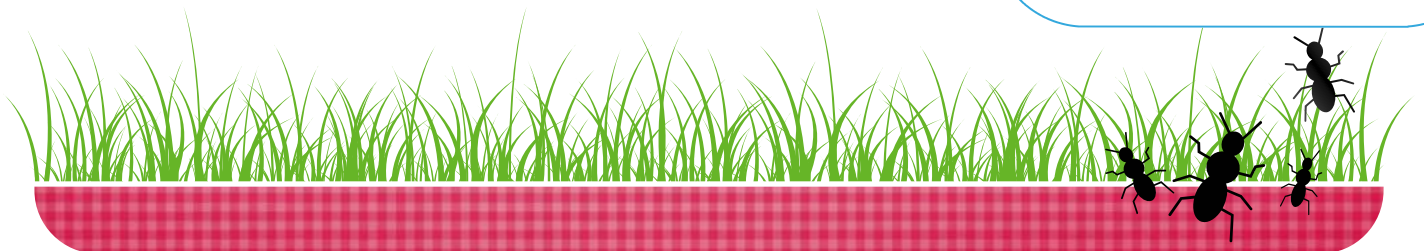
Remember to move your clocks forward one hour on Saturday night March 11th as we don't want you to miss any Sunday morning church activities.

## BAZAAR NEWS

This fall our church is hosting a Bazaar. We would like to have many fun crafts available for sale at the bazaar. In order to accomplish this, the 2nd Mile Mission ladies and the Bazaar team are hosting a Create-A-Thon on the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month. Also, immediately following Prayer Shawl, the Bazaar team will be hosting a Create-A-Thon on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month. Please feel free to bring your lunch on Monday's and Saturday's. If you have any "Bazaar" questions, please contact Leann Starlin, Debbie Skinner or Paula Matney. We hope you will join us for this fun craft time.

## Wanted

Looking for a heart-shaped basket that is at least 4X4 for the Bazaar. If you have one to donate please contact Laurene Aldrich at 482-7460.





## CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

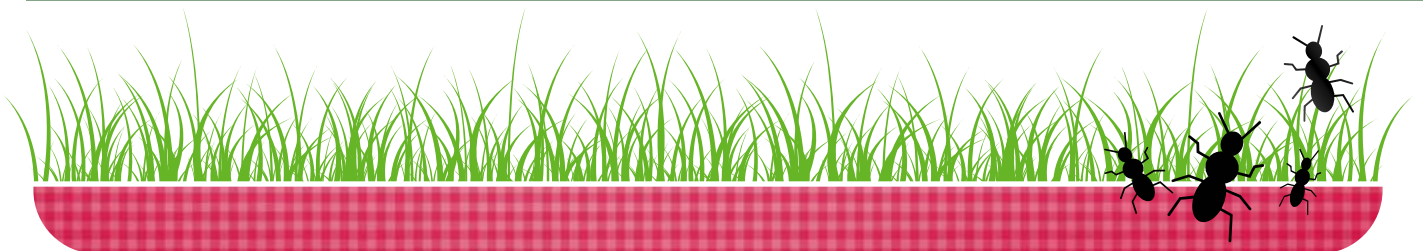
Mark Sears was awarded the Dot Tomlinson - Life Time Achievement Award by TEAM Wellness and Prevention at the Simply Red Gala on February 24th. The award recognizes his life time of volunteer efforts toward helping youth. TEAM Wellness and Prevention is dedicated to promoting healthy lifestyles through the prevention of substance abuse. TEAM Wellness & Prevention has been providing alcohol and drug prevention services to the Fort Collins community since 1989.



### **VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE for March - Thank you for your service!**

DATE	USHERS	COMMUNION SERVERS	COUNTERS	REFRESHMENTS
<b>March 5</b> <b>COMMUNION</b>	Bill (C/C) & Connie Fisher Bill & Reba Pitcher	Debbie Skinner, Rosemary Black, Leann Starlin, Gil Fisher, Clarence Sitzman	Rosemary Black Paula Matney	Patsy Hutcheson, Doris Mehl
<b>March 12</b>	Jeff (C/C) & Lauri Loyd Debbie Roedger Sharon Waag		Gil Fisher Sharon Jones	Doug & Linda Porter
<b>March 19</b>	Gene (C/C) & Peggy Boling Jack & Carol Salisbury		Debbie Skinner Clarence Sitzman	Mike & Bev McBride
<b>March 26</b>	Lyndel (C/C) & Joan Saxbury Clarence & Phylis Sitzman		Leann Starlin Gil Fisher	Jack & Carol Salisbury
<b>April 2</b>	Greg (C/C) & Leann Starlin Jim & Deanna Addleman			Rosemary Black Kookie Kahn

**If you are unable to serve, please arrange for a substitute, then notify the church office so changes can be noted in bulletin.**



# CONCERNS COMMITTEE

Within our church the Concerns Committee is a source of care, sympathy, compassion and comfort. If you have a concern, we are here for you.

## Funeral Dinners

Patsy Hutcheson 222.8073

Nancy Greenwood 669.0056

## TLC Meals

#1 Louise Vance 218.7680

#2 Jayne Sears 226.1949

## Prayer Chain

#1 Edie Brooks 482.2491

#2 Paula Matney 225.0440

Church Office 493.8996

## Cards

June Haynes 484.1799

## Hospital Flowers

#1 Bunny Goshorn 482.7849

#2 Church Office 493.8996

## **LUNCH BUNCH**

Looking for a good lunch and conversation? Join the Lunch Bunch on Wednesday, March 22nd at 12:00 noon in the Fellowship Hall. It is a potluck, cook up something or pick it up at the deli. All are welcome and there is always plenty of left overs to take home for another meal.

Any questions, please contact Laurene Aldrich at 482-7460 or [lmaldrich@msn.com](mailto:lmaldrich@msn.com)

## **Lenton Studies**

Beginning March 1st, join us **Wednesday Mornings at 10:30am** or **Thursday Evenings at 6:00pm** to discuss Henri J. M. Nouwen's book "*The Return of the Prodigal Son*". Each week will discuss a chapter of Nouwen's book while reflecting on the familiar Bible story and the famous Rembrandt painting.

