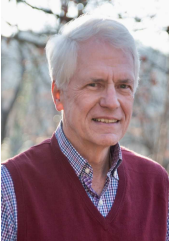


# In Touch



*We are a Christ-centered family committed to serving God through worship, fellowship, and ministering to our community and the world.*



We have entered the season called LENT, a time to get ready for the joy of celebrating Easter. Often we look at Easter and say, “*It’ll get here when it gets here.*” Gradually the early Christians began to say, “*Let’s not let holidays just happen; let’s get ready.*”

So let me take you to two get-ready texts. This is how Jesus gets ready for whatever is next.

Mark 6:30-32 *The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. then because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, He said to them, “Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.” So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place.*

Mark 6:45-46 *Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to Bethsaida, while He dismissed the crowd. After leaving them, He went into the hills to pray.*

The word LENT means “Spring.” Don’t you get excited for Spring? Yes, it’s spring training, spring cleaning, but also spring planting, and putting away winter clothes. We await AND yet we prepare for Spring.

Scholar A.A. Arthur writing in *The Westminster Dictionary of Worship* (c.1972) tells us that Lent began as a preparation for the primitive Pascha, the Christian Passover, which was the nighttime festival of Saturday-Sunday to remember Jesus’ crucifixion and resurrection. Lent evolved to become a time of instruction of the candidates for baptism at the great festival of redemption. Some Christian traditions connect Lent back to the temptation of Jesus and his 40 days in the wilderness to prepare for His ministry. So Lent came to be 40 days, or 47 if you include Sundays, of preparation, fasting, study, discipline, prayer and purification.

LENT is still considered, somewhat erroneously, by our culture as a time to give up something you love: to lose weight, give up chocolate, give up smoking, quit Facebook, or join Weight Watchers.

Maybe, but what would it be like if Lent were a time to be disciplined to *introduce something*? Here is Jesus in Mark’s gospel saying, “*I need prep time, so I am taking a break.*” Mark reports repeatedly that Jesus is busy, busy dealing with demanding settings, and yet, Jesus says twice in Mark 6, “*I am taking a break...*”

WHY should Jesus be on break? We know He only had three years to do his ministry. Nearly all of us have more years on earth than Jesus had. Why not be busy, busy, healing, teaching, speaking 24-7? Radically, here is Jesus saying, “*I won’t let busyness define me.*” Lent reinforces this...*take a breath, take a break.* Follow Jesus.

SO? So, as we enter this Season to prepare for the holiday that defines Christianity, what do we do with Lent?

Let me offer one direction from this text: REDO ROUTINE. We all have routines. Look at your routines. We all have them from the time we get up to bedtime. Pick just one routine that needs to be better. I need to do something beyond walking that looks like exercise! You pick a routine. Tonight. Tomorrow. For the next week. Or until Easter. Make better one routine. Set an alarm on your smartphone if you need it.

Richard Foster in his classic CELEBRATION OF DISCIPLINE once wrote that the devil majors in “*noise, crowds and hurry.*” What would it be like if we built in a setting, a time or a locale to push back the noise, the crowds, and the hurry? My front porch will become my Lenten porch. I can be by myself. I live on a cul-de-sac. Cars are few. It’s quiet. LENT is a season to make room for what we truly long for....To say, “*Lord, I want to begin Spring-fresh today. To walk with you these 40 days in a way that brightens my heart, clears my mind and reminds me I am made in your image.*”

*Welcome to Lent, to a fresh season from Jesus Christ.*

Tom

## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

### WORSHIP

10:00AM

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:00AM

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday-9:30-4:30

Friday 9:30-1:00

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Butch Moore

#### Class of 2019

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Kenneth Thomson

Bob Young

**KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS:** Rick Baker; Shirley Boehan; Johnny Bradley; Ashley Byrns; Milo Cadorette (great-nephew of Laura Deck); Pat Clendening; Derek Dickson (family friend of Kitty Armstrong); Matthew Erickson; Pam Espey; David Ethridge (friend of the Hamby's); John Garrott; granddaughter of Louise Guthrie Hunt; John Henry Klekamp; Cadence Kurdy (friend of Sara Driver); Delores Martinez (Jeff Hoyle's mother-in-law); Bill Massey; James T. Parsons (David Parsons' brother); Stephanie McGee (Peggy McMurtry's cousin); Edie Owens; Raven Roberts (friend of Jonna Alexander); Austin Sissel (Steve Weakly's grandson) deployed to Mosul, Iraq; Wendi Silverman; Jim Staley; Janice Potts (Shelli DeGraff's mother)

#### GALLATIN CENTER FOR REHABILITATION AND HEALING:

June Garrott; Sue Garrott; Sara Moffatt

#### MORNINGSIDE: Joan Green

**THE HEARTH:** Ann Cowan; Anna Gasser; Junior and Norma

### To the Church Triumphant

Lee Engles  
January 17, 1017

RubyKimbrow  
and Artalee Kimbro  
Marie Sterrett's Sisters

Laura Hines Kaney  
February 16, 2017  
Jessie Lynne Hine's daughter

Fay Jones  
Tony Walker's Sister

"I am the resurrection  
and the life"



Wednesday night dinners, Bible studies, and game nights are back. Remember the time has been moved to 5:30pm. We will be getting our food once again from Kym Sims, the caterer for First United Methodist Church Gallatin. The cost is \$6 and reservations will be required. Included this year will be an option for a light meal. This meal is lighter in calories than the regular meal.

Menus will be printed with the Sunday bulletins along with a reservation form that can be placed in the offering plate.

**Cost: Adults: \$6**

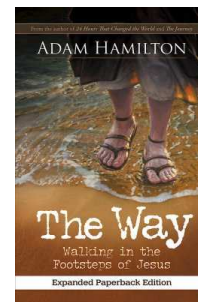
Children: (12 and under)\$3.00

Family: \$20

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### Child Protection Policy

Our child protection policy has been updated. We have scheduled a meeting for Sunday, March 12, in the Friendship classroom immediately following worship for those of you who so graciously serve in the nursery, work with VBS, The Foundation (C.A.P.S.), volunteer in the preschool, etc to review these updates. Should this date and time not be convenient, please contact Dianne Cothran. Thank you for your help in all these areas and your commitment to protecting the children with whom we work.



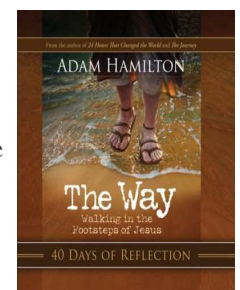
### LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

*The Way: Following in the Footsteps of Jesus* by Adam Hamilton will be our Lenten Bible study. We will begin March 8 and conclude April 12. For 6

weeks, each Wednesday evening following dinner, we will travel with Adam Hamilton as he retraces the life and ministry of Jesus Christ. Using historical information, archaeological data, and stories of the faith, Hamilton follows in the footsteps of Jesus from his baptism to the temptations to the heart of his ministry, including the people he loved, the parables he taught, the enemies he made, and the healing he brought.

Study books are available in the church office. The cost is \$10. For this study, we have also purchased a daily devotional to be read during the 40 days of lent.

This too is available in the church office and the cost is \$7.



## March 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 6:00p WNT 7:00p Ash Wednesday Service 7:30p Choir Rehearsal	<b>2</b> 10:30a Meals on Wheels 6:30p Boy Scouts	<b>3</b> 10:30a Meals on Wheels 1:00p Church Office Closes	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 9:00a Sunday School 10:00a Worship	<b>6</b> 9:30a Sewing Group 10:30a Meals on Wheels 6:00p Drama Kids 6:30p Christian Education	<b>7</b> 10:00a Bible Study 10:30a Meals on Wheels 4:00p The Foundation 6:30p Cub Scouts	<b>8</b> 5:30p WNT 7:00p Choir Rehearsal 7:30p Easter Choir	<b>9</b> 10:30a Meals on Wheels 5:30p Worship Committee 6:30p Boy Scouts	<b>10</b> 10:30a Meals on Wheels 1:00p Church Office Closes	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 9:00a Sunday School 10:00a Worship 11:15a Worship Cmt. Child Protection Class	<b>13</b> 10:30a Meals on Wheels 6:00p Drama Kids 6:30p Circle 3	<b>14</b> 10:00a Bible Study 10:30a Meals on Wheels 4:00p The Foundation 6:30p Cub Scouts	<b>15</b> 10:00a Circle 2 5:30p WNT 7:00p Choir Rehearsal 7:30p Easter Choir Rehearsal	<b>16</b> 10:30a Meals on Wheels 6:30p Boy Scouts	<b>17</b> 10:30a Meals on Wheels 1:00p Church Office Closes	<b>18</b> 9:00a Parenting Class
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### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1 Kirk Shrum	18 Josh Sudbury
3 Brim Stone	21 Doug Hauseman
4 Daniel Shrum	22 Nathan Cude
6 Linda Boze	25 Ruth Rippy
7 Baker Ring	26 Mary Louise Brown
9 Pam Espey	27 Palmer Poland
Margaret Suddarth	28 Sharon Sides
12 Carrie Mabrey	29 Sue Walker
17 Patti Bennett	31 Ruth Lee
18 Susan Johnson	

### MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

14 Preston and Jan Stark
19 Linda and Jim Suddarth
30 Joan and Loney Hutchins



We want to thank everyone at First

Presbyterian for all the love and support shown to us during those long eleven weeks of hospitalization in Vanderbilt. The cards, texts, phone calls, hospital visits, and most of all your prayers, were appreciated more than you will ever know. From the bottom of our hearts, thanks to each and everyone of you.

With our sincere thanks,  
Linda and Johnny Bradley

### THANK YOU

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How humbled I felt when you dedicated the chancel flowers to me for making the communion bread. Making the bread is a gift of love. It is a joy to be able to be so involved in sharing "the body of Christ" with you. Thank you for such an honor.  
Dianne Cothran

My sincere thanks to everyone for all the calls, cards, offers of help, prayers and concerns during the recent death of my sister, Ruby Kimbro.  
Marie Sterrett

### CIRCLE MEETINGS

**Circle 2** will meet on Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 10am

**Circle 3** will meet Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

### MEMORIALS

#### Penny Duffer

*Choir*

Nancy Parsons

#### Lee Engles

*Choir*

Mina and Dick Ring

#### Laura Hines Kaney

*Choir*

Fred and Laura Duffer

Nancy Parsons

Robert and Ann Thurman

*Preschool*

Shirley Arrendale

Peggy McMurtry

Brim and Lee Stone

#### Ruby Kimbro

*Choir*

Ann Baber

Nancy Parsons

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Save the Dates

- Wednesday, March 1**  
Ash Wednesday Service  
7pm
- Wednesday, March 8**  
Lenten Study Begins
- Friday, March 3**  
World Day of Prayer  
Noon
- June 26-30**  
Vacation Bible School

