

Beulah and Monterey eNewsletter

March, 2023



Prayer Concerns: Mary Anne Bedwell, Norma Reynolds, Mary Lou Cox, Lyla Swecker, Mike Armstrong, Barbara Hevener, Carlton Hull, Lillian and Garland Dever.

Pulpit Supply in March

Services will be held at Beulah at 9:30 am and Monterey at 11:15 am on each of the following Sundays.

We are blessed to be welcoming back to the pulpit:

March 5, 2023 – Reverend Doctor Chris Scott

March 12, 2023 – No Sunday worship service

March 19, 2023 – No Sunday worship service

March 26, 2023 – Pastor Chip Hill

MARCH CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

3/2 - Hannah Meyerhoeffer

3/7 – Jaden Cox

3/14 – Susan Swecker

315 – Charlie Straub

3/23 – David Frayer

3/24 – Mickey Fenn

3/24 – Roger Straub

3/25 – Grace Blanchard

3/26 – Miriam Helmen

3/29 – Samantha Meyerhoeffer

Anniversaries

3/25 Lorraine and Jim White

The Beulah service will be live-streamed on 3/5 and 3/26



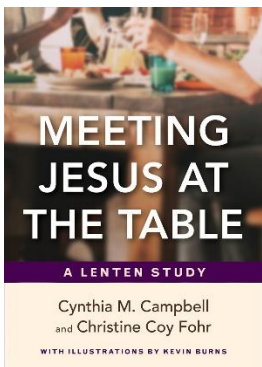
The landscaping in the front of Monterey Presbyterian was done in memory of Carl Bradley.

In September we had Dedication Sunday and following worship Donna and Mike Bedwell helped any child or adult wanting to participate in planting a daffodil.

Spring isn't officially here yet, but the daffodils poked their heads out of the ground this past week and are a beautiful reminder of a wonderful day in the life of our church.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME is right around the corner. On Sunday, March 12, clocks will spring forward one hour. If you signed up for an early shift making maple donuts, this is a reminder to go to bed an hour early so you aren't too tired.





Monterey Presbyterian is using the new book, “Meeting Jesus at the Table” as their theme during Lent.

“The Gospels are full of stories of Jesus sharing meals with disciples, friends, even tax collectors and Pharisees. Whether multiplying bread to feed a whole crowd, relaxing with his inner circle, or telling curious elites stories about even greater banquets, Jesus imparts wisdom as he shares the wine and grants forgiveness as he distributes the fish. This eight-chapter resource provides biblical insights along with thought-provoking queries regarding our own time, such as whom should we invite to Sunday dinner and who is left out and left behind in our culture today.”

We are using the weekly scripture and topic of each lesson to guide us as we share meals together, meet for Bible Study, and create mission projects. Some of the worship services also follow the same theme. All are welcome to join us for these multigenerational events.

On **Sunday, March 5**, Chris Scott will be leading worship and using Matthew 9: 9-13 and its companion lesson, “He Eats with Tax Collectors” as his theme. From 9:30 – 10:00 am breakfast will be served at Monterey Presbyterian, followed by Bible Study on the lesson or a mission project, your choice! Worship at Monterey will begin at 11:15. Chris will be leading the same worship service at Beulah at 9:30 am.

No worship services on Sunday, March 12 or March 19. Since we won’t have Sunday worship on those 2 dates MPC will have a Wednesday evening Bible Study and shared meal on **March 15** at 6:00 pm. Tacos will be served. Luke 7:36-50, “Dinner Interrupted”, will be the Bible Study lesson.

On **Sunday, March 26**, Chip Hill will lead worship at both churches. Monterey Church will also be serving communion. Luke 14: 7-14, “Making Room at the Table” will be the theme. A potluck meal will be shared after church at MPC and we will be creating Easter bags for older adults in the community after lunch. Items to be collected in March for the bags are: Word Search, Crossword and Sudoku books
Small bottles or tubes of unscented, or lightly scented hand crème
If you wish to make a financial contribution so additional items can be purchased for the Easter bags, see Betty Gail Hiner.

Each of our themes is presented in isolation, so do not feel you can’t participate if you aren’t able to do them all. We’d love to have you for any meal, study, worship service or mission project.

The only miracle Jesus performs in all four Gospels is feeding hungry people.

Jesus didn’t ask them if they could afford to buy food, he didn’t teach them to fish, or offer them ‘tough love.’

Jesus saw people in need and helped them.



SUNDAY, MARCH 5

This is a great opportunity to support youth in our church family and community, as well as listen to live music.



UPDATE on HIGHLAND FOOD PANTRY MISSION PROJECTS

Souper Bowl, our February mission project, included collecting packets of chili and spaghetti seasoning, as well as individual packs of napkins. Kate Wilke suggested the need for seasoning because herbs, seasonings and flavorings are not provided by the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank and providing them helps some folks be able to cook their meals and not depend only on processed foods.

This was a successful mission and many thanks to Bucky Reynolds who delivered the items to our local Food Pantry this past week.

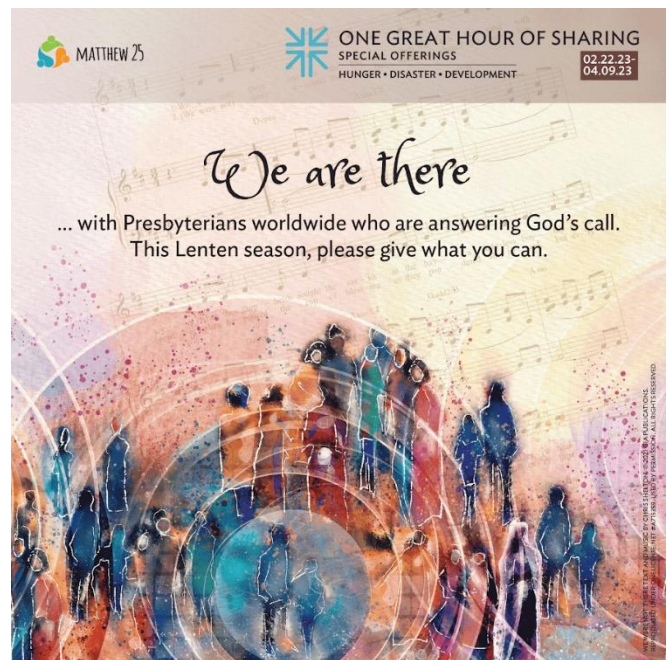
The need for paper products continues to be a need for our local Food Pantry. Paper towels, napkins, toilet paper and tissues are not provided by the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank and are needed by everyone. We will be collecting these items at both churches through Easter and Bucky will make another delivery in mid-April.

You can contribute financially through your church treasurer, or you can purchase items and leave them at the church. The collection area for Monterey Presbyterian is in the Fellowship Hall. Keep in mind that the Food Pantry can not open and distribute large packages, so if you buy a package containing 24 rolls of toilet paper, it goes to one family because the Food Pantry can not open packages and give rolls out individually. I would suggest individual rolls or packages of 2 or 4 rolls (toilet paper or paper towels).

**Every time we set a table
where all hungry hearts can eat;
every time we welcome neighbors
and we add an extra seat;
and every time we live as servants,
free to wash each other's feet,**

In our living, in our giving, we are there.

This special offering is being collected through Easter Sunday. Monies collected go to advance the causes of justice, resilience and sustainability through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program and Self-Development of People.



The Season of Lent Our Lenten activities for families and individuals are found here.

The Colors of Easter and Lent – This Sunday, March 5, is the 2nd Sunday in Lent this year. The liturgical color is purple for the 1st through the 5th Lenten Sundays. Purple reminds us of repentance and remorse during Lent. It also represents royalty, recognizing Christ as King.



I bet you have seen a purple cloth on a cross inside or outside a church before Easter. It is an interesting symbol because the cross is a symbol of death and the purple cloth celebrates life over death.

Because Lent is a somber time, it isn't colorful, except for purple. In fact, it can be dark and dreary like winter. It is often represented by textures like wood, stone, rough cloth like burlap, ashes, nails and thorns.

Our first Lenten activity at MPC was a shared meal and lesson on the “Feeding of the Multitude” from Mark 6:30-44. Many thanks to Beulah Presbyterian lay teacher, Jim Sherman, who delivered an excellent sermon based on MPC’s Lenten theme. Rev. Bill Cox, also installed our new Elders, Lorraine White, Tomi Herold and Tate Dunn during the same service.

Here are a few pictures that will hopefully entice you to join us for our next meal together.



Again this year, McDowell Presbyterian has shared their Lenten Devotional Book with Beulah and Monterey.

You will recognize many of the writers, including members of our church families. Copies are available at both of our churches.



Continue to use: <https://facebook.com/MPCandBPC> to log into the Beulah Sunday worship service at 9:30. We love to see who is worshipping with us, so be sure to say something in the “comments”.

Use our website, <https://beulahmontereypres.org/>, to find announcements, photos and general information about both churches.