

Beulah and Monterey eNewsletter

March 2024



MARCH CELEBRATIONS

Prayer Concerns: Marlene Reynolds, Barbara Hevener, Clair Myers, Bill and Mary Lou Cox, Amy Vaus, Mary Gutshall, Myra Lowry, Mike Armstrong, Andrea Lewis, Ruby Swecker, and Ray Mueller

This Sunday, March 3, Chris Scott will be leading worship at both churches.

Birthdays

3/2 - Hannah Meyerhoeffer
3/7 - Jaden Cox
3/14 - Susan Swecker
3/15 - 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



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME is right around the corner. On Sunday, March 10, clocks will spring forward one hour.

No worship service on Sunday, March 10 or March 17 at MPC. Since they won't have Sunday worship on those 2 dates, MPC will have a Wednesday evening worship service, followed by a congregational meeting and a shared meal on **March 13**, starting at 5:30 pm. Reverend Beth Pyles will be leading worship and facilitating the congregational meeting.

EASTER

Monterey Presbyterian is hosting the community sunrise service this year. It will be held at Laurel Point, home of Jim and Lorraine White. The service will begin at 7:00 am, followed by breakfast. Pastor Chip Hill will be delivering the message.

Will Cox will be leading worship at Beulah on Easter at 9:30 am. All are invited to attend.

McDowell Presbyterian also welcomes everyone to attend their Easter worship at 11:15. Communion will be served.



SUNDAY, MARCH 3 at 3:00
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

Our churches have committed to collecting paper products in 2024 for our local food pantry. Toilet paper, paper towels, napkins, and tissues are not provided by the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank and are needed by everyone. Bucky Reynolds has volunteered to deliver them to the Food Bank quarterly. His first truck load to McDowell went out the end of February.

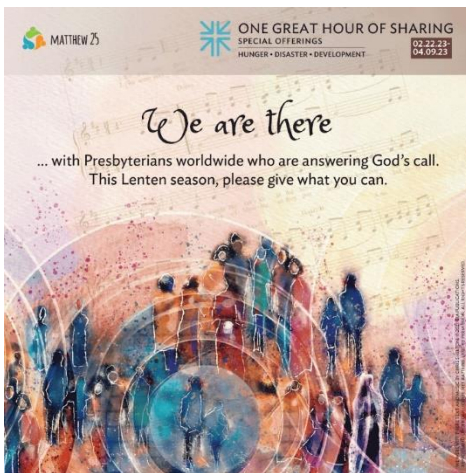
The collection spot at MPC is in the back of the sanctuary.

You can contribute financially through your church treasurer, or you can purchase items, particularly when you see them on sale, and leave them at the church. Keep in mind that the Food Pantry cannot open and distribute large packages unless the contents inside are individually wrapped.

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.



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING Offering

This special offering will be collected at MPC on Sunday, April 7. Monies collected go to advance the causes of justice, resilience and sustainability through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program and Self-Development of People.

VPAS BAGS – We will be assembling bags for Meals on Wheels recipients after church on Palm Sunday, March 24, at Monterey Presbyterian. If you would like to contribute to the contents, we need hard candies, like butterscotch or peppermint, anything chocolate, and cough drops or lozenges. If you would like to give a financial donation to purchase items for the bags, see Betty Gail Hiner. We will be making 30 bags.



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.

At the February 27 Stated Meeting, Shenandoah Presbytery celebrated its 200th meeting. To mark this milestone, mission gifts of \$200 were sent to each congregation, to be able to engage in a new mission, or expand an already existing one. We look forward to hearing the reports of this celebration endeavor in the February 2025 Presbytery meeting.

Know someone who wants to attend the Middle School Conference, but they don't have a youth group? Massanetta is staffing a group to attend Session 4 (July 16-19) of this annual conference series! Perfect for the Netta Day Camp graduate or the churches that have an awesome teenager or two in their midst but not a formal youth program. More information go to: <https://massanettasprings.org/programs/msc>, or contact Colleen Earp, Program Director, at colleen@massanettasprings.org or 540-434-3829.



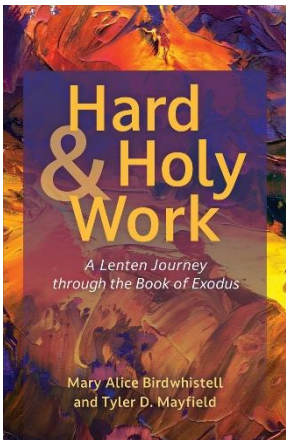
On Sunday, February 25, MPC had a surprise luncheon for Reverend Adam White and Jeannie Martinko. They were married on 12/24/2023 and the fellowship committee at Monterey planned a lovely lunch that included a beautiful wedding cake prepared by Claire Sax to celebrate their marriage.

Adam is the eldest son of Jim and Lorraine White and has been ministering to both of our churches once a month.

Congratulations to the happy couple!

Bits and Pieces

- Beulah held their annual congregational meeting on February 25
- Holmes Stephenson and Tate Dunn attended the quarterly Presbytery meeting on February 27 via zoom.
- Beulah hosted a Valentines Dinner on Saturday, February 17. Mill Gap fun was had by all!
- Hannah Meyerhoeffer was crowned Homecoming queen for the Junior class at HHS.
- Mary Anne Rogers was crowned 1st Runner-up at the 2024 Maple Queen Pageant. What a wonderful representative she will be for our county.



MPC has been doing a Bible Study during Lent, **Hard & Holy Work – A Lenten Journey** through the Book of Exodus.

We often spend so much time studying the New Testament, that we forget Jesus knew the Torah, which include Exodus. Having knowledge of Old Testament scripture can help us better understand the teachings of Jesus, who knew he was often speaking to crowds of people who were familiar with its stories.

The study not only guides us be self reflective, but to respond to issues of injustice in today's world.

We will have a group study on Tuesday, March 26 at MPC. Time to be announced. It will give us time to talk about the entire book as we go into holy week.

The Methodist Church hosted a community workshop on Sunday afternoon, February 25, where those attending learned to paint Ukrainian eggs, a traditional Easter craft.

Mary Dowdy did a great job facilitating the class and a number of folks from Monterey Presbyterian participated.

