

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**NEWSLETTER APRIL, 2018**

April 2018

Pastor's Ponderings

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Our annual Lenten journey with Jesus leads us through the passion story all the way to the tomb and beyond. What does it mean to live in a time beyond the resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ? "He is risen!" means that Christ lives and is active in our world today. Jesus is recreating God's realm right here on our earth, touching each of our lives through the presence of the Holy Spirit. My prayers for each of you is that you are taking time during this Easter season to grow stronger in your relationship with Jesus and that He will walk with you through this season in a powerful renewal of your faith.

Our worship and our six week Lenten study, *Surprised by Hope*, are helping to focus us on courageous and faith-stretching ways to experience more fully God's revelation to us all. We learned how the Gospels proclaim the coming of God's Kingdom here on earth and ways the church can work toward showing the world what God's reign means for living as God's citizens while God recreates the world for peace, justice, and mercy. We are all beginners at living our faith, but we can encourage one another if we do it together. We follow Jesus our risen King as he leads the church to serve our neighbors near and far.

Please join us for communion worship April 8th at 10:30 and the first Sunday every

month. Our April fellowship meal will be a pot luck featuring pork roast on April 15th following 10:30 a.m. worship. Come enjoy our time together and bring side dishes or desert to share. We have been exploring connections with our neighbors in ministry and can share what we are learning. Each Sunday between now and Mother's Day will feature a sermon on the first letter written to the early church by the Apostle John. 1 John teaches ways to live the authentic life as followers of Jesus our risen King. We will seek to grow a stronger personal and congregational faith through confession, obedience, sacrifice, and discernment guided by the disciple whom Jesus loved.

As Christians we believe Jesus is alive and well and at work in our world. Jesus is about bringing God's realm to its fullness one person at a time as He touches people in their daily lives. Many people have a sense that there is something God is calling them to do. It is not always clear what that call is all about at first. We can all join Jesus in the mission of reaching out to people every day with God's love. We don't have to go to the ends of the earth; we can be missionaries where we are every day at work or at play. Jesus is head of our church. We are discerning what Jesus is calling us to do. In scripture Jesus taught that the greatest commandment is to love God with all your heart mind and strength and love your neighbor as yourself. If you are looking for God at work in the lives of people around you, you will find Jesus. I would ask each of you to take time to pray for each other,

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our church, and our community. Jesus is at work in Greenfield and wants to invite us to love God and neighbors in his name. I am excited to hear what we learn from our time spent listening for God’s call on us in our community and through prayer. Come be part of our new faith adventure at Greenfield First Presbyterian. May God Bless Our Church.

Pastor Ann Noland

## Offerings

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Amount</u>
03/04	21	\$1,513.00
03/11	19	1,390.00
03/18	15	322.00
03/25	Cancelled	0
03/29	11	<u>0</u>
	Total	\$3,225.00



- 04/05 Sarah Terheide
- 04/13 Ann Noland
- 04/20 Pidge Spacey
- 04/23 Rachael Terheide

## ANNIVERSARIES

04/22 Richard & Susan Terheide



- 04/01 April Fool’s Day  
Easter Sunrise @ Riley Park 7:20am  
Breakfast @ church
- 04/15 Roast Pork pitch-in
- 04/18 Session Meeting 7pm

### 1 Kings 8:18

“Disappointments are inevitable;  
Discouragement is a choice.”

The people say, “Follow us and fit in.”  
Jesus says, “Follow me and stand out.”

Wife was working on a cross word puzzle and asked her husband, “What is a 10-letter word for someone who breaks promises?”  
The husband replied,  
“P-O-L-I-T-I-C-I-A-N.”