

# PETERSBURG PRESBYTERIAN PRESS



## SEASON OF LENT



### A MESSAGE FROM HAROLD:

We are on the threshold of Lent. If we were to sit as a group and reflect upon our memories of Lent we probably would find a very diverse experience of Lent. Some of us would say that we grew up in a church that didn't observe Lent at all. Some of us wouldn't remember more than Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday. Others might remember Ash Wednesday and, perhaps, weekly Wednesday services. People in Petersburg will remember Wednesday Lenten Luncheons.

A certain segment of our group might remember giving up something for Lent. Others would remember abstaining from eating meat on Fridays during Lent.

Part of my memories would involve the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering and its colorful collection boxes. As children, we were to put coins into that box each day as an exercise of discipline throughout Lent and to bring that box to Sunday School on Palm Sunday when they would be collected. The truth of the matter was, in the Tongen household, Palm Sunday morning would find us asking our parents for coins to fill our boxes so that they wouldn't be empty when we went to Sunday School.

Whatever our memories, we can use this Lent to remind us of a lifetime of being in the church and our struggles to engage faithfully in its calling for our lives. This Lent let us also include in our struggle to be faithful inviting someone else to join us in this adventure. Maybe we will be instrumental in enabling someone new to begin building a lifetime of memories.

### CHURCH OFFICERS:

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Class of 2019: Lila Frye, Carolyn Stevens, Larry Rodgers  
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### SCHEDULE OF LENTEN SERVICES:

**Ash Wednesday, March 6, 7:00, Service at Grace Lutheran Church.** The Rev. Harold Tongen will lead the service.

**Maundy Thursday, April 18, 7:00, Service at Petersburg Presbyterian Church.** The Rev. Ann Harrison and The Rev. Harold Tongen will lead the service.

**Good Friday, April 19, 7:00, Service at Petersburg Presbyterian Church.** The Rev. Harold Tongen will lead the service.

**Easter, April 21, 11:00, Worship Service**

### EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE:

Please express your feelings about our traditional Easter Sunrise Service and/or breakfast. Ideas, anyone?



### LENTEN LUNCHEON SCHEDULE:

**March 6** hosted by Grove Street United Methodist Church assisted by Hedrick Chapel; Speaker: Pastor Yvonne Black from Petersburg Church of God

**March 13** hosted by Petersburg Presbyterian Church assisted by Pendleton/Grant United Methodist Charge; Speaker: The Rev. Roger Harrison, retired

**March 20** hosted by Main Street United Methodist Church assisted by Sites Chapel; Speaker: Pastor Larry Hakes, Grove Street United Methodist Church

**March 27** hosted by South Branch Methodist Charge; Speaker: Pastor Bobby Brown, Hillside Chapel

**April 3** hosted by First Baptist Church of Petersburg assisted by Dorcas Baptist; Speaker: Pastor Craig Howard, Brake Church of the Brethren

**April 10** hosted by St. Mary's Catholic Church, assisted by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; Speaker: Father Josh Stevens of St. Mary's Catholic Church

**April 17** hosted by Grace Lutheran Church assisted by Brake Church of the Brethren; Speaker: Pastor James Dye associated with Brake Brethren

All luncheons begin at noon and are sponsored by Church Women United of Petersburg. Cost is \$3.00.

### PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE:



Larry Rodgers, Chair  
Josh Alexander  
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Tammy Western



### INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY:

Our church will be responsible for distributing food at the Interfaith Pantry the week of April 1. Please let Donna (304-490-8712) or Rod (304-902-0111) know your availability.

