



SteepleTalk

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Steepletalk Deadline

April 23rd

Circle Meeting

April 6th at 9:45 a.m.

Mission Co-workers

Roger & Gloria Marriott

From the Pastor...

A Day of Remembrance

Read: Exodus 12:1-14

When we think about days of remembrance, many of us think about Veterans Day, Memorial Day, Presidents' Day, or some other national holiday. So many of us today hear "9/11," and we remember where we were and what we were doing. These days of remembrance call us to rethink our lives and our priorities.

For the Israelites, the Passover became one of those days of remembrance. Once there were pharaohs who did not remember Joseph, the Israelites were enslaved in Egypt. Over the years, God had heard their cry for help and was now acting in a mighty way. Moses and his brother Aaron had appealed repeatedly to Pharaoh to let God's people go free.

It is important to note why they asked Pharaoh to let the people go free. It was so that the people could worship God. We're not sure of all the reasons the people couldn't worship God while in Egypt, but we can speculate: death threats, the lure of the Egyptian gods, and so on. Whenever we are not free to worship God, God strives to loosen the chains that bind us. This passage suggests that worship is the one crucial element for the faith community.

To end the plague narrative, we have this last saving event. The ancient cultic festival begins the urgency of the hour. The blood on the doors marks safety from the empire, and the food helps to assure that the people of Israel are truly ready to leave Egypt. The promise from God to protect, deliver, and redeem is crucial to our understanding of the Passover event.

God tells the people that after the Passover occurs, they are to remember it and celebrate it as a festival to the Lord. Centuries later, after observing the Passover meal with his disciples, Jesus will tell them to "do this in remembrance of me" (Luke 22:19). As people of faith, we may recall people and stories of the faith. We remember these stories because we will find that the people of faith who have gone before us will encourage and even challenge us on our own walk. We will find ourselves participating in the stories of old, and somehow, the stories of old will become our own stories. We will also find new meaning for our lives as we participate in the ongoing story of our own faith journey.

On Easter Sunday we will remember all that Jesus has done for us as we celebrate Holy Communion in our community of faith.

Dr. Cheetham

2010 Take Steps for Crohn's & Colitis

Saturday, May 22

4:00 p.m. at Centennial Park Bandshell

Suanne Bone would like First Presbyterian Church to organize a "Take Steps" team, similar to the FPC Sherry's Run team. "Take Steps" raises money for the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America. "Take Steps" is a casual 2-3 mile late afternoon stroll beginning at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 22 at Centennial Park in Nashville. The festivities include a kid zone, live music, food, give aways, and more. The suggested participation donation is \$25, but more or less is certainly welcome. Contact Kathy Adams to sign up as a member of the team. Donations will also be accepted to help sponsor our FPC "Take Steps" team and to support this cause.

One Great Hour of Sharing

Our gifts support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, and community development that help people find safe refuge, start new lives and work together to strengthen their families and communities.

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be received Easter Sunday.

Concerts of Hope

Concerts of Hope, Inc, a non-profit foundation, has a mission to restore dignity to persons with mental illness. Because of their passion to see people become whole and restored, Glen and Joyce Roseman founded Concerts of Hope in 2009. Concerts of Hope uses music, art, and life recovery stories to advocate and educated the public about mental illness.

Concerts of Hope is hosting a fundraiser at First Presbyterian Church Saturday, May 22. The event includes a brunch catered by Larrivieres Resturant, a creative artist gallery, personal accounts, and a guest speaker on mental health issues. The featured musician is singer/songwriter Kyrsten Paige, the Roseman's daughter. Tickets for this event are \$50.00 per person and are available at the church office.

The Rosemans will also present a program on their foundation after the Wednesday night dinner on April 28.

Weekend Backpack Program

We continue to collect donations of food for the Lebanon Special School District Weekend Backpack Program. These items will help the children of our community who do not get to eat regularly on the weekends. Bring your donations and to fellowship hall on Wednesday nights.

Talent Show

The annual talent show will take place in May. So there is plenty of time for you to consider what talent you will share with your church family this year. Sign up sheets will be posted in Fellowship Hall.

Deepest Sympathy is extended to Faye Murphy upon the death of her husband, Eugene Murphy, who died on March 27.

Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinners for April

Adults \$6.50 Children under 10 years \$3.00
Under 5 years "Free"

To make a reservation, mark the Sunday attendance card in the bulletin, visit the website, or call the church office. Reservations must made **no later than noon on Tuesday.**

Menus for April are:

April 7: Nachos Supreme (taco meat, beans, chips, cheese, sour cream, black olives, jalapenos, lettuce, tomato and salsa); Mexican rice and Dessert

April 14: Apple Baked Pork Chops; Baby Carrots, Roasted Potatoes; Salad, Bread and Dessert

April 21: Sloppy K's (our own sloppy Jo) on a Bun; Pasta Salad with Veggies, Garden Salad and Dessert

April 28: Breakfast for dinner (Sausage, Quiche, Hash Brown Casserole, Biscuits and Gravy) Dessert

Session Highlights

from the March 8, 2010 meeting

- Callie Sloan-Kyle Tuggle wedding: The couple came before Session to seek permission to have their wedding on August 7, 2010, at 5 p.m., at First Presbyterian Church. The couple requested a minister from their home church, Emmanuel Baptist Church, to perform the wedding. Session approved.
- Glen & Joyce Roseman—musical benefit: The Rosemans came before Session to seek permission to hold a musical benefit in the Fellowship Hall on the evening of May 22. The Rosemans are the corporate officers of the Concerts of Hope Foundation, a non-profit corporation located in Lebanon whose mission is to restore dignity to people with mental illness through banquets, musical concerts, seminars, and life coaching. Tickets for the benefit will be \$50 each; the event will include a catered meal, musical entertainment, and a guest speaker. Session approved.
- Treasurer Tracey Hay requested decisions on two separate items:
 1. \$20,000 to be transferred from the money market account into the operating funds.
 2. An amount to be designated as a limit to signing a check without approval of the Session. Session determined any expense of \$500, non-budgeted, come to session for approval. Session approved both requests.
- Budget, Finance & Stewardship Committee: E. Wauford reported that stock given by Mora Purnell was bringing low dividends at Suntrust Bank . With the price of a share currently valued at \$25, E. Wauford moved to sell the stock if allowed by the terms of the gift and place the money in an interest bearing account at Wilson Bank & Trust. Session approved.
- Member Care Committee: E. Hamby reported for Chair E. Boyd the schedule of Wednesday evening programs are arranged through May 19, which is the date for the church fish fry.
- 100th Anniversary Committee: E. Adams reported the committee has selected Sunday, September 19 for the commemoration with a service at 2 p.m. A lunch will precede the service and an “open house” is also planned. Becky Burris is serving as chairman of this committee.

Lectionary Readings

April	4	Acts 10: 34-43 Isaiah 65: 17-25 1 Corinthians 15: 19-26 John 20: 1-18 Luke 24: 1-12 Isaiah 25: 6-9 1 Corinthians 5: 6b-8 Luke 24: 13-49
April	11	Acts 5: 27-32 Revelation 1: 4-8 John 20: 19-31
April	18	Acts 9: 1-6 (7-20) Revelation 5: 11-14 John 21: 1-19
April	25	Acts 9: 36-43 Revelation 7: 9-17 John 10: 22-30

Session Highlights, cont.

- Christian Education Committee: Chair E. Jenkins reported a brief meeting was held. Rachel Farley will serve as the part-time youth director. Meals for the Sunday night youth meetings are arranged for the rest of March.

Teachers for the Rotation Classes and study for the next quarter are as follow:

Nancy Gebhardt—preschool
Beth Bouton—1st – 3rd grades
Rachel Farley—4th – 5th grades
Brenda Thaxton—6th grade – 10th

- Unity Plan/Conflict Management Consultants: E. Howell felt the experience of Larry Bridgesmith in conflict management and the plan he proposed would best fit our needs. This would provide a basis for the interim period and would be beneficial for the church as we move forward. E. Howell moved to negotiate a contract with Larry Bridgesmith. Session approved.
- New location for organ blower: Dr. Cheetham reported the items in the storage room above the organ have been removed to make way for the blower that is now located in the basement.

April 2010

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<p>Sunday 8:45 & 11:00 Worship 9:45 am Church School</p>	<p>Sunday Youth Fellowship 4:30 pm Activities 5:30 pm Dinner</p>			<p>1 9:00 am Preschool 6:30 pm Contemp</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>
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<p>25 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">4 Cents a Meal</div></p>	<p>26 9:00 am Sewing Group 6:00 pm Disciples</p>	<p>27 9:00 am Preschool 4:00 pm Knitting Group</p>	<p>28 5:00 Bell Choir 6:00 Dinner 7:15 Choir</p>	<p>29 9:00 am Preschool 6:30 pm Contemp</p>	<p>30</p>	