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March 31st, 2025 News & Updates



APRIL EVENTS TO TAKE NOTE OF:

One Great Hour of Sharing Campaign,
continues through Easter.
April Fool's Day - April 1st
Ladies Soup Luncheon - April 2nd
Easter flower orders due - April 6th
Passion Play - April 6th
Easter Egg Hunt - April 6th
Organ Concert - April 11th @ 7pm
National Pet Day - April 11th
Palm Sunday - April 13th
Maundy Thursday - April 17th, service
@ 7pm with Communion

Pastor's Corner



Will the weather improve? Always the question as March turns to April. But my garden at home is beginning to look promising, with early Spring flowers already blooming and later Spring flowers growing taller and reaching toward the

Good Friday - April 18th, service at 7pm
Good Friday Cross Walk - April 18th -
12-3pm
Art Sunday - April 20th
Easter - April 20th - services @ 8:15am
and 10:30am
Easter Breakfast @ 9:15am
Earth Day - April 22nd
Administrative Professional's Day - April
23rd
UCC Dollar Dinner - April 23rd
Canal Clean Sweep - April 27th

ON THE HORIZON:

Cinco De Mayo - May 5th
Ladies Soup Luncheon - May 7th
Handbell Concert - May 9th
Mother's Day Tea - May 10th
Mother's Day - May 11th
Heritage Sunday - May 18th
Art Sunday - May 18th
Memorial Day - May 26th



If you'd like to give someone a little shoutout, please let us know. This could be anything; a birthday, an anniversary, a job well done, a thank you, anything works! Please help us share the good news.

You can email us at the office:
office@1stpreslockport.com

THIS WEEK'S SHOUTOUT GOES TO:

Jackie Davis, Congratulations on your recent achievement and award and thank you for all that you do for our church!! You are truly amazing.

sky in joyous anticipation of warmer weather ahead.

I have really been enjoying our Adult Forum on Wednesday evenings and our Bible Studies on Sunday mornings.

On Wednesdays, we have participants from several other churches and diverse opinions and ideas. It is very inspiring.

On Sunday mornings, we have a close knit and caring group that gather to study God's word and pray with one another. There is always room for more! Please consider joining us.

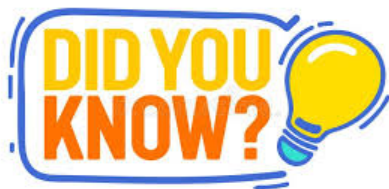
Would anyone like to join the pastor for a pint at the Lock Tender? Join the pastor for a new trial ministry "A Pint with the Pastor" on April 11, 2025 at 4:00 pm for an hour of conversation and fellowship.

Email me at
pastor@1stpreslockport.com for more

And to Jeff Seekins and the Bell Choir for the amazing job that they did on March 30th during Worship; such beautiful and moving pieces were performed.



Happy Birthday to You!
Happy Birthday to You!
Happy Birthday to those with a birthday in April. May you have a great day and a blessed year ahead!!



- *April is named after the Greek Goddess of Love, Aphrodite.
 - *April is National Poetry Month.
 - *April babies are known as "fearless risk-takers."
 - *April is known as the month of renewal and growth.
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information or to RSVP.

Also, if there is interested in re-starting "Lunch with the Pastor" please let us know!

We are in need of Liturgists, Youth Readers and Coffee Hour volunteers.

[Contact the Pastor](#)



Bible Study is in Grigg Parlor on Sunday Mornings at 9:30 am. Anyone is welcome to attend!



There is a need for several people to spend a Tuesday morning each month (about two hours), tallying the income of the week for the bank deposit. There is training available that takes only one session with the team.

It is an easy process to acclimate to and we are hoping to get 2 new teams if you can offer your time, as it takes two people to verify results. You need not sign in as a team but certainly twosomes are welcome.

Please contact the church office or Ric Addenbrooke if you have questions, thank you.



The next Ladies Soup Luncheon will be on Wednesday, April 2nd at 12:30pm in Arnold Hall.



Please remember the following in your prayers;

Darlene Baker's son,
Alan, Deb and Paul
Drinkwalter's family,
Peter and Donna
Granite, Cindy
Howard, The Howard
family, Justina Bush,
Jeff Seekins, Jerry
Rymus, Derrick
Rose, Ross Walker,
The Family of
Dorothy Craig, the
Family of Wright
Ellis, The Family of
Ken Coppings, The
The Family of Millie
Linderman, Kathy
Legters, Robin
Bonnano's parents,
Arlene Shaw,
Janice Brown, Josh
Penna, Curt Coby,
Sue Arnold's
Brother in Law, Jim,
Stephanie Brinks,
The Narehood
Family, Melissa
Penna's mom,
Barbara, Chuck
Covell, Betty
Wolcott, Barry

Easter Flowers are available to order now through April 6th - Make sure to turn in the order form to the church office. Price per plant is \$10.00.



The Passion Play

This year's play will be on Sunday, April 6th during the 10:30am Worship service.



We will be hosting our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 6th after the 10:30am Worship Service in the Courtyard.



HOLY WEEK

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Palm Sunday - April 13th - Services at 8:15am and 10:30am
Maundy Thursday w/ Communion - April 17th - 7pm Service

Hemphill, Hattons' Mom, Vince Davis, Rick Maines, Wendy's Nephew, Elaine Farnhams' granddaughter, Hannah, Myrna Addenbrooke, Mary Boyle's daughter, Kevin Wolcott, David Shambach, those who are sick and in nursing homes, those in the pathways of the recent earthquake in Myanmar, Burma, Thailand, and Syria, Palestine, Israel, Russia and Ukraine



WE NEED YOU!!

We want to see our church community grow. Consider asking a friend, family member, co-worker, neighbor, etc. to come to church with

Good Friday Cross Walk - April 18th - 12pm - 3pm

Good Friday - April 18th - 7pm Service

Easter - April 20th - Sunrise Service at 8:15am and 10:30am

Easter Breakfast - April 20th at 9:15am

***For the 8:15am service on Easter Sunday, Communion will be served. There will not be Communion served at the 10:30am service.**



The Cross Walk is back for 2025! We will be hosting this event, along with other churches in the community on Good Friday, April 18th from 12pm - 3pm. The schedule has yet to be determined, but we hope you will join us. More details coming soon.

you.



Donations for the Food Pantry are always needed & appreciated. Monetary Donations are accepted as well.

Thank you to Bob Kovacs who maintains the Food Pantry for us.

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Join us on Friday, April 11th at 7pm for a FREE Organ Concert. Richard Elliott, the Principal Organist for the Tabernacle Choir at Temple Square in Salt Lake City, UT will be here playing a variety of classical pieces. You don't want to miss this special event!!

RICHARD ELLIOTT

Richard Elliott is the Principal Organist for The Tabernacle Choir at Temple Square in Salt Lake City, Utah. For the past 34 years he has accompanied the choir on its weekly radio and TV broadcast, "Music and the Spoken Word," as well as in general conferences of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, on dozens of CDs and DVDs, and in the choir's annual Christmas concerts, which are broadcast each year on PBS. As accompanist for the Tabernacle Choir, he has performed in many of the world's most noted concert halls and appeared on numerous TV and radio programs, including the NBC "Today Show," the "CBS Morning Show," "A Prairie Home Companion," and the nationally syndicated "Pipedreams" radio program. In his work with the choir, Dr. Elliott has collaborated with many guest artists including Andrea Bocelli, the Canadian Brass, Kristin Chenoweth, Renée Fleming, Evelyn Glennie, the King's Singers, Brian Stokes Mitchell, The Piano Guys, the Sesame Street Muppets, Robert Shaw, James Taylor, and Bryn Terfel.

He also has a busy solo career, having given thousands of organ concerts on Temple Square as well as numerous performances on five continents. He appears on seven organ CDs and is a published composer and arranger of music for organ, choir, and orchestra. In June 2022, Dr. Elliott was awarded the Governor's Mansion Arts Award by Utah Governor Spencer J. Cox and First Lady Abby Cox. The annual award recognizes Utah artists who have a positive impact on the arts and their communities. A Fellow of the American Guild of Organists, Dr. Elliott has been a featured performer at national and regional conventions of the guild.

Before becoming a Tabernacle organist in 1991, Dr. Elliott was an assistant professor of organ at Brigham Young University, and for several years he served as assistant organist at the John Wanamaker Department Store (later Macy's) in center city Philadelphia, home to the world's largest fully functioning pipe organ. A native of Baltimore, Maryland, he received his early musical training at the Peabody Conservatory. He holds a Bachelor of Music degree in organ from the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia, and MM and DMA degrees from the Eastman School of Music. His organ teachers have included David Craighead, Marjorie Jovanovic, Dale Krider, William Watkins, and John Weaver.

For more information on the Tabernacle Choir at Temple Square, visit www.thetabernaclechoir.org.



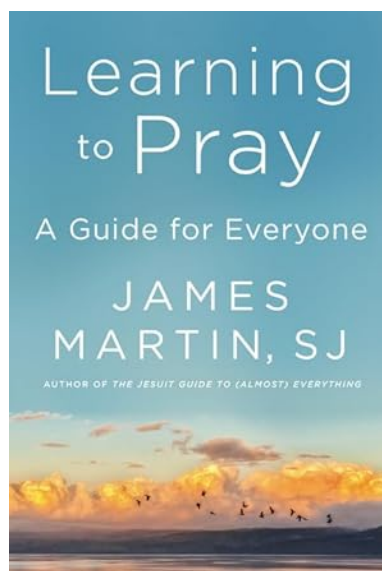
One Great Hour of Sharing

March 5 - April 20, 2025

Ending hunger, repairing after disasters, and promoting the self-development of all people.

Typically received during the season of Lent, each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. All three programs work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

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Adult Forum Book Study

January 22, 2025, through May 14, 2025. Sessions are at 7pm.

Zoom Meeting ID: 843 3958 0088

Passcode: 623884

[Join Here](#)



Did you know that we host a "Feelings Rock" class for pre-schoolers on Wednesdays at 10am with Ms. Vickie?

This is a fun, music and movement class. Participation is FREE and open to anyone with a pre-schooler; it's a great way to start the morning, come join us!

Make sure to tell a family member, friend or neighbor to come as well.

Do you have any pictures from Church events? If so, please email them to us so that we can post them to our Facebook page!! You can email them to : office@1stpreslockport.com.



Growing in Faith Together

Please consider making a gift to your church. We are still working on several capital improvements; including improving the efficiency of the HVAC system, improving electrical and lighting in the church, and other work.

You can mail a gift to the church:

First Presbyterian Church

PO Box 373
Lockport, New York 14095

You can set up a text message account with our service provider, Vanco, by texting 716-265-6713, you can Venmo using @LockportJesus, you can use PayPal at info@1stpreslockport.org, or you can follow the link above! Thank you.

Please Donate



There are many ways to donate to support those affected by Hurricane Helene. Please follow the link below to give to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Program.

Donate



The Babcock Chapel will be open for private prayer from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. There are a few chairs and a private kneeler for your private prayer. Please feel free to close the door for privacy, leaving it open when you are finished.





We need two volunteers to serve on the Board of Governors of the Kenan Center. If you are interested, please contact the church office or the pastor at: pastor@1stpreslockport.com.

The Cub Scouts meet Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. These meetings take place at the church. The Girl Scouts also meet at the church at various times. Please speak with Susan Haley if you are interested in more information.



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