

Auburn Presbyterian Church
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Auburn, IN 46706
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NEWSLETTER -- 2024

HELPING WITH OUR WORSHIP FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH:

Ushers:

3: Mark Bassett & Joe Dick
10: Doug & Barb Morrow
17: Judy Ditmars and Polly Bassett
24: Nancy Clark and Mary Wilson (Palm Sunday)
31: David & Veronique Poudrier (Easter Sunday)

Liturgist: Ross Clark

Flowers: Doug & Barb Morrow,
Peggy Jones

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S MEETING: Wednesday, March 13

PW will meet Wednesday, March 13 at 10:30 a.m. in the lounge. Pastor David will provide lessons Seven and Eight - An Ethiopian Eunuch Encounters the Good news of Jesus - Acts 8:26-40 and Lydia Encounters Jesus in Worship - Acts 16:11-15.

IMPORTANT MESSAGES FROM SESSION:

The Annual Congregational meeting of the Auburn Presbyterian Church will be held on **SUNDAY, MARCH 17th** for the purpose of receiving annual committee reports, receiving the 2024 budget, and transacting any other business that may properly come before said meeting. Please mark your calendars. The Evangelism and Fellowship committee will be providing sandwiches and soup before the annual Church meeting, following the church service.

FROM THE PASTOR:

Brothers and Sisters –

Right now we find ourselves in the middle of Lent. These 40 days are more significant for some people than they are for others. For me, this season of the church calendar has always been especially meaningful. I don't always give up or take on a spiritual practice, but I am a little more introspective during this time.

Lent stands out because of the number of special services we have. From Ash Wednesday to Good Friday, a lot of my time and energy is spent curating those services. In fact, I just finished a rough draft for the special Maundy Thursday service. I know it's a strange name and I'm usually asked at least once a year what Maundy means and why this worship is so special.

Maundy comes from the Latin *mandatum* or mandate. Maundy Thursday service revolves around a couple of scriptures in which Jesus tells his disciples to "do this". Jesus says that about foot washing – as I have done for you so you should do for one another. He also says "Do this in remembrance of me" when he celebrates the last supper. This mandate/command informs Maundy Thursday and, really, all of Lent...caring and remembering.

We particularly mark off the days of Lent on the calendar, but I hope Jesus' mandate shapes your whole life of faith. Remember Jesus and care for one another every day, not just during the season of Lent.

Shalom, Pastor David



SHROVE TUESDAY TOOK PLACE IN FELLOWSHIP HALL ON FEBRUARY 13th...

About 30 people attended and enjoyed pancakes, waffles, sausage and eggs which was prepared by the Fellowship Committee. Below are pictures from that event.

A "TOWN HALL MEETING," took place in fellowship hall on Sunday, February 18th following the worship service. The meeting was well attended and great discussions took place. One of the topics discussed was what our strengths are and how we might use those as a ministry for this church. It was suggested that it might be good to multiply our efforts by joining other congregations with their ministry work. And that led us into a discussion about "In as Much Ministries" which is held at the First Christian Church on Indiana Ave. After a good discussion we decided to commit ourselves to working with that ministry.

"In as Much Ministries"

On Sunday, March 3rd, following the worship service, please join us in fellowship hall to meet with representatives from "In As Much Ministries". We will learn from them what this ministry is all about and how our church can get involved with this ministry.

COOKING CLASSES ARE BACK!!!

Several years ago our church held cooking classes in Fellowship Hall and everyone who participated really enjoyed them. So we have decided to try it again!

Save the date for:

- **Bistro cooking** with Lori Berndt of the Olive Twist on April 11 at 6 pm

- **Pasta making** with our very own Vinnie Pietracatella on May 9th at 5:30 pm

These will be interactive classes with demonstrations by the chef and hands-on participation by all attendees. Be prepared to have FUN and enjoy amazingly delicious food together!

The cost of each class is \$40/person and includes instruction, participation and the full dinner served on site.

Sign-up sheets will be posted in the Narthex for registration. All are welcome and we will open the classes to the community. Since space for each class is limited, be sure to save your spot early!

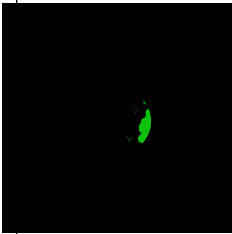
MISSION ACTION AND INTREPRETATION NEWS



Our Friends' Table volunteers work hard each week preparing and serving free meals to our community. We appreciate their time and talents they give to our church to make this important mission possible.

Friends Table will be short staffed February 26 until April 22. If you're interested in volunteering a few hours on Mondays, we would appreciate it. Starting around 10am until noon. You can contact Melinda Smith or just come in.

Imagine the joy when your gift changes someone's life – both the joy they will feel in being changed and the joy you will feel in knowing that your gift is changing lives. As Christians, we talk about God providing us with blessings of all kinds in abundance, but there are many in the world who live with less than what they need. Surely our God calls us to be sharers of abundance. You can be a channel through whom God satisfies the hungry, comforts the distressed, and brings hope to the poor and oppressed. Create more joy in the world with your generous gift to One Great Hour of Sharing. Offering Envelopes will be included in your bulletin each Sunday through the Lenten Season.



WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE NEWS

EASTER LILIES: The gift of plants for use during the Easter season is a beautiful way to remember a loved one, honor an individual or celebrate a special occasion. The church will be purchasing 12 Easter lilies again this year. To participate in purchasing a Lilly, an insert will be provided in the Sunday bulletins beginning March 10th or you may call the church office at 925-2987. The cost of the lilies will be \$10 each. Acknowledgments will be printed in the Easter Sunday bulletin. The Easter plants may be taken any time after the 10 a.m. worship service on Easter morning.



Sunday, March 24: 10:00 a.m. - **Palm Sunday** with Communion being served.

Thursday, March 28: 7:00 p.m. - **Maundy Thursday Service** in the Chapel. Communion will be served.

Friday, March 29: 6:30 p.m. - **Community Good Friday Service**

This year this service will be taking place at our Church this year. The Auburn Presbyterian Church and the First United Methodist Church will be participating in the service.

EASTER: Sunday, March 31:

8:30 a.m. - Easter morning breakfast in fellowship hall. A pancake and sausage breakfast with fruit and pastries, coffee and juice will be provided by the men of the church and the Fellowship Committee.

10:00 a.m. - Easter morning Worship Service. Communion served.