

Auburn Presbyterian Church
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APRIL NEWSLETTER -- 2024

HELPING WITH OUR WORSHIP FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH:

Ushers:

7: Jim & Julia Nixon
14: Peggy Jones & David Smith
21: Jason & Lisa Magsamen
28: Kevin & Stasia Bassett

Liturgist: Ed Benbow

Flowers: Stan Kessler, Polly Bassett
Susan Butter, Jan Nagel

COMMUNION WILL TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY, APRIL 21ST

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S MEETING: Wednesday, April 10

PW will meet Wednesday, April 10th at 10:30 a.m. in the lounge. Pastor David will provide lesson nine: People Encounter Jesus Through the Work of the Disciples - Acts 9:36-43.

Presbyterian Women, Friends' Table and the PW Funeral Dinner committee wish to THANK everyone who was called upon, for your willingness to furnish a dish when the need arises. It is so appreciated. God Bless you!

FRIENDS' TABLE...

Just a reminder that Friends' Table will be short staffed 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.

FROM THE PASTOR:

Brothers and Sisters,

I started writing a newsletter about a study I read. There was a survey that looked at the increasing number of people who are leaving the church, “disaffiliating” from religion. While that may be the case, I was going to point out something else the survey discovered. People who participated in worship did so because they felt God was particularly present when they gathered for worship. It was an interesting survey, but it didn’t inspire me with good news.

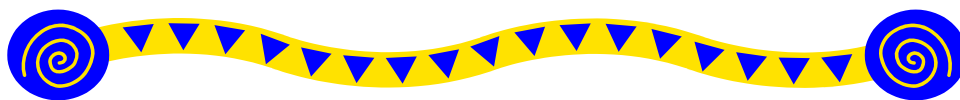
This month a tornado in Winchester, Indiana brought death and destruction to that little town. Today I was doing some Red Cross follow up and had a conversation with a couple people in Winchester. I was told how the sky darkened and filled with lightning, how the wind howled and the rain fell. When the tornado hit, one person took cover in the bathroom with her dog and came out to find the entire house destroyed – except for that bathroom, which was untouched. She even found her purse hanging on the doorknob outside.

On the surface, stories about a shrinking church and a destructive tornado don’t seem to have a lot of good news. Goodness knows you don’t need me to draw your attention to the bad and contentious things that fill our lives. But there is something else going on in both stories. There is something deeper that can only be seen by people of faith.

It’s God who strengthens the congregation to continue, to sing, pray, and gather. No matter what the world says to itself, we come together. It’s God’s spirit that enables tornado survivors to pick up and go on. Even after losing everything, these survivors take the next step. God is right there for them. In the same way, God is there for us, no matter what’s going on in our lives. This is God’s promise that’s renewed every day, a promise that we celebrate every Easter.

I think Christianity is a spring religion. It’s in the spring that we witness new life sprouting all over. We see the power of creation overcoming death and lament everywhere we look. There is new life bursting out in the church, in Winchester, and right here in Auburn Presbyterian. It may not be as we imagined or hoped for, but our assurance is that God is a part of the fermenting new life. Alleluia! Amen!

Pastor David



IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM SESSION:

The Annual Congregational meeting of the Auburn Presbyterian Church was held on SUNDAY, MARCH 17th. If you didn’t get a copy of the 2023 Annual Report you may pick one up in the church office.

During the Congregational meeting it was VOTED that Polly Bassett and Julia Nixon be appointed to the Nominating Committee for 2024. Also, during the meeting Teresa Ewing was VOTED to serve as a Deacon for the Class of 2024, which was vacant from someone that asked to be removed for health reasons.

COOKING CLASSES:

April 11, 2014 at 6 pm in Fellowship Hall
Bistro cooking with Lori Berndt of the Olive Twist

This will be an interactive class with demonstrations by the chef and hands-on participation by all attendees. Be prepared to have FUN and enjoy amazingly delicious food together! The menu theme is bistro cooking which will include:

Bread/olive oil for dipping
Twisted Deviled eggs
Strawberry Spinach salad with goat cheese and almonds with Strawberry vinaigrette
Maple Meatloaf with gouda mashed potatoes
Citrus Olive Oil and Berry Trifle

The cost of the class is \$40/person which includes instruction, participation and the full dinner served on site. **You may make your checks out to "Olive Twist"** or you may pay with cash or if you want you can go to the Olive Twist and pay by credit card, If you pay at the Olive Twist, let the church secretary know so we can keep track. Please keep in mind that it must be paid for at least the day before the class.

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!

APRIL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.....

THURSDAY EUCHRE TOURNAMENT...Change of Date in April

Thursday Night Euchre Tournament, which normally takes place on the second Thursday of the month, is being changed in April to the third **Thursday, (April 18th at 7:00 p.m.** Please mark your calendars

MARY EVELYN MOOR SCHOLARSHIP

The Christian Education Committee will be accepting applications for the **Mary Evelyn Moore Scholarship**. Applications may be picked up in the church office beginning March 24th and must be returned by Sunday, April 7th. The Mary Evelyn Moore Scholarship is available to high school seniors planning to attend college and to already-enrolled college students (excluding previous recipients). If you have questions, please call the church office.

SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION AND SENIOR RECOGNITION - APRIL 28TH

This year the Mary Evelyn Moor Scholarship will be presented on Sunday, April 28th during the worship service. Also, on the same day our seniors and their families will be given a brunch in Fellowship Hall immediately following the worship service. Our two seniors this year are Aidan Smith and Josey Refner.