

handbells after the service today if you're curious, or come to a rehearsal on Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. (bells) or 7:00 p.m. (choir). Park in the back lot and text Lisa at 907-297-8917 since the doors are kept locked.

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE AT IMMANUEL

Immanuel will be hosting our annual Maundy Thursday potluck and worship service at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 17. First Presbyterian friends are warmly invited to join us! We will begin with a potluck dinner, then move into a time of worship around the dinner tables, including sharing the Lord's Supper. It is a kid-friendly and interactive service, so please bring the entire family! All are welcome as we gather to celebrate and remember Jesus' last night with his disciples and the final hours before his death. If you are able, please bring a dish to share for dinner.

CALENDAR

Sunday, March 30

9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School Class – Bread of Life
11:00 a.m. Worship and Faith Formation for Children

Monday, March 31

5:00 p.m. Emergency Cold Weather Shelter

Tuesday, April 1

5:30 p.m. Worship Committee meeting

Wednesday, April 2

6:00 p.m. Handbells
7:00 p.m. Choir

Thursday, April 3

10:00 a.m. Pioneer Home service

Sunday, April 6

9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School Class – Bread of Life
11:00 am Worship and Faith Formation for Children

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Announcements March 30, 2025

FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN will meet following the “Time with Children” today. Parents can pick up their children in the Faith Formation classroom.

The **CHILDCARE CENTER** is open today. Children five and under are welcome to go to the childcare center during the worship service. Parents need to take their children down so you can sign them in with our childcare providers. You can watch the service with your cell phone in the childcare room if you want to stay with your children.

JOIN US TODAY FOR:

9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School Class – Bread of Life
11:00 a.m. Worship and Faith Formation for Children

TODAY IS F.I.S.H. SUNDAY

Forgot to bring your pasta today for our monthly goal of collecting 100 pounds of pasta to donate to F.I.S.H.? No problem. We have pasta available for you to buy today. Stop by the F.I.S.H. cart in the lobby and pick up 8 pounds for \$10. The children bagged 200 pounds of rice earlier this month with the children from Immanuel so will not be doing the monthly service project today.

CHECK OUT THE LENT RESOURCES

Stop by the Lenten Resource table and find a resource that will help you in honoring this lent season. The table includes resources to help in developing spiritual practice and in giving of yourself through service and other ways this lent. Please fill out the purple “Giving of Yourself” card if you are interested in any of the service opportunities and you will be connected with other from the church who are also interested.

NOURISH YOUR SOUL WITH THE “BREAD OF LIFE” DEVOTIONAL

- Attend the 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School Class
- Use the devotional for personal or family devotions

JOIN US ON PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 13

Plan to be a part of an interactive experience on Palm Sunday during the worship service and in Fellowship Hall. We will remember the last week of Jesus' life together through interactive worship experiences and multi-sensory stations in Fellowship Hall. Opportunities to Love God and Love neighbor will include on-site service opportunities for you and your family.

JOIN OTHER YOUTH AT THE 2025 YOUTH TRIENNIAL

What: Presbyterian Church Conference for Youth and Young Adults

Who: Youth in 8th – 12th grade and young adults

When: July 28 - 31 with a pre-retreat for Yukon Presbytery
July 25 - 27

Where: Louisville, KY

Youth from First Presbyterian Church will go with other youth from our Yukon Presbytery.

Contact Danna Larson (dllsitka@gmail.com) for registration information.

MERRY MAKERS

The Merry Makers knitters and sewists at FPC are looking for others to join our group. We have some small projects to make and would love to include all who could help with our next Christmas sale. Please contact Susan Schnering, 907-231-9030 or by email sschnering@aol.com.

EMERGENCY COLD WEATHER SHELTER UPDATE

Volunteer at the ECWS one Monday night during Lent!

Volunteer opportunities include:

- Evening Meal: Providing an evening meal for the eight families at the shelter
- Evening Hospitality: Help with a two-hour shift sharing hospitality; playing games with the children and parents; creating a safe and welcoming presence (5:00 – 9:00 p.m.)
- Overnight Hospitality: Working with two other volunteers to provide a safe place while families are sleeping; each volunteer is awake for a 3-hour shift. (10:00 p.m. – 7:00 a.m.)

Contact Lorissa Jackson, Marcus Geist, or Danna Larson to volunteer.

REGISTER AND SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER FOR VBS and J.O.Y. CAMP

All children ages 4 years through 6th grade are invited to join us for “**Road Trip: On the Way with God!**” The week will include exciting music, amazing science, creative crafts, fun recreation and memorable Bible stories

that will show children that God is with them all the time! Each afternoon children are welcome to stay for J.O.Y. Camp to support families needing an all-day experience. Arrangements can be made for an early drop off or later pick up each day to accommodate working parents.

When: June 2 - 6

VBS: 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

J.O.Y. Camp: 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. (no J.O.Y. Camp on Friday)

Who: Ages 4 years through 6th grade

Volunteers are needed for VBS, both youth and adults.

Pick up a registration or volunteer form on the VBS display table or go the FPC website and download the fillable forms.

Contact Larry Micheal or Danna Larson for information.

COOKIE DONATIONS NEEDED!

Thank you to all our cookie bakers and buyers! We have enjoyed your donations! Now the supply is running low again.

LET US CONSIDER HOW WE MAY SPUR ONE ANOTHER ON TO LOVE AND GOOD DEEDS . . .

The Christian Ed committee has provided many encouraging ideas to develop spiritual practices during this season of Lent, some personal, and some forms of active service. As a way of celebrating together our ability to serve and give, and as a way to encourage one another, that all of us, of any age, any talent, or any ability can serve our local community in love, we are asking you to share photos of your acts of service. Please be mindful about privacy of those we serve in your photographs. Send your photos to lorissatxjacksons@gmail.com, and we will work to share your photos in meaningful ways via the slideshow in the narthex and/or our website.

FOOD BANK SENIOR BOX BUILD

Our FPC group volunteer team reserved 8 slots for Wednesday, April 16, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. for the Senior Box Build. If this is your first time volunteering at Food Bank, you will need to complete a profile as part of getting registered as a volunteer. Please contact Rich Jackson with any questions at 907-727-9217 (cell/text) or via email at rjackson6098@gmail.com.

INVITATION TO JOIN HANDBELLS OR CHOIR

The Handbells and Choir are always seeking new ringers and singers! If you love music and friendly people, we hope you will join us. Check out the