

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holy Week Services

Please join in Holy Week worship services (in person and streamed) including communion on Maundy Thursday (April 6 @ 7 pm), Tenebrae on Good Friday (April 7 @ 7 pm), and Easter Sunday (April 9 @ 10:30 am) as we commemorate Christ's last supper, passion, and joyous resurrection.

Easter Lilies

Easter lilies adorn our sanctuary and are hand delivered to homebound or ill church members to brighten their Easter holidays. You can help offset the cost by donating **\$18** in memory of or in honor of a loved one. Order online by clicking the **"Order Lilies" button on the front page of our website** or by clicking the link in this week's e-blast. If you need assistance ordering online, please call Sheila or e-mail the office. Please order your lilies by **Today**.

Easter Vigil; a recital of the Gospel of John

We invite you to participate in a contemplative recitation of the Gospel of John on **Saturday, April 8 from 8pm - 9pm in the Chapel**. Participants will take turns reading aloud. If you're interested in attending, please contact Pete Vanden Bosch. (petevandenbosch@gmail.com, 503-440-7886)

Palm Sunday Brunch @ Menucha

Today after worship the Palm Sunday brunch will be held at Menucha, for those who have previously signed up and have purchased a ticket. We look forward to this yearly event and hope you can join us for events over the summer as well.

Observe Lent with One Great Hour of Sharing

Today we dedicate our One Great Hour of Sharing offerings. OGHs provides relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed here at home and around the globe. You may give by placing your offering in the offering plate as you depart the sanctuary, or online on the church website. Thank you for taking part in this effort to care for those in need across the world!

"Beautiful Words: Reconnection" April 2-May 28

Join the artists **following worship this morning** for the Opening Reception of the first post-pandemic exhibition for this group. This exhibit will feature calligraphy that explores the beauty of writing and design, and empowers calligraphers to write words that are personally meaningful. The artists all members of the Portland Society for Calligraphy, are celebrating their reconnection with each other through this exhibition.

Women's Book Club

We invite you to join us on **this Tuesday, April 4th, at noon** in The Heritage Room (#207) or via Zoom to discuss the book "A Road Called Down on Both Sides: Growing up in Ethiopia and America" a memoir by Caroline Kurtz. Caroline, an Oregonian and child of Presbyterian Missionaries from the 50s, joins us to discuss her book. Join us at 11:30 am and bring a brown bag lunch. Beverages will be provided before the meeting.

Easter Egg Hunt

We look forward to welcoming children of all ages to our annual Easter Egg hunt that will take place immediately following the Easter service next week. The hunt will begin around 11:30 am in the plaza garden outside the sanctuary (located above the parking garage). Please bring a basket for collecting eggs (though we will have extra on hand if you forget). **This event is free and there will be snacks & fun for all ages!** If you have any questions, please reach out to Pastor Carmen at cgoetschius@firstpresportland.org

Soft Goods & Books!

Running from **now until April 30th**, the youth will not only be collecting soft goods, but books as well. This drive goes to support their mission trip to the Philippines. Both the soft goods and books go to a local thrift store, and the youth raise money per pound of items! So bring us those big books and old clunky shoes and more. **All items can be dropped off in Geneva Hall.**

CAN you Help?

With the rising cost of food and cuts made to SNAP benefits, our emergency food closet is being hit hard. For the next month we are collecting food staples: **peanut butter, tuna, canned fruit, canned soups**. As our space is limited, we are **ONLY collecting the above items**.

Please drop donations in the large Red bin in Geneva Hall or by the church office.

Flowering the Easter Cross

On Easter Sunday we invite everyone to participate in our tradition of 'flowering the cross' just prior to worship. Bring a flower with you (or some will be available here) and attach it to the cross at the front of the sanctuary. Together we will transform the cross from a bleak symbol of death to a beautiful Easter celebration of new life through Jesus' resurrection.