



# e-News

April 11, 2018

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## The Week Ahead



**NEW EASTER SEASON SERIES:  
COME WORSHIP, JESUS IS RISEN!**  
“Relational Reach and Resiliency” Sermon Series

In April and May we will think about the quality of our relationships. What is your relational reach? How resilient are your relationships? We will consider what we can do to strengthen our relational reach and resiliency.

- April 15- “Relationships Matter” — Mark 12:28-34
- April 22- “Reconciliation with God: Our relationship with the Lord” — II Corinthians 5:14-21
- April 29- “Relationships With Each Other: Forbearance and Forgiveness” — Colossians 3:1-17
- May 6- “Relationships with Each Other: Sharing Life and Training Up” — II Timothy 2:1-13
- May 13- “Relationships In the Community and World: We Are Sent” — Romans 12

**3rd Sunday of Easter, April 15:** This Sunday we continue the “Relational Reach and Resiliency” Sermon Series. I will be preaching on “Relationships Matter” from Mark 12:28-34. Christianity is all about relationships: our relationship with God, our relationships with our neighbors, and others. Come think about your influence of love in your world.

**Music this Sunday:**

- 9:00 a.m. — Chancel Choir
- 10:30 a.m. — The Enlivened Band

**\*\*\*Upcoming Council/Committee Meetings:**

- Church Growth Council—April 11, 3:30 p.m.
- Executive Com.—April 12, 6 p.m.
- Session—April 12, 7 p.m.
- Human Resources—April 18, 8 a.m.

**\*\*\*Fellowship/Bible Studies/Small Groups:**

- Thurs. A.M. Circle—April 12, 9:15 a.m.
- Mary Circle—April 12, 12 noon
- Dinner Out—April 17, 6 p.m. at Fox’s Restaurant, 14206 S. Route 30, Plainfield
- Praise Yoga—Tuesdays at 7 p.m. & Thursdays at 8 a.m. in the Narthex
- Centering Prayer—Tuesdays at 1 p.m. in Room 217
- Mindfulness Practice—Wednesdays at 1 p.m. in the Narthex
- Saturday Morning Men’s Bible Study—Saturdays at 7 a.m. in the Fireside Room
- Lunch Bunch Adult Discussion Group—Tuesdays at 12 noon in Room 210 (Bring your lunch!)
- Men’s and Women’s Discussion Groups do not meet tonight, April 11. It’s our Pinewood Derby, so come on out and enjoy the races!

**Volunteers this Sunday, April 15, 2018**

<u>9:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
<b><u>Children’s Worship &amp; Holy Hunters:</u></b>	
Megan Pritz	Kyla Fris
<b><u>Greeters:</u></b>	
Betsey O’Mara & Kim Belfield	Jan Gehrig
<b><u>Acolytes:</u></b>	
Cameron Paul	Kellen House
<b><u>Ushers:</u></b>	
Marion Somers, Capt.;	Ed Schultz, Capt.;
Mark Dykema	Jen Beck
Allan Somers	
<b><u>Coffee Fellowship:</u></b> Barb Rodgers, Capt.; Sue Fordyce, Estella Jurkovich	
<b><u>Sound Room:</u></b> Cliff Stepina	
<b><u>Video Screens:</u></b> Matt Blaser	

THE PASTOR'S CORNER... Craig Herr, Senior Pastor

**Sunday Worship.** We continue to rejoice in the Resurrection of Jesus in this Easter Season. The Chancel Choir is back in worship this Sunday at the 9:00 a.m. service. We have a guest Worship Band at the 10:30 a.m. service, The Enlivened Band. The Enlivened Band, led by Danny Tracy, is made up of students who are from The Center. They played in February at the Saturday evening concert before Water Within played.

**Jim Mullins' Last Sunday.** Jim and Carol Mullins are leaving the area and moving to St. Louis. Jim's last Sunday is April 29th. We shall miss Jim and Carol very much as they move and make a new home in St. Louis. Please express your appreciation to Jim throughout April. Jim has served in the life and ministry of our church for 12 and half years. We will say thanks at a special goodbye to Jim and Carol on his last Sunday, April 29.

**The Children's Choir was wonderful last Sunday.** Kristina Wilson directed and led the children in presenting the "Plane Ol' Mission Trip" Musical. If you were not here, I would recommend getting the recording to see and hear their awesome message.

**The "Legacy of Love" Stewardship Campaign.** Please bring your pledge card to worship on Sunday or mail your pledge card to the office. We are finishing our "Legacy of Love" Stewardship Campaign. "God is love" and wants his Church to live in love and extend the love of Christ Jesus into the world and to all people. When we give, we make it possible for the church to reach others in ministry and in mission.

**Craft & Vendor Fair is this Saturday, April 14, at First Pres. from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.** There are 35 crafters and vendors coming to the Fair and there will be door prizes and drawings. There's lunch and snacks as well, available for purchase and a \$1 donation at the door. Monies raised from these items will support our Feed My Starving Children MobilePack in November. Come shop and bring your friends for a great time.

In Christ,



**KIDS**

Mid-Week Family Night! See below.  
The Pinewood Derby is TONIGHT!

**YOUTH**

Sundays

6 to 7:30 p.m.—Jr./Sr. High Youth Group

Wednesdays

5:30 p.m.—Family Mid-week Dinner

6:30 p.m.—Youth Bible Study

Confirmation—Wednesdays

Come for dinner at 5:30 p.m.

Class starts at 7:20 p.m.

**FAMILIES**

Each Wednesday we have a time for us to be together as a church family, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. with lots of options:

5:30 p.m.—Dinner for everyone

6:30 p.m.—Supervised homework time/games for kids

— Youth Bible Study

—Men's Discussion Group

Women's Discussion Group

**Our Church Family**

Known to be in the hospital: No one.

Congratulations to Jeremy and Sarah (Bornhofen) Orr on the birth of a son, William James, on February 14th.

Our sympathies are extended to Donna Hudak and family, on the passing of her brother, August A. (Bud) Bocker into life eternal on April 2nd;

and to Bob Cottingham and family, on the passing of his mother, Susan Pettigrew, into life eternal on March 29th.

**Mission**

**Mission for the Homeless**—Check out the list in the narthex for items to bring—easy open canned goods, warm socks, scarves, mittens, gloves, toiletries, etc. We'll be packing items for the Homeless on Sunday, April 22nd, as that is the fourth Sunday of the month. Call Linda Zoellick at 520-400-8396, with questions or if you can help.

**Ministry of Music—Summer Music Sign-up.**

Sign up to share your musical talents with your church family during the summer months.

Open dates are:

June 17, 24

August 5, 12, 19

Call the office to confirm your date!

**April 8, 2018**  
Worship Attendance — 221

**Stewardship Report**  
2018-2019 Budget: \$ 804,000

**Year to Date Receipts** \$39,824  
**Year to Date Expenses** \$17,933

One Great Hour of Sharing — \$705  
2018-2019 Bequest/Gift Income Received — \$ -0-

Please call Tracy Norris if you wish to use electronic giving through your bank. We also have online giving in