


Week of March 26, 2023



From Woody: . Yesterday's service reminded me how welcoming we try to be as a congregation. The gentleman who asked me during the offering if he could speak about his father, who had just died, appeared to feel welcomed in our congregation, and so, wanted to express a few words about his Dad. I think that all of you wonderful people who comprise our church family made that possible by creating a supportive and welcoming spirit in our church. That is important and certainly is what Jesus wants us to

do. A church is not the preacher but the spirit of love that is present. Thanks to all of you, that man felt comfortable enough to share his feelings. We have had several other people in recent weeks who also have commented on feeling welcomed and appreciated. So thank you all. We also receive similar on-line comments during the service. We live in a time when trust is a rare commodity as people are sometimes feeling isolated, all alone in a scary time in our country. When we welcome new faces and try to make them feel included in our worship together, we are doing the work of Christ. Our music is always special and while the minister tells bad jokes, you all create a special experience by being warm and welcoming to those who come for the first time as well as our on-line congregation. When I looked at the service last night we had over 212 online viewers. Thank you all.



 SPECIAL OFFERINGS **One Great Hour of Sharing** offering will be taken Sunday, April 2—Palm Sunday. Your generous gift supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.



Help decorate the church for Easter: For those who would like to support Easter flowers for the Sanctuary, please let Ellen Anderson* know. Tell her how many plants you want to support (\$10/plant). And then pay by putting your payment in the collection plate at church, labeled for fowers, or by mailing a check to the church. Alternatiively, there is a sing-up sheet at church in the hallway. After Easter, your can take your plants(s) home to enjoy. Thank you!



Holy Week Schedule:

Sunday, April 2, 10 am—Palm Sunday Worship

Thursday, April 6, 7 pm—Maundy Thursday Communion

Easter Sunday, April 9

7 am Early service at Blue Heron Farm, 266 Saunders Hill Road, New Boston

8-9 am Breakfast in the Dignard Room

10 am Easter Worship Service



Outside Cleanup Day is Saturday, April 15th from 9:00-11:00 am. Please bring rakes,, brooms, leaf blowers, or any other tools you think might be helpful.



Duck Race: We have received notice that Carly Hippert and her team, who have been running the Clifford Nyquist Duck Race in recent years, can't do this year's race. It is a great community event and also raises money for both our church and the Clifford Nyquist Fund. The fund has been revamped so it can be used for college scholarships and other appropriate needs. If you can help with this year's event, please let session members know.



Church Directory: Is now available. For friends and members of the Community Church. Its purpose is to enable and enhance communication within the congregation. If you would like one, would like to be included or excluded, contact Barbara Woodland at barbarawoodland@comcast.net or 603-487-3643 and she will make sure it is taken care of.



Peace Quote: . Make peace with people and quarrel with your sins....*Russian proverb*