

HOLMES HERALD

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Please join us on
Sunday mornings for...

March 2022



Adult Sunday School : 9:15 AM

Children's Sunday School: 10:30 AM

Traditional worship service: 10:30 AM



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

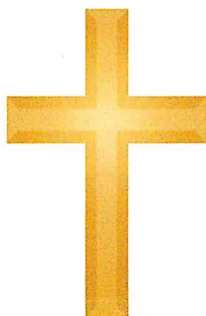
You, your family and friends are invited and encouraged to attend our Holy Week and Easter worship celebrations.

This year, we will be having a Maundy Thursday pot luck supper on April 14th in the social hall; participants are asked to bring a simple pot luck item to share that serves 6-8 people, plus your own tableware. A sign up sheet will be in the narthex. At 7:30pm there will be a church service in the social hall, with communion.

On *Good Friday*, April 15th, we will have our traditional worship at 1:00 PM. This is a solemn and reflective worship.

On *Easter morning*, April 17th, we will celebrate Jesus' resurrection with worship at 10:30 AM.

Please use some of the precious gift of "time", given to you by God, to deepen your personal faith and to thank God for the blessing and sacrifice of his son, Jesus Christ.



"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life." John 3:16



A message from Elder Angelo LoCastro

"Noah"

Last month I was watching the science channel and they had a show about Noah's ark. A devout Christian was taking a group of engineers to an area in Turkey to study a boat shaped crater in an area about 30 miles from Mount Ararat. The Turkish government has a visitor's center there because it is a very remote and desolate area. The center provided a cool environment, water and bathroom facilities, The Turkish government will not allow any digging at the site so these engineers were using ground penetrating radar to look for old timbers that would be used in the construction of the ark.

The crater is roughly the 300 by 50-cubit size that is mentioned in the bible so our Christian guide was very excited, thinking this could be the actual ark. The program gave the view of some geologists who believe that the boat shaped crater was a perfectly natural object created by an ancient mud flow.

The show bounces to various skeptics, scientists and historians who said the building of the ark is one enormous problem, but even if that massive construction project was possible how did he gather, and care for all those animals. Lions and deer don't exactly get along, so without divine intervention how was that possible. Just taking care of the dung would take an army, and feeding them for 110 days, holy cow.

At the end of the show the radar did show some promising signs of intersecting lines that could be timbers but the show ended there.

I was mildly disappointed at the ending, but if someone had found absolute proof of the ark it probably would be all over the internet and I didn't see that, so my disappointment didn't last long.

I admit I didn't give Noah and his voyage very much thought throughout my life. The last time I even used his name was when my son was small and my wife and I bought him a bathtub playset that included Noah, his wife who I jokingly called Yesah, his family, an assortment of animals, and of course the ark.

For some reason the story of Noah has been in my mind; I reflected about it and to me it doesn't matter if it is just a story or it actually happened; it is the lesson that is important. Noah was faithful to God and was a good person, God gave him guidance to save himself and his family. A devastating flood took away the world and God protected him, gave him the tools he needed and a chance to restart. This happens to human beings all the time, Floods, fire, sickness, destruction, death. This story is relevant to our lives today.

Looking back, my wife and I have had metaphorical floods happen to us over the years with health and job issues. We have been faithful to God and he gave us the tools to restart. I am very thankful to God for His guidance and assistance.

This story can relate to all of us in many situations. What we are going through at Holmes church is another example: The flood was the division in our membership concerning the change in leadership. This takes some time to find a new beginning for us. We are now seeing the waters recede and we are heading for land, a new start, like Noah.



IT'S TIME FOR **SPRING FLING!**

WHEN: Saturday, April 30th

(RAINDATE: SAT. May 7th)

TIME: 9am-2pm

Join us for a very spirited Saturday, as we take our Compassion Sale to a new level. We will continue to grow our commitment to the program by selling flowers, garden flags, baked goods and lunch items; plus, we will be offering a few other opportunities for fun, fellowship and service. Some of our favorite vendors will be here with mother's day gifts, end of year thank yous, the "perfect" wedding or new home gifts, and "treat yourself" items. You are encouraged to snag a table and share your own treasures at our yard sale corner. (See Suzi for details). Support our youth fellowship program with whatever they come up with to offer.... it is sure to be something fun!!!! Kids can choose from a variety of crafts to try and we'll have stories and entertainment throughout the day.

HEY KIDS!

We're not trying to rush the seasons, but thought you'd like to know that we have our thinking caps on and are already planning some great things for this summer. Keep your eyes open as more details emerge, for now, here's a little preview of what is in the works:

JUNE- **RAINBOW CONNECTION** is returning for kids in kindergarten thru second grade. This mini camp (4 days) introduces the world of the arts thru a variety of workshops. Dates coming soon.

JULY-Something is taking shapebut we're not telling til it's ready!

AUGUST- **KIDS STUFF** is back, now celebrating our 30th summer! For those in 3rd thru 8th grade, this camp is filled with creativity, discovery and all of the magic of the performing arts! We'll spend 8 days together, culminating in a unique and special performance created especially for our campers. Dates coming soon.



Birthdays and Anniversaries in March:

Happy Birthday to....

6 Sandy Levine
9 Conner McCullough

Happy Anniversary to...

15 Julie & Kevin Reeder



Daylight Saving Time Begins

Spring Daylight Saving Time begins on March 13th. The spring time change means that we lose an hour of sleep because we turn our clocks forward an hour at bedtime on Saturday night. We want you in worship on time on March 13th, so make sure your clocks are changed when you retire on Saturday, March 12th.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing support ministries of disaster relief, refugee resettlement, and urban and rural community development throughout the United States and the world. These gifts support:

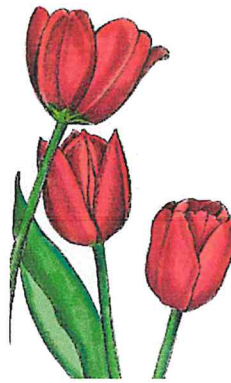
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance,
Self-Development of People, and
The Presbyterian Hunger Program.

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be collected on Palm Sunday, April 10th.



Please make a note of this new
phone number for Elaine
VanGeyten:
484-836-7983

FLOWERS FOR EASTER SUNDAY



If you would like to order chancel flowers for Easter Sunday, April 17th, please complete the tear-off below and send it along with payment to the church. *Orders without payment will not be accepted. Please contact

Debbie Oliver if you have any questions.

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
"HOLMES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH"

***Due to limited quantities from the greenhouse,
the ordering deadline is Sunday March 11th.***



EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM

Lillies \$8.00/ea. _____

Tulips: \$8.00/ea. _____ Yellow _____ Purple
_____ Red _____ White _____ Pink

Hyacinths: \$8.00/ea.

_____ Pink _____ Blue _____ White

NAME _____

In Memory of:

In Memory of:

In Honor of:

In Honor of:



The Elders would like you to save the following dates for upcoming events at Holmes

Church:

March 6: Communion

March 19th: Soup Luncheon

March 26th: Holmes Youth Group Coffee House

April 9th: Easter Egg Hunt

April 14th: Maundy Thursday Pot Luck Dinner and Communion Service

April 15th: Good Friday Service

April 17th: Easter

April 24th: Compassion Sunday

April 30th: Compassion Sale/Spring Fling

*May 7th: Compassion Sale/Spring Fling Rain Date

June 5th: Youth Sunday and Fellowship Hour

As these events draw closer, please look to the weekly bulletin as more specific details/information will be available.



Cereal Collection

The Holmes Youth Group will be collecting cereal again until the

Compassion Sale. Due to the generosity of our church, we collected over 125 boxes at Fall Fest and we would love to collect the same amount and even surpass that number this Spring.

In addition, Kay Caruso said that Loaves and Fishes is in dire need of baby items: Baby wipes, diapers, formula. We will also be collecting these items along with the cereal to help our needy families in our community.

Easter Egg Hunt



Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Saturday, April 9th at 11:30 am on the Holmes

Church campus. The Easter Bunny will be making a visit too! If it rains, we will have an Easter Egg Drive By! We will bring the eggs to cars starting at 11:30am. Please note, first come, first serve.. If you would like to donate to this event, we are collecting individually wrapped candy (no peanut content). A basket will be placed in the narthex for candy donations. If you would like to financially support this outreach project instead, please send all financial gifts (marked Easter Project) to the office. Please tell your friends and neighbors about this event. If you have any questions, please contact Elaine VanGeyten or Becky Kalbach.

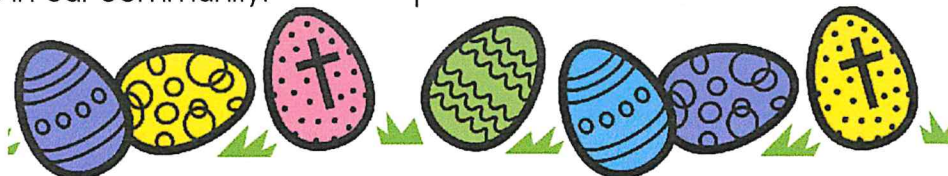
Bold Discipleship

The next Bold Discipleship meeting and service led by Paul LoCastro will take place on March 24th.

Our stain remover

From sanitizers and soaps to solutions and sprays, many products promise to eliminate germs and grime. Unfortunately, they often fall short. Just think how many items in your closet or kitchen have been ruined by stubborn stains.

What if we were that concerned about ridding our lives and hearts of sin? What if we spent as much time confessing and repenting as scrubbing and laundering? The good news is that with one "application" (the cross), Jesus makes us "whiter than snow" (Psalm 51:7). Praise be to our unblemished Lamb, the perfect stain remover!



YOUTH NEWS

We are so happy to have new faces joining the Holmes Youth Group!

March will be coming in like a lion for us, as the Youth Group will be very busy. We have been discussing Love and Friendship, and how Bible stories of great friends like David and Jonathan are examples to how we are to care for and rely on each other. We also painted a second round of impressions of Bible verses, this time on the theme of friendship. These paintings are on display in the Christian Ed hallway. We have our Soup Luncheon Fundraiser on March 19th, and our music-themed Coffee House on March 26th, which we are very much looking forward to hosting. More on that event as the time approaches.

As we mentioned, we are very encouraged to be able to welcome new members to the group. We have been concerned about the lack of young people being comfortable enough to venture out into new surroundings since the advent of the Covid pandemic, and our group has suffered in new joiners as a result. Hopefully the worst is well-behind us, and we can soon return to scheduling our much-anticipated special events to encourage our newest members to stay on board with us for the long haul. As always, we need your prayers and continued support for this very important ministry, now more than ever.

In Christ,

Mark and Becky



Youth Group Coffee House

On Saturday, March 26th, 2022, the youth group will be hosting a musical coffee house with dessert from 7 pm to 9 pm. Dessert will be served at intermission.

The youth group members will be singing a variety of musical selections. Those of you who are familiar with our youth group, particularly their singing in our church services, know just how special and talented these kids are. We hope you will be able to join us! Tickets are \$10.00. It is an evening you don't want to miss!



Youth Group Soup Luncheon

On Saturday, March 19th, the Holmes Youth Group will be holding its annual Soup Luncheon. If you would like to order soup, the soup choices so far are: Potato, Chicken Noodle, French Onion, Tomato Bisque, and Chili. If you would like to join us on March 19th for soup, the cost is \$8.00 for a bowl of soup, with beverage, roll, and dessert. Soups may be preordered by using the bulletin inserts or contacting Becky Kalbach.





March



Holmes Presbyterian Church

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