

THE PRESBYTERIAN POST

Pastor Bruce McBurney

Save the date:

In-person Worship -

Lingle, 9:30 a.m.

Torrington, 11 a.m.

Torrington Session

Royden James, 2022

Diane Nye, 2022

Jane Iddings, 2024

Ellen Preston, 2024

Lingle Session

Don Aippersach, 2022

Ann Rose, 2022

Ryan Yung, 2023

Craig Fullmer, 2023

Steve Ransom, 2024

Mary Harshberger, 2024

Aaron Bahmer, 2024



Scout Sunday

On February 6th we observed Scout Sunday and were joined by as many scouts as could attend worship in Torrington. They had put together a video that showed them presenting the colors (flags) and reciting their oaths and pledges. It was good having them in worship as a reminder that there are plenty of children around who could benefit from our listening skills and our experiences. Thank you Scoutmaster Howard Sinclair for your steadfast faithfulness and undying loyalty. Keep up the good work Scouts!

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Rummage Sale

April 1-2 Torrington

Please bring items for our Presbyterian Women Rummage Sale. Many thanks to Linda Farrier, who is organizing it this year. This is the major fundraiser each year for Presbyterian Women, so your donations of gently used items and support by shopping that weekend help us to do our work in the community and around the world. Please deposit items in the closet under the stairs. Thank you!

Presbyterian Women

Next CT meeting is March 10 at 3 p.m. and the Meeting is at 3 p.m. on March 17. The Lesson will be #6. Join us in worship March 6 as we observe Gifts of Women Sunday and honor our Lifetime Member for 2022.

Mark your calendars for the PW Spring Gathering to be held Friday-Saturday-Sunday, June 17-19 in Camp Story. The theme will be "Cozy Mountain Lodge". Bring a friend!

This month's Book is Ordinary Grace, by William Kent Krueger.

Mary Martha's

Will meet March 9 at 1:30 p.m.
See you there!

Upcoming events

Tuesday, March 1: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
5-7 p.m., Episcopal Church

Wednesday, March 2: Praise Team, 11 a.m., Torrington
Ash Wednesday Service, 7 p.m., Lingle

Thursday, March 3: Taize, 5:15 p.m., Lingle
Bible and Brews, 6 p.m., Lingle office

Sunday, March 6: Worship
9:30 a.m.: Lingle, in-person
11 a.m.: Torrington, in-person

Monday, March 7: Nurture, 5 p.m., Torrington

Wednesday, March 9: Mary/Marthas, 1:30 p.m., Lingle
Soup Supper, 6 p.m., Episcopal Church

Thursday, March 10: CT meeting, 3 p.m., Torrington
Taize, 5:15 p.m., Lingle
Bible and Brews, 6 p.m., Lingle office

Sunday, March 13: Daylight Savings change
Worship

9:30 a.m.: Lingle, in-person
11 a.m.: Torrington, in-person
Noon: GIFT, Torrington, Movie: Holes

Tuesday, March 15: Session, 6:30 p.m., Lingle

Wednesday, March 16: Soup Supper, 6 p.m., Episcopal Church

Thursday, March 17: PW meeting, 3 p.m., Torrington
Taize, 5:15 p.m., Lingle
Bible and Brews, 6 p.m., Lingle office

Sunday, March 20: Worship
9:30 a.m.: Lingle, in-person
11 a.m.: Torrington, in-person

Monday, March 21: Session, 6:30 p.m., Torrington

Wednesday, March 23: Soup Supper, 6 p.m., Episcopal Church

Thursday, March 24: Taize, 5:15 p.m., Lingle
Bible and Brews, 6 p.m., Lingle office

Sunday, March 27: Worship
9:30 a.m.: Lingle, in-person
11 a.m.: Torrington, in-person

Wednesday, March 30: Prep for Rummage Sale on 4/1-2
Soup Supper, 6 p.m., Episcopal Church

Thursday, March 31: Prep for Rummage Sale on 4/1-2
Taize, 5:15 p.m., Lingle
Bible and Brews, 6 p.m., Lingle office

Sunday Afternoon at the Movies

Sunday Afternoon at the Movies will be at noon on March 13. It will be HOLES, a family-friendly film about Stanley Yelnats and his wrongful arrest for the theft of a famous pair of baseball shoes and subsequent sentence to Camp Green Lake, a juvenile correctional facility in a Texas desert setting that relies on digging holes as a suitable punishment. While starting his sentence initially as an outcast, Stanley eventually earns the respect of his peers. Stanley's struggle to find justice for himself and his fellow inmates takes many twists and turns. Join us for lunch and this delightful and thought-provoking movie. Admission is free! Bring a friend!



Lingle food donation box reminder

Lingle Deacons want to remind you to bring items to fill the Food Box on the north side of the building. Please be aware of the changing weather and avoid putting items that will freeze. Toiletries and paper goods are also good to provide. Thank you for your support! This is a churchwide effort and we appreciate your support!

Lenten journals

We are compiling Lenten Daily Devotions this year titled, Make The Road. Please sign up on the clipboard or call Bruce. Once you have a scripture selected, read it and pray about what it says to you. Then write a short commentary on what it says to you, perhaps in response to how we make the way forward by staying on our faith journey. Turn in your thoughts by February 23. Thanks.

Taize services every Thursday

Don't forget! Taize services are being held every Thursday at 5:15 at the Lingle Church. These contemplative, peaceful services last a half hour and are a beautiful way to refresh your soul and grow closer to God through prayer and silence.

Communion Mission

Let's reinstate our past tradition of collecting non-perishable items for local missions on Communion Sundays. This will help keep our Blessing Boxes stocked and provide for sharing with WyoHelp and Caring and Sharing. Especially useful are dry staples which won't be affected by freezing & thawing or high temperatures. Some examples are basics like pasta, rice & beans as well as meals like macaroni & cheese, hamburger helper and dry soup mixes. Cereals, snacks and baking mixes are nice for families. Personal hygiene items are also appreciated as well as supplies like diapers, paper towels and Kleenex. Let's keep the generosity shown during the holidays going all thru the year and display the love of Jesus by sharing with our neighbors.

Wyoming Missionaries: Scott & Elmarie

Recently Scott and Elmarie Parker visited the Cheyenne United Presbyterian Church and were part of a ZOOM conference to speak of their mission experiences. They are family friends of Rev. Bob Gerrard and his wife, Holly. Here is some information about this remarkable couple who serve as Presbyterian missionaries and carry the word of God to Syria, Lebanon and Iraq.

Scott Parker serves with the Middle East Council of Churches (MECC) as a writer in residence. He uses written storytelling to communicate the experiences and views of the Middle East Church and peoples with Presbyterian constituents in the United States and MECC partners in both Europe and the United States. In addition, Scott has been asked by the MECC to lead their efforts in responding to children traumatized by unrest and war in Iraq and Syria who now seek refuge in Lebanon. Out of this invitation has come "Strong Kids, Strong Emotions," a play-based program that seeks to develop emotional and spiritual resiliency in Iraqi and Syrian children refugeeed in the Beirut area.

Elmarie Parker serves as regional liaison to Iraq, Syria and Lebanon. The heartbeat of her work is to help deepen and strengthen the relational ties between the church in her region and the church in the United States and to develop the practical ministries that are birthed from these relationships. More specifically, she facilitates Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) support for partner programs and activities and implements partnership strategy. Elmarie assists in strengthening healthy, effective and appropriate relationships among entities of the PC(USA) and those of partner denominations and organizations in the region. This often takes shape through PC(USA) group solidarity and learning visits to Syria, Lebanon and Iraq facilitated by Elmarie. Additionally, Elmarie supports other PC(USA) associates serving in this region through communications, information sharing, mentoring/guiding, encouraging and reflection.

Reflections with Pastor Bruce McBurney

Church seasons come around about as often as holidays that need to be celebrated. The Lenten season begins on March 1 with Shrove Tuesday. It is customary to indulge on Fat Tuesday so you are invited to a pancake supper at the Episcopal Church in Torrington. Pancakes will be served from 5pm - 7pm. As we observe the season of Lent we start with the imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday. There will be an ecumenical imposition at 10 am at the Episcopal Church in Torrington. If you would like local ashes speak to Bruce about getting yours in Lingle. There will be an Ash Wednesday worship service in Lingle starting at 7pm. There will also be a service in Torrington at 6pm at the Episcopal Church.

Lent is 40 days of introspection, a chance for us to look in the mirror and get a good idea of who we are. As we work our way through Lent I hope you will use a copy of our Daily Lenten Devotional book. It will have devotions written by many of the folks you know from church and it will be helpful in your reflections of your faith journey. Lent leads up to Holy Week which starts on Palm Sunday, April 10th. We will celebrate Maundy Thursday together with our siblings from the Episcopal Church and the Methodist church on April 14th at 6pm in Torrington.

I want to encourage you to participate as much as possible in the Lenten journey this year. It builds a contrast to the events of Easter and helps us understand ourselves and God better. We make the road that leads us faithfully to God as we discover the missional God at work around us. Come be a part of it all. Amen.

You are blessed!

Bruce

"For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known." 1 Corinthians 13:12