



WESTERN SPIRE

Nancy's Nuggets for April 2015 "Get a Life" Easter!

Easter is a season and not only one Sunday. April, 2015 starts off with a bang declaring the news of the resurrection on Easter Sunday. Easter continues to renew us with Alleluias and celebrations throughout the season. It is a great time to "get a life," and to give new life to others. As spring develops, so can we, as individuals and as church community.

Theologian Howard Thurman says that the "Spirit of Jesus grows by contagion and not by organization." That is our reminder: get a life because then we give life, share life; as life in Jesus is contagious. "One life aglow with the Spirit of Jesus is far more efficacious than a dozen organizational attempts to salvage society." In the final analysis our lives are changed by contact...contact with another life.

How did you come to Western Presbyterian Church? Chances are someone found renewal of life here and led you to come as well. Some folks came because they encountered the work our members do in the community. Particularly when we enjoy the work we do on behalf of the least, lost, or the lonely...our joy is infectious. Or as mystic and prophet Meister Eckhart used to say: "At every deed, however puny, that results in justice, God is made glad, glad through and through."

Lately, some have come to us as a result of funerals...odd thought but true. We like to think it is because of our brilliance or success that folks are attracted to our fellowship but one never knows. How we handle the low points of our existence, speaks volumes about our true substance. We not only get a life; we give life even at our lowest point: "just when the caterpillar thought the world was over, it became a butterfly."

So this Easter season, remember to receive the life of Jesus and let it breathe through you into the world. In the words of my favorite charge and benediction:

Go into the world and fulfill your lives.

Hold fast your ideals.

Give to one another new experiences of joy.

Challenge one another that you may grow.

May the love you hold for each other, continue to mature, that our life together may be a source of strength and inspiration to the community and to the wider circle of the world.

The Lord Bless you and keep you:

The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you,

and give you peace both now and forever. Amen.

Soli Deo Gloria!

The Rev. Dr. Nancy J. Farrell, April, 2015

Preaching and Worship April 2015

April 5, 2015 Easter Sunday

Scriptures: John 20:1-18, I Corinthians 15: 12-17, 20-28- 51-58

Sermon: "Stop Clinging! But go Tell..."

Reader: Sue Leonard

Ushers: Sue Pringle

Toddler Room: Nancy Talma

Communion Elders: Bill & Elaine Hassler, Sharon Marr

April 12, 2015 Second Sunday of Easter

Scriptures: Psalm 133; Matthew 28 1-15; I John: 1:1-22

Sermon: "Widely Spread Story..."

Reader: Irene Fadden

Ushers: Sue Pringle

Toddler Room: Edie Chapman

April 19, 2015 Third Sunday of Easter

Scriptures: Psalm 4; Luke 24: 36-48; I John 3:1-7

Sermon: "Recognition In the Breaking of the Bread..."

Reader: Don Dantz

Ushers: Sue Pringle

Toddler Room: Jan Taylor

Communion Elders: Ed Plesa, Norm Underwood, and John Cook

April 26, 2015 Fourth Sunday of Easter

Scriptures: Psalm 23; John 10: 11-18; I John 3:16-24

Sermon: "All the Days of my life"

Reader: Randy Kennard

Ushers: Sue Pringle

Toddler Room: Katie Mitchell



Deadline for the next SPIRE is Tuesday, April 21, 2015. Thank you!



Thank You!

It makes us so very proud to be a member of WPC with all its caring people! Your love and caring for us during my recent illness is overwhelming and much appreciated.

Thanks again!

Barbara and Gene Bucknam and Family

Just a quick note to say “THANKS” to all the thoughtful Presbyterians who have taken the time to brighten my days by sending prayers, cards, flowers, and phone calls. And what a wonderful surprise to receive an envelope of valentines from the Sunday School classes!

Thank you all!!!

Rena Haigh

REMINDER ABOUT “FRIENDS FOR FELLOWSHIP”

The Quarterly Meeting of “Friends for Fellowship” will **not** be held in April. The group will gather again for a luncheon in June.

Bake Sale Continues With 2015 Spring Rummage Sale!

At the last minute, it was decided to add a bake sale to coincide with our fall 2014 rummage sale at WPC. Since the bake sale portion ended up being such a success, we are permanently adding it to be part of our semi-annual sales.

Thank you for the many positive comments received from our church members for this addition last year. So now, I am asking that you please plan to participate by putting us on your "baking" calendar to bake your favorite goodie for our upcoming spring rummage sale being held on April 23-25, 2015.

Baked goods should be left at WPC's kitchen during the day on Wednesday, April 22, 2015.

We ask that you attach a description to your baked goods, also if applicable to note if "nuts" are included or if "sugar free". I will be at the church most of the day and evening of that Wednesday to organize your baked donations. To give you some insight into our first bake sale attempt, the first items to go last year were pies, quick breads, and molasses cookies with brownies coming in close behind.

Many church members and shoppers at our 2014 fall rummage sale asked about us selling coffee in the future, so I may try that as well on the first day of our sale this spring to see how that goes as well.

As always, anyone interested in volunteering some time to work regarding the rummage sale or at the bake sale table, please let me know. Thank you for all your past help.

I look forward to receiving your special "baked treats" for our upcoming spring rummage sale.

Tricia Owen
President, WPC Women's Association
Ph: 315/986-4588 (H/cell)
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WPC's Favorite Prayers

The Worship Committee would like to create a booklet of WPC's Favorite Prayers, but we need your help. Please write down your favorite prayer and place it in the prayer box located outside of the office. Be sure to include the author's name, even if the author is you! If you don't know the name of the author, indicate "Author Unknown". Also, put your name on the form as the submitter. Forms are available if needed, but they are not necessary to submit your prayer.

The deadline will be the Sunday after Easter.

The best possible result is that we have a prayer from everyone! Thank you.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER THURSDAY MAY 7, 2015

**ONE NATION UNDER GOD
ONE VOICE UNITED IN PRAYER**

**TO BE HELD AT
WESTERN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
101 EAST MAIN STREET
PALMYRA, NY**

**OUR SANCTUARY WILL BE OPEN FOR
PERSONAL PRAYER 7 AM - 6 PM.**

VESPERS SERVICE WILL BE AT 7 PM.

ALL ARE WELCOME. COME AS YOU ARE.



IT'S HERE AGAIN!!

Time to clean out those clothes closets/cabinets/garages
for

**THE ANNUAL "SPRING
RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE"**
APRIL 23-25, 2015

WPC FELLOWSHIP HALL

THURSDAY... 9AM – 5PM

FRIDAY.....9AM – 5PM (50% OFF SALE STARTING AT 1PM)

SATURDAY...9AM – 11AM (\$2 BAG DAY)

***DON'T MISS OUT!!
ALWAYS GREAT BARGAINS!!***

**RUMMAGE SALE DONATIONS ACCEPTED STARTING APRIL 19, 2015
(PLEASE - NO LARGE APPLIANCES, FURNITURE, COMPUTERS, OR TV'S)**

**Notes: Please bring your baked goods to WPC kitchen on Wednesday, April 22, 2015
Please donate your old magazines. We can use at the rummage sale!**

Questions? Contact Tricia Owen at 315/986-4588 or email to tsharpy@aol.com

**Giving blood doesn't require much time.
About an hour should do it.**

You can help save up to three lives in about an hour.
The need is ongoing but the supply is not.
Please give blood today.



**WESTERN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
BLOOD DRIVE**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2015
2:00 PM – 7:00 PM
101 East Main Street, Palmyra
Meeting Room #2**

Please call **1-800-RED CROSS or go to
www.redcrossblood.org
to schedule an appointment.**

**Walk Ins Welcome!
Double Red Cell Donation available at this drive!**

If you donated on or before **FEBRUARY 23**,
you will be eligible to donate.



Visit redcrossblood.org or call **1-800-RED CROSS** to schedule an appointment to donate blood.



At Vacation Bible School 2015, we will be going on an expedition where kids will learn to conquer challenges with God's MIGHTY POWER! Here is a wish list for Everest: Conquering Challenges With God's Mighty Power: (all donations can be placed in the VBS box outside the kitchen)

- Small blankets
- Paper clips & baskets
- Solid colored bed sheets
- Artificial greenery
- Cardboard tubes
- Medium size cardboard boxes
- Shower curtain liners
- Small paper cups & buckets
- Newspaper-LOTS
- Clear & grey duct tape
- Aluminum pie plates
- White gauze ribbon
- Flashlights & hula hoops
- Adult coats & gloves
- Rope & tent stakes
- Backpacks & sleeping bags
- Gallon size resealable plastic bags
- Spring-loaded clothes pins
- Inflatable globe & beach balls
- Brown craft paper





VBS starts at 9:00 and finishes 11:30, and in between there is singing, dancing, praying, Bible adventure stories, crafts, games, and snacks.

The VBS is held at Western Presbyterian Church and is a joint venture with Palmyra Reformed Church, but, **Everyone** is invited to attend for 1, 2, 3 or all 4 days. **Kids age 3 - going into grade 5** are invited to participate. **Adults and youth** going into Middle or High School are needed to staff VBS.

Any questions, call Cim McFarlane 597-6569.



TODDLER SCHEDULE

Below is the Schedule for staffing of the Toddler Room during the 10:00 AM Sunday morning service. Thank you in advance for your extremely important mission of providing infant and toddler care. Please arrive about 10-15 minutes early.

Many thanks!

P.S. Snack is in the closet. Let Irene know when we need more. Thanks again.

04/05/15	Nancy Talma	597-5003
04/12/15	Edie Chapman	597-6119
04/19/15	Jan Taylor	597-4293
04/26/15	Katie Mitchell	597-5653
05/03/15	Ruth Dantz	597-2143
05/10/15	Laurie Ellis	597-5934

05/17/15

Could someone volunteer for this Sunday, please?

May 17th is children-led worship. Let Irene know at 585-802-7594.

05/24/15	Meghan & Jenn Leiter	315-538-9625
05/31/15	Rena Haigh	597-5971
06/07/15	Maxine & Kelly Babcock	986-0926
06/14/15	Sue Pringle	597-9533
06/21/15	Irene Fadden	585-802-7594
06/28/15	Carol & Andy Sloan	597-5182
07/05/15	Sue Leonard	597-6616
07/12/15	Jody Pruitt	315-331-3211

If your name is not on this list of 13 and you would like to make our youngest members of our family feel welcome, please give me a call and I'll add you to the list.

Irene Fadden 585-802-7594



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

April 3	Robert Kirchhoff
April 3	Richard Kirchhoff
April 6	Colin Graves-Markham
April 6	Heath Graves-Markham
April 8	Amie McMullin
April 8	Emily Hunt
April 9	Amie Fabrizio
April 10	Janet (Jonnie) Fontaine
April 11	Mina Talma
April 11	Nancy Kay Sinclair
April 15	Paul Dlugosh
April 18	David Pinkney
April 21	Ruth Wilbur
April 22	Valerie Gendron
April 24	Benjamin Dlugosh
April 24	Jan Semans
April 26	Ronald Pieters
April 28	Meghan Leiter

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

April 12	Terry & Valerie Gendron
April 16	Louis & Deborah Trombino

If you are an active member and we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please contact the office at 597-9171 so we can add it to our list next time. If your anniversary or birthday is missing, it means it was not in the Data Base, which is where we get the list.



APRIL 2015

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
			1 7 pm Mission/Social Concerns	2 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Choir	3 Good Friday 7 pm Service	4
5 Easter Sunday No Sunday School	6 5 pm CTNS Board 7 pm Fellowship	7 2 pm Deacons	8	9 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Choir	10	11
12 2nd Sunday of Easter	13 7 pm Circle IV	14 6:30 pm Property 7 pm Worship	15 7 pm Finance 7 pm March Session Mtg. FH	16 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Choir	17	18
19 3rd Sunday of Easter Session Noon at Nancy's house	20 6-8 pm Set Up Rummage Sale	21 SPIRE DEADLINE 6:30-9:30 pm Set Up Rummage Sale	22 9 am to 9 pm Set Up Rummage Sale	23 9 am to 5 pm Rummage Sale 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Choir	24 9 am to 5 pm Rummage Sale	25 9 am to 11 am Rummage Sale 11 am to 1 pm Tear Down
26 4th Sunday of Easter	27	28 6-9 pm King's Daughter's FH	29 2-7 pm Blood Drive FH	30 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Choir		



MAY 2015

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
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3 5th Sunday of Easter	4 5 pm CTNS Board 7 pm Fellowship	5 2 pm Deacons	6 7 pm Mission/Social Concerns	7 National Day of Prayer 7 pm Service	8	9
10 Mother's Day VBS Preview	11 2:30 pm Rehearsal Select Choir	12 6:30 pm Property 7 pm Worship	13 7 pm Recital Select Choir 7 pm Christian Ed.	14 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Choir	15	16
17 7th Sunday of Easter Last Day of Sunday School Church Picnic	18	19 SPIRE DEADLINE	20 7 pm Finance	21 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Choir	22	23
24 Pentecost	25 Memorial Day Office Closed	26 7 pm Session	27	28 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Choir	29	30
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