

Long Beach Presbyterian

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"Reaching Up to God, Reaching Out to Others"

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So Much Good News

March is a month that has much good news for Long Beach Presbyterian. The Season of Lent leading to the Easter Feast, the startup of the Long Beach Presbyterian Church Food Pantry ministry and the 110th anniversary celebration of our church!

The first Sunday in Lent is March 10th with Easter being celebrated on April 21st. During the Lenten season we will journey with Jesus toward Jerusalem. We will remember the great Love God has for us all and we will celebrate Love so pure that the Cross or the Grace could not hold it back from exploding in the world.

The Lenten schedule will include a Good Friday meal and worship service on April 19th. Mark your calendar.

Mark your calendar: Saturday, March 23rd

This is the date the Long Beach Presbyterian Church Food Pantry will open! It is a once a month pantry for residents of Long Beach and is a part of our response to our new mission statement that encourages us to "Reach out to others." The food pantry has been incorporated into our church budget so that it is a central part of our mission. It will provide food for residents of Long Beach who have proof of identity and residence. The Food Pantry is targeting Long Beach because it is our mission field and to go beyond Long Beach would be beyond our current capacity.

Our ministry supplying food to the Long Beach Community Food Pantry will continue as always. In fact no ministry we support on First Sunday is being deleted. Rather we feel called to a face to face ministry. Having our own food pantry accomplishes this goal.

Mark your calendar: Sunday, March 31st

On April 4, 1909 the Long Beach Presbyterian Church was founded. On March 31st we are having an Anniversary Celebration. And who better to be with us and deliver the sermon that day than Dr. Charles Holland. Dr. Holland is a beloved minister of the Word and Sacrament within the PCUSA and is Pastor Emeritus at our Church. A catered meal will follow the service of celebration. In 1909 William Taft was President and Presbyterians were divided between the Southern Church and the Northern Church. With all the things that have changed one thing has not... your faithfulness as a congregation to the embracing Love of God as we have found it in Jesus the Christ.

Join us March 31st for the celebration, an excellent sermon, Communion and lunch!

We have much to be grateful for!

Jim



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| Vicki Falks – 3/1 | Charles Holland – 3/12 |
| Linda Osburn – 3/7 | Katherine Justice – 3/15 |
| Judy Sawyer – 3/7 | Jerry Gaspar-Norman – 3/30 |
| Sally Boulay – 3/8 | Robert Osburn – 3/30 |

Prayer Requests



Please remember the following in your prayers:

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| Margaret Alfonso | McMillon Family |
| Cono Caranna | Ann Meuleman |
| Matthew Favre | Quinten McMillan |
| Family of Martin & | Christine Poston |
| Jerry Gaspar-Norman | Judy Sawyer |
| Alice Gaston | Scott Setzer |
| Chris Hathaway | Robert Taylor |
| David Massie | Sally-Lodge Teel |
| Jamie McKenzie | & Family |

CHURCH-GOERS!



Don't experience the horror of arriving to church as everyone else is leaving!

Set your clocks

AHEAD

1 hour before going to bed March 9th!

DST begins March 10th!



What a joy and wonderful surprise to have Rev. Sally-Lodge Teal back with us. Our lesson centered around the message that God is with us through our trials. We all have problems in our lives to deal with and it is very comforting to know that we are never alone. God stands beside us and listens to our every concern.

After our lesson we packed 25 bags for homeless individuals. When the bags were delivered to King's Kitchen they expressed their sincere gratitude for them. It is nice to know that our efforts are appreciated and we will continue to offer this assistance for those in need.

Our next lesson will be Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. after which we will again be packing bags. Please come and share our lesson and lots of good conversation over coffee and goodies.



By 

Greetings. My name is Peaches Blackman and I know Bill and Jackie better than just about anybody. You see they adopted me from a shelter two years ago and I have been in charge of their lives ever since.

They both grew up in southern Illinois in very small towns about 40 miles apart, Bill in Stonefort and Jackie in Cobden. After graduating in 1967 from SIU, Bill started his career in the Air Force and Jackie continued to complete a Masters Degree and settled in as a stay-at-home mom. Ironically, they never met while at the University.



As a kid Bill would watch the planes from Scott Air Force Base near St. Louis fly over their farm and at about age 12 decided that someday that was going to be him. The ROTC program at SIU made it possible. He accomplished that, first as a navigator and then as a pilot. He flew all over the world, including Viet Nam, Panama and the infamous invasion of Granada. He and his wife had two children, Tammy and David. After many adventures, (ask him about acrobatics) he retired in 1992 as a Lt. Colonel.

In the meantime, Jackie did exactly what she had always wanted to do – be a wife and mother. She and her husband had three children, Angela, Edward and Gretchen. Jackie did some substitute teaching and became what some referred to as a "professional" volunteer while others considered her an over educated baby rocker. She also managed to have some adventures. Believe it or not, in her former life, she was a mountain climber – yes, ropes, chock stones, repelling and all the rest. She has climbed 29 of Colorado's 14,000 foot peaks plus many others in Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Nevada and the Pacific Northwest. In the winter, they would climb desert peaks in Texas, New Mexico and Arizona. Of course, that was many years and 40 pounds ago!

But enough of that ancient history. Now comes the good part. After retiring, Bill moved back to Stonefort where he became Township Supervisor for 12 years. He also took a job with the Illinois Coalition for Community Services, a state wide organization doing community organizing but mainly working with groups dealing with children and families. Combining his two positions, he was able to secure funding for rural water districts, bridges and roads. But his real passion was feeding kids. He covered 11 counties and established summer food programs in many of them, feeding over 300,000 free meals. He also had a prison ministry where for over 10 years he taught a bible study class including Thanksgiving and Christmas and filled in for the Chaplain.

Here's where Jackie enters the picture. She was on the board of directors for ICCS. She was president of the board which, in a way, made her his boss. Later she became the interim Executive Director and was really his boss. Can you imagine that? They both had had rocky marriages and were divorced. Before long they became very best friends. Jackie was volunteering as the office manager for a political campaign and Bill's office was in the same town. They would have lunch together and the waitress would joke that she could always tell whose turn it was to pay because Bill would order dessert if Jackie was buying. Friends who knew them or just acquaintances who saw them together knew they belonged together. And even though neither had ever planned to remarry, they finally figured it out that yes they did belong together. So in 2002 they were married in a little Presbyterian church in Cobden. They have seven grandchildren, 4 girls and 3 boys, and are expecting their first great grandson in May.

As the "Head Dog in Charge" I am happy to report that they are still very best friends and are living happily ever after here on the Gulf Coast.



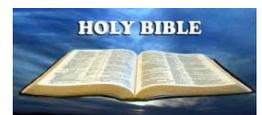
Your contributions of canned and non-perishable food items give support to the Long Beach Community Food Pantry which works to meet those needs. Please contribute by placing your donations in the basket at the

front of the sanctuary. Donations are delivered to the Long Beach Community Food Pantry every week.

Suggested items include but are not limited to peanut butter, jam, rice, dried beans, stews, canned tomatoes, baby foods, snacks, fruit juice, raisins, soda crackers, cereal, tea, coffee, baking items, flour, honey, salt, pepper, spices, sugars, ketchup, mustard, relishes, spaghetti sauce, dry pastas, canned meat, canned fish, canned fruit, canned vegetables, soups, puddings, cake and cookie mixes, cheese whiz/Velveeta, macaroni and cheese, diapers and formula.



Our readers for the Month of March are:



3rd – Tal Flurry
10th – Keith Cox
17th – Susan Littell

24th – Linda Osburn
31st – Terry Dill





Looking for an alternative to writing a check? We are now accepting donations through PayPal. Go to <http://tinyurl.com/LBPC228> which is just a shortcut for <http://paypal.com/us/fundraiser/charity/2411290> and PayPal will process your donation without charging us any fees. All donations through this PayPal program are tax deductible and a receipt will be generated that you can print at home.



Session

- In February we received \$637.32 for our outreach offering which was divided with \$254.93 each going to Long Beach Outreach and Rebekah's House and \$127.46 to the Gulf Coast Center for Nonviolence. Going forward the Outreach Offering will be divided equally between the three recipients.
- After many years of operation our Interdenominational Special Needs Sunday School Class has officially disbanded due to a lack of attendance. The class funds have always been maintained in a separate account and the remaining money is being put in an Interest Bearing CD for future use by the church as necessary.
- The annual review of the church books has been completed for the year ending 2018 and no irregularities were found.
- The church budget was amended to include a line item of \$7,200 (\$600 per month) in order to purchase the food necessary to operate our new Food Pantry.
- Plans are underway to have a celebration of the 110th anniversary of the establishment of the Long Beach Presbyterian Church on Sunday, March 31, 2019. Those chosen to serve on the Anniversary Committee are: Rev. Jim Hightower, Ruth Lewis, Keith Cox, Linda Osburn and Judy Dill. Rev. Charles Holland, Pastor Emeritus of Long Beach Presbyterian Church, has agreed to deliver the message that Sunday.
- The next Stated Session meeting will be after worship on Sunday March 17, 2019.

	Income	Expenses	Difference
Jan. 2019	\$ 5,957.82	\$ 4,696.70	\$ 1,261.12
YTD 2019	\$ 5,957.82	\$ 4,696.70	\$ 1,261.12



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JUST FOR FUN...



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Word Bank

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JESUS	GOLD	GOD
THRONE	LIFE	JOHN
TREASURE	JERUSALEM	CROSS



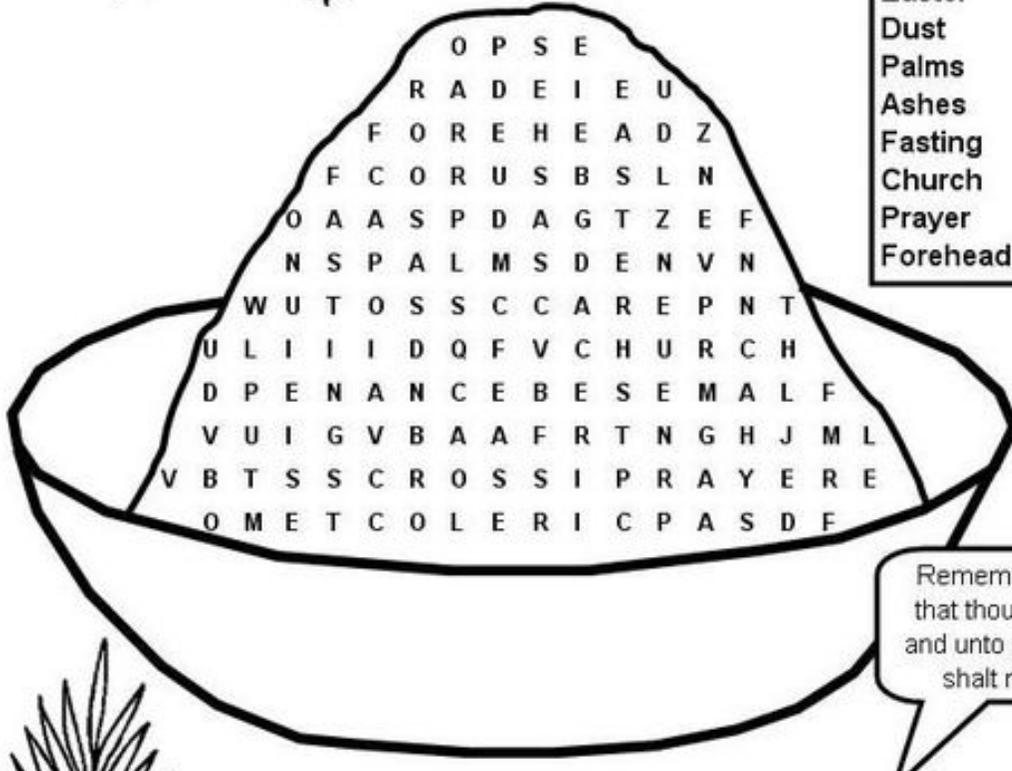
"FIRST COMES FAT TUESDAY, THEN ASH WEDNESDAY, FOLLOWED BY TEMPTATION THURSDAY."

Ash Wednesday



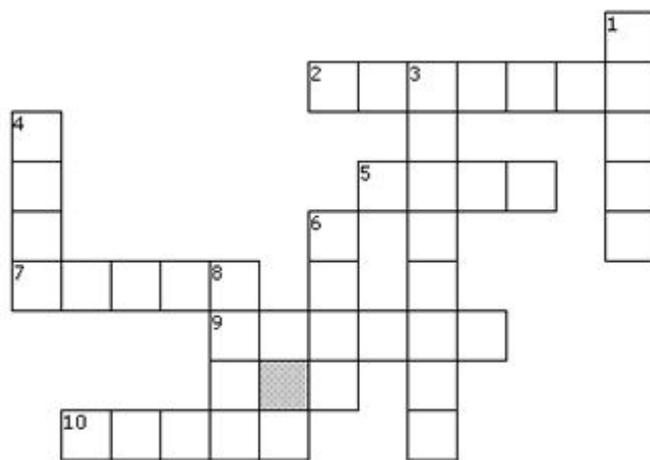
Find these hidden words and circle them in the puzzle below.

Cross
Lent
Rite
Penance
Easter
Dust
Palms
Ashes
Fasting
Church
Prayer
Forehead



The Lord Is My Shepherd

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. Psalm 23: 1



ACROSS

2. An area with grass or other vegetation for sheep or cattle to graze on
5. To be frightened of something
7. A building or dwelling place for a family
9. An area of low land between mountains or hills
10. An article of furniture upon which we eat our meals

DOWN

1. To show kindness, compassion, and forgiveness
3. One who herds, guards, and tends sheep
4. The route along which something travels
6. To go or travel on foot
8. The quality of being morally bad or wrong; wicked