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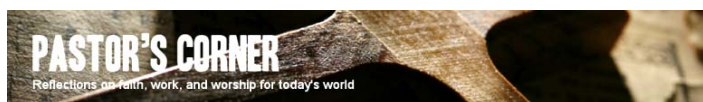
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What Do All Those Colors Mean?

In the Christian tradition colors are used for vestments and paraments and form a unified system of color. Although this system grew haphazardly until the late middle ages and is now the same system used by the Roman and Anglican communions and by many churches around the world including the PCUSA.



Advent is the beginning of the liturgical year. Two colors are used. At Long Beach Presbyterian we use purple suggesting royalty as the church awaits the newborn king. Many churches use blue, suggesting hope. This idea began in Scandinavia where purple dye was too expensive.

Christmas uses the liturgical color white bringing to mind the purity of the newborn Christ child who is our light and joy. Following Christmas Day and Christmastide are the Epiphany of Our Lord and The Baptism of Our Lord both continuing to use white emphasizing the purity of Jesus.

The time period after Epiphany uses green for its symbolism of our growth in Christ. Green is used when more festive or more somber times in the church's liturgical year are not being observed.

Transfiguration of Our Lord is next in the liturgical year and white is used again. This commemorates the time Jesus, Moses and Elijah met on the mountaintop and Peter wanted to build them each a tabernacle and stay on the mountaintop. Jesus said no and came down to begin his march to Jerusalem.

Purple is used for Lent which begins on Ash Wednesday and marks the time when the church has a season of introspection and repentance.

Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday uses purple as a sign of repentance. Some churches use Scarlet, not bright red, to suggest the deep color of blood.

Maundy Thursday (the Thursday of Holy Week when Jesus gave the Lord's Supper to the church) uses white. It should be noted we always use white on communion Sundays. After the Maundy Thursday service the church is stripped of all paraments.

Good Friday uses no paraments and clergy wear either black or no vestments.

Easter Sunday uses white, as do the Sundays of Eastertide, to symbolize the joy of the resurrection.

Pentecost Day uses red to commemorate the color of fire when tongues of flame came upon the disciples and each person heard the Gospel in their own language.

Trinity Sunday is the Sunday immediately following Pentecost Sunday when the fullness of God Creator, Savior and Sustainer has been given to the Church. White is the designated color to express the joy in the mystery of the Triune God.

Ordinary time is the time after Pentecost. Green is again used to indicate our growth in faith as we follow the teaching and ministry of Christ.

Christ the King Day is the last day in the liturgical year. On this Sunday white is used suggesting light, joy and the celebration of our Lord.

Then we come back to Advent to tell again the story of Jesus' birth.

You also may wonder why the pastor wears a stole around his neck. The stole is the symbol of taking on the yoke of Christ. The right of being able to wear the stole is conferred at ordination.

As a practice I follow the liturgical calendar because within the year we tell the story of God's salvation history year after year.

So, if you were wondering there is your answer.

Faithfully,



David Braud Jr. – 8th
Joe Holloway – 9th
Amanda See – 14th
Martha Bellina – 16th

Jeremy Schruff – 16th
Seth Lyons – 18th
Jan Woodward – 20th
April See – 24th



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Continued thanks go out to everyone who provides food donations to our ongoing food drive in support of the Long Beach Community Food Pantry.

Needed 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.



Please remember the following in your prayers:

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| Barnett Family | Tom, Regina |
| Boswell Family | & Isaac McCarty |
| Cono Caranna | Jamie |
| & Family | Ken Pell's Family |
| Corcoran Family | Peterman Family |
| Alice Gaston | Ramsay Family |
| Billie Holzweissig | Nakita Rankin |
| Marta Halliburton | Judy Sawyer |
| & Family | Mikey Sawyer |
| Alan Harlan | Becky Schruuff |
| Joe Holloway | Stacey Stone |
| Cheri Jung | Mary Westmoreland |
| Matthew | |



Our readers for the month of April are:



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| 1 st – Bobby Thomas | 22 nd – Tal Flurry |
| 8 th – Jackie Blackman | 29 th – Keith Cox |
| 15 th – Steve Dees | |



Pictured above with Rev. Hightower are Evan Hightower, Hennessey Poston, Hannah Thomas, Susan Littell, Al Littell and Mitch Blakeney who all completed the Confirmation Class of 2018 and were Confirmed on Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018. This was the largest confirmation class the church has had in many years and we are excited to celebrate this milestone with them. The last person confirmed in our church was Lucy Braud on May 15, 2016.



Our special offering for One Great Hour of Sharing was collected on Palm Sunday and once again you outdid yourselves. Our donation was over double what we sent last year.



Crafts and Arts at the Farmer's Market

Susan Littell will be displaying and selling her jewelry and crafts at The Farmer's Market in Long Beach, Saturday, April 8, 2018, from 8 am until noon. The Farmer's Market is located on the 4th street side of the Town Green. Items on display include jewelry, original paintings and drawings, and crafts of all kinds. The Arts and Crafts are a part of the Farmer's Market on the first Saturday of every other month.



The Women of the Church (WOC) wish to thank everyone for their kind and meaningful contributions to our continuing mission of aiding the homeless in our communities. In March we were able to pack and deliver 25 personal hygiene kits to the King's Kitchen facility. They serve the homeless in Hancock and Harrison counties. Long Beach Presbyterian Church does make a difference in the lives of others. Thank you, again.



MADD HATTER PHOTOGRAPHY BY KELLY CORBIN

Kelly Corbin has now moved in and is using Room 10 as her studio. Please check out her Facebook page at <http://facebook.com/MaddHatterPhoto> for more information and to contact her if you would like to use her services.



Resurrection Cross

Once again we have a beautiful Easter Resurrection Cross in front of the church thanks to everyone's thoughtful participation. If anyone would like to add additional flowers, please feel free to do so as we will be keeping the flowered cross on display throughout the Easter Season which runs through May 19th.



Sensation Salad

Several people have asked about the salad served on Good Friday with our Lunch prior to the Way of the Cross presentation.

Some of you "old-timers" might remember the famous Bob & Jake's Restaurant on Government Street in Baton Rouge, LA that first created the famous Sensation Salad. This salad later became the "sensation" of most restaurants in South Louisiana. While the restaurant is now gone, here is the easy to follow recipe which will yield about 6 servings.

Ingredients:

½ cup vegetable oil
½ cup olive oil
2 Tablespoons lemon juice
3 cloves garlic, minced and mashed
2 Tablespoons white vinegar
¼ to ½ teaspoon granulated garlic
salt and black pepper to taste

4 cups **ice-cold** iceberg lettuce
2 Tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
1 cup grated Romano cheese

In a 1-quart jar with lid, blend together the oils, lemon juice, minced and mashed garlic, white vinegar and season to taste using salt, pepper and granulated garlic. Cover with lid and shake extremely well. Place salad dressing in refrigerator and allow it to sit for 24 hours for flavors to incorporate. The dressing may also be used immediately, if desired.

When ready to serve, shake dressing well to incorporate. Tear the iceberg lettuce and place it and the parsley in a large mixing bowl, top with dressing and toss to coat well. Add Romano cheese and toss gently to incorporate.



Session

- In March we collected a total of \$488.15 for our Outreach offering which was divided between Long Beach Outreach, Rebekah's House, and the Women's Circle Homeless Outreach project.
- The Presbytery of Mississippi will be holding a Minute Book Review Session in our church from 6 – 8 p.m. on April 24, 2018
- The next Stated Session meeting will be on Sunday April 15, 2018.

Treasurer's Report

	Income	Expenses	Difference
February 2018	\$ 6,152.05	\$ 5,388.90	\$ 763.15
YTD 2018	\$ 11,440.21	\$ 10,672.00	\$ 768.21



Shown above, Rev. Hightower "Brings back the Alleluia" during the Children's Sermon on Easter Sunday.



Shown below is the Passing of the Peace during this year's Easter Sunday worship service.




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