

Easter is behind us.

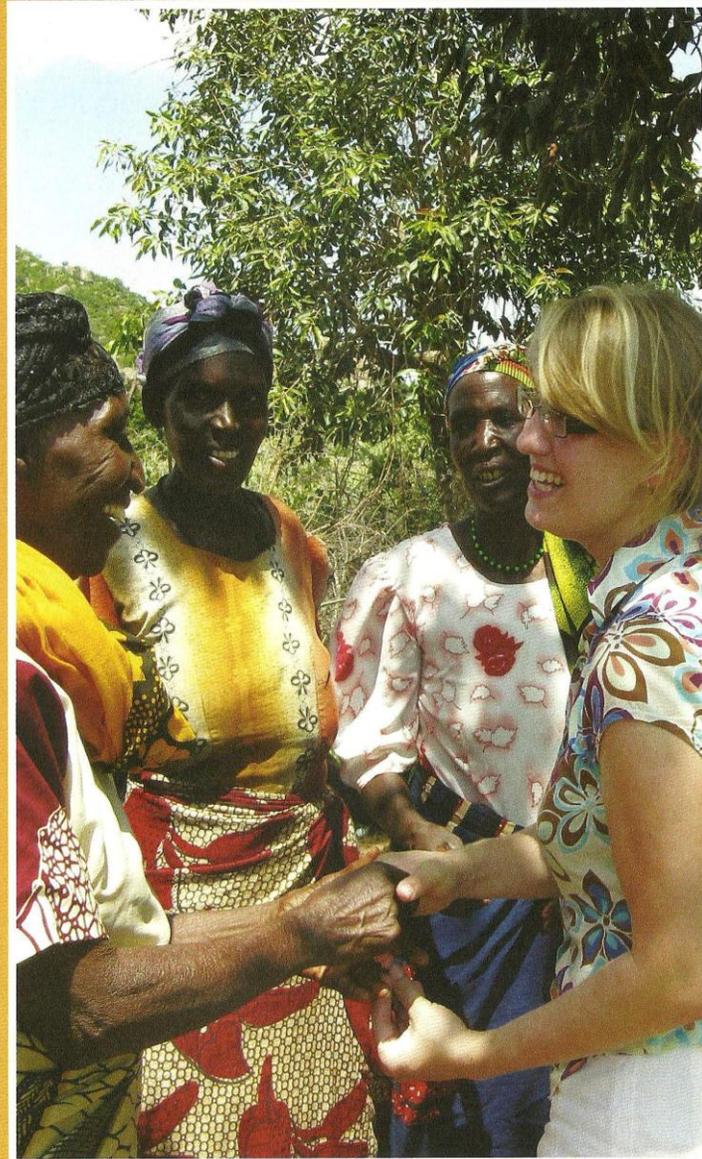
The feast enjoyed. The chocolate consumed. The church perhaps a little more empty. Following Christ's resurrection, Jesus appeared to the disciples in the Upper Room. They were behind locked doors – scared. In this place, Jesus says to them, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you" (John 20:21).

Like the disciples, we keep our faith behind locked doors. We are too tired, too busy or too scared to share it with others. We doubt. We don't know enough. We don't want to offend. We lack the confidence. I expect these feelings were shared by the disciples. Like them, we have heard the good news of Christ's resurrection and we have been sent, with the Holy Spirit, to share that news.

Easter is behind us, yet we are an Easter people. Share the good news of Christ with the world. Peace be with you.

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Photo: The PCC supports student interns like Leah Adema, who worked with the Africa Inland Church of Tanzania.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, April 27, 2014

Mission Awareness Sunday

Please stand at items marked * if you are able.
Passages in **Bold Print** are to be spoken in Unison
Organ Prelude – Hymn and Quiet Reflection

Welcome & Announcements

Service led by More than Mission

Organist - Joseph Tassone Music Director- Kendall House

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Introit

* Entry of the Bible

Call to Worship

* Hymn: *"The love of God comes close"* #474

Opening Prayer:

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens. When we consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what are we that you are mindful of us, who are we that you care for us? You made us a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned us with glory and honour. Yet, we have not lived each day displaying that glory and honour. We have tarnished our souls and hidden your majesty behind our fears and failures. Forgive us for the things we have done that hide your glory in us. Forgive us for what we have failed to do to reflect your majesty. Have mercy on us, Lord, and empower us to be whom you created us to be Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Time

Choir Anthem: *Grace*

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Hymn of Preparation:

Lead me, Lord, lead me in your righteousness; make your way plain before my face; for it is you, and you, God only, who makes me to dwell in safety.

Bible Readings:

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| Isaiah 42: 1-9 | P. 670 & 671 | O.T. |
| Psalms 131 | P. 574 | O.T. |
| Luke 9: 1-6; 10, 11 | P. 69 | N.T. |

Gloria Patri: 594

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

Sermon: "Sent Out with Nothing?" written by Rev. Shannon Bell
(edited for length by Rev. Susan Mattinson)

* Hymn: *"I, the Lord of sea and sky"* #592

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Tithes and Offerings

* Offertory Response 501

Live in charity and steadfast love;
live in charity; God will dwell with you.

Prayer of Dedication

Thank you Lord for the blessings and gift of our lives. We give you not only these gifts of our finances today, but we offer you our hearts, our time, our energy, our talents and abilities. Show us how to use our whole selves to go out and bring your healing power and kingdom to those around us. Give us wisdom in how we use these financial gifts to fulfill your priorities and demonstrate your love. In Jesus's name, Amen.

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer (debtsdebtors)

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

* Hymn: *"Go ye, go ye into the world"* #755

Blessing

Response: *Go now in peace* (Besig/Price)

Go now in peace, never be afraid
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe,
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there, watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.

Prayer Concerns:

Marie Huffman (Roseview)
and her granddaughter, Bronwyn
Douglas Anderson



After service TODAY
Please stay for the
More than Muffin sale.



There will be a youth group meeting at St. Andrews **TODAY** from 6:30 until 8:30. All youth grades five and up are welcome. For questions please contact Will (newton9455@hotmail.com).

The 15th Fort William Scouts Group are collecting items for an end of May garage sale. Please contact Don Munn to make arrangements for pickup of items. Items can also be dropped off at the Church with a note saying Scouts.



Pres-B-Camp 2014 is coming! Pres-B-Camp is a week-long overnight camp for those entering grade 3 to grade 8 in September. This year's camp will be held July 18th-24th. If you, your children, or anyone you know are interested registration forms are now available in the church office. We are also looking for volunteers for junior and senior counsellors (especially men), cooks, a lifeguard, a nurse, and people to transport supplies to and from the camp. Volunteer applications are also available. This year there will also be a weekend retreat for teens later on in the summer. **Information on the retreat will soon be available.** If anyone has any questions please contact Will (newton9455@hotmail.com) or Sarah (sarahmcambell@hotmail.com).

A warm 'Thank You' to Joseph for serving as our organist for the months of February, March, and April! His friendliness and talent have made him a pleasure to work with and to hear ☺. Until we meet again—Blessings from all of us here at First Presbyterian Church!



Thank you this week to:

Greeters: Betty Irwin and Betty Irving
Lay Reader: Lynae Grace
Fellowship Time: Alice & Laird Morrison
Elevator Operator: Doug Brown
Offering Counting: Ruth George, Betty Ann Burn, Beth Workman
Offering Collection: Russ Brown, Don Munn, Joyce Nystrom, Janet Taylor
Visiting: Debra Broll

Next week's volunteers: May 4th

Greeters: Betty Irwin and Betty Irving
Lay Reader: Bobbie Casella
Fellowship Time: _____
Elevator Operator: Cameron Noy
Offering Counting: Joyce Nystrom and Brenda Snowdon-Seabrook
Offering Collection: Russ Brown, Don Munn, Joyce Nystrom, Janet Taylor
Visiting: Debra Broll

Upcoming Events at First

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| Mon., April 28th | - Cards afternoon | - 1 pm |
| Thurs., May 1st | - Bible Study | - 10 am |
| | - Choir Practice | - 7 pm |
| Sun., May 4th | Communion Service | |
| Tues., May 6th | - More than Mission | - 1 pm |

Congratulations to Jessie Steele who celebrated her 90th birthday this past week.



We are in need of 3 persons to operate the elevator on Sunday mornings (once every 8 weeks for 1/2 hour before service and 1/2 hour after service). This is an equal opportunity job and women are most welcome to apply. Training provided (about 15 minutes). Please contact Jim Sutton, Richard Noy or Doug Brown or leave name & number with Laura in the office.



Thank you so much to everyone who donates to the Food Bank.