THIS WEEK (and Beyond!) AT SPC: March 26 – April 1, 2023

Sundays, 9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar (FH and Zoom): Discussion of Brian McLaren's *Do I Stay Christian?* A Guide for the Doubters, Disappointed and Disillusioned.

Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) All voices welcome! Make a joyful noise!

<u>Wednesdays in Lent, 7:00 p.m., MidWeek Lenten Series</u> This Week Hosted by St. Peter's Lutheran This Week's Theme: In Community with Christ This Week's Preacher: Rev. Dee Ann Dixon, New Street UMC

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE, Sunday, April 9, 6:30 am, Rumsey Monument Park, at the end of Mill Street. Please bring a chair and gather on the grass area below the monument. You are also invited to bring a reading, a poem, or a song to share with the group.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING, SPECIAL OFFERING, received Easter Sunday and throughout April.

During Eastertide, we celebrate that God connects with us through Jesus' resurrection and connects us with "those who have least" – that's how Matthew 25 puts it – and that's what One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) is all about. Your gifts to OGHS are shared with the ministries of the Presbyterian Hunger Program, Self-Development of People and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Brought Forth in Love SPC Worship Through the Season of Lent February 22 – April 7

Our journey through Lent this year invites us to dwell in our "birthright of love" as we wrestle with the human condition: choices and consequences, fear and trust, ignorance and wisdom, heartache and joy.

March 26: If These Bones Could Talk

Youth Reflections on WV Fairness Transgender Day of Visibility (Observed)

Holy Week at SPC:

PROCESSION OF THE PALMS, Sunday, April 2, gather at 10:50am, front steps.

Bring your own homegrown branches or pick up a palm branch at the church for a congregation-wide Procession of the Palms during 11am worship. Especially for children but open to all ages.

MAUNDY THURSDAY CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION, Thursday, April 6, 7pm.

MAUNDY THURSDAY - GOOD FRIDAY PRAYER VIGIL, Thursday, April 6, 8pm through Friday, April 7, noon. Sign up for thirty minute increments for prayer and meditation in the SPC sanctuary.

Worship Planning Team: David Hatchett, Perry Jamieson, Patti McCarthy, Diana Patterson, Debbie Romano.

Children and Youth In Worship at SPC 11 a.m. Service

Children of all ages are joyfully welcome in all aspects of worship life.

Parents of <u>children younger than 5</u> may wish to utilize the nursey upstairs.

<u>Children ages 5 through 5th Grade</u> are invited to participate in **First Pew** time of conversation with the Pastor and then proceed to **Sunday Studio upstairs**, facilitated by a Children's Ministry volunteer. On some Sundays, the children return to the sanctuary at the end of the service to share what they have learned. When children do not return to the sanctuary, they may be picked up from the Sunday Studio room upstairs.

<u>Youth in Grades 6 – 12</u> are encouraged to worship in the sanctuary. **Youth Group** generally meets after worship every other Sunday.

Note: Sunday Studio is suspended on Easter Sunday so families may enjoy the resurrection celebration together

Eucharistic Prayer

God-Our-Help is with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts We lift them in hope to God-Our-Help. Let us give thanks to the God who is our Help God is our eternal home.

> Great is the mystery of faith. Dry bones have died. Dry bones have risen. Dry bones will dance forever.

Oh Thou, from whom the breath of life comes, who fills all realms of sound, light and vibration. May your light be experienced in my utmost holiest. Your Heavenly Domain approaches. Let Your will come true – in the universe (all that vibrates) just as on earth (that is material and dense). Give us wisdom (understanding, assistance) for our daily need, detach the fetters of faults that bind us. (karma) like we let go of the guilt of others. Let us not be lost in superficial things (materialism, common temptations), but let us be freed from that what keeps us off from our true purpose. From You comes the all-working will, the lively strength to act, the song that beautifies all and renews itself from age to age. Sealed in trust, faith and truth. (I confirm with my entire being.)

(Prayer of Jesus translated from the Aramaic)