

# FIRST PRESS



## Pastor's Ponderings

### The Holy Days of Easter

The Holy Days of Easter for a Preacher – not surprisingly – are very special. And never enough time. At the beginning of Lent, instead of fasting as a Lent practice I suggested selecting a book to read or even a Book in the Bible to read through and reflect. No better way to strengthen your connection with Jesus and the Holy Spirit. And if you haven't already set a daily time to talk to the Lord and read about Him, now is a perfect time to start!

The Sermon Series this year, "Learning About Jesus" has covered: His Love; His Loneliness and Betrayal; His Prayers; His Arrest and at Trial. My prayer is you have grown closer in understanding Jesus, the person. (Some of you wanted a copy of the message "Jesus and His Prayers." If you did not get a copy and want one, send me a text, email, or letter and I will print a copy for you.)

For myself, I always am learning new things as I read and study each week. I haven't forgotten that I told you many Sundays ago about "The Wisdom Tree and the Teaching Tree." The full ancient story will follow shortly after Easter Sunday. In the near future will also be a series about each apostle.

I attended the Spring Gathering Luncheon of our Riverside Presbytery's Presbyterian Women (PW) presenting the recent and projected-new building projects of Habitat for Humanity. Our Calvary Pres. Church is heavily involved in helping that charity. I am pleased that I was able to bring a sizable donation of new household cleaning items as a contribution from some of the Corona church members. Hopefully some day there will, once again, be a Corona PW.

If you miss a Sunday service while traveling or sick, and would like a Bulletin mailed to you from the missed service, let Manager Marilyn or me know. It does help keeping you informed of events (and illnesses) of our congregation family.

Finally, we are pleased the increase in the monthly payments on the Cell Towers began last month. The *next hurdle* is receiving the refund of the tax payments for the payments made after the Religious Exemption was mistakenly stopped. Government matters are so slow – and money crunches are no fun!

April brings April showers and the beginning of colorful flowers. The rains have been welcome, but it's the flowers that bring the smiles. I neglected dividing the iris last year – but glorious, colorful purple blossoms are all over my front yard now, and yellow blossoms to follow soon. The Lord gives us gifts all the time – if we just notice and be grateful.

The sturdy wood cross in our sanctuary with black drape and crown of thorns, is a part of the seasonal routine. The glory of the Lord shines upon us each Easter as we return Easter Sunday morning – and our spirit brightens, lifting us to a more pleasant time. The mood in the air of winter worries amid the sometimes-distressful time of politics is lifted as we welcome Easter Sunday and beautiful Easter lilies. I look forward to seeing you this Easter Sunday morning...as always.

May the Lord be with you. Pastor Nancy



***Easter*** by Jennifer Hayden

Easter Morning bright and fair,  
Tells me of God's loving care.  
Flowers that were gone from view  
Now awakening, bloom anew.  
Though God's face I do not see  
I will trust His care for me.



*From Nancy's garden*

**Calendar Presbyterian Women**  
**Sexual Assault Awareness Month**  
**and Ecumenical Advocacy Days**

- 07** World Health Day
- 08** International Romani Day
- 18** Good Friday
- 20** Easter
- 22** Earth Day
- 24** Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day
- 30** Denim Day

Presbyterian Women's Annual Mission Fund (the Mission Pledge) makes possible every mission, program and resource of PW. Give to support Presbyterian Women's witness in the world.

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## *March fellowship*





## One Great Hour of Sharing

One Great Hour of Sharing provides Presbyterians a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world. In a world of disaster, hunger, and oppression, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity.

The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing – Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People – all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

Typically received during the season of Lent, each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing supports efforts to relieve Hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and to assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

Special inserts and offering envelopes will be in your worship bulletin each Sunday in April. Those who use our numbered boxed envelopes will find an envelope for that purpose in the box. We encourage you to give generously to One Great Hour of Sharing to help people less fortunate than us.



## Holy Week Services

Easter will soon be here. Palm Sunday, April 13, marks the beginning of Holy Week, with worship at 11:00 a.m.

We invite you to join us on Easter Sunday, April 20, at 11:00 a.m. for a joyous service of worship and communion as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ.



**From your session ....**



From our March meeting:

- ◆ A hive of bees that was in the ground near pastor’s study was safely removed.
- ◆ We hope to show an Easter movie in April.
- ◆ By consensus agreed that the fee for a non-member to use the church for a funeral will be \$150.



<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>March 31, 2025</b>	<b>Year to Date Totals</b>
Income	13,288.09	24,125.91
Expenses	9,174.28	22,163.78
Net Income	4,113.81	1,962.13

<b>DEACONS FUND</b>	<b>March 31, 2025</b>	<b>Year to Date Totals</b>
Income	15.00	52.00
Expenses	-0-	1,018.80
Net Income	15.00	-966.80

*Sunday worship service is available via livestreaming at:  
[www.facebook.com/coronafirstpresbyterian](https://www.facebook.com/coronafirstpresbyterian)*

*If you missed a Sunday Service, you are able to watch past services on the Facebook site.*





## BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

22..... *Marilyn Mittelstadt*  
23..... *Jason Nyeango*

## ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

*None*



## PRAY FOR THESE FAMILIES

*Jaime Heller*  
*Elaine Lively*  
*Pete & Marilyn Mittelstadt*  
*Awu Ncha*  
*Mitch Thomas & Matty Ng*  
*John & Qi Liu Nyeango*  
*Alison Osborne*  
*Anne Purcell*

# April 2025

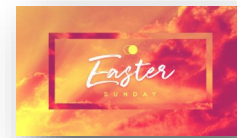
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Apr. 6  
Apr. 20  
Easter Sunday



Apr. 13



Apr. 20



Breakthrough Church of Corona every Sunday at 9:00am



Movie with a message  
Apr. 12, 12 noon



Worship Sunday at 11:00am at church & via live streaming Facebook



Session  
Apr. 19, 10am



Vietnamese Church every Sunday at 1:30pm



Women's Bible Study  
Apr. 26, 10:30am



Last Sunday of each month is Food Donation Sunday.



**Our mission is to live out the good news of Jesus Christ**

*Our Church Staff*

Guest Pastor _____	Nancy Richmond
Administrative Assistant _____	Judy Hanson/Marilyn Mittelstadt
Accompanist _____	Delia E. Martinez-Samojluk
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**SUNDAY SCHEDULE**  
**11:00AM Worship Service**  
*First Press deadline – 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every month*  
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