







PRESBYTERIAN  
WOMEN

Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to: nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study, support the mission of the church worldwide, work for justice and peace, and build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom.

**Women's Lunch Gathering**

We plan to meet at Shuckers for fellowship lunch again on Friday, April 14 at 11:45 am. Everyone is welcome to join the fun.

**Let Justice Roll Down: God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation**

The 2024–2025 Horizons Bible study  
by author Patricia K. Tull

Presbyterian Women meet each month, September through May, on the second Tuesday and Wednesday for Bible study and fellowship. This year's study is a call to care for neighbors and God's creation with all our hearts.

This month we reflect on the epic story of creation, Israel's beginning, and Israel's abrupt ending in the last chapters of 2 Kings. With a focus on intergenerational justice, we will look at our generation's place in history. We are caught between the past and the future, but we have the power to change what will be. We are writing our descendants history everyday. How will we write a better future?

Everyone is welcome to join the study either on zoom or in person, whether you read the lesson or not.

Daytime Circle meets Wednesday, April 9 at 12:00 noon for in person for table fellowship. Bring your own brown bag lunch. At 12:35 pm we begin the Bible study and conclude promptly at 1:30 pm.

Evening Zoom Circle meets on Tuesday, April 8 at 7:00 pm. The zoom will open at 6:45 for early birds to fellowship.

**Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85861031680?pwd=Nw4SR3Clr969qxLdwY9avWaru3wiai.1>

Meeting ID: 858 6103 1680  
Passcode: 406332



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+ MARY OLIVER

The youth group is seeking support to collect feminine hygiene products for donation to CASA through Presbyterian Women. Access to these products is critical for health and dignity, yet many face barriers in obtaining them. Donations of sanitary pads, tampons, and similar items are needed. Your support will make a significant difference in our community. Thank you for your generosity.



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**First Presbyterian of St. Albans**

**Good Friday, April 18th**

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**Riverlawn Presbyterian**

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## Spiritual Life Committee

**\*\*VBS:\*\***

Dates: June 9-13.

**\*\*Wednesday Nights with the Youth:\*\***

Raven is conducting a six-week Lenten study on parables.

Activities include growing butterflies and planting sunflowers.

They will also be collecting items for the food pantry.

Need another adult to support Raven.

**\*\*Wednesday Night Adults:\*\***

Mark will lead adults through Lent.

**\*\*Sunday Morning Nursery:\*\***

Combs family absent for a month due to surgery.

Kristi preparing for their return with lessons and volunteers.

**\*Congregational Care:\*\***

Discussed Jason Haught's recovery and Combs' daughter's surgery.

Plan to send cards to kids.

Linda sent Bill Graham's address to Andi.

Updates on Patty Mullins, Gabe, Wyatt, and Libby Mobley.

Connie reported on Landon Hamler's dental surgery.

Missy selling Easter confections on Facebook.

**\*Littles:\*\***

Weather issues resolved, newly painted room looks great.

**\*Kitchen:\*\***

Kathy suggests replacing center island with four stainless steel tables.

Seeking permission to explore costs and plan.

Need to confirm approval for 5th Sunday brunches.

**\*Missions:\*\***

Requesting approval for "One Great Hour of Sharing" offering.

Planning minutes for mission on March 23, April 6, and Easter.

**\*Evangelism:\*\***

Kathleen's neighbors (Heather and Jason Scales) visited; need to deliver a mug.

Discussed summer market location; Raven requested approval to host it again.

**\*Blessing Bags:\*\***

Continues on schedule.

## Facilities Committee

**\*April\***

•Pastor's office wall repair is completed

•Education building roof is being completed

•HVAC in sanctuary is being completed

•Clean Up day 4-12-25

•Dehumidifier in basement should be completed by the 1st week of April

•Kitchen door camera back up and running

•Temporary custodian to start Tuesday March 25th. she will work Tuesday and Saturday

### **MARCH 9th SESSION HIGHLIGHTS**

- Meeting was called to order and opened with prayer by Moderator.
- Received January and February Expense Statements as presented.
- Rev. Boyd will take the week after Easter for vacation.
- Rev. Boyd noted Wednesday Night Bible Study will be on Malachi.
- Good Friday service will be held at Riverlawn Presbyterian Church along with Highlawn Presbyterian.
- Reviewed 2024 Statistics of church membership.
- Approved:
  - Kathy Weed to preach on March 30 while Rev. Boyd will be on vacation.
  - West Virginia Horse Network use of the kitchen and Fellowship Hall on Saturday, April 26.
  - Collection for Presbyterian Women's Birthday Offering.
  - Tulips will be available for purchase for Easter Sunday.
  - Potential dates for Vacation Bible School in June.
  - Youth will hold a Lenten Project collecting items that are not usually donated to the St. Albans Food Pantry.
  - 5th Sunday brunches for the year.
  - Minutes for Mission for One Great Hour of Sharing.
  - Use of the church parking lot for the Summer Market if needed.
  - A clean-up day for inside and outside the church building on Saturday, April 12.
  - Ken Cottrill will repair the wall in the Pastor's study where termites were removed in the amount of \$2,400.
  - United Structural systems, Ltd to install a high-capacity dehumidifier in the basement in the amount of \$3,550.



Around the world, 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 (OGHS) — 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. Received during the season of Lent (**March 5 – April 20**), each gift to OGHS helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations. The Offering provides us a way to share God’s love with our neighbors in need. In fact, OGHS is the single, largest way Presbyterian come together every year to work for a better world.

You will be hearing more about One Great Hour from our Mission Committee throughout Lent with bulletin inserts and minutes for mission. Thank you.

**St. Albans Ministry Alliance Presents:**

Theme for 2025 Lenten Series –  
“**Loving God by Serving Others**”  
Lunch – Noon

**April 2 Host: St. Andrew UMC**

Speaker: Rev. Chris Kilbert (Riverlawn Presbyterian)

Impact: Gabriel Project (Lyn Traube/Carolyn Smithers)

**April 9 Host: Gateway**

Speaker: Leader from Gateway

Impact: Christ’s Kitchen/Food Pantry (Beth Sturgill)

Jericho House (Carla Kay Hoskins)

**Easter Tulip order forms are available now at the both entrances to the Sanctuary and in the church office. Please fill out your form and return it with your check to the church office by April 17th.**



Welcome Aboard!

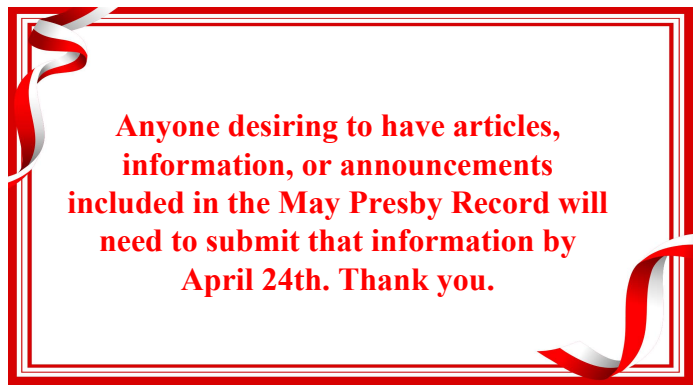
Please join the Administrative Committee in extending congratulations to Raven Lanham who has accepted our position as the new Administrative Assistant at First Presbyterian. Raven began her position on March 1 and will be working in the office Monday thru Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Raven brings a wealth of experience in her previous positions and holds an Associate’s Degree in Business Management. She is currently the owner of RavenzCravinz in St. Albans.

As most of you know, Raven and her husband Matt are members at First Presbyterian.

Please give Raven a hearty congratulations on her new position.

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**Trustees**

Class of 2025: Buck Ivey  
Class of 2026: Holly Greathouse  
Class of 2027: Dewitt Bowman

**Officers**

<b>Class of 2025</b>	<b>Class of 2026</b>	<b>Class of 2027</b>
Dave Harvey (1)	Kathleen Jordan (2)	Jennifer Burgess (1)
Adam Greathouse (1)	Valerie Wade (2)	Kathy Harrah (1)
Buck Ivey (1)	Kristi Sutphin (1)	Jack Rogers (2)

**Church Staff**

Ministers..... Every Member of the Congregation  
 Pastor ..... Rev. Mark Boyd  
 Administrative Assistant.....Raven Lanham  
 Custodian ..... Mike Merguc  
 Musician..... N. David Stern  
 Treasurer .....Buck Ivey  
 Tech Team ..... Dave&Wendy Harvey, Betty King, Logan Roberts

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