

CrossWords ...

words said in anger,
a weekend leisure activity,
or conversation around the
symbol of Christianity?
During the season of Lent,
First Pres will consider biblical
texts in worship that call us to
examine the role of the cross in our lives, from bearing one another's burdens to
finding hope for eternal life. The Adult Education Work Group will offer a series on
how peoples' lives of faith intersect with their professional lives, and small groups
will meet to discuss facing fear with faith. Gather with us to "play" with these
myriad "crosswords" and deepen your faith!

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FEBRUARY 14 – ASH WEDNESDAY

- **Family Ash Wednesday Worship** 5:00 p.m. Sanctuary
Begin your Lenten journey with a worship service exploring the meaning of this season of preparation for Easter. This service includes the imposition of ashes, communion, and the musical leadership of the Children's Choir.
- **Ash Wednesday Supper** 6:00 p.m. Social Hall
Enjoy a delicious Ash Wednesday supper of chicken, polenta, salad, fresh fruit and dessert before or after worship. The cost of the dinner is \$8 per person if you sign up and pay by Monday, February 12. The pay at the door cost is \$10 per person. Register at <https://firstpresbyterian.wufoo.com/forms/ash-wednesday-dinner/> or call the Church Office at 662-4466.
- **Taizé Ash Wednesday Worship** 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary
This service includes scripture, imposition of ashes, Holy Communion, and music from the Ecumenical Community of Taizé, France. Childcare will be available from 7:15-9:00 p.m. Joining us will be the congregations from Vineyard Church, Lord of Light Lutheran Church, Campus Chapel, Ann Arbor Taiwanese Presbyterian Church, Journey of Faith Christian Church, King of Kings Lutheran Church and Bethlehem United Church of Christ.

Lenten Email Devotion

Begin each day with a Lenten email devotion written by church members and staff. Many of this season's authors are newer members of our First Pres family who have joined in the last year. The devotions will be in keeping with the theme, "Faith into Action," and fill focus on key ways we can put our faith into action as we reflect on God's love for us during Lent. Sign up with Lisa Hadrill at lhadrill@firstpresbyterian.org.

CrossWords: A Lenten Adult Ed Series on Callings

Beginning February 18, join us at 11:00 a.m. Sundays during Lent and hear from fellow church members about how their lives as people of faith intersect with their professional lives around topics central to our everyday lives as Christians. Presentations may take a range of formats, from storytelling to musical performance or visual art. Information about speakers is forthcoming. Don't miss this opportunity to get to know members of the First Pres community better while deepening your own Lenten journey!





Peeps and Pizza Fair

A Lenten Event for All Ages!

Team up with family and friends on Saturday, March 3, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in the Social Hall. Enjoy a pizza lunch together (\$5 per person) and create your own Bible story shoe box diorama using Peeps! We'll supply the Peeps, shoe boxes, construction paper, scissors, and glue. Bring

extra things for decorating if you wish. The dioramas will be displayed on Sunday morning, March 4. RSVP for the pizza lunch at <https://firstpresbyterian.wufoo.com/forms/peeps-and-pizza-fair/> or contact Debbie MacVey at dmacvey@firstpresbyterian.org.

Lenten Small Groups

Be part of a Lenten small groups from your quad which will meet for five to six weeks at a home of a member. The small groups will read the book *Do Not Be Afraid: Facing Fear with Faith* by Rev. Dr. Samuel Wells, together with Bible texts. Books (\$15) are available for purchase in the Church Office. If this is a financial burden please talk to Rev. Blair Buckley at bbuckley@firstpresbyterian.org. Please check the schedule below and find the group that works best for you. Sign up at <https://firstpresbyterian.wufoo.com/forms/lenten-small-groups/>, or call the Church Office.

QUAD A

Wednesdays, 2/28 - 3/28, at 7:00p.m.

Leader: Olivier Jolliet

Host: Sandy Talbott

Sundays, 2/18 - 3/25, at 4:00 p.m.

Leaders: David and Carol Downton

Hosts: Dianne and Peter Santinga

Sundays, 2/18 - 3/25, at 7:00 p.m.

Leader: Susan Morville

Hosts: Nicole and Olivier Jolliet

QUAD B

Sundays, 2/18 - 3/25, at 4:00 p.m.

Leader: Meg Brown

Hosts: Paul and Georgia Goodman

QUAD C

Wednesdays, 2/28 - 3/28, at 7:00 p.m.

Leader: Alice Holderby

Hosts: Nancy and Gary Oliver

QUAD C *Continued*

Sundays, 2/18 - 3/25, at 7:00 p.m.

Leader: Kathy Wirstom

Hosts: Bill Brinkerhoff and Kathy Sample

QUAD D

Fridays, 2/16 - 3/23, at 7:00 p.m

Leaders: Paul Larson

Hosts: Jeanette and Roland Kibler

MEET AT FIRST PRES

Sundays, 2/25 - 3/25, at 8:30 a.m.

Note change in start date.

Leader: Kent Palmquist

Meets in Lewis Room

T2A2 – Twenties & Thirties

Sundays, 2/18 - 3/25, at 7:00 p.m.

Leaders: Various

Host: Chris Wahl

Glacier Hills Lenten Bible Study

Join us Tuesdays, February 20 - March 27, at 10:30 a.m. in the Interfaith Chapel at Glacier Hills for the study of *Be Not Afraid: Facing Fear with Faith* by Rev. Dr. Samuel Wells (\$15). Questions? Contact Rev. Buckley at bbuckley@firstpresbyterian.org for more information.



Easter Lilies in Memory or Honor

Order Easter lilies in memory or honor of a loved one to beautify our Easter morning worship. Flowers are \$17 and can be ordered at <https://firstpresbyterian.wufoo.com/forms/easter-lilies/> or in the Church Office. The donated lilies will be delivered by our deacons to those who are sick or home bound.

The submission deadline is Thursday, March 22, at noon.