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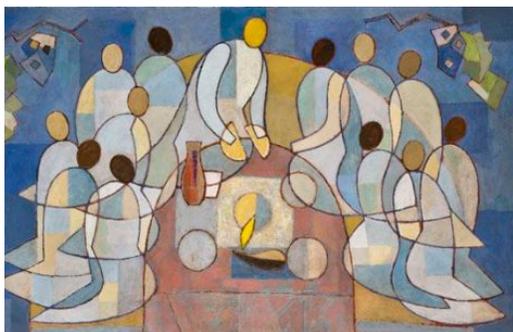
## LOOKING AHEAD TO HOLY WEEK



Palm Sunday Procession

April 10 10:15 a.m.

Gather at Grace ELCA Church  
for a brief outdoor service  
then process to FPC.

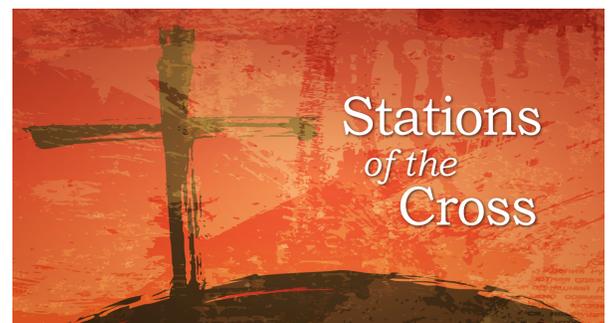


Maundy Thursday Simple Meal

April 14 12:00 p.m.

Barkesdale Room

Communion will be served  
around the tables.



Good Friday Stations of the Cross

April 15 3:00 p.m.

Gather at St. John's Episcopal  
Church, and walk the Way of the  
Cross along Wayne Avenue.

# Music Notes.



19th Century Camp Meeting.

The anthem for the first Sunday of April will be *I Want Jesus To Walk With Me*. We are blessed to hear Paul Jones sing this Lenten anthem, the source of which remains unclear. One researcher points to Appalachia as the birthplace of the song. In the Dictionary -Handbook to Hymns for the Living Church, author Don Hustad states that the song "...may have its roots in early nineteenth century camp meeting that were attended by Native American, African Americans and Euro/Anglos." But Carl P. Daw's research for *Glory to God: A Companion*

states that a variation of the spiritual appeared in the 1929 publication *Old Songs Hymnal: Word and Melodies from the State of Georgia*. The spiritual was also part of the early repertoire of the Fisk Jubilee Singers for their performances in the late nineteenth century.

## FIRST FRIDAYS RETURN.



This Friday, April 1st marks the return of the *First Friday Organ Recitals!* Director of Music/Organist Roger Daggy will present a concert of music ideal for our 1893 Woodberry and Harris pipe organ. Please join us in the Sanctuary on at 12:15 p.m. and plan to stay for a light luncheon, graciously coordinated by Susan Johnson. We look forward to seeing you at Roger's TWENTY-THIRD First Friday program - no foolin'!

## How is Presbyterian Disaster Assistance helping in Ukraine?

March 28, 2022 by Rich Copley, *Presbyterian News Service*

(PNS) — Since Russia invaded Ukraine late last month, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) has committed rapid response solidarity grants to five ecumenical partners in Eastern and Central Europe addressing the humanitarian crisis created by the unprovoked attack. Recipients include the Friends of Community of Sant’Egidio, who are still in Ukraine, and Hungarian Reformed Church Aid, which is essentially the PDA of the Hungarian Reformed Church, said Susan Krehbiel, PDA’s Associate for Refugees & Asylum.

“We are part of a church,” Krehbiel said. “And so, we have church relationships, and that gives us a different way of entering into this work that is special. It means we’re grounded in those relationships and people that have relationships in the community.”

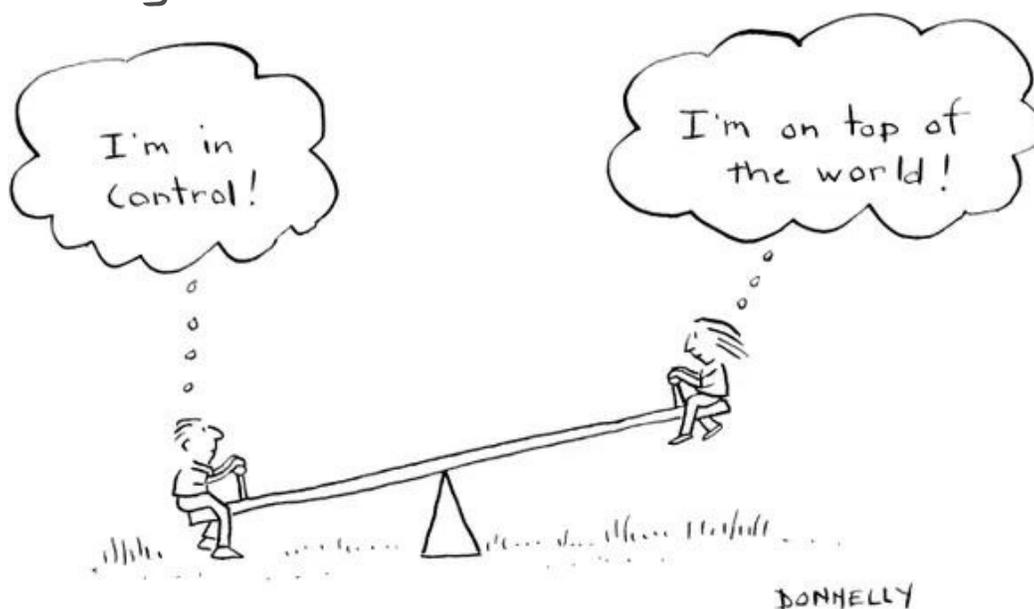
In situations such as Ukraine, Krehbiel says PDA’s role is finding organizations on the ground, in the communities that need help, and helping to build their capacity to assist through the generosity of donors to PDA, including

through the One Great Hour of Sharing special offering. She cites the Hungarian Reformed Church as an example. “They have relationships with individual congregations,” Krehbiel said. “Then they have relationships with local governments, they have relationships with other ecumenical churches and organizations that do this work. And they get international support, not just from PDA, but also from other Reformed churches in the world.

“So, it’s helpful for us to not only have the direct relationship with them, but also to know that they’re in relationship with others, so we can see the whole picture, and we’re able to work with the other national and international partners to see that resources get to them.”

PDA is also providing support to Hungarian Interchurch Aid and Lutheran World Federation through its longtime international partner ACT Alliance, and the International Orthodox Christian Charities in Romania. Krehbiel said that all partners are saying they see Ukraine as a long-term response that will require continued support.

### Things we tell ourselves, Part One



# Lent 2022

## Ash Wednesday Service

March 2, Noon

## Book Study- and Lunch

### Being Presbyterian in the Bible Belt

#### Wednesdays at Noon

March 9

March 16

March 23

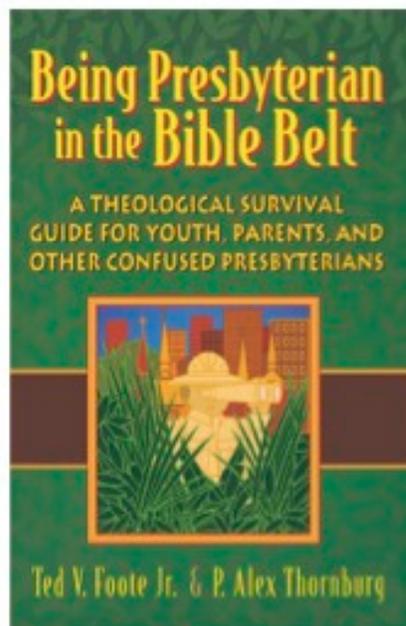
March 30

April 6

## Maundy Thursday Simple meal

with the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

April 14, Noon



Please register at

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to receive a copy of the book

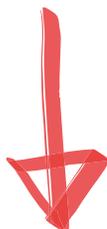


## Our Worship Channels

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Liturgist this week: Sandi Henderson

Psalm 126

Isaiah 43: 16-25

Sermon: Looking for the new.

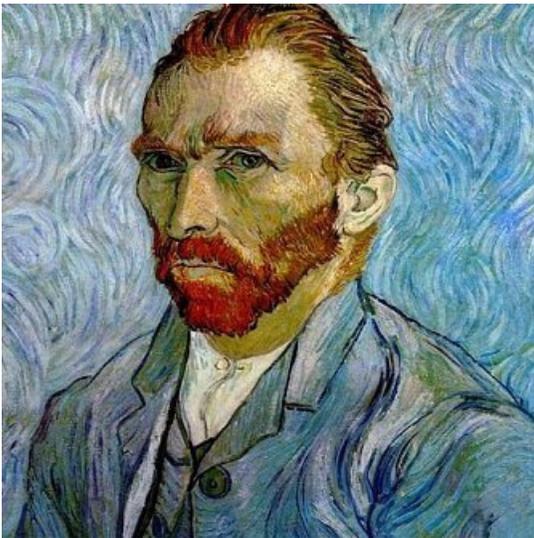
# This Week in History.



KLM Flight 4805 and Pan Am Flight 1736 collide on the runway at El Rodeo Airport, Tenerife Island, killing 583  
March 27, 1977



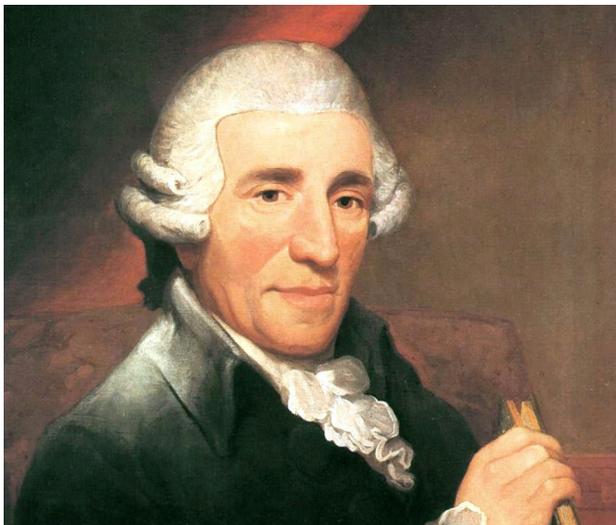
An accident at the Three Mile Island nuclear power plant in Pennsylvania releases radioactive steam into the atmosphere, nearly causing a catastrophic nuclear meltdown  
March 28, 1979



Painter Vincent Van Gogh  
born in Groot Zundert, Holland  
March 30, 1853



The Civilian Conservation Corps is Founded  
March 31, 1933



Composer Franz Joseph Haydn  
born in Rohrau, Austria  
March 31, 1732



Juan Ponce De Leon lands at the site of present day St. Augustine, FL, claiming it for the Spanish Crown  
April 2, 1513

# Session Digest

## March 2022

- A meeting of representatives from the PC(USA) congregations in and around Waynesboro will take place on Sunday, March 27. The Rev. David Witt will lead a discussion on collaboration, partnerships and cooperative endeavors, particularly in mission. Bruce Bosselman and Betsy Ruehl will attend on behalf of FPC.
- FPC is invited to join the downtown churches for a community service on Palm Sunday to recall Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and to prepare for the Holy Week to come. This outside service will begin at 10:00 a.m. at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, and will conclude in time for participants to gather in their own churches for worship.
- Custodian Caroleia Strandberg resigned on March 27. Efforts are underway to secure a replacement.
- COVID-19 mask mandates at FPC have been removed.
- Session acknowledged letter sent to congregation by Danny Leech, and discussed the next steps in the process of discernment.
- Of primary concern is identifying church leaders.
  - The Nominating Committee must find one Ruling Elder immediately to fill an unexpired term, and three Ruling Elders to take office in June.
- In the interest of identifying and building our legacy in the community, the session is exploring the following:
  - Preschool incorporation as a 501c3 not for profit
  - Consolidation of community Hunger Ministries
  - Partnerships with Music & Arts organizations
  - Development of senior housing on the property
- With respect to the building and grounds:
  - Session is conducting an assessment of the Buildings/Grounds
  - Based on the assessment, session will create a repair schedule
  - Session will seek an appraisal/valuation of the property.
- Finally, with respect to Pastoral Leadership, the Session, in consultation with the presbytery Committee on Pastoral Transition, will determine if and when to elect a Pastor Nominating Committee.