



MARCH Tartan Talk

MARCH Greetings,

This month comes rolling in with the start of **Lent!** Lent is 40 days long, beginning with Ash Wednesday and ending on Easter. It is a time when we focus on Jesus and our Christian discipleship. The 1st Sunday of Lent is March 10th. There are 5 Sundays in Lent followed by Palm Sunday and then EASTER! Lent is a wonderful season in the church for families to engage in Christian practices such as worship, prayer, practicing Sabbath, singing praises, reading Bible stories, being missional, and offering hospitality in creative ways. I have prepared a variety of materials and resources for families to use throughout Lent. These will be available in the foyer of Molly Weir Hall and in the Sacristy starting this Sunday, March 3rd. They will be there through Lent. (During Holy Week there will be additional resources for you to take home and use with your family) My hope is that you experience Lent and Easter together as a family in meaningful ways. YOU are the primary and most effective and influential faith educators for your children! At this stage in their lives, your children spend the majority of their time with you and your families. Being a parent is one of the most wonderful gifts and highest calling, but it is also encompasses one of the most challenging times, ever. The good news is you have a church family who is here to support you and encourage you every step of the way. I wholeheartedly believe that the influence of a church family who supports, encourages, and loves one another is instrumental in the nurture and life of the children and their families therein. As always, I am here for you and count it as a privilege to walk this journey of faith with you and your children.

Joyfully, Suzy

A little more about...

Lent comes from the Latin word for "lengthen", because it occurs during the time of year (springtime) when our daylight hours *increase*. During Lent, think

of ways you can *increase or add* to your engagement and participation in the life of our church. ...have you thought about coming to that Bible Study or Sunday school class? ...have you wanted to become active in a local or global mission project?

If so, **Lent** is a perfect time to start! People often think about Lent as "giving up something". It can be and many people find that practice rewarding. It can also incorporate "taking something on". It can mean adding or increasing to a spiritual practice in your life and the life of your family. Lent gives us an invitation to deepen our relationship with God in Christ. How can you accept that invitation in a new way this year?

Lenten practices to consider...

*Choose a character from the Bible to learn more about his or her story. Have each member of the family illustrate or draw or act out his or her favorite part.

*Encourage each other to make good choices each day. Be specific -if there is one area that a family member might be finding particularly challenging, encourage him or her to be mindful of that situation throughout the day.

*As parents, if you are engaged in an outreach ministry with the church or within the community, consider finding ways your child could help you serve or offer hospitality that would be meaningful to the ministry and the child.

*Learn a new song together... if you are the musical kind, practice it often.

*Pray together at a specific time each day. Use the "Fingertip" Lord's Prayer that is available where all resources are located. Incorporate prayer as a part of your Lenten practice and follow some of the other ideas found in the Lenten resources for families at church.

**COME CHECK OUT SUNDAY
SCHOOL & "MUSIC AND MORE"!**

You can probably hear them down the hallway... and what a wonderful sound it is... Every Sunday morning at 10am on the 3rd floor the children 1st -5th grades have a incredible assembly called **MUSIC and MORE!** Children meet in the Assembly Room #302 Here, the children sing songs and learn music **and more...** scripture memorization, the books of the Bible and the names of the twelve disciples through song and teaching. Students are introduced to the hymnal, follow the words on the page, and learn about the history of certain hymns. *Music and More* is a great start to the children's morning. The leaders (Helen Watson, Janet White, and Rebecca Johnson) have left an open invitation for parents to stop in, see what's going on, and be a part of Music and More.

As parents, if you haven't found a Sunday School class yet... come and visit one. Visitors are always welcome! All of the listings are current on the website and have been included in the Kirk News. Feel free to call me if you have any questions about our current class offerings.

We also have wonderful classes with faithful teachers for all elementary children and nursery for the youngest members of our First(Scots) families.

BIBLE STUDIES...

Men's Bible Study and Breakfast:

7am Molly Wier Hall (Holton Siegling)

Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study:

10am Rm#202 Studying the Sermon on the Mount (Amy Shubert)

Tuesday Evening Women's Bible Study:

5:30-6:30pm Rm#202 Studying the Daniel Plan (Ruthie Edwards)

Wednesday Evening Mom's Group:

4:45-5:45pm # 229 Conversation/Discussion about parenting (Betts Gatewood)

Thursday Morning Mom's Group:

9am in Parlor- Studying "Present over Perfect" (Dorothy Thaxton)

HIGHLIGHTING...



March 6	Under the Sea!	Genesis 1:27
March 13	FINALE! 4:45-5:45	Family Dinner!



Thank You!

THIS MONTH marks the end of a wonderful Kirk Club year!

A "shout out" and *Thank You* goes out to Laura Anne Moore and Emily Topham for their leadership and organization in being our KIRK CLUB LEADERS. Thank you both for your time, energy, and spirit of servant leadership! AND- thank you to all of the volunteers who make each week happen and run smoothly... the teachers, table parents, the Zuraws, music leaders, parent volunteers, Worship Skills leaders, Ms Nancy, Jermaine, and Monica... and the list goes on! Giving your time and sharing your gifts truly enriches and nurtures the faith lives of the precious children in our church family and community. Thank you...

VBS!



Get ready... **SAVE THE DATE!** Tell your friends and neighbors!

VBS dates are June 17th-21st We are excited for the summer and what this year's VBS will bring for the children and families of First(Scots) and beyond! Watch the

website and weekly bulletin for Registration to launch soon! If you are interested in volunteering please check with Dorothy Thaxton, our VBS Volunteer Coordinator or Ashley Layton who is assisting Dorothy! [Click here to register.](#)

The Bible stories for this summer will include:

TRUST: Daniel Trusts God;

BOLDNESS: Queen Esther Takes a Stand;

KINDNESS: The Good Samaritan;

THANKFULNESS: Jesus Heals 10 Lepers;

HOPE: Jesus Comforts Friends on Road to Emmaus

This summer's VBS theme is ...

To Mars and BEYOND: Explore Where God's Power Can Take You!

SACRAMENT CLASS!

Mark your calendars...

Sunday, March 17th following the 11:15 worship service we will be having a **Sacrament EDUCATION class** on the **Lord's Supper** for **1st and 2nd** graders and their parents (at least one). We'll stay for about an hour after church, enjoy a pizza lunch together, and learn what it means to participate in the Lord's Supper. In the class, the children and their parents will be able to participate in activities designed to help them learn more about:

- Jesus' last supper
- How we celebrate the Lord's Supper in worship
- How to prepare yourself to receive the Lord's Supper

Be thinking about your child's readiness to participate in the Lord's Supper and how your family approaches this Sacrament together.

Please let me know if you are coming either by registering with Peggy in the church office 843-722-8882 or emailing me directly. Be sure to include how many will be attending and if anyone has dietary restrictions. If your 1st or 2nd grader has older or younger siblings, please let me know if we need to arrange for an extended nursery that day or if we can include them in the lunch and class.



Throughout the month of March and the first week of April, I will be collecting small prizes and candy to be stuffed in the Easter Eggs for our **EASTER EGG HUNT APRIL 20th!** We will begin to **gather about 9:30am** at Second Presbyterian Church and will **hunt promptly at 10am. Friends are welcome!** We will have sidewalk chalk and bubbles for children to enjoy before the hunt!

Please drop off any donations in the basket outside my office... and get ready for some Easter Egg Hunt fun with our neighboring church Second Presbyterian!



... to pick up your **Lenten Devotionals** and activities for families beginning this Sunday, March 3rd. They will be available in Molly Weir Hall and in the Sacristy!

Grace and Peace,

Suzy