



## APRIL Tartan Talk

Hello all,

Happy spring! I hope you all have closed out the month of March well and are looking forward to what awaits us in April. It is an exciting time in the life of the church as we await Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter! Hopefully you have had the chance to participate in some of the Lenten activities at church and at home. Holy Week gives us another opportunity to come together as a family. I am preparing Lenten Banners for everyone to take home and create as a family. Each day there is a scripture to read and a felt image to put on a banner. The banners engage children through a multisensory approach; the children are able to do, see, and hear the story of Holy Week unfold. It's a great opportunity for family discussion and time together. They will be available Palm Sunday and throughout Holy Week in Molly Weir Hall and in the Sacristy. Be sure to pick one up!

*Joyfully, Suzy*

We have a few more weeks left in **Lent** ...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? Lent continues to give us an opportunity to deepen our relationship with God and each other. How can you accept that invitation in a new way this month?

## HELP YOUR FAMILY GROW IN FAITH!

As I mentioned last month, I will be sharing one way each month in our Tartan Talks for you to help your family grow in faith.

*Last month it was BE A SIGNPOST!*

**THIS month it is to EXPLORE GOD'S STORY!**

When our children, Rollie and Carter Lee, were growing up we made a point to do family devotions and prayers together. We carved out time each day to share a devotion and pray together. It can be a challenge to set aside time each day but the habit is rewarding in many ways. Our children became so used to us praying for them every morning that to this day, when something happens in their lives or in the life of one of their friends or coworkers, they call or

text to ask us to pray. I can't help but think that the habit of our praying together (through thick and thin) has stayed with them. We have kept the habit of praying for them even though they are miles away. Consider how your family can find a creative way to explore God's Word and grow in your faith! There is no ONE way- here are a few ideas...

Explore God's story in creative ways with your children:

Pick a favorite story each week out of the Bible and talk about it throughout the week.

Put a post-it note on your children's bathroom mirror or on the frig to remind them of the story or verse each week.

Pray using words that include the story you explore. Let your children hear God's story in your prayers and hear themselves prayed for out loud by you.

Consider picking a verse or two and memorizing it together. Perhaps it can become your family's "theme verse" for the month.

Pick up a family devotional and use it daily. Our family wore out at least one copy of Sarah Young's *Jesus Calling 365 Devotions for Kids*. Another resource you might want to check out is *God's Big Story* cards. (FaithAliveResources.org) These cards can provide excellent discussion starters. (They are published through the same group that provides our Sunday school curriculum.) There are many ways to Explore God's Story together. If you would like ideas for more resources, call or come by!



## STARTING THIS SUNDAY...

In a continued effort to keep our children and nursery workers safe at First(Scots), we will be locking the outside door (breezeway) closest to the room where the children are in the nursery (toddlers-K5). If you need to get your children or check on a child during the worship service, the handicapped entrance (the next door down -toward King) and the main door will be open. We are also planning to lock the outside door closest to the infant nursery during both worship services. It will be open during Sunday school to allow for our members and guests who need the ramp for their entrance to worship. We are continually monitoring and assessing safe practices for our children and staff. If you have any questions or would like to talk about this further, don't hesitate to call me or Deanna Barteet in the church office. The safety and protection of all God's children is a priority at First(Scots)!



### Palm Sunday

*April 14*

- 8:35 a.m. Meet on the Portico to line up for Procession of Palms
- 8:45 a.m. Worship
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:05 a.m. Meet on the Portico to line up for Procession of Palms
- 11:15 a.m. Worship

## Easter Egg Hunt

*April 20*

At Second Presbyterian Church



(separate “hiding” stations by age group)

9:30 a.m. early arrival — family fun with sidewalk chalk and bubbles

Hunt begins promptly at 10:00 a.m.

\*Youth are encouraged to arrive by 8:30 to assist with hiding eggs

## Easter Morning

*April 21*

8:45 a.m. Worship and Flowering of the Cross

10:00 a.m. Sunday School with Butterfly Release at 10:50 a.m.

11:15 a.m. Worship and Flowering of the Cross

Children are encouraged to bring **FLOWERS** on Easter to *flower the cross*



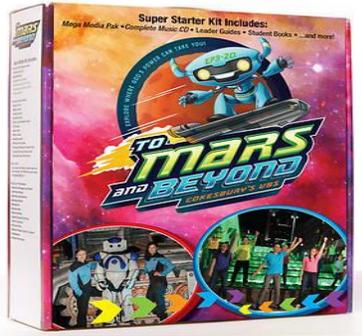
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Watch for visitors on Easter morning!

Greet them, help them find their way around, and invite

them to come back again. Introduce visitors to the Pastors and others around you. A gracious welcome on *any* Sunday shares the love of God in a special way- but Easter is known to bring many first-time visitors. Let your light and love shine!

# VBS!



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

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



Through the first 2 weeks of April, I will be [collecting small prizes and candy \(no nuts, please\)](#) to be stuffed in the Easter Eggs for our **EASTER EGG HUNT APRIL 20<sup>th</sup>**! On the day of the Easter Egg Hunt, April 20<sup>th</sup>, we will begin

to **gather at 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 neighbors at Second Presbyterian Church!

*Grace and Peace,*

*Suzy*