

# BEULAH & MONTEREY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## e-Newsletter

MARCH 2025



### Mark Your Calendars!

**Wednesday, March 5:** Ash Wednesday, beginning of Lent.

**Sunday, March 9:** Daylight Savings Time Begins! No worship at Monterey Presbyterian. 9:30am worship featuring the Sunday School lesson and hymns will take place at Beulah Presbyterian.

**Wednesday, March 12:** Meal and special mid-week service led by Rev. Beth Pyles. 5pm at Monterey Presbyterian.

**Sunday, March 16:** No worship at Monterey Presbyterian. 9:30am worship featuring the Sunday School lesson and hymns will take place at Beulah Presbyterian.

**Sunday, March 30:** 5th Sunday Hymn Sing at Monterey Presbyterian at 11:00am. This will be followed by a pasta luncheon. Monterey members are invited to provide desserts.

**Thursday, April 17:** Monterey Presbyterian is planning a special service for Maundy Thursday. This will begin at 5:30pm with a simple meal and the service will include foot washing and Holy Communion.

### Early Spring Prayer

You can't endure a winter like this without wanting to kneel and kiss the green blades of each daffodil reaching up through leftover snow. But you don't have to scrape your knees or fold both hands in order to pray. The way you shed your coat today and angle your face up toward the sun is enough to say please and thank you over and over, feeling yourself soften along with the earth, some part of you reclaiming its color like the goldfinch whose yellow feathers are just beginning to show as he cracks open the seed of this day.

-James Crews



## Prayer List

Bobbie Jo Gardner, Terry Caruthers (Donna Bedwell's sister), Carol Furr, Wayne and Teresa Bradley (Bill and Mary Lou's friends), Sarah Collins-Simmons, Patricia Donaldson, Chris Weaver (Christy Fields' mother), Keith Beumer, Tim Duff, Claudia Bedwell, Miles Johnston, Becky Magee, Ramona Arbogast, Marlene Reynolds, Barbara Hevener, Ray Mueller, Bill and Mary Lou Cox, Mike and Lisa Jamison, Amy Vaus, Mike Armstrong, Gary and Carol Swecker.

### Leading Our Worship in March

March 2: Rev. Chris Scott

March 9: 9:30am worship at Beulah. No Monterey service.

March 12: 5pm worship at Monterey led by Rev. Beth Pyles

March 16: 9:30am worship at Beulah. No Monterey service.

March 23: Rev. David Hindman

March 30: 11am 5th Sunday Hymn Sing at Monterey Presbyterian



### March Celebrations

#### Birthdays

March 2 - Hannah Meyerhoeffer

March 7- Jaden Cox

March 14- Susan Swecker

March 15- Charlie Straub

March 23 - David Frayer

March 24- Mickey Fenn & Roger Straub

March 25- Grace Blanchard

March 26- Miriam Helmen

March 29- Samantha Meyerhoeffer

#### Anniversaries

March 25 - Jim and Lorraine White



Pendleton Community Bank has committed to a community service project in Highland County! The bank has donated \$300 and will help deliver 75 Lent/Easter bags to Meals on Wheels recipients and others throughout the county.

**Additional funds are needed** to help Monterey Presbyterian purchase enough supplies to fill 75 bags. Donations can be made by writing a check to Monterey Presbyterian with 'Lent bags' on the memo line or by giving cash to Betty Gail Hiner or Tate Dunn.

Throughout March and April, our churches will take up special collections for One Great Hour of Sharing. This offering has an incredible impact on suffering people throughout the world.

**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**  
SPECIAL OFFERINGS  
HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT



**March 5–April 20, 2025**

Join with Presbyterians worldwide in sharing God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed.

This Lenten season, please give generously to One Great Hour of Sharing.

**WAYS TO GIVE —**

- + Through your congregation
- + Online at [pcusa.org/give-oghs](https://pcusa.org/give-oghs)
- + Text OGHS to 91999 to give



-or-

You can help sustain the important ministries and programs that are supported by One Great Hour of Sharing Offering by making an online gift at any time throughout the year. Checks may be sent Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.); P.O. Box 643700; Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.

Thanks to your heartfelt gifts, One Great Hour of Sharing currently supports projects in over 100 countries.

**IF WE ALL DO A LITTLE, IT ADDS UP TO A LOT!**

To learn more about how your gift to One Great Hour of Sharing makes a difference, visit [pcusa.org/oghs](https://pcusa.org/oghs)

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# Repairing the breach

ISAIAH 58

PROVIDING RELIEF FROM  
NATURAL DISASTERS,  
FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY,  
AND SUPPORT FOR THE  
POOR AND OPPRESSED.



## Love Repairs the Breach

In Isaiah 58, we are called to be repairers of the breach. Showing our love, sharing our love, is how we are repairing the breach in so many of our interactions in this world; opening the path to a new season of justice, freedom and peace.

"Is not this the fast that I choose:  
to loose the bonds of injustice,  
to undo the thongs of the yoke,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
and to break every yoke?"

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,  
and bring the homeless poor into your house;  
when you see the naked, to cover them,  
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?"

You shall raise up the foundations of many generations;  
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,  
the restorer of streets to live in."

—Isaiah 58

One Great Hour of Sharing supports programs  
in over **100** countries.

## Jesus calls us to love one another —

with the kind of love that is shared freely with all people. Your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing bring a beacon of love and hope in our world and put the power of healing into the hands of those who need it most through three life-saving programs —



**PRESBYTERIAN HUNGER PROGRAM**

*Share your Bread with the Hungry*



**SELF-DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE**

*Loose the Bonds of Injustice*



**PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE**

*Restore Streets to Live In*

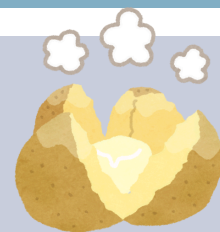
Congratulations to newly installed Beulah Presbyterian Church elders!

On February 23, Rev. Bill Cox ordained Page Rowe before installing both her and Mike Armstrong as 2025 Elder Class. Afterwards, the congregation enjoyed a delicious meal in the fellowship hall.



Don't miss church or your Maple Festival shift! **Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 9th.** Remember to set your clock ahead one hour!

Please consider supporting the Highland County Girl Scouts at the Maple Festival. They will be selling baked potatoes, hot dogs, drinks, cookies and more at Monterey Presbyterian every day of the festival.



*In February, Michael Herold celebrated his birthday and Hannah Meyerhoeffer (left) became 1st Runner-Up in the Maple Queen Pageant.*