

# CALVIN COMMENTARY



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## THE FORTY DAYS OF LENT



**From**



**The Study Window**

## From the Study Window

Lent is a period of forty weekdays and six Sundays beginning on Ash Wednesday and culminating in Holy Week. In joy and sorrow during this season the church proclaims, remembers, and responds to the atoning death of Christ. Each year during the Lenten season we, as a congregation, engage in bible study to more fully understand the grace that comes to us in Christ. This year our study will focus on “Recognizing God’s Grace”. The study guide we will use was put together by the Rev. Dr. Louis Weeks who has served as a missionary in the Presbyterian Church of the Congo, a professor at Louisville Presbyterian Seminary, and as President of Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond.

Presbyterians are people of faith who are seeking understanding. From our beginnings in the reformation we have realized that God calls us to explore ways the Christian faith can be more fully known and expressed. This vision has driven concerns for the education of people of all ages. Over the years we have been big on developing resources to help us delve more deeply in to the Christian faith and what it means for our lives today.

This “Recognizing God’s Grace” study is one expression of the desire to open up what it means to be Presbyterian Christians in the world today. The purpose of the study is to enhance, enrich, and expand our insights. It will help us to grow in understanding of the elements that are foundational for our ongoing growth and development as Christians who live for and serve our Lord Jesus Christ. I invite you to join this journey of faith seeking understanding. I invite you to be stimulated and challenged by fresh insights that will deepen your understanding of God’s presence in the world and in your life. I invite you to join this study and in the process find a stronger commitment to the God who came into the world as the babe in the manger; taught us what it means to live fully human lives, died on the cross for our sins, rose again and sits at the right hand of God where he makes intercession for us that we might grow into all that God intends us to be.

### The schedule for our Lenten reflection and study is as follows:

**March 1: Ash Wednesday Worship**

**March 22: Reformed Understanding of Grace**

**March 8: The Bible Teaches about God’s Grace**

**March 29: Gracious Lives of Others**

**March 15: Grace through Christian History**

**April 5: Practicing God’s Grace**

**We will begin each week promptly at 6 pm with a light meal. At 6:30 pm we will begin the study and at 7 pm we will end with prayer and dessert will be served. I look forward to your presence enriching this study.**

In Christ’s Service

Rev. Harry Brown

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**By: William R. Memmott, Organist/Choir Master**



## **FROM THE MUSIC CORNER**

We rejoice in the addition of the Zimbelstern to the organ. Listen for it at the Gloria Patri (and other times as appropriate). It consists of seven well-tuned bells that sound alternately, operated by a toe piston. We are grateful to those who have contributed through our special Music Ministry Offering Envelops on Concert Sundays. Our next goal is to fund the purchase of a set of organ chimes. Please give generously, or consider making a special gift (Memorial, etc).

As we continue to prepare Charles Gounod's "The Redemption" for Palm Sunday, we are especially impressed by the remarkable and sweet display of Christian faith that Gounod lifts up in this work. Perhaps the finest example of this is in the Chorus "O Divine Redeemer" which will be sung at the offertory. Invite your friends for this tremendous offering of faith and praise (and the luncheon afterwards).

And continue to join us in prayer for the addition of another bass. Our boys do a special job, but need support. Or join us yourself. As my father would say, "Don't waste that talent!" Or to paraphrase a motto we hear often these days: "A bass voice is a terrible thing to waste."

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# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

By: Julie R. Hebert/Christian Education Leader



## THE YOUTH CORNER

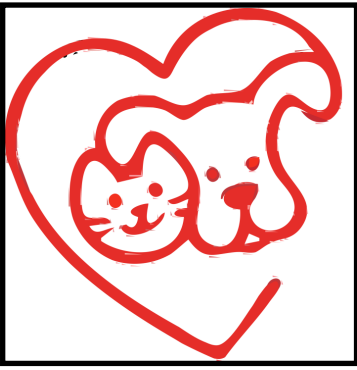
Laissez les bon temps rouler! We had a great February with two successful youth events. We attended the Little Rascals Parade and fun was had by all. The children caught many goodies and the adults socialized at this fun family event.



February also brought on great donations with our Souper Bowl for Caring fundraiser. The children collected \$500 thanks to your generous donations. This money will go towards restocking our pantry for the local homeless community.







**Let's help the animals**

**LA-SPCA Service Day**

**March 5<sup>th</sup> 12:00**

We will leave from church

**Service hours available**

Start with a tour of the SPCA and meet the animals

We will go in a classroom and participate in a service project for the animals

\$5.00 donation per child

Ages 5<sup>th</sup> grade and up

**Please RSVP**

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## UPCOMING YOUTH CORNER EVENTS

**Two Service Day Events March 24 4:00-6:00 and March 25 2:30-4:30**

**Set up and Pick up for Art and Fun Festival, Service hours provided**





## PROGRAM OF HOPE SCHEDULE 2017

In 2017, John Calvin will be responsible for providing lunches on the Wednesdays during the months of March and August. Both these months have 5 Wednesdays enabling us to serve 10 weeks during the year. We have planned for a special offering on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays in March – to cover our expenses for the year (\$200/wk.)

We would like to acknowledge and thank everyone for their continuing donations of clean clothes, toiletries, backpacks, etc. during the calendar year. For a complete list, please see the poster in the Narthex.

# **Outreach-Congregational life**

**Wow!** This congregation is amazing. You are amazing!

The tornado happened...

We got the word out FAST that were things you might do to help...

And you responded!!

You brought in lots of the items we asked for on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Harvest's request list, and we took a trunk load of goods over to Second Harvest Tuesday the 14<sup>th</sup>, Friday the 17<sup>th</sup>, and Monday, the 20<sup>th</sup>. I don't know how many pounds that is, but 3 trunk loads is a lot!!

**THANK YOU!**

# Playschool News

We are WILD about learning through PLAY at John Calvin Presbyterian Playschool.

Thank you for your help and support of our upcoming biggest fundraiser-- our Art & Fun Festival!!  
It is greatly appreciated :)

MARCH 25: ART & FUN FESTIVAL FROM 10-3

PLEASE READ THE FLYER ABOUT SPONSORS FOR THE ART & FUN FESTIVAL AND LET US KNOW IF YOU KNOW ANYONE THAT MAY BE INTERESTED! ALSO, SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS ARE NEEDED SUCH AS RESTAURANT GIFT CARDS, GIFT CERTIFICATES FOR SERVICES, OUTDOOR ITEMS, HOUSEHOLD ITEMS, JEWELRY, BASKETS, TICKETS TO EVENTS, SPORTS MEMORABILIA, ETC.



# **Do you own a company or are you looking for a great advertising opportunity?**

## **Our Art & Fun Festival is just around the corner and we need your help finding some sponsors...**

We are looking for several **Game Booth Sponsors**. For a donation of **\$25**, game booth sponsors will have a sign posted by the game and in Fellowship Hall with their company's name and a small write-up in the school-wide fair thank you letter.

We are seeking sponsors for the inflatable slide. Slide sponsorships cost **\$60**, and include a sign with the company's info posted outside by the slide and in Fellowship Hall, a small write-up in the school-wide fair thank you letter, and unlimited slide entrances for the playschool child that gets a slide sponsorship.

We are seeking **Petting Zoo Sponsorships** at **\$100** each, and this sponsorship will include a sign with the company's name and contact information by the petting zoo and in Fellowship Hall, a larger write-up in the school-wide fair thank you letter, and unlimited petting zoo entrances for the playschool child that gets a petting zoo sponsorship. ZOO2U's petting zoo will take place in the grassy area from 10am- 2 pm and will allow our little ones to hold and pet a variety of animals.



Sponsorships don't have to be companies, and can also be done by a family (for example: The Jones Family). Please come visit us in the office if you have any questions or just fill out the bottom of this flyer, attach a business card, and bring it to the office with a check for the sponsorship fee by **March 4**.

As always, THANK YOU for your support

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Contact Information:

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I would like to be a:

- ☐ Game Booth Sponsor at \$25
- ☐ Slide Sponsor at \$60
- ☐ Petting Zoo Sponsor at \$100

**\*\*Please attach a business card or exact wording that you would like included on the sign.**



# **Snippets**

## **From Presbyterian Women**

Many thanks for your generous contributions and support for the Heifer offering. As of today, \$1200.00 was collected. We have a matching grant which will double our contribution. A special word of thanks to Emily Garland for coordinating this global outreach project.

The PW Council will be sponsoring the making of new Chrismons for our sanctuary Christmas tree. It has been some time since the last Chrismons were made and many have been broken. This year, there were only enough ornaments to cover the front of the tree. Please consider assisting with this project. "Many hands make light work!" Chrismons are made by covering white Styrofoam with small pearls, gold glitter, and other decorative items. Supplies will be provided, as will the patterns. Watch (and listen) for announcements concerning the times and dates we will work on these.

Bi-monthly game days will take place on March 2nd and 16th, from 10-noon. Join us, in the library, for fun and fellowship. Everyone is welcome!

Each year, a new P. W. Council is formed, with the new year beginning in the fall. If you would be interested in participating in the life of our church by serving on this Council, please contact Sandy Cranfill.

**\*\*THE PW COUNCIL MEETS ON THE 1ST TUESDAY EACH MONTH  
AT 10:00AM IN THE LIBRARY\*\***



## Birthdays

Joshua Hebert	03/02	Alex Prince	03/19
Sue Crawford	03/02	Benjamin Bone	03/21
Betty Sundmaker	03/05	Brian Fish, Sr.	03/24
Andrew Crawford	03/06	Lee Mundell	03/25
Megan Lauland	03/06	Beverly Ross	03/28
Brian Fish, Jr.	03/13	Ron Marler	03/30
Kelly Laporte	03/18	Carson Perret	03/31

# EVENTS

Mark Your Calendar



## March

- 1st: ✚ Ash Wednesday  
> POH @ 1st Presbyterian  
>Wednesday Night Live @ 6:00p (FH)
- 2nd: PW Fun & Games 10:00-noon (Lbry)
- 5th: C/E: Youth Service Day/SPCA @ 1:00p
- 6th: Worship CM @ 7:00p (CR)
- 7th: PW CM 10:00-noon (Lbry)  
> POH Sandwiches (FH)
- 8th: POH @ 1st Presbyterian  
>Wednesday Night Live @ 6:00p (FH)
- 12th: Daylight Savings Time Begins   
>C/E CM after Worship
- 13th: P/S CM @ noon  
>Outreach CM @ 6:30p (Lbry)
- 14th: POH Sandwiches (FH)  
>Lydia Circle Mtg @ 7:00p (Lbry)  
>Resource CM @ 7:00p (CR)
- 15th: POH @ 1st Presbyterian  
>Wednesday Night Live @ 6:00p (FH)
- 16th: PW Fun & Games 10:00-noon (Lbry)
- 17th: St. Patrick's Day 
- 20th: Spring   
>Session Mtg @ 7:00p (Lbry)
- 21st: POH Sandwiches (FH)  
>Grace Circle CM @ 9:30 (Lbry)
- 22nd: POH @ 1st Presbyterian  
>Wednesday Night Live @ 6:00p (FH)
- 24th: Art & Fun Fest Set-up (FH)  
>C/E: YG Service Hours—A&FF set-up
- 25th: Art & Fun Fest @ 9:00—3:00p  
>C/E: YG Service Hours—A&FF break-down
- 28th: > POH Sandwiches (FH)
- 29th: POH @ 1st Presbyterian  
>Wednesday Night Live @ 6:00p (FH)

**Note:** Committee Mtg. time changes may not be reflected,  
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## April

- 1st: April Fools Day 
- 2nd: Choir Set-Up for Cantata after Worship
- 3rd: Worship CM @ 7:00p (CR)
- 4th: PW CM 10:00-noon (Lbry)
- 5th: P/S Summer Camp Registration  
>Wednesday Night Live @ 6:00p (FH)
- 6th: PW Fun & Games 10:00-noon (Lbry)
- 8th: P/S Easter Egg Hunt 9a-noon 
- 9th: Palm Sunday-Cantata   
>Cantata Dinner (FH)  
>C/E CM after Worship
- 11th: Lydia Circle Mtg @ 7:00p (Lbry)  
>Resource CM @ 7:00p (CR)
- 12th: P/S 1/2 day Start Easter Break thru 23rd
- 14th: Sanctuary Open for Meditation
- 16th: Easter Sunday 
- 17th: Church Office Closed—Easter Holiday  
>Session Mtg @ 7:00p (Lbry)
- 18th: Grace Circle CM @ 9:30 (Lbry)
- 20th: PW Fun & Games 10:00-noon (Lbry)
- 22nd: EARTH DAY 
- 28th: C/E: YG Game Night 6-9p (FH)

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# **John Calvin Presbyterian Church**



*“Freed by the Fire, Renewed by the Flood, and Empowered by the Spirit”*