



## Mark your Calendar

### MARCH 2019

- 3-3 Communion
- 3-6 Ash Wednesday – 7 p.m.
- 3-10 Girl Scout Sunday  
Deacon Meeting – 11:30 a.m.  
Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 3-17 Friends & Family Sunday
- 3-23 Friends & Family Spaghetti  
Dinner – 4-6 p.m.
- 3-27 Session Meeting – 7 p.m.

### APRIL 2019

- 4-7 Communion
- 4-14 Palm Sunday  
Deacon Meeting – 11:30 a.m.
- 4-18 Maundy Thursday–7 pm
- 4-19 Good Friday – 7 p.m.
- 4-21 Easter – 7 a.m. Worship  
followed by Continental  
breakfast & 10 a.m. Worship
- 4-24 Session Meeting – 7 p.m.

### MAY 2019

- 5-5 Communion
- 5-12 Mother's Day/Hosting  
InterFaith Hospitality Network
- 5-19 Friends & Family  
Sunday/Children's Day/  
Graduate Recognition Sunday
- 5-22 Session Meeting – 7 p.m.
- 5-27 Memorial Day

## Thoughts from Pastor Scott

A couple of years ago, I wrote an article on why people don't come to church. I explored the question but I came up with few answers. People today have lives that are filled with so many other things that church takes a back seat if it has a seat at all.

Now this is not a new revelation we all know about the soccer games or softball games etc..... on Sunday mornings which vie for time with church. It is a shame that many people, good people, are forced to make the decision between the two. I believe it is important for kids to participate in sports. I am not anti-sports. I participated in sports when I was young and continued up until just a few years ago. The point should not be to fight it out with the societal changes but for the church to become more relevant to people's lives and then I believe church will become a priority again.

How do we make Harmony Presbyterian Church more relevant? Many churches today will get a hip new pastor with tattoos and a band. They will water down the Gospel to make it attractive to people and they will come because it will make them feel good. Others will focus on a variety of programs to draw people to church. And they will come because their needs, both personally and for the family, are being met but there is no connection necessarily with the Gospel. I am not saying that all churches like these are not relevant, just that sometimes the focus misses the point.

So, what makes one church more relevant than another? I believe it begins with what is at the core of a church. I believe the core should be preaching and teaching Jesus; the Gospel. The Gospel is what makes a church relevant. It is the difference in a chaotic world filled with hopelessness. It is making a worship space and a worship experience that is warm and inviting. We need to focus on what makes the church different but open to people's needs for fellowship and companionship in a world filled with faceless devices.

Let's focus on our core!! Let's proclaim the truth of Jesus and help people see how much we all need him in our lives. Jesus is relevant today. Let's provide a relevant worship and a relevant fellowship that shares Jesus as our core.

Just some thoughts..... Pastor Scott

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**UPDATES**

**Session Update**

**Regular March Session Meeting**

Wednesday, March 27, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

**Regular April Session Meeting**

Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

**Regular May Session Meeting**

Wednesday, May 22, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

**Deacon Update**

**Regular March Meeting**

Sunday, March 10, 2019 at 11:30 a.m.

**Regular April Meeting**

Sunday, April 14, 2019 at 11:30 a.m.

**Regular May Meeting**

Sunday, May 12, 2019 at 11:30 a.m.

**EASTER FLOWERS**

Order forms will be located in the bulletins or you may call the church office. Orders are due by March 31. Thank you.

**SPAGHETTI FELLOWSHIP DINNER**

**MARCH 23**

**4 - 6 PM**

Please reserve the date to join our church family and fellowship at the Deacon sponsored Spaghetti Dinner. Please look for a sign-up sheet located in Fellowship Hall as the time nears. This is a great opportunity to share a meal and conversation with others.

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**MARCH**

**MARCH 3, 2019 - Communion**

Assisting Elder Jeff Indyk Greeters Lee Smith Family  
 Assisting Deacon Kate Harris  
 Servers Becky Brandt, Kate Harris, Vicki Stevens, Jan Kuhn

**MARCH 6, 2019 - Ash Wednesday - 7:00 p.m.**

Assisting Elder Natalie Dutt

**MARCH 10, 2019 - Girl Scout Sunday/1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent**

Assisting Elder Lynn Ehrhardt Assisting Deacon Karen Rose  
 Greeters Dick & Loyce Johnson

**MARCH 17, 2019 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent/Friends & Family Sunday**

Assisting Elder Bert Kuhn Asst Deacon Emily Swanson  
 Greeters Wismer Family

**MARCH 24, 2019 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent**

Assisting Elder Rick Cornely Assisting Deacon Ray Lalley  
 Greeters Rich & Betty Salter

**MARCH 31, 2019 - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**

Assisting Elder Becky Brandt Assisting Deacon Rich Fehr  
 Greeters Shirley Beers

**APRIL**

**APRIL 7, 2019 - Communion/5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**

Assisting Elder Lori Frankenfield Assisting Deacon Gail Bragin  
 Greeters Carr Family  
 Servers Vicki Stevens, Sandi Skibenes, Lynn Ehrhardt, Suzanne Swanson

**APRIL 14, 2019 - Palm Sunday**

Assisting Elder John Ehasz Assisting Deacon Nancy Baumgartner  
 Greeters Evelyn Kankula

**APRIL 18, 2019 - Maundy Thursday - 7 p.m.**

Assisting Elder Ruth Skirbst Assisting Deacon Rich Fehr

**APRIL 19, 2019 - Good Friday - 7 p.m.**

Assisting Elder Becky Brandt Assisting Deacon Kate Harris

**APRIL 21, 2019 - Easter Sunrise - 7 a.m.**

Assisting Elder Bert Kuhn Asst. Deacon Jan Kuhn

**APRIL 21, 2019 - Easter - 10 a.m.**

Assisting Elder Scott Aydelotte Asst. Deacon Ray Lalley  
 Greeters Haschak Family

**APRIL 28, 2019 -**

Assisting Elder Karen Rose Asst. Deacon Suzanne Swanson  
 Greeters Howard & Sharon Bell

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE (cont)

### MAY

**MAY 5, 2019 - Communion**

Assisting Elder     Jeff Indyk  
 Greeters             Lee Smith Family  
 Assisting Deacon     Emily Swanson  
 Servers                Evelyn Kankula, Jeri Lynn Flynn, John Ehasz, Joe Haschak

**MAY 12, 2019 -Mother's Day**

Assisting Elder     Barbara Esposito  
 Assisting Deacon     Sue Gentle  
 Greeters             Wismer Family

**MAY 19, 2019 - Children's Program/Friends & Family Sunday/Graduation Recognition**

Assisting Elder     Natalie Dutt  
 Greeters             Colucci Family

**MAY 26, 2019 - Memorial Day Weekend**

Assisting Elder     Kate Harris  
 Assisting Deacon     Karen Rose  
 Greeters             Dave Ehasz Family

## Usher Schedule

March 3             Communion Servers will be the Ushers

March 10            Girl Scout Sunday – Girl Scouts will usher and do offering

March 17            Rich & Betty Salter, Cathy & Joe Haschak

March 24            JoAnn & Rich Fehr, Lori & Jeff Indyk

March 31            Ruth Skirbst, Ray Lalley, Lori Frankenfield, Lynn Ehrhardt

April 7              Communion Servers will be the Ushers

April 14             Joyce & Charlie Cummins, Rose Bohr, Nancy Baumgartner

April 21             Rich & Betty Salter, Cathy & Joe Haschak

April 28             JoAnn & Rich Fehr, Lori & Jeff Indyk

May 5                Communion Servers will be the Ushers

May 12              Joyce & Charlie Cummins, Rose Bohr, Nancy Baumgartner

May 19              Rich & Betty Salter, Cathy & Joe Haschak

May 26              JoAnn & Rich Fehr, Lori & Jeff Indyk

### HOME VISITATION

If you would like Pastor Scott or a member of the Board of Deacons to visit you at home, please contact the church office to set up a date. The Deacons are interested in visiting, providing meals, etc. However, they can not "read minds" so please let the church know of any needs.

### CHOIR NEWS

If anyone is interested in joining the Children's Choir or the Adult Choir please see Sandy Vliet. We are always glad to have new faces and voices. Choir rehearsal is from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. on Thursday evenings. Children's Choir meets on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. sharp.

### FOOD FOR THE NEEDY SUNDAY

Remember the FOOD FOR THE NEEDY SUNDAY is the first Sunday of every month. As you come to worship, please place your nonperishable food items in the baskets located in the downstairs hallway. Poverty and hunger, like God, do not take a vacation.

### REMEMBER THESE FOLKS IN PRAYER

David Au, Aydelotte Family, Kristin Bartakovits, Joan Barry, Christine Basai, Jean Beaton, Lt. Connor Bednarzyk, Kate Beers, Michael Beers, Shirley Beers, Beth Bell, Chris Bohr, Grayson Bohr, Tammy Burrows, Chloe, Judy Castro, Don & Gret Christian, family of Dick Collins, Mary Collins, Sheila Costanza, George Costello, Kim Crane, Rachel Crane, Jimmy Crouse, Charlie Cummins, Joyce Cummins, Pete Cymerman, Kathy & Kayla Dattoma, Glenn David, Flo Dondarski, Jean Dutt, Lynn Ehrhardt, Marilyn Elmendorf, Clay Flyte, Carla Forgione, Kelly Fox, Frankenfield Family, Paula Freese, Gail Gangaware, Frank Gentle, Melissa Gentle, Jennifer Giliberto, Anne Ginley-Yerkes, Judy Grace, Robert Hartung, Sr., George Heyer, Matthew Hohmann, Betty Holod, Jessica Hutton, Dick Johnson, Cecelia King, Ernie Kirchgaessner, Rex LaBarre, Ray Lalley, Sam Marino, Maria Massaro, Martin Matina, Nicole Matlock, Veronica Matus, Bill McEwen, Bobby Morgan, Courtney Morrow, Jace Nikoden, Donna Perper, Irma Cook Petersen, Tom Pointer, Michele Preisser, Cindy Radaskiewicz, Betty Salter, Rhonda Santilli, Russell Scott, Amy Shandor, Henry Skirbst, Henry Skirbst, Matt Skyler, Janet Slaughter, Aaron Smith, Smith Family, Earl Steele, Sr., baby Trent, Diane Wilkinson, Danny Wismer, Debbie Wittschiebe

### CAMP SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE

If anyone is interested in attending summer camp, please contact the office for information about camps and possible scholarships.

### CALLING ALL 2019 GRADUATES

If you or a member of your family will be graduating soon from junior high, high school, or college, or will have earned an advanced degree, please notify the church office at 908-859-0355 by **May 5, 2019**, so we can include them in the bulletin for Graduate Recognition Sunday on May 19, 2019.

**BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**



If you would like to add a birthday or anniversary please contact the church office at 908-859-0355 or send e-mail to [tomcat507@verizon.net](mailto:tomcat507@verizon.net). Please note that the birthday and anniversary lists will be no longer appear in the Tower but will be available on our website [tpcnh.org](http://tpcnh.org).

**ANNUAL MEETING**

The Annual Congregational and Corporation Meeting was held on Sunday, February 10. Reports from the various committees and program areas of the church were received. During the meeting the following were elected to serve the congregation during 2019:

- Church Financial Secretary/Church Treasurer: Sandi Skibenes
- Personnel and Nominating Committee: Becky Brandt, chair, Natalie Dutt, David Ehasz, Janine Austin, Nancy Baumgartner
- Auditing Committee: Lynn Ehrhardt, chair, David Swanson, Ray Lalley

We commend all those who submitted reports and we thank all our committee chairs, program heads, and officers for the time they so willingly devote to Harmony Presbyterian Church.

**CHANCEL FLOWERS**

Do you want to remember a loved one? Or would you like to honor a special person or day, such as a birth, anniversary, marriage or birthday. Chancel flowers are only \$30 for two vases. You can take the flowers with you after the service or the Board of Deacons will see that they are distributed to a church member who is ill or shut-in. A sign-up chart is located on the door to Fellowship Hall. Please place your donation in the offering plate and make the envelope "flower fund." If you have any questions or if you can't come in to sign the chart please call the church office.

**HOLY WEEK IN HARMONY**

- PALM SUNDAY, April 14** Procession during 10:00 a.m. Worship
- MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 18** 7:00 p.m. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated
- GOOD FRIDAY, April 19** 7:00 p.m. A worship of devotion and reflection
- EASTER, April 21** Will celebrate with Holy Communion the Resurrection of our Lord. 7:00 a.m. Sunrise Worship, *followed by a fellowship Continental Breakfast.* Worship Celebration at 10:00 a.m. One Great Hour of Sharing Offering during 10:00 a.m. Worship

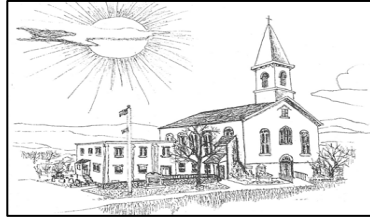
**COME AND CELEBRATE CHRIST'S LIFE!**

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**A NOTE ABOUT OUR PRAYER CHAIN**

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This was started, as best as I can remember about 12 years ago. With three folks who had lists of others with their phone numbers they were called with names of recipients and then would call the first person on their list who in turn would call the next person. If that person did not answer they went on to the next name. Keep in mind that "e-mails: were not in use to most of us then. Now we have those "wonderful" ways to communicate. However, we still have some who do not have internet access. So, let's try to find a couple of folks who would be willing to make a few phone calls. Please give the office or me a call if you are willing to step up to help in this important part of our Church family. Church # is 859-0355 or call Ruth Skirbst at 689-4186. Thanks as God continues to bless this "flock in Harmony".



*In an attempt to save postage costs, the newsletter will be on the church website. **If you would be interested in not receiving a copy in the mail - please notify the church office.** Thank you.*

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