

March/April  
May  
2018

# The Tower

Harmony  
Presbyterian  
Church



## Mark your Calendar

### MARCH 2018

- 3-4 Communion
- 3-11 Girl Scout Sunday  
Deacon Meeting – 11:30 a.m.  
Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 3-18 Friends & Family Sunday  
tba Session Meeting – p.m.
- 3-25 Palm Sunday
- 3-29 Meal in the Upper Room–  
5 pm/ Maundy Thursday–7  
pm
- 3-30 Good Friday – 7 p.m.

### APRIL 2018

- 4-1 Easter – 7 a.m. Worship  
followed by Continental  
breakfast & 10 a.m. Worship –
- 4-8 Communion  
Deacon Meeting – 11:30 a.m.
- 4-15 Friends & Family Sunday
- 4-21 Spaghetti Dinner 4-6 p.m.
- 4-25 Session Meeting – 7 p.m.

### MAY 2018

- 5-6 Communion
- 5-13 Mother's Day
- 5-16 Session Meeting – 7 p.m.
- 5-20 Children's Program/Friends &  
Family Sunday/Deacon  
Meeting – 11:30 a.m.
- 5-20-5-27 Hosting Family Promise
- 5-28 Memorial Day

## Thoughts from Pastor Scott

I've been thinking a lot about Billy Graham recently. His death has brought me back to his thoughts on prayer. Billy Graham talked a lot about prayer, he was a believer in the power of prayer. To him prayer was essential to the Christian life. Graham said prayer is more than just talking, it's about listening too; Listening to God cover your spirit with His presence.

I was reading some quotes of his on Crosswalk.com and here are a few that struck me.

**"True prayer is a way of life, not just for use in cases of emergency. Make it a habit, and when the need arises you will be in practice."**

**"Every day has exactly 1,440 minutes; can't you find even 10 of them to be with your heavenly Father? Doesn't God deserve the best minutes of your day?"**

**"In the morning, prayer is the key that opens to us the treasures of God's mercies and blessings; in the evening, it is the key that shuts us up under his protection and safeguard."**

**"Have you ever said, 'Well, all we can do now is pray?' ...When we come to the end of ourselves, we come to the beginning of God. "**

As a golfer, this is a personal favorite...

**"The only time my prayers are never answered is on the golf course."**

One of the things I try to do is spend at least ten minutes in prayer every day. I have found that one of the best places for me to pray is in the car. It's quiet and I am usually alone so my car has become a sanctuary of sorts. I drive a lot and I take time from the radio and allow myself the blessing of His presence. I don't know where your prayer "place" is but I encourage you to find one if you don't already have one.

I believe, as Billy Graham does, that prayer is essential to our lives as a follower of Jesus. We need the power of His presence to live each day in this chaotic world. We need the covering of His blessing. As you have heard me say before, having real peace in your life is not the absence of conflict, rather it is knowing the peace of Jesus in the midst of the conflict. Where does that peace come from? It begins in the special quiet times with the Lord in prayer. We can know who we are and whose we are in the moments of prayer. I encourage you to find the true peace that passes all understanding but truly in many ways is at times understandable when prayer becomes a way of life!

Just some thoughts... Pastor Scott.

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**UPDATES**

**Session Update**

**Regular March Session Meeting**

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**Regular April Session Meeting**

Wednesday, April 25, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

**Regular May Session Meeting**

Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

**Deacon Update**

**Regular March Meeting**

Sunday, March 11, 2018 at 11:30 a.m.

**Regular April Meeting**

Sunday, April 8, 2018 at 11:30 a.m.

**Regular May Meeting**

Sunday, May 20, 2018 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 18. Thank you.

**SPAGHETTI FELLOWSHIP DINNER**

**APRIL 21**

**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 4, 2018 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent/Communion**

Assisting Elder Carol Keiper Greeters Shirley & Elisa Beers  
 Assisting Deacon Jenn Taynor  
 Servers John Ehasz, Rich Fehr, Niki Carr, Becky Brandt

**MARCH 11, 2018 - Girl Scout Sunday/4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**

Assisting Elder June Heyer Assisting Deacon Suzanne Swanson  
 Greeters Russell Scott

**MARCH 18, 2018 - 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent/Friends & Family Sunday**

Assisting Elder Karen Rose Asst Deacon Sue Gentle  
 Greeters Lee Smith Family

**MARCH 25, 2018 - Palm Sunday**

Assisting Elder Lynn Ehrhardt Assisting Deacon Jan Kuhn  
 Greeters Haschak Family

**MARCH 29, 2018 - Maundy Thursday - 7 p.m.**

Assisting Elder Ruth Skirbst Assisting Deacon Sue Gentle

**MARCH 30, 2018 - Good Friday - 7 p.m.**

Assisting Elder Becky Brandt Assisting Deacon Kate Harris

**APRIL**

**APRIL 1, 2018 - Easter Sunrise - 7 a.m.**

Assisting Elder Bert Kuhn

**APRIL 1, 2018 - Easter - 10 a.m.**

Assisting Elder Lori Frankenfield Assist Deacon Emily Swanson  
 Greeters Dick & Loyce Johnson

**APRIL 8, 2018 - Communion**

Assisting Elder Scott Aydelotte Assisting Deacon Carol Keiper  
 Greeters Courtney Morrow  
 Servers Sheri Aydelotte, Evelyn Kankula, Jeff Indyk, Ray Lalley

**APRIL 15, 2018 - Friends & Family Sunday**

Assisting Elder Rick Cornely Assist Deacon Gail Bragin  
 Greeters Rich & Betty Salter

**APRIL 22, 2018 -**

Assisting Elder Vicki Stevens Assisting Deacon Rich Fehr  
 Greeters Sandi Skibenes

**APRIL 29, 2018 -**

Assisting Elder Jeff Indyk Assisting Deacon Ray Lalley  
 Greeters Carr Family

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE (cont)**

**MAY**

**MAY 6, 2018 - Communion**

Assisting Elder Niki Carr  
Greeters David Ehasz Family  
Assisting Deacon Karen Rose  
Servers Sandi Skibenes, Courtney Morrow, Bonnie Wismer, Barb Esposito

**MAY 13, 2018 -Mother's Day**

Assisting Elder Nancy Farley  
Assisting Deacon Suzanne Swanson  
Greeters Jeri Lynn Flynn

**MAY 20, 2018 - Children's Program/Friends & Family Sunday/Receive Confirmands**

Assisting Elder John Ehasz  
Assisting Deacon Jan Kuhn  
Greeters Harris Family

**MAY 27, 2017 - Trinity Sunday/Memorial Day Weekend**

Assisting Elder Dave Swanson  
Assisting Deacon Rich Fehr  
Greeters Ray Lalley

**Usher Schedule**

- March 4 Communion Servers will be the Ushers
- March 11 Girl Scout Sunday – Girl Scouts will usher and do offering
- March 18 Cathy & Joe Haschak, Loyce & Dick Johnson
- March 25 JoAnn & Rich Fehr, Jeri Lynn Flynn. Cindy Winters
- April 1 Joyce & Charlie Cummins, Rose Bohr, Carol Keiper
- April 8 Communion Servers will be the Ushers
- April 15 Lori & Jeff Indyk, Niki & Andy Carr
- April 22 Suzanne Swanson, Lynn Ehrhardt, Scott & Sherri Aydelotte
- April 29 Cindy Winders, Jan Kuhn, Amber Brady, George Heyer
- May 6 Communion Servers will be the Ushers
- May 13 Charlie & Joyce Cummins, Lori Frankenfield, Becky Brandt
- May 20 Ruth Skirbst, Victoria Stevens, Natalie Dutt, John Ehasz
- May 27 Betty Holod, Ray Lalley, Courtney Morrow, Russell Scott

### 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, James Barr, Joan Barry, Christine Basai, Al Beder, Kate Beers, Michael Beers, Shirley Beers, Beth Bell, Chris Bohr, Grayson Bohr, Tammy Burrows, Chloe, Niki Carr, Dick Collins, Mary Collins, Sheila Costanza, George Costello, Kim Crane, Rachel Crane, Jimmy Crouse, Charlie Cummins, Joyce Cummins, Lori Cymerman, Glenn David, DaSilva Family, Flo Dondarski, Jean Dutt, Lynn Ehrhardt, Marilyn Elmendorf, Donna Fleming, Clay Flyte, Brian Forik, Kelly Fox, Josephine A. Frankenfield, Paula Freese, Gail Gangaware, Frank Gentle, Melissa Gentle, Anne Ginley-Yerkes, Judy Grace, Jessica Hutton, Cecelia King, Ernie Kirchgaessner, Rex LaBarre, Ray Lalley, Sam Marino, Veronica Matus, McCreesh Family, Bill McEwen, Tom Moschberger, Olivia Ruggiero, Jace Nikoden, Zachariy Orletzkiy, Irma Cook Petersen, Tom Pointer, Rich Salter, Jr., Jacob Sandlin, Russell Scott, Amy Shandor, Henry Skirbst, Sharon K. Smith, Earl Steele, Sr., baby Trent, Carson Wentz, 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 2018 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 13, 2018*, so we can include them in the bulletin for Graduate Recognition Sunday on June 3, 2018.

**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 11. 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 2018:

- Church Financial Secretary/Church Treasurer: Sandi Skibenes
- Personnel and Nominating Committee: Becky Brandt, chair, Becky Brandt, Lori Frankenfield, Natalie Dutt, David Ehasz, Janine Austin, Nicole Carr
- 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, March 25** Procession during 10:00 a.m. Worship
- MAUNDY THURSDAY, March 29** 5:00 p.m. "Meal in the Upper Room"  
7:00 p.m. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated
- GOOD FRIDAY, March 30** 7:00 p.m. A worship of devotion and reflection
- EASTER, April 1** 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

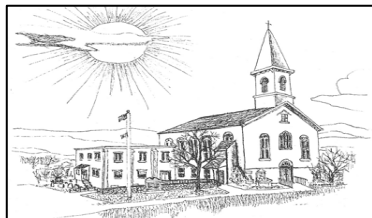
**COME AND CELEBRATE CHRIST'S LIFE!**

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**A NOTE ABOUT OUR PRAYER CHAIN**

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This was started, as best as I can remember about 11 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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