



### Kanapaha Times

## Monthly Newsletter of Kanapaha Presbyterian Church April 2025

### Join Us...

Sunday Morning Worship 10am in  
Sanctuary  
Bible Study @ 11am on Tuesdays  
April 8,15,22 and

### Note from Pastor...

#### **A Season of Renewal and Hope**

April already? A quarter of the new year has passed. We have moved more than halfway through the liturgical season of Lent and are setting our sights on Easter. In nature, we have passed the seasonal solstice. The darkness and cold of winter is ending. We encounter the hope of spring with its longer days and the earth striving to enter into the promised warmth of the coming season. There is a transitional struggle in our world that is felt in our very spirits as darkness is subdued by light, cold gives way to warmth, and what seemed to be dead displays its resurrection. And with this comes a renewed hope that we will make it home to our Father, no matter how dark the situation has been, for it is in the darkest night that God's love shines the brightest.

As the season changes, we are reminded of the beauty and promise of renewal. The blooming flowers, singing birds, and gentle warmth of spring are reminders of God's love. They are reflections of God's work in creation,

renewing all things. Spring offers us a unique opportunity to pause and witness the newness of life bursting forth around us. Easter, or more accurately Resurrection Day, invites us to embrace the profound truth of eternal life and renewal in Christ—a truth that brings life, hope, and light into the darkest of places.

Jesus' resurrection is a reminder that no matter how bleak and lifeless a season in our lives may feel, God is always working, always redeeming, always bringing new life. Life did not end at the cross; it was a necessary time of darkness leading to the final glorious victory over death, sin, and despair. Just as the tomb could not hold Christ, so also His grace and power free us from what tries to hold in the darkness. Let us open our hearts to the risen Christ, who calls us to experience the fullness of life He offers.

May the springtime flowers remind you of the love God is cultivating in your soul. May the warmth of the sun remind you of God's faithful, unchanging presence. May the joy of Easter fill your heart with peace that passes all understanding. And may the promise of resurrection be the hope of your life.

He is risen—He is risen indeed! Let us celebrate with joy!

Blessings

Pastor Michael

## **One Great Hour of Sharing**

KPC will be participating in the One Great Hour of Sharing, which is one of four PCUSA offerings done throughout the year. The focus of One Great Hour of Sharing is in global disasters, hunger, and oppression.

Millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing (Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self- Development of People) all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work provides people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

There will be additional information in the weekly worship bulletins. If you wish to give on April 6th and April 13th, please indicate on your check or on the offering envelope that you are giving to One Great Hour of Sharing.

Thank you for your generosity.

## **Family Promise**

A special thanks to Janet Phipps, Karla Ellsworth and her daughter, Barbara Rhea, and Miriam Otto for preparing a delicious meal this past March 4th! It means so much to

these families that are going from being homeless to getting back on their feet with a stable job, housing, and having their kids in school. All four of our Family Promise families thoroughly enjoyed each of your dishes! A special thanks to those that also gave a monetary donation which will be converted into gas or grocery gift cards for the families.

You are all very much appreciated!!

## **Worship and Nurture**



**HELP still needs liturgists for April and May.**

# The Last Supper

Matthew 26:17-30, Mark  
14:12-25, Luke 22:7-23

The story of the Last Supper is an invitation from Jesus to partake of Him, first to His apostles and to all Christians. This is a summary of the Last Supper Bible story as told in the books of Matthew, Mark, and Luke below. Read more in-depth Bible verses from the Scripture below and use the articles and videos to understand the meaning behind this teachable event in the Bible.

The last supper occurred on Passover's first day, or the Festival of Unleavened Bread. Jesus sent his disciples to the city to prepare a meal to celebrate Passover. Passover is the remembrance of Israel being freed from slavery to Egypt, specifically when the angel of death passed over the homes of the Israelites that had lambs' blood over the doors.

As the disciples reclined and ate dinner with Jesus, he explained that one of the twelve would soon betray him. One by one the disciplines denied that it would be them, including Judas who would be the betrayer. Jesus responded that the person who betrays him will have a terrible fate and that it was Judas.

Jesus prayed and thanked God for the meal. He then broke the bread, shared the wine with the disciples, and explained to them how the bread was a symbol of his body, broken for them, and the wine a symbol of his blood which would be poured out for their sins to be forgiven. This is where the church's tradition of communion comes from. Fish boxes are a longstanding tradition of One Great Hour of Sharing. It's a great way to involve and teach children in your congregation about giving.





Jim Walter

April 4

Sherry Wing

April 28



## Calendar Of Events April 2025

April 1-8-15	Tuesday	Lenten Study (11am)
April 5	Saturday	Church Work Day 9am-noon
April 12	Saturday	Cemetery Workday (9am-12pm)
April 13	Sunday	Palm Sunday
April 17	Thursday	Maundy Thursday
April 18	Friday	Good Friday Service (7pm)
April 20	Sunday	Sunrise Service (7am)
April 20	Sunday	Easter Worship (10am)
April 22	Tuesday	Session MTG (6pm)
April 27	Sunday	Magic Penny

**Church Workday on Saturday**  
**April 5<sup>th</sup> 9AM to Noon,**

Help us get our historic cemetery ready for the Easter Sunrise Service. Please bring work gloves, water and bug spray. Also hedge trimmer or weed whacker if you have them. The cemetery is located at the site of the original Kanapaha Presbyterian Church, 4101 SW 63rd Blvd. Go north at the light by Orange Blossom Academy on SW Archer Road. Come join us! You can even get a historical tour of the cemetery!



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*Church Workday on Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> 7AM to Noon!!*

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**Dates to remember.**

- 4/18/25, Good Friday Service 7pm in Sanctuary
- 4/20/25, Sunrise service 7am in KPC Cemetery
- 4/20/25, Easter breakfast at 8:30am in hall-coffee available sooner!  
Easter service in Sanctuary 10am





# *Kanapaha Presbyterian Church*

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### *Mission Statement*

*Glorifying God by learning, living & sharing the  
Good News of Jesus Christ.*

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### **Elders**

<b>Rev. Michael Wood</b>	<b>Pastor</b>	
<b>Bill Balke</b>	<b>Administration &amp; Finance</b>	<b>Class 2028</b>
<b>Kaley Behl</b>	<b>Buildings &amp; Grounds Cemetery Management</b>	<b>Class of 2026</b>
<b>Karen Kirkman</b>	<b>Special Projects &amp; Promotions Church History &amp; Cemetery Management</b>	<b>Class of 2025</b>
<b>Janet Phipps</b>	<b>Worship &amp; Nurture Education Clerk of Session</b>	<b>Class of 2025</b>