



# The Sunshine News

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**MARCH 2015**

## *March Worship Services*

March 1<sup>st</sup>

We will continue with the Sermon Series on the "Seven Last Words of Christ" throughout most of the Sundays this month. On this second Sunday in Lent we will focus our worship on John 19:25b-27 where we read of the words Jesus had while he hung on the cross to his mother, Mary, and the Apostle John. The Sermon title is: "*Dear Woman*". The Lord's Supper will be served.



March 8<sup>th</sup>

"*Abandoned*" is the sermon title and the Scripture passage is Mark 15:33-36. This is the 4<sup>th</sup> "Word" Jesus spoke from the cross.

March 15<sup>th</sup>

The 5<sup>th</sup> "Word" from the cross – from John 19:28-29 – is the focus of this morning's message called "*Thirsty*."

March 22<sup>nd</sup>

"It Is Finished" – Jesus' 6<sup>th</sup> statement from the cross – from John 19:30 is really one word in Biblical Greek. We'll explore what this word means to us individually and as the Church.

March 29<sup>th</sup>

Palm Sunday – the day we celebrate with all Christians Jesus' Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem just a few days prior to his arrest and crucifixion. Luke 19:28-40 will be the Scripture passage and we will focus on "*A Donkey and Some Stones*."

March 2015		
1	9:00 AM	Bible Study
	10:00 AM	Worship Service/Communion Children/Youth Sunday School
	~11:00 AM	Congregational Coffee Fellowship
3	10:00 AM	<i>Women's Bible Study</i>
	12:00 PM	Head, Heart, Hands Craft Group
4	7:00 PM	Bible Study
5	7:00 PM	Choir Practice
6	4:00 PM	Youth Craft Group
7	8:00 AM	Men's Fellowship
8	<b>Daylight Saving Time Begins</b>	
8	9:00 AM	Bible Study
	10:00 AM	Worship Service Children/Youth Sunday School
	11:15 AM	<b>Deacon's Meeting</b>
10	12:00 PM	Head, Heart, Hands Craft Group
11	7:00 PM	Bible Study
12	7:00 PM	Choir Practice
13	4:00 PM	Youth Craft Group
15	9:00 AM	Bible Study
	10:00 AM	Worship Service Children/Youth Sunday School
17	<b>Happy St. Patrick's Day!!</b>	
17	10:00 AM	<i>Women's Bible Study</i>
	12:00 PM	Head, Heart, Hands Craft Group
17	7:00 PM	<b>Session Meeting</b>
18	11:30 AM	Daytimer's Meeting
	7:00 PM	Bible Study
19	7:00 PM	Choir Practice
20	4:00 PM	Youth Craft Group
22	9:00 AM	Bible Study
	10:30 AM	Worship Service Children/Youth Sunday School
24	12:00 PM	Head, Heart, Hands Craft Group
25	7:00 PM	Bible Study
26	7:00 PM	Choir Practice
27	4:00 PM	Youth Craft Group
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### SCOUTS THIS MONTH

1st & 3rd Mondays 6:00 PM, Sea Scouts  
 2nd & 4th Tuesdays 5:30 PM, Girl Scouts  
 Wednesdays 6:00 PM, Cub Scouts  
 7:00 PM, Boy Scouts

29	9:00 AM	Bible Study
29	10:00 AM	Worship Service Children/Youth Sunday School
31	12:00 PM	Head, Hearts, Hands Craft Group

March Birthdays	
2	Jelani Miller-Flannigan
4	Albert Fallon
8	LaRue Long
12	Andy Bayley
15	Mike Grogan
17	Lily Meyers
17	Paul Millholland
20	Jean Wilkins
26	Barbara Secord
26	Rudy Lednicky
30	Nancy Sprague



**If you don't see your name listed in the birthdays or anniversaries, please let the office know so we can add you to the list!**

### Celebrating an Anniversary

- 6 Virginia and Jake Jacobs
- 7 Bobbie and Andy Bayley
- 19 Marilyn and Richard Frassato
- 21 Merry and Al Schick
- 28 Cathy and Jim Daniels



## *Pastor-Lee” Thoughts*

Lent – the 40 days (not counting Sundays) prior to Easter that we focus on our relationship with Christ and look forward to celebrating the Resurrection of our Lord – is a very important part of the church year. “Lent” comes from the Teutonic (Germanic) word for springtime. It can be viewed as a spiritual spring cleaning: a time for taking spiritual inventory and then cleaning out those things which hinder our corporate and personal relationships with Jesus Christ and our service to him.

Lent is a time when many Christians prepare for Easter by:

- *Fasting* – Whether you choose to participate in a lengthy or short fast – or choose not to eat a particular food item (i.e., chocolate, desserts, meats, etc.) – it can be a time you use to focus on God and on your relationship with Him rather than on your own appetite or cravings.
- *Repentance* – Addressing the sin in your life and being thankful that God forgives you of those sins.
- *Moderation* – You don’t need to go “whole hog” in what you do – take time to “take it easy” – to do things in moderation – thanking God for what He has done for you.
- *Prayer* – Take time to communicate with God through prayer, whether the prayers are your own or from a favorite Christian source. Be sure to listen for God’s response to your prayers.
- *Spiritual Discipline* – There are many things you can do that can be considered a Spiritual Discipline. A couple of these are:

Bible Reading (You might want to consider reading through the four Gospels as I challenged the congregation to do in one of my messages last month)

Meditating on various Scripture passages (Sit and “be still” and listen to what God is telling you)

Reflection on Jesus Christ -

His suffering and sacrifice

His life and teachings

His death, burial, and resurrection

Choose from the above list or come up with your own! May your Lenten pilgrimage be a time that draws you closer to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Enjoy your “spiritual spring cleaning”!

In His Service,  
*Pastor Lee*

Sources used are: <http://christianity.about.com/od/holidaytips/qt/whatislent.htm> and <http://www.churchyear.net/lent.html>

## **DEACONS, COMMISSIONS, AND SESSION MEETINGS**

The Deacons, Commissions, and Session Meetings for this month have been announced.

The Deacons will meet on Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> immediately after the Coffee Fellowship.

The Commissions will meet immediately following the Coffee Fellowship also on March 8<sup>th</sup>, a week earlier than usual due to the Presbytery of Nevada meeting (see article on the Presbytery meeting elsewhere in this issue of the “Sonshine News”). This will make it easier for all that are interested in participating in the Commissions to do so since the meetings will be after our Sunday morning worship.

Look for announcements in the weekly bulletins regarding where each Commission will meet. The Session of our church will meet on March 10<sup>th</sup> (also a week earlier than usual) at our regularly scheduled 7:00 p.m. meeting time.

# WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday Night Adult Bible Study continues to meet at 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room led by Pastor Lee. The study focuses on the “Faith Lessons” DVD series presented by Ray Vander Laan. Mr. Vander Laan is a teacher-historian that has taken tour groups to locations in the Middle East and Mediterranean region and taught them about the culture, history, and context of the Bible pertaining to the specific biblical location. We will be continuing with Volume 11 of the 12 part series. It is called: “The Path to the Cross” – very appropriate for Lent. The weekly lessons for March include: “Into the Desert to Be Tested”, “The Last Passover”, and “The Fifth Cup: Our Way of Hope”. There is always a “Faith Lesson” following the video to challenge us.

All are welcome to attend. If you have never come to the Wednesday Night Adult Bible Study we would love to have you join us. Each lesson is independent of the others. We look forward to seeing you there!

Per Capita 2015 = \$35.00

**The per capita for 2015 is \$35.00. This is an assessment on all members of the church to fund the activities of the various levels of the Presbyterian Church. If you have the means and can pay the amount above your regular giving, it does help the church budget. The church has to pay this whether you contribute or not.**



## OPPORTUNITIES AT HPC

Calling all who worship at Henderson Presbyterian Church! We need you to sign up on the clipboards at the end of the hallway leading to the Sanctuary. There are multiple opportunities to be part of your church. Get involved in the life of the church in one of these ways.



**Lay Leader** on Sunday morning – it’s not as hard as you might think! Check with Craig Sell, our elder in charge of Worship, for more information.

**Coffee Fellowship** (sign up with several friends if you like) – our Coffee Fellowship is a great time to introduce ourselves to someone we don’t know ... or “touch base” with our friends over something to eat.

*Note: On the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month there will be a “Pot Luck Coffee Fellowship” in which **all** are encouraged to bring some item to share. It will be a great time to taste the various food items – from cookies, fruit, vegetables, candies, or other treats – prepared or brought by our congregation. Coffee and punch will be provided.*



**Greeter** to welcome those who come to worship with us – a friendly smile is a great way to be met on a Sunday morning. If you have any questions, please contact Marshall Hanson, our elder in charge of Membership and Evangelism.



# SPRING PRESBYTERY MEETING

The Spring meeting of the Presbytery of Nevada will be held March 15<sup>th</sup> through the 18<sup>th</sup> at Green Valley Presbytery Church. This is a time where the Pastors and Elder Commissioners of the Presbyterian churches in Nevada and the eastern slope of California get together to seek God's will for our area. All day Monday and into Tuesday morning the various committees of the Presbytery have their meetings. Starting on Tuesday afternoon and going through Wednesday morning the representatives of the churches meet as a group to hear committee reports and to act on the various motions brought before the assembly. The members of the Presbytery will also be voting on various amendments that have been proposed for the PC(USA)'s *Book of Order* and *Book of Confessions*.

The Session of Henderson Presbyterian Church will send two Ruling Elder Commissioners – Marshall Hanson and Gilbert Tam – and will also be represented by Pastors Hilda Pecoraro and Lee Styer as well as Ruling Elder Denis Pecoraro who is a member of the Presbytery Council.

On Tuesday evening, March 17<sup>th</sup>, there will be a worship service that is open to all.

The meetings of the Presbytery are open to all, so this is an opportunity for all to come and see how our Presbytery operates.

## MEN'S GROUP MEETING

**Saturday, March 7, 2015**  
**8:00 AM**  
**Fireside Room**

Come and join other men in a time of a fellowship over a delicious breakfast, prayer, and a devotional thought to inspire us in our lives. The group will be meeting in the Fireside Room at 8:00 a.m. Thanks to Marshall Hanson for his outstanding leadership! For more information contact Marshall at 274-4461.



### EMAIL ADDRESSES NEEDED

We now have 99 families enrolled in our

Announcements Group. If you know of any church friends or members that are not receiving weekly church eAnnouncements, send their email addresses to Denis Pecoraro at [pecoraro2@cox.net](mailto:pecoraro2@cox.net).

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

We will be starting Children's Sunday School during the church service @ 10:00 am, beginning March 1, 2015. This will give the older children an opportunity to learn God's word with their peers in a fun and experiential environment. The younger children (Nursery School ages 0-5 years) will continue to participate in the Children's Message before the sermon. The older children will remain in the Sunday School room for the duration of the service. We will try this for the Spring 2015 curriculum, and maybe this will support us in building our Sunday School attendance.

Thanks Everyone.

Karen Chandler

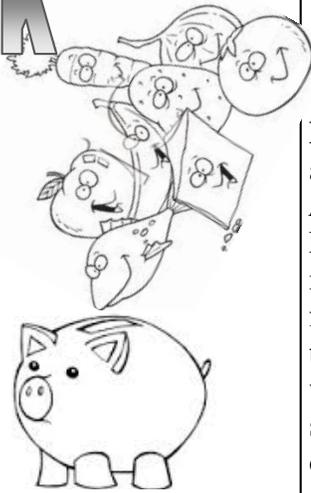


**Turn clocks ahead  
1 hour at  
2:00 a.m. on  
March 8th!**

Answer to Quotefall, page 8. The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit. Proverbs 18:21

# Food Bank

Your contributions are desperately needed and they are making a huge difference to many of our fellow citizens as we share the love of Christ in a most tangible and concrete way by providing them with food and personal hygiene items. Thank you in advance for your continued support of this worthy church outreach program. To contribute, simply write a check to "HPC Food Bank." The donation can be dropped in the offering plate or mailed to the Food Bank in care of Henderson Presbyterian Church. Remember, Food Bank donations must be made separately from church donations.



We must be the only church in the world that doesn't have anything going on with any of its members!!!

**WANTED**

**PLEASE** submit articles and announcements for the *Sonshine News*. You may want to let people know what's happening on your church committee, or maybe you'd just like to share a personal note or a family member's accomplishment. Maybe you'd like to make witness to an experience where God's presence was felt in your life. Whatever the reason, please submit your brief articles to my mail slot in the church office or e-mail Sue Lednický at [dayoff40@gmail.com](mailto:dayoff40@gmail.com). Articles must be received by the Wednesday before the last Sunday of the month for inclusion in the following month's *Sonshine News*.

## Happy St. Patrick's Day

## Let's Go Fly a Kite

**Sunday, March 22  
11:00 a.m.**



Keep your eyes open for kites overhead! Yes, we'll be flying kites again on **March 22nd**. Meet after church in the Sunday school room to design your very own kite, then go next door to the ball fields to fly it! **Bring your own lunch and spend the afternoon!** Harvey Rolf is our resident kite flying pro and will help us all create great kites for flying. This is for everyone who enjoys a good time!

### WE STILL NEED HELP

A few months ago I put article in the *Sonshine News* indicating a number of items that needed to be done around the church. Some of these items have been agreed to be done by various organizations in the church. There are still some that need to be done such as:

1. Various graffiti needs to be painted over.
2. More handheld microphones.
3. A wireless head set for the pulpit.
4. Organizing the storage area.

If anyone has the time or financial resources to take on one of these projects, please see me or Zep to find out more about the details and the cost.

Paul Millholland,  
Chairman, Building and Operations



## EASTER LILIES

Easter lilies will again adorn the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 5. More information will be available soon, but please consider purchasing a lily in honor or memory of a loved one.

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY



meets the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 10:00 a.m. The lesson series, *Reconciling Paul*, continues. All women are welcome and encouraged to attend. A new lesson series will begin in March.

## BEING GOOD STEWARDS OF OUR CHURCH HOME

Many, many thanks to the Scouts for cleaning around our church on Saturday, January 31. Please remember that our custodian is only required to clean once a week. It's up to the rest of us to keep the place clean the rest of the time.

What are some ways you can help?

- Empty trash after each meeting.
- Throw away candy wrappers in trash cans.
- Take your church bulletins home with you to recycle! Don't leave them on the seats or in the hymnal.
- If you spill something, clean it up!
- Make sure children are properly supervised when eating and drinking.
- When you see trash outside, bring it in and throw it away.

We are all stewards of our church property and it is up to each one of us to do all we can.

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## ARE YOU THERE, GOD?

A young soldier was taking some college courses between assignments. He had completed 3 tours of duty in Afghanistan.

One of the courses had a professor who was an avowed atheist and a member of the Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA).

One day the professor shocked the class when he came in. He looked to the ceiling and flatly stated, "GOD, if you are real, then I want you to knock me off this platform... I'll give you exactly 15 min."

The lecture room fell silent. You could hear a pin drop. Ten minutes went by and the professor proclaimed, "Here I am GOD, I'm still waiting."

It got down to the last couple of minutes when the soldier got out of his chair, went up to the

professor, and cold-cocked him; knocking him clean off the platform.

The professor was out cold.

The young soldier went back to his seat and sat there, silently.

The other students were shocked and stunned, and sat there looking on in silence.

The professor eventually came to, noticeably shaken, looked at the soldier and asked,

"What in the world is the matter with you? Why did you do that?"

The young soldier stood up and calmly replied, "GOD was too busy today protecting soldiers, who are protecting your right to say stupid crap and act like an idiot. So He sent me."

The classroom erupted in cheers!

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# QUOTE FALL

TAKEN FROM  
[HTTP://BIBLEWORDGAMES.COM](http://BIBLEWORDGAMES.COM)

Solution on page 5—no peeking!

Draw from the letters above each column to fill in the spaces in the grid below them. Only the letters in each column may be used in that column. Looking at the grid, you see clear squares and solid squares. The clear or white squares indicate missing letters in the grid. The solid squares indicate the end of a word or, looking at it another way, the space between two words. Words can wrap around from one row to the next, so the end of a row DOES NOT mean that is the end of the word. ONLY a solid square indicates the end of a word. Once the puzzle is solved, the message reads horizontally, from left to right, across each row—as if you're reading a book.

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