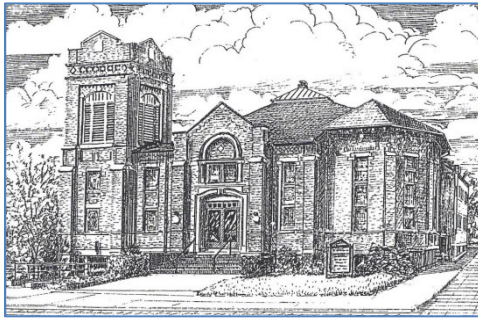


First Presbyterian Church 2017 Lenten Devotional
“Building the Church, Building the Faith”



As we at the First Presbyterian Church of Westerville begin the season of Lent, we will also begin our church’s Building Project. These devotional readings are linked together in the theme of “Building the Church, Building the Faith”. It is the hope of the Worship Committee that this devotional will help provide prayerful support to the building project and all the people who are making it happen; as well as giving the members a tool for deepening their own faith during this special season of the church.

Each week during Lent, you will receive a week’s worth of daily scriptures and a simple prompt for your personal reflection. Use these as part of your prayer time, as a guided meditation, as a conversation starter with others from the church. You are also invited to save these pages and return to them regularly over the duration of the church’s construction project.

Week 1

Day One: Ash Wednesday, March 1--Psalm 127:1

“Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.”

As the church begins its building program, today is a good day for you to consider how God is at work in the church’s building program and in your own life.

Day Two: Thursday, March 2—Ecclesiastes 3:3

“a time to break down, and a time to build up;”

The author of Ecclesiastes reminds us that we do all things in their right time. What in your life has been waiting for the “right time” and is that time now?

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Day Three: Friday, March 3--Luke 14:27-28

“Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it?”

There is a cost to building the addition to the church, just as there is a cost to serving Christ. What is Jesus asking of you this Lenten season, and are you willing to pay the cost?

Day Four: Saturday, March 4--Ezra 2:68-69

“As soon as they came to the house of the LORD in Jerusalem, some of the heads of families made freewill-offerings for the house of God, to erect it on its site. According to their resources they gave to the building fund sixty-one thousand darics of gold, five thousand minas of silver, and one hundred priestly robes.”

Many, many people have contributed from their resources so that the new addition can be built. Give thanks for all who have given to the building project, whether it be \$1 or \$100,000.

First Sunday in Lent: March 5--Proverbs 24:3

“By wisdom a house is built, and by understanding it is established;”

Much wisdom and understanding will be needed for a successful completion of this building project. Consider today what wisdom you can bring to this project

