



Pickford Presbyterian Pages

From the Pastor...

Jesus teaches us to that the two greatest commandments are: First, love the Lord our God, with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength. The second is like it in that we are to love our neighbor as Jesus has first loved us. Sometimes the second is translated as: love our neighbor as we love ourselves. Or in more secular terms, it's the golden rule: treat others as you wish to be treated.

Notice something, though in Jesus' teaching: he doesn't specify who qualifies as our neighbor. It is very generic; love your neighbor. In looking over the ministry of Jesus, I believe this was on purpose and that it's because all people are our neighbors. It's not just the people who live close to us or who act and speak like us or look like us. God created all people and therefore all people are to be treated as our neighbors—to be loved as Jesus has loved each of us.

There are many different ways to show God's love for each other. We can offer forgiveness to those who have hurt us. We can stand against injustice and demand our leaders treat everyone equal; demand our society shift so that all have equal opportunities. We can offer housing, food, clothes, or other necessary items. The list of how we share God's love goes on and on and on. It is part of our work as disciples to discern exactly how God is calling us to share God's love.

One such possibility in sharing the love of God is coming to Pickford. Due to an initial financial gift, plans are moving forward in bringing an adult care home to Pickford. You'll find more information about this project in this newsletter and I hope that you will put your support behind it as I have. Since coming to Pickford, many people have talked to me about this need in the community and I have seen the need for myself. Now we have the chance to make it happen. But it's up to us. It's up to us to spread the word, raise the funds, and make this home a reality. This is one small way this community can share God's love with each other.

Jesus calls us to love our neighbors as he first loved us. How will you share God's love in the world, offering it to all who cross your path?

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Jessica

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OFFICE HOURS
Monday – Thursday
starting @ 8:30 a.m.

THINGS TO NOTE...

Financial Updates:

Please consult the annual report for 2016 Financial Information. If you did not receive a copy and would like one, please let Jessica Bjunes know.

OUT OF THE OFFICE

Pastor Jessica will be out of the office from Friday, February 10th through Tuesday, February 14th. She will be away on vacation. If you are in need of pastoral care during that time, please call our elder on call, Alice Halsey (647-6601).

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The February 2, 2017 meeting will be at 12:30 p.m. with dessert provided. Please bring your own sandwich. The business meeting will begin at approximately 1:30 as usual.

ASH WEDNESDAY

We will celebrate the beginning of Lent with an Ash Wednesday service with the imposition of ashes on March 1st at 7 p.m. We hope you'll take advantage of this opportunities to recognize the start of the Lenten season.



NEWS FORM THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Reminder that the service list for Sunday mornings is being updated. Please let any committee member know if you want on the list for liturgist, usher, greeter, nursery, or candle lighting. Remember that if you are unable to serve your designated Sunday, you are responsible for finding your own replacement. This is a great way to serve and give a little back to our God and church.

Our committee is also looking for someone (or two) to join us. Come try us on for some great discussions and planning for worship services. You do not need to be a musician – it just looks that way! Our next meeting is on February 15, 2017 at 8:00 P.M. Committee members are Jill Halsey, Sarah Morrison, Karen Hughes Beacom, and Elaine Slater. See you there!

ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE

The Presbyterian Women are having their annual Salvation Army food drive during the month of February. Please place non-perishable food items or household items in the container in the narthex.



SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

On Sunday, February 5th we will be collecting canned goods and monetary donations as part of the Souper Bowl of Caring. Souper Bowl of Caring is youth across the nation working to fight hunger and poverty in their own communities around the time of the Super Bowl football game.

All canned goods and donations collected on February 5th will be given to Cedar Post. We hope that you will be able to give generously as we work to fight hunger. Thank you for your support.

On January 5, 2017, the Pickford Presbyterian Women's Association met in the church parlors for their regular meeting with 9 members and 2 guests present. Lunch was hosted by Alice Halsey and Pat Hunter. Our guest speaker was Tracy Holt who spoke to us and answered questions we had about the plans for The Pennington House, an adult foster care facility, which is slated to be built in Pickford this Spring. Donations will be gratefully accepted with checks made out to SHSS, mailed to 1501 W. 6th Ave., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783. It is important to memo on your check "To Pennington House".

The meeting opened with our moderator, Alice Halsey, lighting the Christ candle, prayer, and the reading of our purpose. The secretary's report was accepted as read. Correspondence was read. The treasurer reported a balance on hand of \$4,052.14 as of the end of December.

Committee Reports:

Social—Betty Bawks and Karen Rye will be hostesses at the February meeting. Dessert will be provided. Thirty people were served lunch after Hanging of the Greens, twenty-three at the ladies' tea, and forty-one at Cindy Smith's retirement brunch.

Valerie Hill will have the program at the February meeting.

Remembrance—15 Christmas cards, 2 encouragement, 1 birthday and 4 get well cards were sent in December, along with 7 fruit baskets.

Circle report—5 ladies attended the lunch at Main Street Café in December. Alice Halsey will be hostess at the January meeting.

Old Business—Kathy Jacobson is still working on the curtains for the church basement. They will be done soon.

New Business—The annual congregational meeting will be January 22nd after the morning worship service. Our ladies' group will provide lunch.

We will have a food drive for the Salvation Army the month of February.

Carol Storey has agreed to be on the church nominating committee, representing our group.

Our mission giving from our 2016 end-of-year amount will be: \$100 each to Anchor House, Dianne Pepler Center, Salvation Army, Northwoods Christian Camp, Presbytery Point Camp, and Hospice House of the EUP.

A motion was MSC to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

GUARDIAN ANGEL PROGRAM

We are inviting all of our children and youth along with the adults in our congregation to participate in our Guardian Angel Program. The goal is to better acquaint these two groups within our church and to establish lasting friendships. This how it works:



- * The program begins on February 19th.
- * Each enrolled participant will be assigned a secret “guardian angel.” This “angel” will pray daily for his/her special person and also try to communicate at least two times with notes, cards, etc. Perhaps you can also give a clue about your identity each time. Angels will be provided addresses and a bit of information about their child/adult and a place for these communications to be sent.
- * There will be a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex, or one can be signed up by e-mailing Jessica Bjunes at ppc@centurytel.net.
- * If you have any questions, please contact Carol Wallis or Shaunna MacDonald. We hope this will be a special experience for everyone who participates!

The Christian Education Committee

SUNDAY MORNING ROTATIONS

Date	Liturgists	Greeters	Ushers	Nursery
2/5/2017	Shirley McGarvey	Tim & Carol Storey	Arlene Portice & Elaine Slater	Denice Portice
2/12/2017	Alice Halsey	Don Stirling & Family	Bob Rye & Family	Mandy Stec
2/19/2017	Dick Morrison	Chuck & Mary Jane Bennin	Bill & Curt Beacom	Denice Portice
2/26/2017	Cathy Smith	Jim & Karen Rye	Tim Storey & John Hillock	Kristin Taylor

SAVE THE DATE

Women, mark your calendars for Mackinac Presbytery’s Presbyterian Women Gathering. It will be held in Traverse City, on Saturday, May 6th. More information will be coming.

PRESBYTERY POINT CAMP

Presbytery Point is celebrating its 80th anniversary this year! As in years past, a variety of camps will be offered beginning in May and continuing through August. There are also many volunteer positions that need to be filled, from nurses and crafters to custodial and maintenance. For more camper or volunteer information, call Caron at 906-869-0925 or e-mail at ppccc@presbyterypoint.org

THANK YOU

We wish to thank the little hands that made and decorated the Christmas cookies. We also want to thank everyone who took time from their busy schedules to come visit. This is more precious than any store bought gift.

Sincerely,
Jim & Valarie Hill

We greatly appreciate your generosity this Holiday season.
Your Friends at Hearthside

Thank you for the continued prayers for Paul Schmidt. The back surgery last year was a success and no further surgeries are necessary.

Paul & Jan Schmidt

A huge thank you to the congregation for all their generous donations of winter clothing and money for the students of Pickford Schools.

Carol Wallis

To all in this congregation who has helped my family in this time of trouble and despair. I don't know how to say thank you enough for the prayers, cards, and financial help along the way. My wife Patti has been home now for about 4 weeks from Mary Free Bed in Grand Rapids. We still have a long way to go for her recovery but at least she is home. Home care and rehab here is a lot better than 300 miles away. Thoughts and prayers has made her journey to recovery steady and still improving every week. This church and members holds God's will and power through prayers and kind deeds. We have and still do experience the love and compassion that you freely and unconditionally give. We are humbled and grateful for all you have done. Prayers do work. My wife is walking proof. Thank you just doesn't seem enough, but that's all we have.

God bless & Thank you,
A.J. & P.J. Strieter

Thank you to everyone for your prayers and concerns.
Dean Wise

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARIES



- 2/1 Cara Franke
- 2/3 Valarie Hill
- 2/4 Bill Wallis
- 2/5 Travis Reich
- 2/6 Gabrielle Alter
- Brooke Beacom
- Drake Stec
- 2/7 Vance Barber
- Kaitlyn Doyle
- Xiatian Huyck
- 2/10 Jagger Ackerman
- Tom Edie
- Sascha Kuenzer

- 2/12 Joel Blumenthal
- Stacy MacDonald
- Kristin Shriner
- Tom Soeltner
- 2/16 Ione Barber

Happy Anniversary!

- 2/15 Gerald & Sharon Cottle

Tori Thurmes

- 2/17 John Bennin
- Chris Smith
- 2/19 Kelly Barr
- 2/21 Jessie Rye
- 2/22 Sarah Fountain Garcia
- (in memory)
- 2/23 Juanita Fountain
- 2/24 Katie Tominac
- 2/25 Sarah Allen
- 2/26 Avery Bosbous
- 2/27 Marty Feldhake
- Luke Slater
- 2/28 Cindy Dodds
- Teri Goug

CHURCH COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Following is a list of our church committees and their members.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

Pat Bennin, Elder Representative
Carol Wallis
Shaunna MacDonald

PERSONNEL:

David Halsey, Chair, Class of 2018
Emory Schwiderson, Class of 2019
Denice Portice, Class of 2020

MEMORIAL FUND:

RB Smith, Elder Representative
Sharon Beacom
Cindy Smith
Carol Wallis

AUDIT:

Sally Rye, Class of 2018
Joyce Smith, Class of 2019
Pat Hunter, Class of 2020

MEMBERSHIP AND MISSION:

Irene Nettleton
Christy Thurmes, Elder Representative
Gloria Smith

NOMINATING:

RB Smith, Elder Representative and Chair
Sharon Beacom
Robert Slater
Richard Storey
Carol Storey, PW representative

PROPERTIES:

Bill Beacom, Elder Representative
Bruce Harrison
Paul Harrison
Jim Rye
Robert Rye
Dean Wise

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

Elaine Slater, Elder Representative
Karen Beacom
Jill Halsey
Sarah Morrison

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE:

Alice Halsey, Elder Representative
Jodi Soeltner
Jessica Bjunes, Treasurer

COMMUNITY NEWS

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Habitat for Humanity is looking for a family for a home on Bingham Street. The family must qualify by being in need because of low income and/or having a disability. If you, or a family you know, are interested in applying, please call the ReStore at 632-6616 or call 635-5265 for more information.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Habitat for Humanity ReStore has reopened after a complete renovation. We are now open Wednesday thru Saturday from 10 to 4. We are taking in household appliances, beds, tools, building materials, lighting fixtures and more. For questions please call the ReStore at 632-6616.

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Church Services: Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

Children's Sunday School:
Immediately after Children's Sermon

Adult Sunday School: Sundays at 11:00 a.m.

The word "February" is written in a playful, bubbly font. The letters are filled with a gradient of pink and purple colors. Each letter has a white dotted outline, giving it a hand-drawn or cut-out appearance.

It was we, the people; not we, the white male citizens; nor yet we, the male citizens; but we, the whole people, who formed the Union. And we formed it, not to give the blessings of liberty, but to secure them; not to the half of ourselves and the half of our posterity, but to the whole people – women as well as men.

- Susan B. Anthony