



# Pickford Presbyterian Pages

## From the Pastor...

The season of Lent is almost upon us. Sometimes the question arises of what the Lenten season means; why do we have Lent? What purpose does it serve besides being the season of the church that leads to Easter? The *Book of Order* describes Lent this way, “It is a season of spiritual discipline and preparation, beginning with Ash Wednesday, anticipating the celebration of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ” (W-3.2002d). So, yes, it is a time of preparation, but more than that it is a time of spiritual discipline that can begin a renewal of faith.

*The Companion to the Book of Common Worship* gives some of the history of Lent. “Lent apparently evolved as a time for training, particularly as a time of final preparation of candidates for baptism at Easter. Lent also became a time for the renewal of the faithful, as well as a time for the excommunicated to prepare to return to the community of faith...The Lenten season seems to have developed as a period of learning with a focus on what it means to be a follower of Christ...Lent had and still has an emphasis on reaffirming baptismal identity, of knowing and living the faith. During Lent, we have the opportunity to reaffirm who we are and always will be, in anticipation of Easter” (109).

To take advantage of this opportunity, to know and live our faith, throughout Lent I will be preaching a sermon series around the theme of *Boot Camp for the Soul*. As we go through Lent we will look at different areas of our lives and relationship with God and how we might get those areas into shape. We begin on Ash Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, with a service at 7:00 p.m. that will include the imposition of ashes and then we move forward preparing for and anticipating the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. May this Lenten season be a holy one for you.

Grace and Peace,  
*Pastor Jessica*

### Lenten Sermon Series

Ash Wednesday—2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10—Preparing for Boot Camp  
March 5<sup>th</sup>—Matthew 4:1-11—The Need for Change  
March 12<sup>th</sup>—John 3:1-17—Reset  
March 19<sup>th</sup>—John 4:5-42—Hydrate  
March 26<sup>th</sup>—John 9:1-41—Redefined  
April 2<sup>nd</sup>—John 11:1-45—Dead End  
Palm Sunday—Matthew 21:1-11—Celebrate and Wait  
Easter—John 20:1-18—The Stories Women Tell

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

## Things to Note...

### ASH WEDNESDAY

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



### OUR DAILY BREAD NOW AVAILABLE

The spring edition of Our Daily Bread is now available. Copies are located in the literature rack in the narthex.



**DON'T FORGET TO SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD  
MARCH 12<sup>TH</sup> AT 2:00 A.M.**

### UPDATING SUNDAY MORNING ROTATIONS

It is time to update our service list already! The current rotating service list of ushers, liturgists, nursery, and greeters ends with the month of March. The worship committee will be reviewing and updating this list. If you are interested in serving in any of these roles, or taking a break from them, please contact Pastor Jessica or Jill Halsey. Thank you to all those who have and are continuing to serve. Also, please note that if you are unable to serve on a scheduled Sunday, please find your own replacement.

### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The March 2, 2017 meeting will be at 12:30 p.m. The business meeting will begin at approximately 1:30 as usual.

### SAVE THE DATE

Women, mark your calendars for Mackinac Presbytery's Presbyterian Women Gathering. It will be held in Traverse City, on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 2:30pm. Reservations need to be made by Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> to Florence Morrison (231-223-7159). There is a cost of \$5 for lunch. See handouts in the narthex for more information.

## **SUNDAY MORNING ROTATIONS**

| Date      | Liturgists  | Greeters                       | Ushers                       | Nursery        |
|-----------|-------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| 3/5/2017  | Bob Slater  | Jodi Soeltner & Denice Portice | Jim Quinnell & Don Stevenson | Carol Wallis   |
| 3/12/2017 | Cindy Smith | Emory & Judy Schwiderson       | Bill & Curt Beacom           | Denice Portice |
| 3/19/2017 | R.B. Smith  | Jerry & Christy Thurmes        | Emory Schwiderson & Family   | Mandy Stec     |
| 3/26/2017 | Pat Hunter  | Tim & Carol Storey             | Jim Rye                      | Denice Portice |

## REIMBURSEMENT REQUESTS

If you purchase anything for the church and are seeking reimbursement, we are asking that you turn in your original receipts along with the check request form. This form can be found in the top box outside Jessica Bjunes' office. It's important that it be filled out completely so that we know which budget item the money is coming from. If you have any questions, please talk with Pastor Jessica or Jessica Bjunes. No check requests will be filled without a completed check request form.

The regular meeting of the Pickford Presbyterian Women's Association was held in the church parlors with 11 members present. We had lunch preceding the meeting with Betty Bawks and Karen Rye as hostesses.

Our moderator, Alice Halsey, opened the meeting by lighting the Christ candle, leading in prayer, and reading our purpose. The secretary's report was accepted as read. The treasurer reported a balance on hand of \$2,694.28 as of the end of January.

Social—27 were served after the congregational meeting in January. Next month's social committee is Elaine Slater and Marjeen Wise.

Program—Gloria Smith has the program for the March meeting.

Remembrance—2 thinking of you and 6 get well cards were sent last month. Valerie Hill will have the cards for the next few months.

Circle—There were 4 at the last meeting. Pat Hunter will be hostess at this month's meeting.

Old Business—The memorial committee will be paying for the new curtains in memory of Beth Quinnell.

New Business—We need a list of 4<sup>th</sup> graders that will be eligible to receive Bibles this year. We will ask Jessica Bjunes if she could get this for us.

The Mother/Daughter Banquet will be May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Gloria Smith and Irene Nettleton have the program. Pat Hunter and Elaine Slater will take reservations. Group A has the planning, group B has the dining room and group C has pantry and dishes.

We voted to give \$500 to Pennington house.

New tablecloths are needed for our dining room. Alice will measure what will be needed and Gloria will check at JoAnn Fabrics for prices. Also, a motion was MSC to have Pat purchase 2 cookie sheets for the kitchen.

A motion to adjourn was MSC.

Valerie Hill had the program on Valentine's Day. We also signed a sheet to be sent to our shut-ins and those away for the winter.

Respectfully submitted,

## Financial Updates:

| As of January 31, 2017 |                  |                  |                 |                  |               |                 |                 |
|------------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|                        | Operating        |                  |                 |                  | Sunday        |                 |                 |
|                        | Fund             | Investments      | PI – Regular    | PI – Roof        | School        | Youth           | Memorial        |
| Cash on hand           | 54,103.42        | 12,000.00        | 6,443.26        | 18,108.79        | 166.49        | 1,158.77        | 6,996.12        |
| Income                 | 11,539.45        | 0.00             | 365.00          | 550.00           | 44.00         | 0.00            | 0.00            |
| Expenses               | (10,641.90)      | 0.00             | 0.00            | 0.00             | (25.00)       | 0.00            | 0.00            |
| Ending Bal             | <b>55,000.97</b> | <b>12,000.00</b> | <b>6,808.26</b> | <b>18,658.79</b> | <b>185.49</b> | <b>1,158.77</b> | <b>6,996.12</b> |

## THANK YOU

Thank you so much for the lengthy “We Care” sheet signed by so many friends in our church family. My doctors are telling me I’m doing well and that all the pain will soon be gone. However, I’m waiting for that day.

Gratefully,  
Lorma Ames

I appreciate all of the prayers, cards, and concern. I am finally feeling better.

Elaine Slater



*We express our deepest sympathy to the family of John Hillock who died Wednesday, February 8, 2017.*

## 3 LAKES LAY ACADEMY RETREAT

April 28 & 29, 4 P.M. Friday-2 P.M. Saturday  
Augustine Center Conway, MI

### **THEME: Personal Gifts and the Ministry of Stewardship**

This retreat will ask what gifts we each bring to the ministry of our personal stewardship in the life of the church.

**OUTLINE:** Augustine Center will be available at 4 P.M. on Friday. Supper will be at 5:30. The first session will begin at 7 P.M. We will complete our time together at 2 P.M. on Saturday.

**COST:** \$65 per person (scholarship help available). This includes lodging, and 3 meals. Make checks payable to Zion Lutheran Church.

Deadline to register is: April 17, 2017

## **PRESBYTERY POINT CAMP**

Presbytery Point is celebrating its 80<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:ppccc@presbyterypoint.org)

Besides filling the volunteer positions, the camp is also looking for a variety of items. The wish list is included below but for more information, or to arrange getting item(s) to camp, call Caron at (906) 869-0925 or email at [ppccc@presbyterypoint.org](mailto:ppccc@presbyterypoint.org). Thanks!

### **Presbytery Point Camp Wish List**

- Waterfront equipment (kickboards, noodles, buckets/shovels, sploosh balls, etc.)
- Arts-n-Crafts supplies (colored construction paper, Elmer's glue and glue sticks, scissors, masking tape, meltie beads, white t-shirts (all sizes), tie dye colors, macramé jute, beads, wax and wick for candle-making, crayons, paints, etc.)
- Walkie Talkies (rechargeable or with batteries)
- Fishing equipment (poles, bobbers, hooks without barbs)
- Financial gifts to the Campership Fund or Maintenance Fund
- Spiral notebooks, copy paper, colored and white poster board
- New or gently used flip flops or watershoes (all sizes)
- New or gently used athletic shoes (youth and young adult sizes)
- Rubber bands, paper clips, file folders, general office supplies
- Musical instruments including: drums (bongo, djembe, etc.), acoustic guitar, handheld percussion instruments, etc.
- Clean linens: towels, washcloths, single-bed sheets, beach towels
- Counselor goodie bags (with tissues, sunscreen, insect repellent, chapstick, etc.)
- Golf Cart (with cargo space preferable)
- Batteries (AA, AAA, C, D, 9volt)
- Serviceable 4-wheeler (350cc or more)
- Permanent, dry erase, or washable markers
- Gently used blankets, pillows or sleeping bags
- 5 quart ice cream pails (with covers)
- Sturdy coat trees, plastic coat hangers
- Flashlights
- Canoes, lake kayaks, paddles
- Lifeguard Rescue Tube
- Laundry detergent



**MARCH BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARIES**

3/1 Trevor Rye  
Alec Storey  
3/3 Tessa Miller  
3/4 Angie Bennin  
Eric Carson  
Ryan Van Blaricum  
Bill Wallis  
3/5 Paul Harrison  
3/6 Justin Hassen  
Gina Marie Johnson  
Cody Leach  
Nicholas Zimmerman  
3/7 Arvid Hamilton  
3/9 Emily Cornell  
3/12 Kenny Bawks  
3/14 Brian Lander  
Jason Storey  
Jill Schmitigal  
Kyle Wood



3/15 Liam MacDonald  
Jerry Thurmes  
3/16 Karen Beacom  
Lindsey Benson  
Benjamin Morrison  
Amber Nettleton  
Olivia Smith  
3/18 Cal Portice  
3/19 Conrad Franke

3/20 Jesse Schmidt  
Richard Storey  
3/21 Ashley Ackely  
3/22 Jill Brown  
Samuel Jennings  
3/25 Eli MacDonald  
Mark Taylor  
3/26 Bailey Masters  
3/27 Kyra Skinner  
Dean Thomas Wise  
3/28 Grace DeYoung  
George Slater  
3/29 Chloe Schmidt  
Pete Thompson  
3/30 Judy Schwiderson  
Karen Schwiderson  
3/31 Marlee Eddy  
Ahna Prucha  
Elliette Slater  
RB Smith



3/2 Tom & Jodi Soeltner  
3/4 Rob & Kaye Batho  
3/10 Ken & Amber Nettleton  
3/18 Paul & Lori Prucha  
3/28 Bob & Noel Rye  
3/28 Stan & Marge Schmitigal  
3/29 Nick & LeeAnn Rye

**SESSION AND CHURCH COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

Session: Bill Beacom, Roger Morrison, R.B. Smith (class of 2018), Jake Campbell, Denice Portice, Elaine Slater (class of 2019), Pat Bennin, Alice Halsey, Christy Thurmes (class of 2020)

Personnel: Dave Halsey (2018), Emory Schwiderson (2019), Denice Portice, Elder Rep. (2020)

Audit: Sally Rye (2018), Joyce Smith (2019), Pat Hunter (2020)

Nominating: RB Smith (Chair/Elder Rep.), Sharon Beacom, Bob Slater, Carol Storey, Richard Storey

Worship and Music: Jill Halsey (Chair), Elaine Slater (Elder Rep.), Karen Beacom, Sarah Morrison

Christian Education: Carol Wallis (Chair), Pat Bennin (Elder Rep.), Shaunna MacDonald

Membership and Mission: Irene Nettleton, Gloria Smith, Christy Thurmes

Stewardship and Finance: Alice Halsey (Chair and Elder Rep.), Jodi Soeltner

Properties: Bill Beacom (Elder Rep.), Bob Rye (Chair), Paul Harrison, Jim Rye

Memorials: RB Smith (Elder Rep.), Sharon Beacom, Cindy Smith, Carol Wallis

\*Based on current information and subject to change.

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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.



It is obvious that God is looking at the heart when sacrifices are given to God. God takes no delight in those who give up things for Lent and then act like it's such a struggle to perform what they said they wanted to do for the Lord.

- Monica Johnson