



# Pickford Presbyterian Pages

## From the Pastor...

### The Bible in 90 Days!

It might sound a little challenging to try and read the entire bible in 90 days, but it's a challenge I and the Session have accepted, and we invite you to join us. This is going to be our Lenten practice for 2018 and will continue through the Easter season ending right before Pentecost.

Not only is this something we're able to do individually at home, but there will also be opportunities for reflection as a community. The sermons through Lent and the Easter season will focus on what we've read the previous week and I'll be scheduling times throughout the week for study groups. These groups are open to anyone who would like to spend additional time discussing the week's readings and learning additional information about history, context, and interpretation.

There will be bookmarks and other items with the schedule of readings available the beginning of February and we'll start on February 19<sup>th</sup>. To read the bible in 90 days works out to reading 12 pages per day. There is some time built in if you fall behind, but you're encouraged to stay as close as possible to the schedule.

You are welcome to use any bible you would like for this activity. However, if you'd like some additional structure for your reading, the company that organizes the challenge does publish a specific bible that is set up with breaks at the end of each day's reading. If you would like one of those, please talk with me before the end of January so that we can get an order placed.

We will have a celebration on Pentecost Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> to rejoice in completing our reading.

I'm so excited about this opportunity for us to delve deeper into the biblical text and I hope many of you will join me in accepting this challenge. If you have any questions, please let me know. It's going to be a wonderful Lent and Easter.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Jessica

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

## THINGS TO NOTE...

### OFFICE HOURS

The office will be closed Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup> for the holiday and will reopen with regular hours on Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>. Pastor Jessica will be on vacation from December 26<sup>th</sup> through January 1<sup>st</sup>.

### DOWNING OF THE BROWNS

What goes up, must come down and so on Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup> we will be downing the browns. You are invited to stay after worship that morning to help take down and put away until next year all of our Advent and Christmas decorations. We hope to see you as we down the browns!

### EPIPHANY AND BAPTISM OF THE LORD

In worship this month we will be celebrating both epiphany and the baptism of Jesus. Come Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup> as we mark epiphany with star gifts. Star gifts remind us of the star that led the magi to Jesus. Each star has a word on it and every person is invited to receive a star and "then reflect on the word they receive for the coming year. You're invited to ponder what significance the word might have in your lives, and how God might be speaking to you through that simple message" (<https://www.reformedworship.org/article/september-2009/star-gifts>).

Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup> we will mark the baptism of Jesus with a remembrance of our own baptisms.

### CHOIR AND BIBLE STUDY

Worship/Bible Study and Choir practice will resume on Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:15 P.M. and 7:00 P.M., respectively.

### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The January 4, 2018 meeting will be at 12:30 p.m. with the main course provided.

### OFFERING ENVELOPES

The 2018 offering envelopes are available in the narthex. Please pick up your envelopes to help us reduce mailing costs. If you need a box and there isn't one with your name on it, please see Sharon Cottle.

### DEVOTIONAL BOOKS AVAILABLE

The winter edition of *These Days* is now available in the literature rack.



The **Annual Meeting** of the Pickford Presbyterian Church will be held on **Sunday, January 28, 2018** following worship with a dinner after the meeting.

Committees, treasurers, etc. should have their information to Jessica no later than **Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>**. Annual reports will be available for review on Sunday, January 21, 2018.

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**SUNDAY MORNING ROTATIONS**

Date	Liturgists	Greeters	Ushers	Nursery
1/7/2017	Bob Slater	Don Stirling & Family	Tim Storey	Mandy Stec
1/14/2017	Pat Hunter	Chuck & Mary Jane Bennin	Bob Rye & Family	Kristin Taylor
1/21/2017	R.B. Smith	Jodi Soeltner & Denice Portice	Paul Harrison & Don Stirling	Carol Wallis
1/28/2017	Cindy Smith	Jim & Karen Rye	Bill & Curt Beacom	Denice Portice

We extend our sympathy to the families of Arlis Fountain, Brittney Bisdorf, Brandon Mills, and Leota Campbell.



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**THANK YOU SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH**

Thank you to Shaunna MacDonald, Jill Halsey, and all those who participated in a wonderful Christmas program. ~~It was neat to hear the stories of the animals.~~

Also, thanks to Carol Wallis and all the teens and parents who helped out with the cookie decorating party. ~~and to the people who donated cookies and decorations.~~

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**THANK YOU**

~~Several years ago, the Women's Association members decided to stop their gift exchange and instead provide gifts for nursing home residents. Thanks to their generosity, we were able to give 35 bagged gifts to residents of Hearthside, Tendercare and Long-Term Care. Many thanks ladies!~~

Thank you to everyone who made my Advent and Christmas such a special time with cards, well-wishes, and gifts. It is such a joy to serve as your pastor and make my home here in Pickford. All of your gestures of hospitality, grace, and appreciation make it ~~it even easier and~~ more welcoming. Thank you again.

Pastor Jessica

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Thank you for the scholarship that you have awarded to me for this school year. I have put it toward my tuition payments, and I am grateful for the help. I am continuing to enjoy LSSU and always appreciate thoughts and support from my church.

Sarah Halsey

I want to thank the church for awarding me with the scholarship from the church! I really appreciate it. I will be putting the money towards paying off my tuition. I hope all is well in Pickford!

Victoria Portice

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I want to thank you for all of your support now and in the past. The scholarship that you have given me has helped me purchase books every year so far, and this year even helped me purchase a micro controller that I will use this semester and next. I wanted to send a thanks to the church, first off for playing a big part in setting a solid moral compass, but also for the continued support throughout my college experience. Thank you again.

Justin Portice

## Financial Updates:

As of November 30, 2017							
	Operating				Sunday		
	Fund	Investments	PI- Regular	PI- Roof	School	Youth	Memorial
Cash on hand	47,804.20	12,000.00	9,551.48	19,255.79	448.49	495.43	6,066.85
Income	10,256.51	0.00	93.00	35.00	81.00	0.00	0.00
Expenses	7,541.92	0.00	0.00	0.00	(50.00)	0.00	0.00
Ending Bal	<b>50,518.79</b>	<b>12,000.00</b>	<b>9,644.48</b>	<b>19,290.79</b>	<b>479.49</b>	<b>495.43</b>	<b>6,066.85</b>

Rejoice and be merry in song and in mirth!  
 O praise our Redeemer, all mortals on earth!  
 For this is the birthday of Jesus our King,  
 who brought us salvation—his praises we'll sing!

—From an old church gallery-book  
 discovered in Dorset, England



### CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

The beautiful poinsettias decorating our church during the Christmas Season have been given in memory (or honor) of the following:

**Rachael Hassen**

*by Emory Schwiderson and family*

**Jack and Leo Nettleton and Avalynn Keway**

*by Illa Mae and Irene Nettleton*

**Harry Smith, Fred and Ellen Smith**

**Elmer and Gladys Rutledge**

*By Gloria Smith and family*

**George and Janet Slater; David Slater**

**and Rob Slater; Isaac and Signia Mattson**

*by Bob and Elaine Slater*

**John Hillock**

*by Clara Hillock & Family*

**Jim Miller**

~~by~~ *Marion Miller & Family*

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**JANUARY BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARIES**



1/2	Paige Hassen			1/23	Braydee Raden
	Renaee Leese			1/24	Alexa Blumenthal
1/4	Victoria Dickinson				Megan Hill
1/5	Adreana Duema			1/25	Vincent Klamerous
	Roger Morrison				Edyn Nettleton
1/6	Matt Storey			1/26	John Morrison
	Pam Zamora				Sharon Portice
1/8	McKinley Portice	1/20	Nikki Cottle	1/27	Ethan Brown
1/10	Evan Godfrey		Jana Franke		Roberta Hall
	Bruce Rye		Illa Mae Nettleton		Sierra Nettleton
1/12	Dean Hillock		Lori Reich-Secor	1/28	Mary Sue Stirling
1/13	Diane Morrison		Aidric Slater		Alan Wise
	Stan Schmitigal	1/21	Daniel Waybrant	1/29	Jamie Nettleton
1/16	Ian Nettleton		Emma Giddings	1/30	Lyle Ames
1/19	Kennedy Boal	1/22	Megan Hunter	1/31	Sharon Cottle
			Christopher Nettleton		Donna Rye
			Kristin Taylor		Bailee Stec



1/1	Ron & Pat Knox
1/22	Bill & Lynn Hauptmann
1/24	Curt & Karen Beacom
1/28	Bob & Dianne Nettleton

If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please let Jessica Bjunes know.

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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.



You can read the Bible, and should,  
but until you study it, it doesn't come alive  
for you and teach you a lasting lesson.

Take time.  
Study God's Word.  
It will change you.

- Gail Davis