



# 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? Lent is often described as a season of spiritual discipline and preparation, beginning with Ash Wednesday, anticipating the celebration of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. 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.

Many of us have entered the discipline of reading Scripture through this season, as we work towards reading the Bible in 90 Days. There are other practices that you might consider during Lent, such as fasting or prayer. The goal is that they be done with intentionality and reflection, that we might rejuvenate our faith.

Ann Weems describes this season in one of her poems, included in her book *Kneeling in Jerusalem* and I include it here for your reflection:

### *Lent*

Lent is a time to take the time  
to let the power of our faith story take hold of us,  
a time to let the events  
get up and walk around in us,  
a time to intensify  
our living unto Christ,  
a time to hover over  
the thoughts of our hearts,  
a time to place our feet in the streets of Jerusalem  
or to walk along the sea and listen to his word,  
a time to touch his robe  
and feel the healing surge through us,  
a time to ponder and a time to wonder ...

Lent is a time to allow a fresh new taste of God!

May you have a blessed and holy Lent!

*Pastor Jessica*

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

## Things to Note...

### 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 11<sup>TH</sup> AT 2:00 A.M.**

### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

<b>Maundy Thursday Communion Service</b>	Thursday, March 29, 7:00 PM
<b>Good Friday Service</b>	Friday, March 30, 7:00 PM
<b>Easter Sunday Worship Service</b>	Sunday, April 1, 10:00 AM



### MEMORIAL LILIES

Want to donate Easter lilies? As always, you may bring them to the church any time after Palm Sunday, which is March 25<sup>th</sup>. There is a form located in the narthex that we ask you to fill out if you would like your gift listed in the bulletin. You may take your lilies with you following the Easter Sunday service. Thanks!



Around the world, people lack access to food, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) serves to help change the lives of people who are in these challenging situations. The Offering provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need. One Great Hour of Sharing makes a difference in the world through three impactful programs: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of people

We will be receiving the OGHS offering on Sunday, April 1, 2018. Envelopes will be available on the table in the narthex and in the pews.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

The regular meeting of the Presbyterian Women's Association will be held March 1, 2018 at 12:30pm. Main course will be provided.

**SAVE THE DATE-PRESBYTERIAN WOMAN**

**Saturday, April 28, 2018** will be Mackinac Presbytery’s Gathering of Presbyterian Women. Watch upcoming newsletters or see the flyer on bulletin board for more information.

**SUNDAY MORNING ROTATIONS**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Liturgists</b>	<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Nursery</b>
3/4/2018	Dick Morrison	Chuck & Mary Jane Bennin	Tim Storey	Mandy Stec
3/11/2018	Cindy Smith	Jodi Soeltner & Denice Portice	Bob Rye & Family	Kristin Taylor
3/18/2018	R.B. Smith	Jim & Karen Rye	Bill & Curt Beacom	Carol Wallis
3/25/2018	Pat Hunter	Jerry & Christy Thurmes	Jim Rye	Denice Portice

**SESSION AND CHURCH COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

Session: Elaine Slater, Jake Campbell, Denice Portice (class of 2019), Valarie Hill, Pat Bennin, Christy Thurmes (class of 2020), R.B. Smith, Roger Morrison, Bill Beacom (class of 2021)

Personnel: Emory Schwiderson (2019), Denice Portice, Elder Rep. (2020), Jake Campbell (2021)

Audit: Joyce Smith (2019), Pat Hunter (2020), Sally Rye (2021)

Nominating: RB Smith (Chair/Elder Rep.), Judy Schwiderson, Arlene Portice, Irene Nettleton, Dean Wise

Worship and Music: Elaine Slater (Chair), Jill Halsey, Sarah Morrison

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

Membership and Mission: Christy Thurmes (Elder Rep.), Gloria Smith

Stewardship and Finance: Valarie Hill (Elder Rep.), Donna Liggett, Mary Jane Bennin, Jessica Bjunes

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.

The regular monthly meeting of the Pickford Presbyterian Women was held on Thursday February 1st, 2018 in the church parlors with 13 members present. Hostesses were Judy Schwiderson and Irene Nettleton.

Moderator, Alice Halsey, opened the meeting by lighting the Christ candle, Our Purpose was read, and a prayer was given.

The secretary's report was read and approved with one correction. The treasurer's report was a balance of \$4240.42 rather than \$4240.22 There was no correspondence.

The treasurer's report was given. There is a balance of \$3462.64

Social: Fifty people were served after Pete Thompson's funeral and 36 were served following the annual meeting. Next month's hostesses will be Donna Liggett and Valarie Hill.

Remembrance: 1 sympathy card with money and 1 birthday card.

Old business: A discussion was held to decide what type of theme was going to be used to decorate the church basement. Cindy Smith will help Gloria Smith with some ideas that they will bring to the next meeting.

A basket has been placed in the narthex to collect needed items for Pennington House.

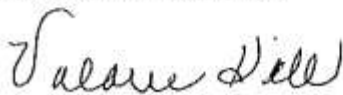
A member is needed to serve on the nominating committee.

New business: 4th grade Bibles will be given April 22nd. Senior recognition will be May 20th and the Mother-Daughter Banquet is tentatively set for May 2nd. Alice Halsey and Pat Hunter will have the program.

Pastor Jessica will check with the session about dates for the Birthday and Thank offerings.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 and a Bible study "Falling in love with Jesus again" was held.

Respectfully submitted,



Valarie Hill, Secretary

## Financial Updates:

As of January 31, 2018

	Operating Fund	Investments	PI – Regular	PI – Roof	Sunday School	Youth	Memorial
Cash on hand	53,632.15	12,000.00	10,044.32	19,360.47	537.49	495.43	6,066.75
Income	10,613.82	0.00	513.96	26.82	137.00	0.00	30.57
Expenses	(9,787.76)	0.00	0.00	0.00	(350.00)	0.00	0.00
Ending Bal	<b>54,458.21</b>	<b>12,000.00</b>	<b>10,558.28</b>	<b>19,387.29</b>	<b>324.49</b>	<b>495.43</b>	<b>6,097.32</b>

### THANK YOU

*Thank you to my church family for all the cards, food, thoughts, memorial donations, and especially the prayers. It was all very much appreciated during my father's illness and his passing.*

*Jodi Soeltner and the Family of Roger Clark*

*Thank you so much for all the wonderful birthday wishes, hugs, and joining me for birthday cake. I really appreciate it! It made my day very special.*

*Donna Rye*



*We express our deepest sympathy to the families of Dewey Smith and Shirley McDonald.*

### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Habitat for Humanity's ReStore is doing well but over the winter has gotten a little low on inventory. Please bring us any of the following: household appliances (even the ones that don't work because we recycle metal for money) also beds, tools, building materials, light fixtures, and more. The ReStore is located at 400 Sheridan Avenue, is open from 10am-4pm Wednesday-Saturday, and can be reached at (906)632-6616.

**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  
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

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.



When you get a hankering to talk or complain about what you gave up for Lent, replace that hankering by speaking the word of God. For all the times you would have done the activity that you gave up for Lent, replace it by reading the word of God. Christians should always be drawing closer to God.

- Monica Johnson