



Pickford Presbyterian Pages

From the Pastor...

This month I ran into a quandary when deciding what to write for our newsletter. Usually around Easter I'll focus on one of two things: either journeying through Holy Week as it would be soon after you received your newsletter or celebrating Easter, as it would happen just before you received the newsletter. But this year, with the way the dates fall, some of you won't get your newsletter until the end of or after Holy Week, so it doesn't make a lot of sense to talk about the journey through that week. And some of you will get your newsletters before we even celebrate Easter, so it doesn't necessarily make sense to celebrate the empty tomb, either.

As I was considering all of these things, attempting to reconcile this tension, I realized what a metaphor this little quandary is for our Christian lives. We are called to live knowing that Christ is risen and will come again. So, we celebrate the grace of God and live as forgiven people. The kingdom of God is happening now, and we live to reveal that kingdom to the world. Yet, the world is still broken. God's kingdom has not been fully realized here on earth. The kingdom is not quite yet. We live in the tension between Holy Week and Easter.

This can be a very challenging place to live. We see news of violence, shootings, bombings, and oppression, and it may feel as if God's kingdom will never arrive. At the same time, we see news of the helpers, first responders, acts of kindness and giving, and people who work to end oppression, and we celebrate God at work in the world. The challenge, then, is to be able to balance these two things; to live in the place of now, but not yet. For we are called to recognize the sin and brokenness in our world, while not falling into despair, because there is always hope. We are also called to reveal God's kingdom to the world, to show God at work, while still recognizing we do not live in a utopia, because the brokenness is still present.

Part of the answer to this challenge can be worship. When we join together in worship each week, we confess our sins, our brokenness, but we also proclaim hope and joy. Worship reminds us of each piece, showing how we might live with God's kingdom being now, but not yet. We see this worship and tension lived out in Paul's life, especially when he and Silas are thrown in prison.

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The book of Acts tells us, “When Paul and Silas had been severely beaten, the authorities threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to secure them with great care...Around midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them” (Acts 16:23, 25, CEB). Paul and Silas have been jailed because of the brokenness of our world, and yet they are still able to live in hope, a belief that God’s kingdom is already present in and with them.

So, as we live in this same tension, between Holy Week and Easter, in the middle of now, but not yet, may we find the same balance. May we recognize the sin of the world as well as the hope and kingdom of God. And may we seek support and reassurance through worship and through others, as we live into that tension and balance. We are not alone.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Jessica

Things to Note...

OFFICE HOURS

Please note that the office will be **closed on Monday, April 2, 2018**. Also, note that Pastor Jessica will be out of the office for the Academy of Parish Clergy Conference and retreat from Monday, April 16 through Friday, April 27. If you are in need of pastoral care during that time, please contact Elaine Slater (647-2448)

THESE DAYS NOW AVAILABLE

The spring edition of These Days is now available. Copies are located in the narthex.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The April 5, 2018 meeting will be at 12:30 p.m. with dessert provided.

PRESENTATION OF 4TH GRADE BIBLES

On Sunday, April 22nd we will be giving bibles to 4th grade students. Please contact Alice Halsey (647-6601) if you have a 4th grader who would like to receive a bible.

SAVE THE DATE

Senior recognition will be held on Sunday, May 20, 2018.

BIRTHDAY OFFERING

We will be receiving the Presbyterian Women birthday offering on Sunday, May 6th. In 2018, the PW will answer the call to show Jesus’ love to the world by offering our prayers and financial support to three projects that support the critical need for shelter and hospitality in the areas they serve. The three projects are: Village of Grace Center for Physical and Spiritual Health (Tegucigalpa, Honduras) which offers international hospitality for retreats, workshops, and mission teams; The Dwelling Place (Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minnesota) which provides for the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of women and their children following their escape from a violent partner; and Cottage Village (Cottage Grove, Oregon) which will provide quality, affordable housing and a safe, structured social community for individuals and families with low or very low incomes. There will be special envelopes in the pews for this offering. Please make checks out to Pickford Presbyterian Women.

PRESBYTERY WOMEN SPRING RETREAT

The Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering will be held in Elk Rapids at the First Presbyterian Church on Saturday, April 28th with the gathering at 9:15 A.M. and program beginning at 10:00 A.M. Please send reservations by April 21st to the Elk Rapids First Presbyterian Church at 404 Spruce Street, Elk Rapids, MI 49629, or call the church at (231)264-8167. Please see flyer on bulletin board for more information.

MOTHER AND DAUGHTER BANQUET

Save the date for Wednesday, May 2, 2018 as the Mother-Daughter Banquet will be held at 6:30 P.M. here at the Pickford Presbyterian Church. Reservations can be made by contacting Elaine Slater (647-2448) or Pat Hunter (647-8801).

The theme for this year's Mother-Daughter Banquet centers on weddings with the emphasis on bridal gowns. If you have a wedding dress and would be willing to have it modeled, please contact either Alice Halsey (647-6601) or Pat Hunter (647-8801) before April 15th. Along with the dress, we would like to borrow a wedding photo, please include the date with the photo. We would like dresses from the 1940's through the 1990's.

THANK YOU

Thank you so much for your donation and the donations in the past few months that we have not thanked you for.

From all the volunteers at the Cedar Post



COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Pickford Presbyterian Church believes that God wants us to make the best use possible of our bodies, minds, and spirits. For this reason, it offers scholarships to our graduating high school seniors and college students. These scholarships will be awarded in the amount of \$300.

Scholarship application deadline is **Sunday, April 22nd**. You may pick an application up in the church office or request by email at ppc@centurytel.net. Completed applications should be submitted to Pastor Jessica at pickfordpastor@gmail.com.

SUNDAY MORNING ROTATIONS

Date	Liturgists	Greeters	Ushers	Nursery
4/1/2018	Bob Slater	Tim & Carol Storey	Emory Schwiderson & Family	Cheryl Harrison
4/8/2018	Alice Halsey	Paul & Cheryl Harrison	Arlene Portice & Elaine Slater	Mandy Stec
4/15/2018	Dick Morrison	Emory & Judy Schwiderson	Jim Quinnell & Don Stevenson	Kristin Taylor
4/22/2018	Cindy Smith	Don Stirling & Family	Tim Storey	Carol Wallis
4/29/2018	R.B. Smith	Chuck & Mary Jane Bennin	Paul Harrison & Don Stirling	Denice Portice

FINANCIAL UPDATES:

As of February 28, 2018							
	Operating Fund	Investments	PI- Regular	PI- Roof	Sunday School	Youth	Memorial
Cash on hand	54,236.67	12,000.00	10,558.28	19,387.29	324.49	495.43	6,097.32
Income	6,441.55	0.00	278.41	15.74	113.00	0.00	0.23
Expenses	(11,787.20)	0.00	0.00	0.00	(50.00)	0.00	0.00
Ending Bal	48,891.02	12,000.00	10,836.69	19,403.03	387.49	495.43	6,097.55

The regular monthly meeting of the Pickford Presbyterian Women was held on Thursday March 1st. 2018 in the church parlors with 12 members present. Hostesses were Donna Liggett and Valarie Hill.

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.

Correspondance: Thank you from The Presbyterian Disaster Fund, The Salvation Army and Pat Feldhake for Students in Transition.

The treasurer's report was given. There is a balance of \$3332.40

Social: Karen Rye and Betty Bawks will have the lunch for the next meeting.

Remembrance: 1 80th Birthday card and 2 Get Well.

Old business: A discussion was held to decide what type of theme was going to be used to decorate the church basement. Cindy Smith and Gloria Smith suggested something to coordinate with the new curtains.

A basket has been placed in the narthex to collect needed items for Students in Transition.

New Business: Elaine Slater and Pat Hunter will have the tickets for The Mother-Daughter Banquet. The price for the meal will be the same as last year, \$6.00 for 12 years and older, \$3.00 3 yrs and older and children under 3 free.

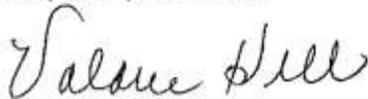
Women Today is April 20-22

Spring Gathering will be in Elk Rapids in April.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40.

The program was "Falling in Love with Jeasus Again."

Respectivly submitted'



Valarie Hill, Secretary



As in years past, a variety of camps will be offered beginning in May and continuing through August. For more camper or volunteer information, additional info about the wish list or the camp schedule, call Caron at 906-869-0925, e-mail at ppccc@presbyterypoint.org, or

find the camp on the web at www.presbyterypoint.org. Besides filling the volunteer positions, the camp is also looking for a variety of items. The Presbytery will be collecting items for camp at its Stated Meeting in Marquette on Saturday, May 12, 2018. The wish list is included below and if you'd like to donate any items, please bring them to the church by Wednesday, May 9th! Thanks!

CAMP WISH LIST – DONATE FOR MAY PRESBYTERY MEETING

- Playground balls, ping-pong balls and paddles, archery equipment
- Fishing equipment (poles, bobbers, hooks without barbs)
- Arts-n-Crafts Supplies (colored construction paper, glue and glue sticks, masking tape, melty beads, white t-shirts of all sizes, tie dye colors, macramé jute, beads, wax and wick for candle making, crayons, paints, lanyard gimp)
- Rubber bands, paper clips, file folders, general office supplies
- New or gently used athletic shoes (youth and young adult sizes)
- Clean Linens (towels, washcloths, twin and double size sheets, pillow cases)
- Waterfront Equipment (kickboards, water volleyball set, beach balls, noodles)
- Financial Gifts to the Campership Fund, General Camp Fund, or Maintenance Fund
- Permanent Markers, Dry Erase Markers
- Spiral Notebooks (all sizes)
- Copy Paper
- Colored and White Poster Board
- 5-quart ice cream pails (with covers)
- New or gently used 2-4 person tents
- Shoeboxes
- Walkie-Talkies
- Batteries (AA, AAA, C, D, 6v, 9v)
- Laundry Detergent
- Gently used sleeping bags and blankets
- Sturdy Coat Trees, Plastic Coat Hangers
- Flashlights
- New or Gently Used Canoes (17 foot) and paddles
- Lake Kayaks and Paddles
- Golf Cart
- Serviceable 4-Wheeler (350cc or more)

2018 Camp Schedule

May 4–May 11	Spring Work Camp for individuals, church mission teams, youth groups, or families. Sign up for a day or two, or for the whole week!
June 10–June 16	Leadership Camp for youth finishing grades 9-12, then volunteer as C.I.T.
June 11-June 15	Day Camp for area youth finishing grades 1-6.
June 17-June 23	Senior High Camp for young adults finishing grades 9-12
June 24-June 30	Middle School Camp for youth finishing grades 6-8.
July 2-July 4	Alumni, Family and Friends Retreat: Gather to relax, reminisce, and spend time together in this special place and enjoy Michigamme's July 4 th events!
July 5-July 7	1st-2nd Grade Camp: a mini-camp for youth finishing grades 1-2. Parent(s) welcome!
July 8-July 14	Guest Campers: Welcome to campers and staff for a great week at Camp New Day!
July 15 – July 19	3rd-5th Grade Camp for youth finishing grades 3-5.
July 21-Aug. 18	Guest Campers: Welcome to the Superior String Alliance campers, staff and lovely music!
Sunday Sept. 2	Labor Day Sunday Worship followed by a picnic gathering and a variety of camp activities.
Oct. 1-Oct. 6	Fall Work Camp: enjoy fellowship as we prepare camp for winter and off-season events.

COMMUNITY NEWS

PASSAGES BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Once again Hospice of the E.U.P. will be holding their PASSAGES Bereavement Support Group for all adult members of the community, free of charge. The group will meet on Mondays, April 9-May 14, 2018 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Hospice of the E.U.P. Grief Support Room, 308 W. 12th Ave, Sault Ste. Marie. To register or for more information please call the Hospice Office at: (906) 259-0222.

FLY TYING 101 FOR YOUTH (AGES 10-18) AT THE PICKFORD COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Join instructors Michelle Jarvie and Sheila Bergdoll for a hands-on series on fly tying. This four-session series will introduce participants to the use of fly tying tools and material. You don't need any fly fishing experience to participate. Session will be held on Tuesdays, March 27th and April 3rd and Thursdays, March 29th and April 5th from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Registration is required as class size is limited to 10. This program is co-sponsored by DIY Pickford – Cultivating Sustainability Locally. For more information, or to register, contact the library at amsmith@uproc.lib.mi.us or (906) 647-1288.



SEASONS OF THE UP PREVIEW: “A WILD FOODS ADVENTURE”

Join MSUE Educator Michelle Jarvie at the Pickford Community Library to learn how to prepare and eat unconventional foods the UP provides. Open to anyone who may be tired of the same meals and ingredients or wondered what foods nature provides all around us. This event will be held on Thursday, April 12th at 6:30pm.

STORY TIME CONTINUES

Join in the fun of story time this spring! Sandie Rye, Melanie Bolton, Judy Merrill-Smith, and other community volunteers are leading an hour of stories and crafts for ages 3-8. Story time will be held on Wednesdays, April 4, 11, 18, and 25, at 1:30 pm. Registration is appreciated to help plan for activities, but all are welcome. Contact the library at amsmith@uproc.lib.mi.us or (906) 647-1288 for more info or to register.

APRIL BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARIES

4/1 Megan Crawford
Jennifer Dunton
4/2 Leslie Bohn
4/3 April Batho
Jacob Batho
Anna Blaricum
Jim Doyle
Jason Storey
4/4 Emilie Hamilton
Judy Merrill-Smith
4/6 Kelsee Fountain
Emily Zamora
Quinn Zamora
4/7 Kami Lucius
Garrett Raubinger
4/10 Dean Wise
4/11 Steven Boucher
Mayson Burnaby
Jade Prucha

Happy Birthday



4/12 Jim Lucius
Lauren Bosbous
4/14 Zachary Dodds
Todd Dumback
4/15 Myron Hillock
Delores Rye
4/16 Chuck Storey
4/17 Dan Ball
Darcy Bennin
4/18 Chris Reamer
4/20 Brynlee Johnston
Nicole Schafer
Beth Schwiderson
Bette Smith

4/21 Mary Jane Bennin
4/22 Robert Hunter
4/23 Chloe Cottle
Brad Hunter
Danny Rye
Taylor Thurmes
4/24 Brent Cottle
Ross Smith
4/25 Griffin Brown
Justin Wise
4/26 Christy Thurmes
Ana Halsey
4/28 Andrew Fountain
Kurtis Reich
4/29 Kristin Godfrey
Claire Shriner
4/30 Traci Rutledge



Happy Anniversary!

4/7 Tom and Mary Jean Michalski
4/8 Jerry and Christy Thurmes
4/26 Stan and Marlene Kennedy
4/27 Tanny and Raeona Armstrong
4/29 Al and Deb Wise

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.



Easter was when Hope in person
surprised the whole world by coming
forward from the future into the present.

- N. T. Wright