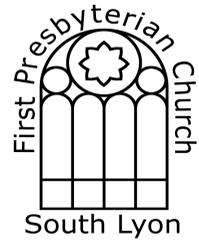


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# First Word



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**First Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)**

**205 East Lake Street, South Lyon, MI 48178-0123**

## OUR LENTEN JOURNEY BEGINS

As we begin our Lenten journey together this month, I'd like to share a poem with you from the late, great Presbyterian poet, Ann Weems:

*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!*

This poem and many more like it can be found in Ann Weems book, [Kneeling in Jerusalem](#), published by Westminster/John Knox Press.

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE**

Please plan to attend our Ash Wednesday Lenten Service on Wednesday, March 1st at 7:00 p.m. for a candlelight service filled with special meditative music, the imposition of ashes and the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

Do you have a friend or neighbor you'd like to invite? They are always welcome here at FPC.

**THE AFTERDARK IS BACK**

Join us on Thursday, March 30 at 7:00 p.m. for our AfterDark candlelight service. The AfterDark is an alternative style worship experience that uses candles, meditative music, videos, and prayer to bring us closer to God. A soup dinner will be provided before the service at 6:15 p.m. in the parlor.

**PUB THEOLOGY AT LAKE STREET TAVERN**

# Pub Theology



Where Faith is Always on Tap

Join us Wednesday, March 15th at 7:00 p.m. for our Lenten edition of Pub Theology.

A brief devotion will be available on Sunday, March 12 to help guide our conversation. Be ready for a lively discussion over beer, food, and friendship

A sign-up sheet will be available at the Friendship Table.

## DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Remember to set your clock *ahead* one hour on Saturday night, March 11th before you call it a night, so that you will be on time for worship on Sunday morning.



## ALL CHURCH CLEANUP DAY

Saturday, March 11th starting at 9:00 a.m. is our next scheduled Church Cleanup Day. We will be cleaning out all storage areas including two storage closets in the basement, the room above the chapel and a second floor classroom. As always we ask for your help to make a big job easier on everyone who can help. Please take a look at your calendar and if you're free could you lend a helping hand?



## BLOOD DRIVE

Our March Blood Drive is scheduled for Tuesday, March 14th from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. You can sign up online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) or contact Bob Cue for more information. Signing up online will guarantee your time slot and give you notifications and a chance to get a “fastpass” that gets you thru the line a little faster. Remember - increase your iron intake one week before giving blood and no aspirin for three weeks.



## MISSION & OUTREACH



**Active Faith:** Nothing goes together like macaroni and cheese. Loved by everyone, even those who cannot eat it. Instant cups or boxed, we will be collecting it all March long. As of 25 February, 198 pounds of non-perishable foods have been transported to Active Faith.

**Capernaum Health Clinic:** From 6 to 10 March, the clinic will be held at First UMC. Contact Gwyn McClintock to sign up and volunteer.



**Everyone Eats:** Wednesday 15 March is the next meal for the Spirit of Hope Everyone Eats program. A sign-up sheet is on the purple clip clip board for volunteers. The carpool leaves at 9:30am promptly. Bob and Anne need extra help because Jefferson Ave. PC is out, that means they are involved with opening the second site of E1E at Gratiot Ave PC. You will be driven to the site at Spirit of Hope Church and brought back to the parking lot about 2pm. Have fun serving the Lord.



**Kids Hope USA:** We had one mentor have to withdraw, but another person has volunteered. The school counsellor requested a ninth mentor for child in need which we were able to honor.

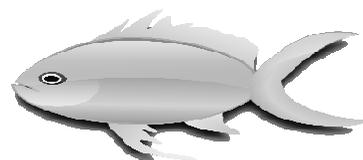
Remember to collect Box Tops for Education, Labels for Education, and Campbell Soup labels. Pray for the children, mentors, prayer partners, and teachers as we continue this vital mission.



**One Great Hour of Sharing: From Ash Wednesday to Palm Sunday.****FEED THE FISH**

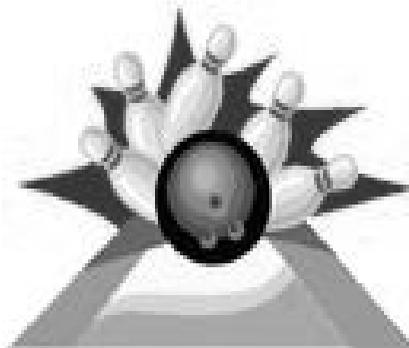
This Lent, FPCSL is participating in the One Great Hour of Sharing. On Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> (Palm Sunday), the fish banks and/or offering envelopes will be received during Worship.

Thank you for your generous support to provide warmth, water and medical care to those less fortunate than ourselves.

**BOWL TO HELP SUPPORT ACTIVE FAITH**

Join us on Sunday, March 26th from 1p.m.-3p.m. for the **ACTIVE FAITH bowling fundraiser** which will be held at Pinz Bowling Alley in South Lyon.

The \$100 fee (per team) includes pizza, pop and bowling. If you cannot attend and would like to donate to the team donations can be made to the church (be sure to indicate “Active Faith Bowl” in the memo.) \* Check-in starts at noon.

**February Recap:**

**Everyone Eats:** served 105 meals at February meal.

**Souper of Bowl of Caring:** Youth Connection collected \$103.60.

The *Mission & Outreach* committee meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 10:30am in the Library. Anyone interested in using their talents and influence, please join us.

## **FOR...and ABOUT SOUTH LYON PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN! - March 2017**

Aaah! March...the month of unknowns. Lion or Lamb? But, we will rejoice as the days grow longer, the sun shines, the birds sing!

Come, be part of our time of renewal as we celebrate the coming of Easter and all the promises that the celebration of Palm Sunday brings and then the promises of the Resurrection! But, first we must go through the time of trials, Ash Wednesday, Mandy Thursday, Good Friday. Be sure that you are part of this eventful time in the life of the church and attend as many of the services that you can, this is the way we can feel the joys of Easter.

March 4 is the annual Presbyterian Women Retreat at the Allen Park Church with keynote speaker, Rev. Beth Downs. There is a brochure with the schedule on the women's bulletin board in the entry.

March 8 finds the Women's Bible Study in the Library at 11:00 studying Chapter Seven of the "Who Is Jesus?" What a Difference a Lens Makes. The four canonical Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John) are not the only Gospels written by early Christians. Other stories about Jesus circulated in the early centuries of Christianity, offering us stories of the "missing Years" of Jesus and, more importantly, information about the diversity of early Christianity.

Thus we begin the last 3 Chapters of our Bible Study for 2017 putting it all in context as we explore other sources that tell us about who Jesus Is. This should prove to be fascinating, won't you join us?

Circle of Hope will meet at 12:15 in the parlor under the leadership of Jeanette Aisala and enjoy a light lunch. Hostess is Joyce Johnston and Roll Call word is "Lamb". Come and enjoy the Fellowship there is always lots of food and good conversation. Bring a sandwich to share, our hostess will provide dessert and beverages.

Eve Circle meets Monday night, March 27 at 7:00 at the home of leader, Anne Lyke and will enjoy a light supper. If you can't make a day time meeting, this is the place for you to come and enjoy meeting other women of SLPW! This month read the whole book of Jude!

Plans are proceeding full steam ahead for the Mother/Daughter Tea on May 13. Tickets will go on sale April 23 and will be \$5.00 each with a maximum of \$10.00 for a family. Seating will be limited so don't miss out on this event. Entertainment will prove to be a really fun event for both Moms and Daughters and the Refreshments will be fabulous!



Have you ever supported the Mission work of Presbyterian Women U.S.A. By making a cash donation? South Lyon Presbyterian Women pledged \$100 this year towards this endeavor. You can make a donation anytime and give to our PW Treasurer, Nancy Geiger.

Much good is done world wide by Presbyterian Women and you can learn more about what we do by checking on line at at [www.presbyterianwomen.org](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org).

### FROM THE DEACONS



Today is the day the Lord hath made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Spring is slowly working it's way here. We are starting to see a few signs, like bulbs beginning to sprout and warmer temperatures.

Now is also a time when the Deacons are starting to collect Easter Basket items for Families Building Faith. FBF use these donations to create baskets for infants through adults. They donate approximately 4,500 baskets a year.

The Deacons have a container in the parlor to collect items like coloring books, bubbles, books, magazines, shampoo, lotions, etc. that are age appropriate Easter Basket items.

If you would like to help create baskets, there will be a sign up sheet on the Friendship Table. It is such a rewarding experience to help FBF in their ministry.

## GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

The Java House Café

25840 Pontiac Trail

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**

Join us on Thursday, April 13 at 6:30 p.m. for a special Seder meal. At the Seder we will re-tell the Passover story and celebrate the deliverance of God’s people, and conclude with the celebration of the Lord’s Supper. There will be special Seder activities for the children, so bring your friends and family to this special meal. Watch for more details...

**GOOD FRIDAY**

This year FPCSL will be hosting the community-wide Good Friday service on April 14 at 7:00 p.m. This is an exciting time for our church to participate in this long standing tradition of worshipping with our fellow sisters and brothers in Christ. We hope you will join us and support our congregation as we host this special event.

**EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM**

Easter is just around the corner. Help us decorate the sanctuary by purchasing beautiful Easter flowers. This year, in addition to the Easter Lily, you may purchase tulips and hyacinths. Your plant(s) can be taken home following the Easter service. Just complete this form and place it in the offering plate, or return it to the church office, with your payment, no later than **March 13**.



No. of Easter Lilies \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15 = \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Tulips \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$8 = \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Daffodils \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$8 = \_\_\_\_\_

In honor/memory/celebration of (circle one please):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

From: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## Session Highlights



### Regular Session Meeting, 25 February 17

Present: Moderator Rev. M. Horlocker;  
Clerk-Elder A. Lyke; Elders R. Cue, P.  
Eichinger, T. Goodman, B. Greene, K.  
MacNish, R. McClintock, M. Mueller, D.

Rae, K. Schultz; Deacon Representative S Horlocker.

Excused: Elder D. Beckstein; Treasurer R. Weinburger.

### **Motions approved:**

- General Assembly Annual Statistics Church Report for 2016, as corrected.
- Donate \$250.00 to Boy Scout Troop #38, \$100 from Session budget and \$150 M&O budget.
- Reserve 20' x 10' spot for the Pumpkinfest game booth at cost of \$100.00.
- Grant Pastor vacation from Monday 3 April 2017 to Sunday 9 April 2017, inclusive.
- Grant Pastor study leave from Sunday 14 May 2017 to Saturday 20 May 2017, inclusive, to attend Festival of Homiletics.
- Hire ADP to process church payroll.
- Apply for a corporate Visa Credit Card form PNC Bank with Administrative Assistant and Head of Staff as designated signers on the account.
- Rent a dumpster for the weekend of the all church workday, Saturday 11 March 2017, at a cost not to exceed \$300.00.
- Authorize Rev. J. Morgan to spend and receive reimbursement for approved budget items for VBS supplies on an "as-needed" basis.
- Baptize Kathleen Narducci and Karen Cooper during Worship on Sunday 12 March 2017.
- Add budget line for committee for babysitting fees at \$250.00.
- In perpetuity have a Lenten AfterDark service with Communion.
- Sponsor a yoga evening for women with a class lead by S. Rife [1895] with BYOB wine on a date TBD in March/April. (6 aye/4 nay)
- Permit Free Little Libraries to be placed on the church grounds, stocked with Christian books for children and parenting books; design and placement to be approved by the Beautification Task Force; books reviewed by M&O.

Respectfully submitted

*Anne Lyke*

Clerk of Session

# Prayers & Praises

*Prayer requests received during the month of February.*

## *Please pray for . . .*

### *recovering from surgery:*

- \* Bette Haack;
- \* Barbara Johanningsmeier's son;
- \* Gwyn McClintock;
- \* Barbara Niess-May;
- \* Sue Roth's cousin Wayne.

### *for upcoming surgeries and procedures:*

- \* Vicky Jansky for hip surgery;
- \* Mary Haack for serious back surgery.

### *passing of family members and friends:*

- \* Ed Beckstein's sister-in-law who lost her husband;
- \* Pete and Jan Eichinger's neighbor Marty Finkel.

### *healing and peace:*

- \* Daniel, Ida and Barbara;
- \* Brian Johnson who suffered a concussion earlier this month;
- \* Barbara Johanningsmeier;
- \* Ed Beckstein;
- \* Harry Prentis;
- \* Vicky Jansky's mother and brother.

### *for joy:*

- \* Ben Bond and Tiffiani Fleishman on their marriage on February 25th;
- \* happy 91st birthday to Billy Lintner;
- \* Ron McClintock's cousin Stefan Ried in remission from cancer;
- \* the children of the church and their mission work.

### *extended families:*

- \* for the people of Zion Lutheran

Church in Cobleskill, New York, whose steeple was struck by lightning and burned;

- \* for Muslim countries;
- \* for immigrants;
- \* for our government leaders and officials, that show God's love, especially to those most in need.

### Our Shut-ins and Homebound

- Shelly Birckelbaw
- Joan Borsh
- Millie Bunn
- Edna Hope
- Betty Ross
- Ann Seden
- Shirley Westacott

### Our Men Serving in the Armed Forces

- Kenny Bond
- Ben Bond
- Jared Roth

### Our Friends Under the Care of Presbytery

- Anne Lyke
- Ruth Azar

Request prayer by calling the church office at (248) 437-2875 or online at [www.fpcsouthlyon.org/prayer-requests](http://www.fpcsouthlyon.org/prayer-requests).

Please let your Deacon know how your prayer is being answered. If you do not know who your Deacon is, contact the church office.

# PRAYER HANDS

Make these hands as a helpful prayer guide.

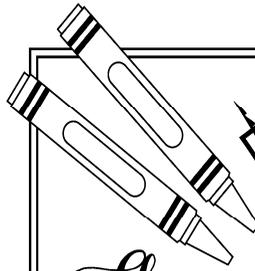


### What you need:

- 7 pieces of construction paper (different colors)
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Stapler
- Colored pens
- Stickers

### What you do:

1. Trace your hand (the same one) on each piece of paper.
2. Cut out and stack the hands. Staple together atop the pinky.
3. On the top hand (the front cover), write "Prayer Hands." Decorate with stickers.
4. On the second hand, write "Praise God." On the third, write "Ask for forgiveness." On the fourth, write "Thank God." On the fifth, write "Pray for others." On the sixth, write "Pray for me."
5. Use your book to remember what to pray for every day.



# PUZZLE

## The psalmist's prayer

The Psalms are full of wonderful verses about God's care and protection.

*Directions: Find each missing letter in the alphabets below.*

*Use the resulting words to complete Psalm 86:7, NIV.*

A B C E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z	_____
A B C D E F G H J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z	_____
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When I am in \_\_\_\_\_, I \_\_\_\_\_ to you,  
because you \_\_\_\_\_ me. Psalm 86:7, NIV

Answer: When I am in distress, I call to you, because you answer me. Psalm 86:7, NIV

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## **Mission Statement:**

*We are sent out by Jesus Christ to feed God's people spiritually, physically, and lovingly; planting seeds of hope, compassion, and justice within and throughout South Lyon and wherever else the Holy Spirit leads us.*

**SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30 AM**

**Rev. Michael Horlocker, Pastor**

**Rev. Jo Morgan, Parish Associate**

**Sally Messner, Director of Music**

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