

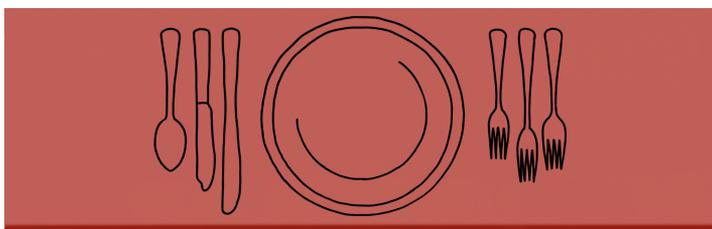


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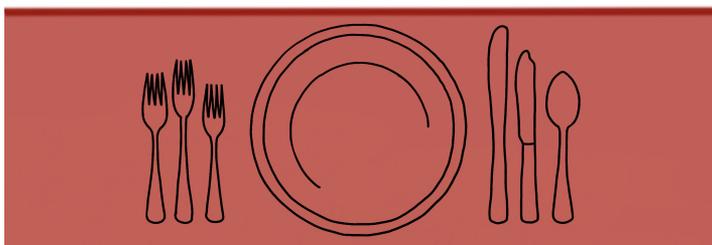
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 2019

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Come,
LORD JESUS,
be our guest.



From the Pastor

This year in the Lenten season, we will *Journey with Jesus* as he makes his way from Galilee to Jerusalem, to Holy Week, to Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, the Great Vigil of Saturday, and the empty tomb on Easter morning. In Luke's Gospel, this story of Jesus' last great trip is the largest part of the book (sometimes called the "Lukan travelogue"). As Luke tells it, Jesus journey to the cross was never just his journey; Jesus always invites those who follow him to make the journey to Holy Week and the cross with him. Luke explicitly connects Jesus' journey with our journey as disciples at the beginning of this section in Luke chapter nine:



21 He sternly ordered and commanded them not to tell anyone, 22 saying, "The Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised." 23 Then he said to them all, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me."

The end of the Lukan journey narrative will be the cross and Jesus' death; if we journey with Jesus we do under the weight of our own cross and with the intention that we will meet our own end.

But there is so much more to Luke's story! There are important, life-changing lessons that Jesus needs to teach us, there are practices and behaviors that we need to learn on this journey, there are ways of relating to God, our neighbors, and ourselves that we need to grasp before we reach the end of the journey. Though we can't quite understand it, we are actually journeying to a new way of being, life that bursts forth from death itself, and the things we learn on this journey prepare us not only for death, but for the new kind of life-beyond-death life.

Each week in Lent, we will work on one of these “tools” or “disciplines” Jesus teaches his followers on this his final trip from his Galilean home to Jerusalem. You will have all week to work on how you can integrate these practices into your life. Then we will introduce another and still another as the weeks progress and we get closer to Holy Week. We won’t be the same people when we are finished that we were at the beginning; by the time the journey of Lent is complete and we stand once again at Holy Week, we will have spent seven weeks at Jesus’ feet, hearing Jesus’ words, and practicing Jesus’ ways of relating to God, our neighbors, and ourselves. Please join us as we *Journey with Jesus* this Lenten season.

Clint

Nurture

Wendy Woodley



In an effort to help our children gain a better understanding on the reasons for worship, their expected behavior and prayer time, during our first few weeks of Lent the children in Discovery Zone will be introduced to a series of lessons focused on the topic of worship. We continue to seek ways to engage and integrate the children into our worship service. The last couple weeks of the month will focus on the rotation.org series “Jesus raises Lazarus”. The Lazarus stories will conclude on April 7th taking us right in to the Holy Week and Easter stories.

Pastor Clint is leading the adult Discovery Zone class in a discussion on the book by Thomas a’Kempus, *The Imitation of Christ*. The book is a devotional and religious classic. It offers

comfort and understanding of living the spiritual life of Christ in a physical world. Anyone is welcome to join them at anytime.

Everyone grades 6 through 12 meet from 6-7pm on Sunday evenings for youth group. Meetings this month are on March 3rd , March 10th, March 17th and March 31st. Giovanna is always in need of additional adults to assist with the weekly youth group meeting, please let her know if you would like to help with one of the meetings.

The youth have been approached by the Expressions group about helping out with ChristNet at Allen Park Presbyterian either on March 15th or 20th. They will coordinate with the Expressions



group on which area of activity they would like to serve in.

March 16th is the next scheduled outreach scheduled at Cass Community Services in Detroit. Meet at the church at 8:15am and return at 1:00pm. Anyone interested in local mission work is invited to attend.

An overnight youth Lock In has been planned for Friday evening March 29th. Youth will meet at the church at 7:00pm on Friday night and then be picked up at 10:00am on Saturday morning. The event is open to all sixth through twelfth grade youth.

Two Triennium fundraising events will take place in April. On April 21st, the Easter Pancake Breakfast will once again be hosted by Rich, Tony, Giovanna and the youth beginning at 9:30am. All donations will support the local Triennium delegation.

Proceeds from a “Who Dun It Dinner” will also benefit the Triennium fund. Pat Fraser is once again writing a murder mystery to be solved and enjoyed during a catered dinner. The event is scheduled for April 26th at 6:00pm.

The 2019 Vacation Bible School theme has been selected by the Nurture committee. This year’s theme is an African Safari called *Roar, Life is Wild God is Good*. A five evening program will be hosted by us on June 24th through June 28th from 6:00pm until 8:30pm here at Southminster. Many volunteers will be needed, please let Wendy know if you are willing to help out.

The 2019 Presbyterian Triennium event *Here’s My Heart* is being held from July 16th through 20th at Perdue University in Indiana. Michelle Hintz and Rich Pratt have agreed to go as advisors with the youth group and Pat Fraser is going as a Small Group Leader. This is five days of conversation, recreation, worship, learning and fun. The youth will learn what it means to serve Christ with intelligence, energy, imagination and love. Cost is \$645 for youth

and \$665 for those 18 years and older. The First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham is handling Triennium paperwork and payment coordination for all of the Detroit area churches. The next payment of \$300. per person is due on March 14th and the national forms are also due at that time. Final payments will be made on April 25th.

Book Club

Joyce Rowley



We gathered on February 8 to discuss The Next Person You Meet in Heaven by Mitch Albom. The story brought forth good discussion...our emotions as we read the story, the people who were met in the story, and are “mistakes”, really mistakes. We do recommend the book to everyone.

Note the order of the books that we will be read in the coming months:

March 8 – The Last Lecture by Randy Pausch with Jeffrey Zaslow

April 12 – That’s Why I Am Here by Chris Spielman

Our March book, The Last Lecture, may have been read “way back when”, but some of us have not read it; thus it is our selected reading for March.

Barring any unforeseen circumstances, we always gather about 10:30, on the second Friday of each month, in either the Double Classroom or Fellowship Hall and are generally on our way by the Noon Hour. We are a very informal group and we always are happy to see new faces. Please remember it is not necessary to have read the book – if you would like to join us, just to see what

our discussions entail, we would welcome your presence. As we always say, “Give it a try – you may find you will like it”, or “life is too short not to try something new” ☺

Motions from Session Meeting

January 17, 2019

Motioned by Michele Hintz and seconded to give Elder elect Mary Wright voice at this meeting. Motion carried.

Motioned by Rich Pratt and seconded to adopt the consent agenda. Motion carried.

Motioned by Dale Simon and seconded to accept the committee structure on the 2019 organization chart. Motion carried.

Motioned by Rich Pratt and seconded to have Dave Bullion work up a contract with the AA Wednesday group. Motion carried.

Motioned by Rich Pratt to close the examination. Motion carried.

Motioned by Michele Hintz and seconded to approve Mary Denise Wright for ordination to the office of ruling elder. Motion carried. Ordination service is Sunday Jan 20, 2019

Motioned by Rich Pratt and seconded to accept the pastor report. Motion carried.

Motioned by Administration committee to commend the revised Pastor Terms of Call to the congregation. Motion carried.

Motioned by Administration committee to approve the budget. Motion carried.

Motioned by Administration committee to to commend the budget to the congregation. Motion carried

Motioned by Administration committee to pay \$3000.00 for the 2019 year for General Mission. Motion carried.

Motioned by Worship committee requesting permission to perform communion on the following dates:

Sundays: 1/6/2019, 2/3/2019, 3/3/2019, 4/7/2019,

4/21/2019, 5/5/2019, 6/2/2019, 6/9/2019, 7/7/2019,

8/4/2019, 9/1/2019, 10/6/2019, 11/3/2019 and 12/1/2019

Ash Wednesday 3-6-19, Maundy Thursday 4/18/2019,

Camping Weekend 8/24/2019, Christmas Eve 12/24/2019

Motion carried.

Motioned by Building and Grounds committee to spend up to \$500 for tires on the lawnmower. Funds to be taken from Long Term Repair. Motion carried.

Motioned by Rich Pratt and seconded to elect Connie Dainus as Clerk of Session for the year 2019. Motion carried.

Motioned by Rich Pratt and seconded to elect Susann Smith to the office of Church Treasurer for the year 2019.

Motion carried.

Motioned by Rich Pratt and seconded to nominate the following for corporation officers: Dale Simon for President, Connie Dainus for Secretary, and Susann Smith as Treasurer for the year 2019. Motion carried.

February 21, 2019

Connie Dainus, Clerk of Session

Motioned by Rich Pratt to participate in the World Communion and Pentecost offerings as our denominational offerings for 2019. Motion carried.

Motioned by Dale Simon to designate a fifth Sunday post service offering for the Lord Family Ministry. Motion carried.

Motioned by Dale Simon and seconded to give Pastor Clint study leave March 17 to March 23. Motion carried.

Motioned by Nurture committee to hold a youth lock in on March 29 to the morning of the 30th. Motion carried.

Motioned by Nurture committee to hold VBS on the evenings of June 24-28. By consent.

Motioned by Building and Grounds committee to conduct a garage sale to be held on May 18 (Sat.) from 10am-2pm. Proceeds to go toward a new floor in fellowship hall. Motion failed.

Financial Picture

Connie Dainus

January 2019	Year to Date
Income: \$12,372.56	Income: \$12,372.56
Expenses: <u>13,011.59</u>	Expenses: <u>13,011.51</u>
Balance: - 638.80	Balance: - 638.80

Presbyterian Women

Connie Dainus, Moderator

I wanted to let all the women of Southminster know about the upcoming “Annual PWPD WOMEN’S RETREAT” to be held on Saturday March 23 from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. There is a \$30.00 registration fee which includes lunch. The theme this year is: “PERFECT LOVE: MIND, BODY, & SPIRIT”.

In the morning we will hear from the keynote speaker, Christine Bertram, who is a professor of World Religious and Bible at Oakland Community College. She is very active in her church and serves in various capacities as director of adult spiritual education.

The afternoon gives us a choice of two breakout sessions: Reckless Love, Praying Prodigals Home, Perfect Love in the Journey, Liturgical Dance, Ignatius Examen and a Labyrinth.

Anyone who has attended a PWPD retreat will tell you it’s a wonderful and fulfilling day. There are registration forms on the Women’s Circles bulletin board in the narthex. Registration is due by March 16. If you have any questions see Connie Dainus. Hope to see you there.

Help Wanted - Church Jobs

There are many great jobs for Sunday service waiting to be filled for the coming year. There is a sign up sheet in Fellowship Hall with more information. We need greeters, communion helpers, and coffee cleanup help. Please see the worship board and commit to as many weeks as you can.

Thank you so much!

Mary Cline <><

March Sanctuary Duties

Rich Pratt & Mary Denise Wright

March Sanctuary Duties	
Communion 3-3 & 3-6	Nancy Gillespie, Mary Cline
Pew Patrol	Sue Frederick
Coffee Clean Up	Mary Cline
Greeters	
March 3	Donnans
March 10	Cairns
March 17	Jan Hinson, Josephine Jamison
March 24	Gloria
March 3 1	Gloria

Expressions

Denise Wright

Micro Clothes Closet: (continuing) - Utilizing the Faith in Action Phase I Grant received from Presbytery, we continue coordinating with Kinyon Elementary on providing clothing items and other supplies that the school needs during the year. We will fulfill their 'wish list' that they will be sending monthly to us by purchasing the items and delivering to them.



As these lists are continuing into the New Year.....we are asking for help from the congregation on doing the shopping and delivering. If you are interested in this mission, please let someone from the Expressions committee know you would like to help!!!!!!!

Grief Share – Winter 2019– Southminster is partnering with Allen Park Presbyterian Church on holding joint Grief Share sessions. This will add to the resources we have available to run the program as well as expand the locations to host them. The winter session will be held at Allen Park Presbyterian Church and is on Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30pm and will run through April. This is open to the community so please extend the opportunity to all that may need some extra support while grieving a loved one.

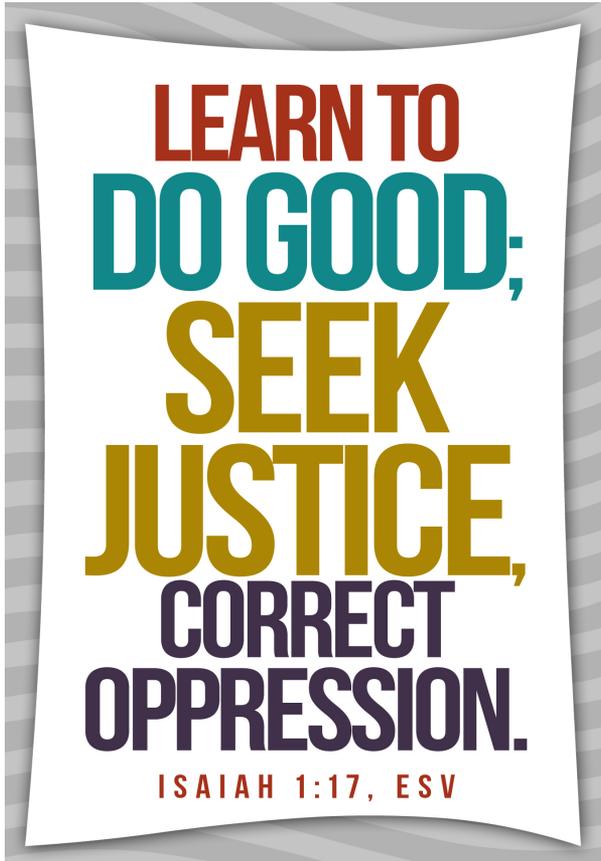
Christnet – March 2019 – Southminster will again be supporting Christnet during the time that Allen Park Presbyterian will be hosting Christnet for two weeks (3/10 through 3/24).

We have two dates selected that Southminster will be officially ‘hosting’:

Friday, March 15th & Wednesday, March 20th

There are opportunities to help serve dinner, share an evening activity with the guests, or stay during either of the evening/night shifts. Our Youth Groups are already covering serving dinner on the Friday evening date. Please check the sign-up sheets on Sunday following church for more time slots available.

IF you can't help on these dates, but still want to participate - there is the opportunity to help cover shifts on other days during the two week period (not necessarily Southminster dates) that would be helpful – please see Michele Hintz for Allen Park's electronic schedule on other time slots.



In addition, we will be collecting items for them as follows:

- Toiletries
- Socks
- Underwear
- T-Shirts
- Sweats

Sizes needed for both Men and Women and from Small-XXXL for the clothes items listed above.

We will have a barrel in the Fellowship Hall to collect items.

Please see anyone on Expressions if you have questions or need more information.

FAITH IN ACTION – PHASE II: Just to let everyone know the wonderful news that our Phase II submittal for the Faith in Action Grant was accepted and we have received the grant money of \$10,000 to move forward with this project. As our project did encompass a larger scope than what was awarded, we will be re-focusing our direction on the specifics that we can achieve with this amount so stay tuned for more information as it progresses!!



2019 events:

Christnet: March 15th & 20th

Block Party: August 11th

Animalpalooza: Sept 29th

Halloween Boo Bash/Trunk or Treat: Oct. 27th

Christmas in the Neighborhood/Kinyon Families: Nov/Dec 2019

Inside/Out Dinner: Spring Break /Advent 2019

We would like to encourage anyone interested in joining the Expressions Committee to come to our next meeting and learn about how YOU can help spread God's plans for helping in our Neighborhood!! Hope to see you there!

Next Meeting – Committee Day – Sun, March 3rd @ 3pm

Building and Grounds

Dave Bullion



The new office is complete. The move in has begun. We are in the early planning stages for a game plan on Annes office. We hope to have this completed by time she returns from vacation in

early April.

Thanks to all who helped with the new office. Without the committee members and volunteers none of this would be possible.

Senior Luncheon

Kay Snaddon

We will meet for our Senior lunch program on **Monday, March 11th at 12 noon**. The menu will be Sliders and dessert for a small donation of \$3.00. Plan to attend and bring your friends. This is open to ages 55 and older.

March Anniversary

Pat and Vorrey Holmes 3-2 56 Years

Gus and Mary Cline 3-12 42 Years

Greg and Jean Walker 3-4 30 Years

March Birthdays

Evelyn Langlands	3-3	Ryan Pratt	3-21
Marjorie Bernardine	3-9	Wayne Held	3-22
Darcy Matthies	3-12	Mary Nowak	3-23
Elaine Ciarrocchi	3-14	Joan Watson	3-27
Ashley Nutter	3-20	Dave Fraser	3-27

Upcoming Dates

Sun Mar 3,10,17,24, 31	10:00 a.m. Discovery Zone 11:00 a.m. Worship
Sun Mar 3	3:00 p.m. Committee Day 6:00 p.m. Youth tonight
Mon Mar 4	12:00 p.m. Rachel Circle
Tue Mar 5,12,19,26	8:00 p.m. Band Rehearsal
Wed Mar 6	7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday
Fri Mar 8	10:30 a.m. Book Club
Sat Mar 9,23	6:00 p.m. Bowling Skore Lanes
Sun Mar 3,10,17,24,31	6:00 p.m. Youth Group
Mon Mar 11	Noon Senior Lunch
Wed Mar 13	10:30 a.m. Ruth Circle 6:30 p.m. Worship Committee
Fri Mar 15	ChristNet Allen Park Pres. Church
Sun Mar 17	6:30 p.m. Sarah Circle
Wed Mar 20	ChristNet Allen Park Pres. Church
Thurs Mar 21	7:00 p.m. Session

Fri Mar 22

Newsletter Deadline

Fri Mar 29 - Sat Mar 30

7:00 p.m. Youth Lock In

Prayers

FOR THOSE HEALING AT HOME

Norm Manders, Pat Wells, Jerry Kirkland, Vorrey Holmes, Pat Morton, Denise Wright, Shirley Aue, Laurie Barclay, David Grove, Don Hardy, Jan Waid, Dave Fraser, Jean Page, Marnie Winkleman, Dale Simon, Sue Smith, Del Wonnacott, Sue Landis, Nancy Gillespie

PRAY FOR THOSE NEEDING LONG-TERM AND EMOTIONAL SUPPORT

Jay Serene (Phyllis Hunt friend), Lina Laurin (Gloria Olsow family), Marge Bernadine, Al and Barb MacDonald, Joan Watson, Sandy Tipshus (Vicki Simon sister), Debra Creech, Patricia Kurish, Donna Clark, Joe Kurish (Elda Moore children), Laura Mount (Fred Mount daughter), Jerry Pawelczyk (Shirley Petlicki friend), Ralph Schall (Hope Lambrix uncle), Sheila Morais, Barbara Willis (Terri Donnan friend), Steve Premo, Tammy Lathrup, Mickey Corcoran & families, Sarah Tyler (Stephanie Pratt friends), Chuck Stevens, Carol Barnard, Darcy Matthies, Ed Schenken (Jean Page friend), Michelle Sample (Dale and Vicki Simon's daughter), Paula Schultz (Laurie Barclay friend), Dave Consiglio & Jason Dornoff (Sue Frederick friends), Kristy McMillan (Patty Lalinsky friend), Andrea Green, Karen S (Daniel Bartok friends), Jamie Crigger (Phyllis Hunt friend), William & Brenda Martinelli (friends of Southminster), Carolyn Politi (Shirley Aue friend), Elda Moore, Gordon Watson (Joan Watson family), Terry and Brenda Price (Candy Cash family) Sharilyn Bullion, Marlene Jones, her daughter, her sister Nancy and her friend, Evelyn Fiodorelis

THOSE WHO SERVE OUR COUNTRY

Our President & Cabinet, Robert Fraser, Bradley Schleicher II,
Kevin Moody, Stacy Denise Cain, Kenny Trapp



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Weekly Worship Schedule:

Family Worship Service 11 am
Discovery Zone (Learning Time) 10 am
High School Groups 10 a.m.

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