

YOUR PRESBYTERIAN NEIGHBOR

December 2017



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DECEMBER FAMILY NIGHT

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5th 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

Homemade Soups & Sandwiches, Kraft Mac and Cheese, PB&J

nursery provided, supervised children crafts, cooking, games and music

ADULT DISCUSSION GROUP WITH RON WILSON, IPS SUPERINTENDENT

TOPIC: Lessons from Navy Seals, improving relationships, finances and success

ALL ARE WELCOME

CALENDAR

- 12/1 11:00 A.M. Red Hats Christmas
- 12/3 8:30 A.M. Harkness Hand Bells
10:00 A.M. Worship, Guest Speaker
Dr. Chris Dorn, Missions Offering
11:00 A.M. Fellowship, Refreshments
- 12/5 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Family Night
- 12/6 Deb's husband having surgery
Afternoon office hours
9:30 A.M. Quilters
- 12/7 10:30 A.M. Travelogue for Presbyterian
on the Go
2-4 P.M. Prayer Shawl Group
- 12/10 8:30 A.M. Harness Hand Bells
10:00 A.M. Worship, Guest Speaker
Dr. Chris Dorn
11:00 A.M. Fellowship, Refreshments
- 12/13 9:30 A.M. Quilters
- 12/14 10:00 A.M. Christian Ed Meeting at
Aunt Stephanie's
2-4 P.M. Prayer Shawl Group
- 12/17 8:30 A.M. Harness Hand Bells
10:00 A.M. Worship, Guest Speaker
Dr. Chris Dorn
11:00 A.M. Fellowship, Refreshments
- 12/18 7:00 P.M. Session Meeting
- 12/20 9:30 A.M. Quilters
- 12/21 2-4 P.M. Prayer Shawl Group
5:00 P.M. Soup Kitchen, team 5
Captain, Linda Steele
- 12/24 8:30 A.M. Harness Hand Bells
10:00 A.M. Worship, Guest Speaker
Dr. Chris Dorn
11:00 A.M. Fellowship, Refreshments
- 12/27 9:30 A.M. Quilters
- 12/28 2-4 P.M. Prayer Shawl Group

- 8:30 A.M. Harness Hand Bells
10:00 A.M. Worship, Guest Speaker
Dr. Chris Dorn
11:00 A.M. Fellowship, Refreshments

Birthdays

- 12/2 Jean Mulder
- 12/6 Pamela Robinson
- 12/9 Glenda Kilpatrick
- 12/9 Marcia Ross
- 12/18 Ron Wilson
- 12/29 David Hoover



Zion Soup Kitchen

December 21, 2017

Team #5

Captain, Linda Steele

Mercantile Bank Employees



December Worship Stewards

- 12/3 Guest Speaker:** Dr. Chris Dorn; **Liturgist:** Sue Reglin
Greeter/Ushers: Lavonna and David Hoover, Marilyn McKay
- 12/10 Guest Speaker:** Dr. Chris Dorn; **Liturgist:** Jim VanSyckle
Greeters/Ushers: Lee Hunsberger, Megan Ransom, Barb Klenk
- 12/17 Guest Speaker:** Dr. Chris Dorn; **Liturgist:** Shelly Reglin
Greeters/Ushers: Perry and Margaret Gregory, Bill Robinson
- 12/24 Guest Speaker:** Dr. Chris Dorn; **Christmas Pageant**
- 12/31 Guest Speaker:** Dr. Chris Dorn; **Liturgist:** Megan Ransom
Greeters/Ushers: Warren and Sue Thompson, Keith Sterner

PRESBYTERIANS ON THE GO

We will continue meeting the first Thursday of each month at 10:30 A.M. for a travelogue. Everyone is welcome to come, young or old.

There will not be a Family Night held in January, 2018. We will be hosting a **FAMILY MOVIE SUNDAY on January 14th**. Worship begins at 10:00 am, followed by a pizza party. The complimentary movie, **CARS 3** will be shown at Ionia Community Theatre after the party. Of course you will have a small soda and popcorn. Joins us for a fun day focused on **FAMILY**.
Guests welcome.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT!

Mark your calendars for this year's Christmas pageant, "Maggie and Lucy's Version Births" performed by our youth on December 24, Christmas Eve morning.

MISSION NEWS

Pumpkin pies were delivered to all of the families that have children in the Ionia Headstart program for their Thanksgiving celebrations. The pies are boxed with a note attached stating that they are from the Presbyterian Church along with a prayer of Thanksgiving that we extend to them. Sixty-six children are in the Ionia Headstart program.

We hope to gather the congregations' small stuffed animals during the Christmas season for the local police departments, emergency room at the hospital,, and RAVE safe house. Please bring your unwrapped small stuffed animals in after the Christmas tree is up, and place them under the tree. These little critters are given to children that are found in traumatic situations to help them cope.

Please pray for the less fortunate during the holiday season. The shopping cart is available for any items that you might like to give to the local food pantry. You can also help by giving of your time for one of the soup kitchen teams, working at the Service Center or volunteering in the Headstart classrooms. Giving of your time help keep programs going.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS!
MISSION TEAM



Session Highlights

These minutes are of the October 16, 2017 meeting moderated by Rev. Helen Havlik:

Recorded in the official church register the September 27, 2017 death of Member #174, Keith William Patterson. Keith was an elder and served on several committees over the years. His funeral service was held in the church sanctuary September 27, 2017 with Dr. Chris Dorn officiating with the assistance of Rev. Mark Gerdes of the Assembly of God Church in Ionia. He is a neighbor of Keith and Nola. Immediately after the service, the family catered a luncheon, which was served in the church fellowship hall.

Recorded in the official church register book the June 24, 2017 death of member #83 Richard Neil Hadder. His funeral/memorial service was in the church sanctuary June 29th with Jon Clifton officiating. After the service, a luncheon was served in the fellowship hall. Dick had been a member since 1961.

Recorded in the official church register book the June 26, 2017 death of member #218 Barbara J. Sousa. Her funeral/memorial service was in the church sanctuary June 29th with Dr. Chris Dorn officiating. After the service, a catered luncheon was provided by the family in the fellowship hall.

In June, it was the Session's decision based upon a recommendation from the Building and Grounds Committee to replace the 8 original windows in the Christian Education wing with energy efficient windows similar to the new window in the pastor's office. Two bids were obtained from Lowe's in Grand Rapids and Randy Miller in Ionia. After careful consideration, Randy's bid for \$3,000.00 was approved, and he installed the windows on September 29th. Funding for the windows was through the Lucy Hughes, Dr. Leroy Kidle, James Nichols and Mary Esther and William Daddazio memorials.

In May, Session decided to fund a camp experience for the following campers: Michelle Reglin, TJ Cox, Lena Cox, Savannah Parvin, Alexis Parvin, Orion Parvin, Leana Parvin and Garrett Emlinger. The Shaver Children's Fund was used for the additional cost not generated by our fund raisers.

Elder David Hanson attended the June 13, 2017 Presbytery of Lake Michigan meeting in Buchanan.

Per Capita for 2018 is General Assembly-\$7.73, Synod-\$3.25, and Presbytery-\$18.00 for a total of \$28.98 per active member.

A third quarter Building and Grounds report was submitted. Duane Emlinger, Perry Gregory, Dr. Keith Sterner, Jim VanSyckle and Dr. Warren Thompson maintained our grounds this summer. Sue Thompson maintains the urns by the front entrance. Inside the church, we continue to change our lights to LED bulbs. Kathy VanSyckle and the Worship Committee updated the speaker system. New window treatments for the conference room are being evaluated with funding by the rummage sale money. Warren indicated the committee plans to paint the walls and fix the ceiling tiles this winter. Because of the new courthouse building construction across the street, the library staff was given permission to use our parking lot. The staff appreciated our kindness and provided a basket filled with goodies as well as a tray of cookies.

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The transfer form for Cheryl Kidle was signed by moderator, Rev. Helen Havlik. Cheryl has moved to Coldwater and her membership is being transferred to First Presbyterian Church in Coldwater.

Keith Sterner reported Family Night was October 3 and was pretty well attended. Ron Wilson, Ionia Public Schools Superintendent, gave the adult program. The kids had a great time playing games outside on the side lot.

The Session, which is the Pastor Nominating Committee, is in the process of evaluating three good candidates. A decision on a new pastor is expected soon.

Submitted by: Margaret Gregory, Clerk of Session

NOTICE

At the November 20 Session meeting, the Session decided we would only have one service on December 24th. The regular worship service will be Sunday, December 24th at 10 A.M. At this service, there will be a Christmas pageant. This year, we will not have a Christmas Eve evening service.

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