

YOUR PRESBYTERIAN NEIGHBOR

February 2018



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**Cars 3** movie Sunday was a fun, family day for kids of all ages. Pam Robinson brought her feathered guest, Zazu for the children’s message, provided by Kathy VanSyckle. He helped to show us that our appearance may be different from one another but God loves us all. We are so proud of our youth as we listen to them pray and sing, and act out scripture. We are blessed.

Following worship, a pizza lunch was served with vegetables and various “car themed” beverages. We welcomed our guests and door prizes were given to the children.

Thirty three people then watched Lightening McQueen struggle to get back in the race again at the Ionia Community Theater. Popcorn and soda, a movie must, were consumed even though 20 pizzas were just eaten. Thanks to all who helped make this a great event.

Sue Thompson, Mission Committee

**CALENDAR**

- 2/1 10:30 A.M. Travelogue  
2-4 P.M. Prayer Shawl Group
- 2/2 Groundhog Day
- 2/4 8:30 A.M. Harkness Handbells  
10:00 A.M. Worship, Guest Minister  
Rev. David Veldt, Missions Offering  
11:00 A.M. Fellowship, Refreshments
- 2/6 5:30 P.M. Family Night
- 2/7 9:30 A.M. Quilters
- 2/8 2-4 P.M. Prayer Shawl Group
- 2/11 8:30 A.M. Harkness Handbells  
10:00 A.M. Worship  
11:00 A.M. Fellowship, Refreshments,  
Sledding Party
- 2/14 9:30 A. M. Quilters  
Ash Wednesday
- 2/15 2-4 P.M. Prayer Shawl Group  
5:00 P.M. Soup Kitchen, Team #2,  
Captain, Margaret Gregory
- 2/18 8:30 A.M. Harkness Handbells  
10:00 A.M. Worship  
11:00 A.M. Fellowship, Refreshments
- 2/21 9:30 A.M. Quilters
- 2/22 2-4 P.M. Prayer Shawl Group
- 2/25 8:30 A.M. Harkness Handbells  
10:00 A.M. Worship  
11:00 A.M. Fellowship, Refreshments
- 2/28 9:30 A.M. Quilters

**Birthdays**

- 2/2 Shannon Kohloff
- 2/4 Don Wilcox
- 2/6 Madalynn Sayers
- 2/7 Bill Robinson
- 2/8 Rick Steele
- 2/12 Sarah Sykes
- 2/20 Bill Fuhrman
- 2/23 Diane Barnes
- 2/25 Mike Kaufman & Kyus Agostini



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**Zion Soup Kitchen**

February 15

Team #2

Captain, Margaret Gregory



**February Worship Stewards**

**2/4 Communion Preparers:** Jim and Kathy VanSyckle; **Communion Servers:** Jan Arnold, Lee Hunsberger, Keith Sterner; **Guest Minister: Rev. David Veldt;** Liturgist: Jim VanSyckle; **Ushers/Greeters:** Barb Klenk, Bill Robinson, Lavonna Hoover

**2/11 Guest Minister:** Dr. Chris Dorn; **Liturgist:** Kathy VanSyckle; **Ushers/Greeters:** David Hoover, Norma Kilpatrick, Evelyn Ransom; **Children’s Message:** Marilyn McKay

**2/18 Guest Minister:** Dr. Chris Dorn; **Liturgist:** Megan Ransom; **Ushers/Greeters:** Marilyn McKay, Keith and Lynn Sterner; **Children’s Message:** Kathy VanSyckle

**2/25 Guest Minister:** Dr. Chris Dorn; **Liturgist:** Shelly Reglin; **Ushers/Greeters:** Perry and Margaret Gregory, Judi Emilinger; **Children’s Message:** Judi Emlinger

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**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.

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**FEBRUARY 2018 FAMILY NIGHT “TACO TUESDAY”**

February 6th at 5:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

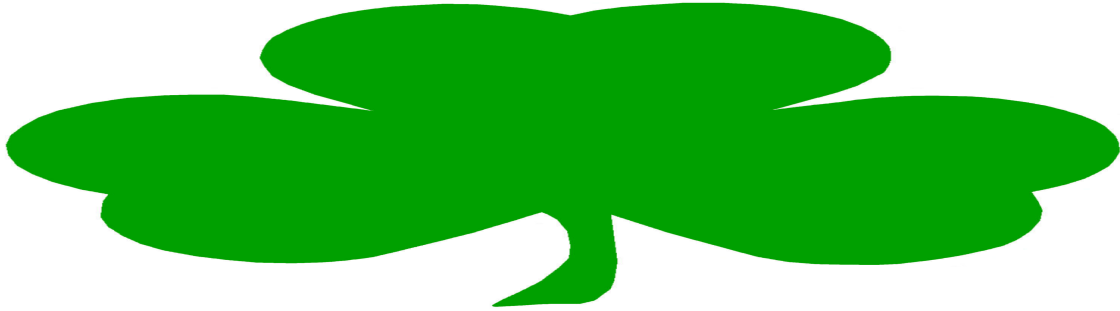
Ron Wilson, IPS Superintendent will be leading

Adult Discussion Topic: Overcoming Adversity

Nursery Provided, Supervised Children’s Holiday Crafts

Games, Music and Storytelling

**Celebrating Families Together With Faithful Friends**



**MARCH 2018 FAMILY NIGHT**  
**TUESDAY MARCH 6TH 5:30 P.M. UNTIL 7:00 P.M.**

**HOT DIGGITY DOG SUPPER**

Fellowship Hall, Ionia First Presbyterian Church  
125 E. Main Street (across from the Community Library)

Adult Series Speaker

Ron Wilson, IPS Superintendent

Seven Decisions That Determine Personal Success and Happiness

Nursery provided, supervised children's holiday crafts

Games, Music and storytelling

## Session Highlights

These minutes are of the January 15, 2018 meeting.

The Declaration of Intent to Support the Mission of the Presbytery, Synod and the PC (USA) was completed. The session voted to approve \$250 for shared mission for 2018. The Church Indebtedness form was also approved by the session. The form was completed indicating the church does not have any debt. Both forms were submitted on-line to the Presbytery of Lake Michigan.

The church's per capita for 2018 is \$2,231.46, which is based on the active membership of 77 members as of December 31, 2016 times \$28.98 per active member. It is due to the presbytery in full in January and has been paid in full.

The 2017 Statistical Report was approved by session at the December meeting. On January 16, 2018, it was submitted on-line to presbytery. We began the year with 77 active members. There were four deaths, one transfer and three placed on the inactive rolls.

Mark Horrock submitted a request, which session approved. He is running a second yoga class in the church fellowship hall on Thursday night from 5:30-6:15PM.

Lavonna Hoover, Budget and Finance chairperson, submitted a proposed budget for 2018. It is a work in progress and will be approved at the next meeting.

Building and Grounds, Co-Chairperson, Warren Thompson, submitted his report, which is also the report for the annual meeting. The sanctuary overhead fixtures have LED bulbs, a new thermostat like those in the rest of the church was placed in the classroom, the windows in the Christian Education wing have been replaced with energy efficient double hung windows, the two dead trees in the east lawn have been removed as well as the cement pad, the uneven sidewalks were jacked up and leveled, and Mr. Roof continues to try to resolve the roof leak over the central entrance.

Nominating chairperson, Sue Reglin, reported Judi Emlinger, Lee Hunsberger, and Mary Williams have agreed to serve a three year session term in the Class of 2020.

Worship chairperson, Kathy VanSyskle, reported communion for 2018 will be the first Sunday of each month.

The Pastor Nominating Committee continues their search for a new half-time pastor.

The next meeting is March 19, 2018 at 7:00PM.

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