

# YOUR PRESBYTERIAN NEIGHBOR

July 2018

## I AM THE BIBLE

I am the Bible, God's wonderful library.

I am always—and above all—the truth

To the weary pilgrim, I am a strong staff.

To the one who sits in darkness, I am glorious light.

To those who stumble beneath heavy burdens, I am sweet rest.

To him who has lost his way, I am a safe guide.

To those who are sick in sin, I am healing strength and forgiveness.

To the discouraged, I am a glad message of hope.

To those who are distressed and tossed about by the storms of life, I am an anchor; sure and steady.

To those who search for salvation, I reveal the Savior of the World.

I am the Bible, God's holy Word.



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**CALENDAR**

- 7/1 10:00 A.M. Worship - Guest Speaker  
Joanna Bailey, Missions offering,  
Communion  
11:00 A.M. Fellowship & Refreshments
- 7/4 Independence Day
- 7/5 2-4 P.M. Prayer Shawl Group
- 7/8 10:00 A.M. Worship - Guest Speaker  
Dr. Chris Dorn  
11:00 A.M. Fellowship & Refreshments
- 7/9-7/20 Deb's vacation
- 7/11 9:30 A.M. Quilters
- 7/12 2-4 P.M. Prayer Shawl Group
- 7/15 10:00 A.M. Worship - Guest Speaker  
Dr. Chris Dorn  
11:00 A.M. Fellowship & Refreshments
- 7/16 7:00 P.M. Session Meets
- 7/18 9:30 A.M. Quilters
- 7/19 2-4 P.M. Prayer Shawl Group  
5:00 P.M. Soup Kitchen Team #4  
Captain, Sue Thompson
- 7/20 Deadline for August Newsletter articles
- 7/22 10:00 A.M. Worship - Guest Speaker  
Dr. Chris Dorn  
11:00 A.M. Fellowship & Refreshments
- 7/25 9:30 A.M. Quilters
- 7/26 2-4 P.M. Prayer Shawl Group
- 7/29 10:00 A.M. Worship - Guest Speaker  
Dr. Chris Dorn  
11:00 A.M. Fellowship & Refreshments

**Birthdays**

- 7/2 Carol Shier
- 7/5 Jared Thompson
- 7/8 Jack Buck
- 7/12 Leon Johnson
- 7/15 Kristin Thompson
- 7/16 Lavonna Hoover
- 7/19 Larry Tiejema
- 7/23 Nathaniel Morris
- 7/26 Dennis Arnold
- 7/30 Justin VanSyckle



**Soup Kitchen**  
**July 19 @ 5:00 P.M.**  
**Team #4,**  
**Captain, Sue Thompson**



### July Worship Stewards

- 7/1 Guest Minister** - Rev. Joanna Bailey; **Liturgist** - Sue Reglin  
**Communion Preparation:** Judi Emlinger and Evelyn Ransom  
**Communion Servers:** David and Lavonna Hoover, Jen Furman  
**Ushers/Greeters:** Perry and Margaret Gregory, Marilyn McKay; No children's message
- July 8 Guest Minister:** Dr. Chris Dorn; **Liturgist:** Megan Ransom  
**Ushers/Greeters:** Duane and Judi Emlinger, Linda Hood  
**Children's Message:** Lee Hunsberger; **Fellowship:** Ernie & Marcia Ross
- July 15 Guest Minister:** Dr. Chris Dorn; **Liturgist:** Robert Sykes  
**Ushers/Greeters:** Lee Hunsberger, Barb Klenk Bill Robinson; No Children's message  
**Fellowship:** Linda Heinicke
- July 22 Guest Minister:** Dr. Chris Dorn; **Liturgist:** Keith Sterner  
**Ushers/Greeters:** Sue Reglin, Warren and Sue Thompson  
**Children's Message:** Sue Thompson
- July 29 Guest Minister:** Dr. Chris Dorn; **Liturgist:** Shelly Reglin  
**Ushers/Greeters:** Oscar Johnson, Shelly Reglin, Norma Kilpatrick  
**Children's Message:** Judi Emlinger

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### Prayer Shawl Group News

Just a reminder that blankets are available for all ages. Recipient does not need to be a church member. If you know of someone who could use a blanket, please contact Mary Williams or Evelyn Ransom.

Prayer Shawl Group

## Session Highlights

These minutes are of the May 21, 2018 meeting.

There has been a change in the 2018 Ministry Team list-Linda Hood has decided to no longer co-chair the Building and Grounds Committee. Perry Gregory will co-chair the committee with Dr. Warren Thompson. Linda will remain a member of the committee.

A letter was received from the Presbytery of Lake Michigan stating Rev. Dr. John Best will be stepping away from his leadership in the Presbytery at the end of this summer. A Transitional General Presbyter will be hired. Leslie Keusch, Presbytery Communication Coordinator/Office Administrator will also retire at the end of the summer as will Presbytery Treasurer Wayne Komejan. These positions will be replaced.

The session approved a motion from the Building and Grounds Committee to hire John Purchase of Luxury Janitorial to clean, wax and polish the floors in the kitchen, the room off the kitchen, dining room/fellowship hall, both rooms off the dining room, both upstairs bathrooms, the upstairs kitchenette and clean the high traffic carpet areas in the Memorial Room. Cost of \$1,273.51 to be paid from the building maintenance fund.

Judi Emlinger, Co-chairperson of the Christian Education Committee, reported there are seven children interested in going to Camp Greenwood this summer. A motion was approved to use the Shaver Children's Fund to provide camp scholarships to those students. Judi will also put a notice in the church bulletin and newsletter that anyone, who would like to make a contribution towards a scholarship, can do so. Just make sure you state on your contribution it is for camp scholarships. Judi will complete the camp applications and get the required parental permissions.

The Membership and Care Committee has set the date for the annual church picnic at Linda Hood's campgrounds northeast of town. The date is August 19th.

Lavonne Hoover, Chairperson for the Memorial and Investment Committee, reported Kosbar Scholarship applications have been sent to five eligible students.

Lee Hunsberger reported for the Mission Committee. He said for the book and funds collection for the Ionia Head Start students sixty books were collected as well as \$350 for the purchase of books. Our congregation was able to donate enough books for each student to take home two books.

Session passed a motion to pay Dr. Chris Dorn \$150 per Sunday plus mileage effective May 27<sup>th</sup>.

The pastor search committee continues the search for a part-time pastor. At present, we have no prospective candidates.

The next meeting is July 16, 2018 at 7:00PM.

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