

YOUR PRESBYTERIAN NEIGHBOR

June 2017

LIVING WATERS FOR THE WORLD

Living Waters for the World allows people to see the world through a new set of eyes, and invariably changes them. God empowers people of faith to be agents of change. First Presbyterian Church is committed to supporting Living Waters with Mission Offerings collected in January and June. The money collected supports communities that have available, but contaminated water. Living Waters has developed water purification systems that filtrate and disinfect the water in communities removing bacteria, chlorine-resistant organisms and other impurities. More clean water means more lives changed and more lives saved. Jesus Christ is Living Water for our bodies and souls.

We ask that the members of this church extend your generous support to the ministry of Living Waters for the Word on Sunday, June 4th with your Missions Offering.

Missions Committee

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CALENDAR

- 6/1 10:30 A.M. Presbyterians on the Go
Travelogue in the Memorial Room
2-4 P.M. Prayer Shawl Group
- 6/4 8:30 A.M. Harkness Handbells practice
10:00 A.M. Worship with communion
Guest Speaker, Rev. Mark Veldt
Missions offering for Living Waters
11:00 A.M. Fellowship, Refreshments,
Sunday School
- 6/7 9:30 A.M. Quilters
- 6/8 2-4 P.M. Prayer Shawl Group
- 6/11 8:30 A.M. Harkness Handbells practice
10:00 A.M. Worship
Guest Speaker, Rev. Mark Veldt
Graduation Sunday
11:00 A.M. Fellowship, Refreshments,
Sunday School
- 6/14 9:30 A.M. Quilters
9:30 A.M. Membership and Care
- 6/15 2-4 P.M. Prayer Shawl Group
5:00 P.M. Team #2, Soup Kitchen
at Zion, Margaret Gregory, Captain
- 6/18 10:00 A.M. Worship
Guest Speaker, Dr. Chris Dorn
11:00 A.M. Fellowship, Refreshments
- 6/19 7:00 P.M. Stated Session meeting
- 6/21 9:30 A.M. Quilters
- 6/22 12:00 P.M. Presbyterians on the Go
Strawberry Fest in church dining room
2-4 P.M. Prayer Shawl Group
- 6/25 10:00 A.M. Worship
Guest Speaker, Rev. Mark Veldt
- 6/28 9:30 A.M. Quilters
- 6/29 2-4 P.M. Prayer Shawl Group

Birthdays

- 6/3 Barb Klenk
- 6/6 Caitlin Rozich
- 6/25 Edgar Harkness



Zion Soup Kitchen
Thursday, June 15th, 5:00 P.M.
Team 2, Captain, Margaret
Gregory
 Linda Hood, Evelyn
 Ransom, and Beryl Bishop



June Worship Stewards

June 4 - Communion servers: David and Lavonna Hoover, Jen Furman
Communion Preparation: Judi Emlinger and Evelyn Ransom
Liturgist: Sue Reglin; **Minister:** Rev. Mark Veldt
Ushers/Greeters: Oscar and Leon Johnson

June 11 - Liturgist: Perry Gregory; **Minister:** Rev. Mark Veldt
Children's Message: Marilyn McKay; **Ushers/Greeters:** Linda Steele and Evelyn Ransom

June 18 - Liturgist: Marilyn McKay; **Minister:** Dr. Chris Dorn
Ushers/Greeters: Linda Hood and Megan Ransom
Children's Message: Sue Thompson

June 25 - Liturgist: Shelly Reglin; **Minister:** Rev. Mark Veldt
Ushers/Greeters: Keith and Lynn Sterner
Children's Message: Judi Emlinger

**THANK YOU
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FOR THE BOOKS AND DONATIONS.
THIS CONGREGATION PROVIDED 183 BOOKS FOR
THE IONIA HEADSTART CHILDREN!**

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

PRESBYTERIAN'S ON THE GO!

Travelogue on Thursday, June 1, at 10:30 A.M. in the Memorial Room.

Travel along with us to Venice! Everyone welcome and bring a friend with you.



Presbyterian's on the Go Strawberry Fest will be on Thursday, June 22 at Noon in the church dining room. Fresh picked Strawberries, shortcake and home-made ice cream. Bring your own bowl, cup and spoon. Join us for fun, food and fellowship.

Session Highlights

These minutes are of the April 17, 2017 meeting.

Session approved the pulpit supply arrangements Pastor Bruce has scheduled from May 7-August 27th with Dr. Chris Dorn and Rev. Mark Veldt.

This year for Easter the congregants signed Easter cards for those on the care and concern list. The two Sundays prior to Easter, the cards were available in the Memorial Room for everyone to sign.

Beginning September 3, David Hanson has agreed to arrange pulpit supply.

Kathy VanSyckle, Worship Committee chairperson, has met with organist, Mike Kauffman. Mike suggested Kathy pick three hymns for each worship service. Kathy has formed a small committee (herself, Jan Arnold, Cindy Rozich, Mary Williams) to meet every other month to pick the hymns for the next eight weeks. Kathy is also requesting the congregants to complete a short survey of their favorite hymns. Another suggestion Kathy offered for enhancing worship through Pentecost was a Packet of Abundance Cards for each person or family, and create a flame that grows each Sunday through Pentecost

Session approved the Ministry Team list for 2017. It will be posted on the bulletin boards.

The next meeting is May 15, 2017 at 7PM.

Submitted by:

Margaret Gregory, Clerk of Session

2017 Spring Simply Give Campaign

Please spread the word to friends, relatives, neighbors, co-workers and partners to make a donation at Meijer's in Ionia. This campaign runs from May 14 through June 18 and will feature the much-appreciated Double Match Days on June 2 and 3, Friday and Saturday. During these two days Meijer will double their usual match of every customer's Simply Give donation to help boost support for our pantry. This means that for every \$10 donation, Meijer will give \$20 to the program resulting in a total \$30 donation, (\$100 becomes \$300). Cards may be purchased in any amount of \$10 or more. *The Ionia community has been so wonderfully supportive during previous campaigns.*

The food pantry serves 200-300 families each month. The soup kitchen feeds 25-60 individuals every week. The mobile pantry serves 50-100 families per month. These services cost us \$4200 to \$6200 per month, on top of the food donations that come in.

We applaud you for your commitment to partner with us to provide food to those in need. **We cannot do this work without your help.** If you have any questions, please contact me at (616)527-1910 or (989)400-2121.

God Bless you all!

Debra Hall

Director of Zion Community Food Pantry, Soup Kitchen,
And Mobile Food Pantry

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