

# YOUR PRESBYTERIAN NEIGHBOR

May 2018

## MISSIONS NEWS

Headstart book collection will be Sunday, May 7th and May 14th. Please bring your new or slightly used books on these Sundays to benefit the children in the Ionia Headstart program. Unable to shop for books? Your donations will be used to purchase books for the kids. Thank you for your help in providing a book for each child in this program.

Forgotten Man Ministries is seeking a Lead chaplain for the Ionia County jail. If you or someone you know is interested in this position please go to [www.forgottenman.org](http://www.forgottenman.org) for more information.

Thank you for the stuffed animals for our Emergency Department. These are appreciated so much by our patients and caregivers. Something to hug when you are scared or hurts helps so much.

God Bless All of you,  
Sparrow Ionia Hospital

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**CALENDAR**

- 5/2 9:30 A.M. Quilters
- 5/3 10:30 A.M. Travelogue  
2-4 P.M. Prayer Shawl Group
- 5/6 8:30 A.M. Harkness Handbells practice  
10:00 A.M. Worship - Guest Speaker  
Dr. Chris Dorn, Communion, Missions  
offering, Headstart book collection  
Sunday School  
11:00 A.M. Fellowship
- 5/9 9:30 A.M. Quilters
- 5/10 2-4 P.M. Prayer Shawl Group
- 5/13 Mother's Day  
8:30 A.M. Harkness Handbells practice  
10:00 A.M. Worship - Guest Speaker  
Dr. Chris Dorn, Headstart book  
collection, Sunday School  
11:00 A.M. Fellowship
- 5/16 9:30 A.M. Quilters
- 5/17 2-4 P.M. Prayer Shawl Group  
5:00 P.M. Soup Kitchen at Zion  
Team #5 Captain, Chris Desgranges
- 5/20 8:30 A.M. Harkness Handbells practice  
10:00 A.M. Worship - Guest Speaker  
Dr. Chris Dorn, Guest Organist, Mary  
Cusack Headstart book collection,  
Sunday School  
11:00 A.M. Fellowship  
Deadline for June Newsletter articles
- 5/22 7:00 P.M. Session Meeting
- 5/23 9:30 A.M. Quilters
- 5/24 2-4 P.M. Prayer Shawl Group
- 5/27 8:30 A.M. Harkness Handbells practice  
10:00 A.M. Worship - Guest Speaker  
Dr. Chris Dorn, Sunday School  
11:00 A.M. Fellowship
- 5/30 9:30 A.M. Quilters
- 5/31 2-4 P.M. Prayer Shawl Group

**Birthdays**

- 5/3 Emily Furman
- 5/6 Jeremiah Helsius
- 5/9 James Bosley
- 5/10 Jean Smith
- 5/16 Marsha Kohloff
- 5/18 Evelyn Ransom
- 5/19 Kathy VanSyckle
- 5/21 David Kohloff
- 5/23 Beryl Bishop  
Jim McKay
- 5/24 Wade Arnold  
Marilyn McKay
- 5/25 Marcia Brown  
Robert S. Sykes, Jr.
- 5/27 Oscar Johnson
- 5/28 Laela Agostini



### May Worship Stewards

**May 6 - Liturgist** - Kathy VanSyckle; **Ushers/Greeters** - Perry and Margaret Gregory, Pat Gustafson; **Children's Message** - Lee Hunsberger

**May 13 - Liturgist** - Sue Reglin; **Ushers/Greeters** - Lavonna and David Hoover, Lee Hunsberger; **Children's Message** - Marilyn McKay

**May 20 - Liturgist** - Robert Sykes; **Ushers/Greeters** - Duane and Judi Emlinger, Linda Hood; **Children's Message** - Sue Thompson

**May 27 - Liturgist** - Keith Sterner; **Ushers/Greeters** - Sue and Shely Reglin, Bill Robinson  
**Children's Message** - Kathy VanSyckle

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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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### THANK YOU

Thank you for your gift of \$200.00 to Living Waters for the World. Because of your generosity, children and their families will have life-saving clean water to drink. Your generosity empowers international partners to save lives through clean water. We are sincerely grateful for your gift and for your investment in the people we serve.

Seth Guterman, President

Living Waters for the World Board of Directors

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5:00 P.M. Soup kitchen at Zion Methodist Church

Team #5 Captain, Chris Desgranges

## Session Highlights

These minutes are of the March 19, 2018 meeting.

The January 24, 2018 death of member #612 Jerrold Satterlee was recorded in the official record book. On January 27, his memorial service was held in the church sanctuary with Dr. Chris Dorn officiating. The funeral committee served a luncheon in the church fellowship hall.

On March 15, 2018 Robert Norman Butler, member #32, died. His death was recorded in the official record book. His funeral service was held March 20<sup>th</sup> at the Lake Funeral Home in Ionia.

The Declaration of Intent to Support the Mission of the Presbytery, Synod, and PC (USA) was approved by session at the January 15, 2018 meeting. Session approved \$250 for shared mission.

Immediately following the worship service on January 28, 2018, the annual congregational meeting was held. Rev. Ray Kretzschmer moderated the meeting.

During the worship service on February 4, 2018, Rev. David Veldt installed Judi Emlinger, Lee Hunsberger, and Mary Williams as the session members for the Class of 2020.

The Building and Grounds Committee completed the refurbishing of the conference/quilter's room. New ceiling panels were installed, lens on the light fixtures were replaced, new light bulbs were installed and a failed ballast was replaced. The heat radiators were disassembled, cleaned and painted. The walls were also painted. Jan Arnold has offered to pay for new window blinds with rummage sale funds. She is in the selection process.

Our church was invited by North Kent Presbyterian Church in Rockford to join them in a day of sledding and fellowship at Bertha Brock Park in Ionia. This event took place in February and a fun time was had by all.

The Christian Education Committee provided the craft activities for the children at the family nights in February, March and April. The kids really enjoyed making crafts.

Session approved the 2018 budget, which was based on the actual 2017 expenses.

For the safety of our church worshipers as well as our children, session approved locking the east entrance door at the time the worship service begins. Ushers/greeters will be responsible for locking the door. It will be reopened as soon as the worship service is over. The central entrance door will remain open.

The session elected Barbara Klenk and Norma Kilpatrick to be our church treasurers and Margaret Gregory was elected Clerk of Session.

The Mission offering in January was sent to Living Waters of the World. The offering was \$71 and the committee added enough to send \$200. Two Sundays in March food items filled a pew for the IM 3<sup>rd</sup> Meal program in Ionia.

Session approved music leader, Mike Kauffman's request for 7 Sundays off from April through October. This will be without pay. This is his busy time of the year with his landscaping business.

The pastor search committee continues the search for a part-time pastor.

The next meeting is May 21, 2018 at 7:00PM.

Submitted by:

Margaret Gregory, Clerk of Session

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A BIG thanks to all who made FAMILY NIGHT a success.

For those who helped with the children's crafts/activities, dinners, a supervised nursery and security.

A special thank you to Ron Wilson, IPS Superintendent for providing inspiration to adults.

**OUR EXTENDED FAMILY IS A CIRCLE OF STRENGTH, FOUNDED BY FAITH, JOINED IN LOVE  
KEPT BY GOD, TOGETHER FOREVER**

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