

# YOUR PRESBYTERIAN NEIGHBOR

October 2018

## UPCOMING EVENTS MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### OCTOBER 9<sup>TH</sup> FEEDING THE BODY AND SOUL

SESSION 1 THE GOSPEL OF DR. SEUSS

GREEN EGGS AND HAM

FOR ALL AGES

BEGINS AT 5:30PM WITH A SIMPLE SUPPER

PROGRAM ENDS BY 7:00PM

### NOVEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> A SALUTE TO VETERANS

AN EVENT TO HONOR VETERANS BEGINNING AT **6:00PM**

ALL ARE WELCOME, MORE INFO TO FOLLOW

### NOVEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> FEEDING THE BODY AND SOUL

SESSION 2 THE GOSPEL OF DR. SEUSS

WHAT WAS I SCARED OF?

FOR ALL AGES

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**CALENDAR**

- 10/3 9:30 A.M. Quilters
- 10/4 10:30 A.M. Travelogue  
2-4 P.M. Prayer Shawl Group
- 10/7 8:30 A.M. Handbells practice  
10:00 A.M. Worship - Dr. Chris Dorn, World Communion Sunday  
Missions Offering  
11:00 A.M. Sunday School
- 10/9 5:30 P.M. Family Night  
"Green Eggs and Ham"
- 10/10 9:30 A.M. Quilters
- 10/11 2-4 P.M. Prayer Shawl Group
- 10/14 8:30 A.M. Handbells practice  
10:00 A.M. Worship  
Guest Speaker, Sally Wilcox  
11:00 A.M. Sunday School
- 10/17 9:30 A.M. Quilters
- 10/18 9:30 A.M. Membership & Care  
2-4 P.M. Prayer Shawl Group  
5:00 P.M. Soup Kitchen  
Team #5, Captain, Chris Desgranges
- 10/21 8:30 A.M. Handbells practice  
10:00 A.M. Worship  
Guest Speaker, Dr. Chris Dorn  
11:00 A.M. Sunday School
- 10/24 9:30 A.M. Quilters
- 10/25 2- 4 P.M. Prayer Shawl Group
- 10/28 8:30 A.M. Handbells practice  
10:00 A.M. Worship  
Guest Speaker, Dr. Chris Dorn  
11:00 A.M. Sunday School

10/31 9:30 A.M. Quilters

**Birthdays**

- 10/4 Ernie Ross
- 10/6 Jim VanSyckle
- 10/8 Nancy Satterlee
- 10/12 Anna VanSyckle
- 10/20 Sue Thompson
- 10/29 Mike Fuhrman
- 10/29 Cai Jasso



**Soup Kitchen**  
**October 18th @ 5:00 P.M.**  
**Team #5**  
**Captain, Chris Desgranges**



### October Worship Stewards

**October 7 - Guest Speaker:** Dr. Chris Dorn; **Liturgist:** Lee Hunsberger  
**Communion Preparation:** Judi Emlinger and Evelyn Ransom  
**Communion Servers:** The Hoovers; Norma Kilpatrick; Marilyn McKay,  
 The Campbells, The VanSyckles  
**Ushers/Greeters:** Marilyn McKay, Lavonna and David Hoover  
**Fellowship:** Marcia and Ernie Ross

**October 14—Guest Speaker:** Sally Wilcox; **Liturgist:** Kathy VanSyckle  
**Ushers/Greeters:** Shelly Reglin, Marcia and Ernie Ross  
**Children’s Message:** Marilyn McKay; **Fellowship:** Sue Reglin, Norma  
 Kilpatrick

**October 21 - Guest Speaker:** Dr. Chris Dorn; **Liturgist:** Perry Gregory  
**Ushers/Greeters:** Linda Steele, Keith and Lynn Sterner; **Children’ Message**  
 Lee Hunsberger; **Fellowship:** Pat Gustafson & Oscar Johnson

**October 28 - Guest Speaker:** Dr. Chris Dorn; **Liturgist:** Sue Reglin  
**Ushers/Greeters:** Perry and Margaret Gregory, Linda Hood  
**Children’s Message:** Kathy VanSyckle; **Flowers:** Mike and Linda Kaufman  
**Fellowship:** ChristianEd

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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

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Please note the “Presbyterians on the Go” 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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## Session Highlights

these minutes are of the July 16, 2018 meeting.

Edgar Harkness died the evening of June 24, 2018 at Green Acres in Ionia. Although he was not a member of First Presbyterian, he has close ties to the church. His wife, Marie, and his two children were raised in the church. He provided the funds to purchase the hand bells in honor of Marie. On June 27<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Chris Dorn presided at the private graveside service at Balcom Cemetery in Ionia.

As scheduled, Luxury Janitorial and Carpet Cleaning completed the tile stripping and waxing of the floors in the fellowship hall, the table and chairs storage room, bell choir practice room, kitchen and room off the kitchen, upstairs bathrooms, kitchenette, and the carpet cleaning in the high traffic areas of the Memorial Room. The cost of \$1,398.51 was paid from the building and maintenance fund.

Rev. Helen Havlik, Session moderator, provided the Session with a report on the presbytery meeting on June 12<sup>th</sup> at the First Presbyterian Church in Edwarsburg. Those retiring in the presbytery office were honored. Rev. Dr. John Best, General Presbyter, is retiring at the end of the summer and will be the interim minister at Pine Island Presbyterian Church. Leslie Keusch, Communication Coordinator/Office Administrator is retiring August 16<sup>th</sup>. The presbytery treasurer has retired and his replacement has been hired. There will be on-going talks about the structure of our presbytery.

The church picnic will be at Linda Hood's campgrounds August 19<sup>th</sup> immediately following the worship service. The Membership and Care Committee will furnish hamburgers, hot dogs, buns and drinks.

The Personnel Committee will be meeting to establish a vacation policy for our music leader, administrative assistant and custodian.

Memorial and Investment Committee reported Kosbar Scholarships in the amount of \$7,000.00 have awarded to five eligible students. Sarah Sykes received her scholarship on Sunday July 9<sup>th</sup> during the worship service, and on August 12<sup>th</sup>, Jeremiah Helsius, PJ Folaron, Megan Ransom, and Emily Rozich will receive theirs.

Dr. Chris Dorn referred Rev. Ram Aryal to the Pastor Nominating Committee, and a discussion was held with him. He is from Nepal and has been working with a Nepali-speaking congregation on the east side of Grand Rapids. He is interested in a part-time position. The plan is to schedule him to preach the end of August.

On June 26, 2018, a letter was received from Fowler-Herbert Organ Co. detailing the condition of the organ and the suggested repairs. A copy of the letter was provided to each session member. The pneumatic couplers and switching are beginning to leak as the leather is failing. This can be repaired but at some point it is not cost efficient. We may want to consider a new electronic switching system and refurbish the console once this occurs. The cost is about \$40,000 and would last 30-40 years. The pedals need to be rebushed to make them quieter. The cost is \$500-\$600. The music desk light is inoperable. A new LED light on the console is \$500.

An anonymous donor would like to fund hiring Julie Adgate to redesign our church website. Session was agreeable to proceed with this. Several individuals were suggested to work with Julie.

The next meeting is September 17, 2018 at 7:00PM.

Submitted by:

Margaret Gregory, Clerk of Session

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