

## Lectionary for March

**March 3:** Exodus 34:29-35 Psalm 99 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2  
Luke 9:28-36 [37-43]

**Ash Wednesday, March 6:** Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12  
Psalm 51:1-17 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

**March 10:** Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 Romans  
10:8b-13 Luke 4:1-13

**March 17:** Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 Psalm 27 Philippians 3:17-4:1  
Luke 13:31-35 or Luke 9:28-36

**March 24:** Isaiah 55:1-9 Psalm 63:1-8 1 Corinthians 10:1-13  
Luke 13:1-9

**March 31:** Joshua 5:9-12 Psalm 32 2 Corinthians 5:16-21  
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

### Please keep these folks in your prayers:

**Winnie Bingham**

**Mary Turner**

**Stephanie Bennett**

**Sally Carney**

**Janice Bober**

**Ed Dewyse**

**Pat Perea**

**Vera Dice**

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## Second Presbyterian Church Newsletter March 2019



*Seeking and Serving Christ, We are a Place for Growing Christians.*

### Move your clocks ahead one hour on March 10.

#### Men's Fellowship Breakfast



All men of the church are invited to join in on Saturday, March 2, for breakfast, study and fellowship. We meet at 8:00 a.m. at the church, as we continue our study of the Acts of the Apostles. Come and join us for breakfast, study and fellowship!

#### Ash Wednesday Taize Worship

Our Ash Wednesday service will be a reflective worship service in the tradition of Taize (pronounced Tah-ZAY) again this year. This worship will include meditative music, scripture readings, silence, and the imposition of ashes. We invite all to come and spend a quiet hour on **Wednesday, March 6 at 7:00PM** as we begin Lent with this introspective style of worship. Childcare will be available.

#### Feeding Individuals Sharing Hope – F.I.S.H.



On communion Sundays we also collect food for the First Presbyterian Church Food Pantry. We know that it is our privilege to feed the hungry and care for the poor as we are fed and sustained by the grace of God. Please bring your non-perishable food and place them on the table in the main hallway on Sunday, March 10th.

#### Communion Servers for March 10

If you are a past or present Elder or Deacon, please consider helping serve Communion on March 10<sup>th</sup>. The signup sheet is in the gathering area.

## Lenten Soup Suppers and Studies

This Lent we will be looking at the concept of Simple Gratitude. Did you know that the simple act of expressing gratitude can do wonders for your health and well-being? Gratitude is an essential part of a Christian's life. Join us this Lent to explore more about the benefits of gratitude in our lives.



We'll meet on Thursdays evenings during Lent (March 14, 21, 28, April 4, 11). Supper begins at 6:00 p.m., and our study time will end around 7:30 p.m. Watch for the sign-up sheets that will be on the sign-up table. Some people prefer to bring their own place setting - but plates, bowl, and utensils will also be available here. To help us know how many to plan for, please make a reservation by Tuesday of each week. Child-care will be provided, so let us know the age of your children as well.

## Busy Hands and Hearts



March is Baby Pantry Month. If you have knitted or crocheted things to contribute, please bring them to the March 4th meeting. Meeting is 1pm-3pm. See you there!

## Florence Gilmour Circle



All women of the church are invited to join us on Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30am as we take a look at "What Presbyterians Believe"

## 2<sup>nd</sup> @Second

In March we will continue to use a lectionary-based study for 2<sup>nd</sup> @Second Adult Education. This lectionary-based study is designed to open our hearts and minds to scripture as we travel on our faith journey together. No advanced preparation is necessary – just grab a cup of coffee, show up at 10:45AM in the library, and get ready to delve deeper into the readings of our morning worship service!

## Easter Flowers



We will decorate our sanctuary this year with Daffodils, Tulips and Hyacinth for the Easter Sunday service. If you would like to order one in honor or memory of someone, there is a signup sheet in the office. Flowers are in 8" pots with foil and a bow for \$10 each and **must be ordered** by April 1<sup>st</sup>. Easter Sunday is April, 21<sup>st</sup>.

## Mission News

### "Go also the second mile" - Matthew 5:4

The Mission Committee would like to express our sincere thanks to the congregation for all its outstanding support for all of our missions. Through your generous donations in January we had 30 Birthday Bags, plus some extra supplies, delivered to the Underground Railroad. Our February Mission was the Hope and Care Totes for the Saginaw Rescue Mission. Last year we delivered 25 totes to the Rescue Mission and we hope to exceed that number this year.

March's Mission will be the Old Town Baby Pantry. We will once again have the Baby Crib set up in the hall with a list of items they need. This charity helps many young mothers who have found themselves without the adequate resources to care for themselves and their baby.

## 2019 Per Capita Apportionment



At the beginning of each year our Per Capita Apportionment for ecclesiastical expenses comes due. Per Capita is part of being a Presbyterian and connecting to the Presbyterian Church as a whole. It is part of the glue that holds Presbyterians together. The total 2019 per capita amount is \$28.77 per member (not per household). It goes to General Assembly, Synod of the Covenant and the Presbytery. Please mark Per Capita on your check or envelope.

## Scholarship Applications Due

Applications are in the church office for the MaryAnn Geiersbach, the Muriel Lakey, and the Presbyterian College Scholarships. We also have information on the McCabe Scholarship. Please return your application by **March 24**.



## Vacation Bible School is Coming Soon

It's the "MANE" event!! Mark your calendar for the week of **June 24 – June 28!** We're all going on an African safari! This epic African adventure will engage the whole herd! "ROAR" is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences, catchy songs (my favorite part), teamwork-building games, devouring yummy treats, and one-of-a-kind Wild Bible Adventures! Hope to "spot" you all there! Forms for registration and adult help will be in the Sunday school hallway the beginning of April!

## Fish Fry Dinner!

Saginaw's best fish dinner will be held here on Friday, March 15. Enjoy our "secret recipe" fish along with roasted potatoes, coleslaw, beverage and dessert. Dine here from 5:00pm to 6:30pm or take some home to enjoy!  
Adults \$11, Take Outs \$10  
Kids 5-11 \$5, under 5 free

## Fish Fry & Bake Sale Signup Sheets



We'll need lots of help at the Fish Fry on Friday, March 15. Signup sheets are in the gathering area. It takes many hands to make this event a success....and it's also really great fellowship. The proceeds go to the Presbyterian Men's Group, which performs many of the maintenance jobs around the church. We will also have a Bake Sale during the Fish Fry.

## Youth Events

**Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>** – PYG 10:45am to noon. We will be putting the finishing touches on Youth Sunday!

**Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>** – Soup/Chili Cook off!! Meet us in Fellowship Hall at 3:30 and please bring a dessert to share!

**Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>** – Youth Sunday Practice - 10:00am. Bring all your materials so we can do a run through of the worship service we are leading!

**Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>** – We are leading worship! Please meet us at church at 9am. REACH Meeting at 10:45am

**Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>** – PYG 10:45am to noon

**Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>** – no PYG – Enjoy Spring Break!

## REACH Meeting

Woo Hoo! Even though we are still shoveling snow, REACH is right around the corner! We will have a meeting for all participants on Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup> following worship. Please bring a responsible adult with you to this meeting so we can share some important information!





## Annual Chili and Soup Cook-Off

Our Youth Group will again be hosting a Chili and Soup Cook-Off this year!! Whether you want to put your chili or soup (or both) in the running for the "Best at Second Pres" or you want to come and enjoy a hot dinner of a variety of chili's and soups - mark your calendar for Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 10 and under. Tickets are on sale now! Come see us after church if you have questions or need more information! This is a fantastic event with great food and laid back fellowship!

## SCRIP

A **SCRIP** order will be placed **Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>**. Please call the office to place an order if you were unable to do so on Sunday. Consider gift cards for your everyday needs like, gas or groceries, or for those special occasions such as Birthdays, Anniversaries or something small for an Easter basket.

# March 2019 Second Presbyterian Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b>  SCRIP order	<b>2</b> 8:00am Men's Breakfast and Study
<b>3</b> 9:30am Worship & Nursery 2 <sup>nd</sup> @ Second PYG 10:45-Noon	<b>4</b>  1:00 – 3:00pm Busy Hands & Hearts	<b>5</b>  2:00 pm Exercise	<b>6</b>  7:00pm Ash Wednesday Taize Service	<b>7</b> 8:30am Prayer Group	<b>8</b> 11:00am Exercise	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> <i>Communion</i> 9:30am Worship & Nursery 2 <sup>nd</sup> @ Second <b>5pm Chili Cook off</b>	<b>11</b> 	<b>12</b>  2:00 pm Exercise  Committee Night	<b>13</b> 9:30am Florence Gilmour Circle 6:00pm Bell Choir 7:00pm Chancel	<b>14</b> 8:30am Prayer Group  6:00pm Lenten Soup Supper/Study	<b>15</b> 11:00am Exercise  <b>Fish Fry</b> <b>5:00-6:30pm</b>	<b>16</b> Youth Sunday Practice
<b>17</b> 9:30am <b>Youth Sunday</b> Worship & Nursery 2 <sup>nd</sup> @ Second	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>  2:00 pm Exercise	<b>20</b>  6:00pm Bell Choir 7:00pm Chancel	<b>21</b> 8:30am Prayer Group  6:00pm Lenten Soup Supper/Study	<b>22</b> 11:00am Exercise	<b>23</b> 
<b>24</b> 9:30am Worship & Nursery 2 <sup>nd</sup> @ Second 10:45am PYG	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>  2:00 pm Exercise  7:00pm Session	<b>27</b>  6:00pm Bell Choir 7:00pm Chancel	<b>28</b> 8:30am Prayer Group  6:00pm Lenten Soup Supper/Study	<b>29</b> 11:00am Exercise	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> 9:30am Worship & Nursery 2 <sup>nd</sup> @ Second No PYG		