

Lectionary for January

January 6: Isaiah 60:1–6, Psalm 72:1–7, 10–14, Ephesians 3:1–12, Matthew 2:1–12

January 7: Genesis 1:1–5; Psalm 29; Acts 19:1–7; Mark 1:4–11

January 14: 1 Samuel 3:1–10 (11–20); Psalm 139:1–6, 13–18; 1 Corinthians 6:12–20; John 1:43–51

January 21: Jonah 3:1–5, 10; Psalm 62:5–12; 1 Corinthians 7:29–31; Mark 1:14–20

January 28: Deuteronomy 18:15–20; Psalm 111; 1 Corinthians 8:1–13; Mark 1:21–28

Please keep these folks in your prayers:

Alice Briggs
Jim Neumann
Myrtle Zietz
Jerry Hunt
Sally Carney

Vickie Von Berg
Scott Rousseau
Winnie Bingham
Mary Jo Mundell
Bob Jones



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Taking Down the Greens Sunday, January 7



Please plan to stay after worship on Sunday, January 7, and help us take down the greens. After worship we will “un-deck” the halls and then enjoy lunch before heading home. We’ll provide the subs and you bring pop or chips. The more people we have helping, the quicker we’ll can finish.

Annual Meeting of the Congregation & Corporation on Sunday, January 28

The Session has set the date for the Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation of Second Presbyterian Church for Sunday, January 28, following the worship service. Any business of the congregation and the corporation can be conducted during this meeting.



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, January 7.

Thank You

HUGE thanks to the terrific cast, crew, Chancel and JuBELLation choirs for your work on the Christmas drama. You all did such a wonderful job. Thank you for your hard work!





2018 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 2018 per capita amount is \$26.94 per member (not per household). It goes to General Assembly, Synod of the Covenant and the Presbytery. If each member pays their Per Capita amount above their regular giving then pressure on our budget is reduced. Please mark Per Capita on your check or envelope.

2nd @ Second Adult Education



Join us at 10:45 am on Sunday morning as we continue our study of world religions. We are continuing to study Islam in the month of January and February. Below is the schedule:

January 7, 14 & 28: No 2nd @ Second

January 21: *Islam at the Crossroads*

Feb 4: *Islam in the West*

Feb. 11: *The Future of Islam*

Sunday School News



In January the children will experience the unit called *Feeding the 5000*. The workshops include creating fish prints, finding hidden treasure, and hunger missions. We still are in need of leaders for workshops coming up so if you could spend some time on Sunday morning with our great kids, please contact Peggy. Thank you!

Men's Fellowship Breakfast



All men of the church are invited to join in on Saturday, January 6, for breakfast, study and fellowship. We meet at 8:00 a.m. at the church, as we continue our study of Acts of the Apostles and this month's study begins at Acts 8:26. Come and join us for breakfast, study and fellowship!

Youth Events



Sunday, January 7 – Welcome back and Happy 2018! We will be helping to “take down the greens” or de-decorate the church after worship on this day.
Sunday, January 14 – PYG 10:45am to noon
Sunday, January 21 – PYG 10:45am to noon
Sunday, January 28 – Trampoline jumping at Sky Zone!
Saturday, February 3 – we will be making sub sandwiches for the Super Bowl sub sale. Join us in the kitchen at 1:00pm to make some subs!

PYG Trampoline Jumping



We will be going to Sky Zone for some trampoline jumping on Sunday, January 28th. We will leave church at 11:00am and the cost will be \$10 per person. You must sign up by Sunday, January 21 so we can have enough transportation and to get waivers signed in time. Please call or email Becca, DJ or Tammi with questions.

Florence Gilmour Circle



All women of the church are invited to join us on Wednesday, January 10, at 9:30am for study and discussion of the book, *The Grand Weaver* by Ravi Zacharias. We'll look at Chapter 3 this month.



Liturgists and Greeters

Please sign up to be a liturgist in January and February. We really need your help on Sunday mornings. The signup sheets are in the gathering area.

2018 Donation Envelopes

Our 2018 donation envelopes have 6 extra envelopes for things that may help the budget and missions of the church which you may choose to contribute to for “over and above giving”. The extra envelopes are for snow removal, winter utility costs, 3 envelopes for mission donations (your choice) and one for the Christmas Eve services (not Christmas Joy).

Busy Hands and Hearts



Busy Hands ministry group reaches out to our community by making lap quilts, hats, mittens and other items for local shelters. You do not have to sew or knit to join in. We will meet on Monday, January 8, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. If you need more information please contact Ruth Anderson.

Mission News

"Go also the second mile"

Matthew 5:4

The Stewardship and Mission Committee provides monthly opportunities for assistance to a variety of local missions. You can be involved by donating your time, talent & treasure to a number of worthy projects. This month we are highlighting **The Underground Railroad**.

January is National Slavery and Human Trafficking Awareness month. On Sunday, January 14, we will have a guest speaker, Angela Aday, from The Underground Railroad. Angela will give a presentation following worship in Fellowship Hall. She works with the Mid-Michigan Human Trafficking Task Force, which includes local & state law enforcement, social service agencies, religious-based groups & community activists.



During the month of January we will collect items for The Underground Railroad. There will be a list of items needed on a table in the main hallway. Without community donations, this safe-haven for victims and survivors would not exist.

Angel Tree Update

Thank you to all who purchased gifts for the Angel Tree Prison ministry program. This year we were given 90 gift tags (up from 60 last year) and every tag was taken by a congregation member. Thank you to Pete Brucker, Doug Byron, Jim Mundell and Mike Patton, for delivering them all!



Sub Sandwiches on Super Bowl Sunday

Once again this year the Youth will be selling submarine sandwiches for Super Bowl Sunday. Please watch the bulletins for details but plan on allowing the youth group to make your lunch for the big game! We will be taking orders in January and subs will be ready to be picked up on Sunday, February 4 after worship!

Scrip Program

We will not place a Scrip order in January but we do have these gift cards available for purchase in the office.

Kohl's \$25

Goodrich Theaters \$10

Meijer \$25/\$50/\$100

Speedway \$25/\$100

Walmart \$25/\$100

Wendy's \$10

Olive Garden \$10/\$25

Panera Bread \$10

Taco Bell \$10

Note from the Pastor

It's not too often that I write something "from the Pastor" for the newsletter, but I wanted to let everyone know that our church secretary, Carol Wells, has told us that she is resigning from her position here effective January 5 to take a new job. Carol has been on staff here since June of 2006, and has filled the role of secretary, financial secretary, office manager, business manager over these years. She has been an important person on the staff of your church, and will be greatly missed. I hope you will join in with me in wishing Carol all the best in her new endeavor!



DVD of the Christmas Drama



We have some great DVD's of the Christmas drama that we had here on December 10. Stop into the office to get one so you can watch the wonderful story of "Christmas in My Heart". Your donation will support our Rescue Mission Lunch program.

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January 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3  6:00pm Bell Choir 7:00pm Chancel	4 8:30am Prayer Group	5	6 8:00am Men's Breakfast 
7 <i>Communion</i> 9:30am Worship & Nursery F. I. S. H. Taking Down the Greens	8 Busy Hands 1:00pm -3:00pm 	9  7:00pm Session Budget Meeting	10 9:30am Florence Gilmour Circle 6:00pm Bell Choir 7:00pm Chancel	11 8:30am Prayer Group	12 	13
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