

Lectionary for March

March 1: Joel 2:1–2, 12–17 or Isaiah 58:1–1; Psalm 51:1–17; 2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10; Matthew 6:1–6, 16–21.

March 5: Genesis 2:15–17; 3:1–7; Psalm 32; Romans 5:12–19; Matthew 4:1–11.

March 12: Genesis 12:1–4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1–5, 13–17; John 3:1–17 or Matthew 17:1–9.

March 19: Exodus 17:1–7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1–11; John 4:5–42.

March 26: 1 Samuel 16:1–13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8–14; John 9:1–41.

Please Keep these Folks in your Prayers

Warda Compton

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Time Change

Move your clocks ahead one hour on March 12.

Ash Wednesday Taizé Worship March 1

Our Ash Wednesday service will be a very reflective worship in the tradition of Taizé again this year. This worship includes meditative music, scripture readings, silence, and the imposition of ashes. We invite all to spend a quiet hour on Wednesday, March 1st at 7:00pm as we begin Lent with this introspective style of worship. Childcare will be available.



Attention Choirs

On Ash Wednesday, March 1st, due to the Taizé service the JuBELLation choir will rehearse from 5:45pm to 6:45pm. The Chancel Choir will not rehearse that night.

Easter Flowers

We will decorate our sanctuary this year with spring flowers for the Easter Sunday service. If you would like to order a daffodil, tulip or hyacinth in honor or memory of someone, there is a signup sheet in the office. Flowers are \$9 each and must be ordered by April 2.



Odd Tuesday Bible Study

The Odd Tuesday Bible Study will not be meeting during Lent so that you can attend the Lenten studies on Thursday evenings.

Lenten Soup Suppers and Studies



Our Lent study this year will be a *Faith and Values Film Festival*. The Rev. Dr. Dan Saperstein, the Executive Presbyter of our Presbytery will be leading our study. Each week we'll watch a movie and then have time to discuss it in light of our faith. We'll meet on Thursdays evenings during Lent - March 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th, April 6th. Because of the length of the movies, our time together will be longer than usual. Supper will begin at 6:00 p.m. We hope to finish eating a little sooner than usual, and our study will end around 9:00 p.m. Watch for the sign-up sheets that will be in the gathering area. Some people prefer to bring their own place setting but plates, bowls, and utensils will also be available here. Please make a reservation by Tuesday of each week to help us know how many to plan for. Childcare will be provided, so let us know if you're bringing your children so that we will be ready for them.

Annual Chili & Soup Cook-Off March 5

Back by popular demand! Our Youth Group is hosting their annual Chili and Soup Cook-Off on Sunday, March 5 at 5:00pm. Put your chili or soup (or both) in the running for the "Best at Second Pres", or you can just come and enjoy a hot dinner of a variety of chilies and soup. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for kids 10 and under. The signup sheet for cookers and the tickets for tasters are available from the Youth on Sunday.



Fish Fry & Bake Sale Signup Sheets

Please consider signing up to help at the spring Fish Fry on Friday, March 17. To make this event successful we need lots of help. There is a lot of fun to be had working at this event! The proceeds go to the Presbyterian Men's Group and they do most of the maintenance jobs around the church. Check the signup sheets in the gathering area for the Fish Fry and the Bake Sale to see where you can help.



Fish Fry Dinner!

Saginaw's best fish dinner will be held here on Friday, March 17. 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 \$10, Take Outs \$9
Kids 5-11 \$4, under 5 free



Scholarship Applications

Applications are in the church office for the MaryAnn Geiersbach, the Muriel Lakey Scholarship, the Alma College Scholarship and the McCabe Scholarship. Please return by March 5.



High School Sunday School Class

The High School Sunday school class meets every Sunday except for Communion Sundays. We invite all High School age kids to join in. We meet in the Youth room after the children's sermon, so come and join us for some great discussion!

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. We will meet on Monday, March 6, from 1:00pm to 3:00pm so come and join us! If the local schools are closed due to snow we will not meet.

Florence Gilmour Circle



Join the Florence Gilmour Circle as we continue to discuss *Just Like Jesus* by Max Lucado. We will meet on March 8, at 9:30am in the library and discuss Chapters 11 & 12 of the book. All women of the church are welcome!

MISSION HIGHLIGHTS

The Stewardship and Mission Committee wants the congregation to have an opportunity to understand and participate in a variety of missions. You can be involved by donating your time, talent and treasure to a number of worthy missions. This month we are highlighting **Human Trafficking Awareness**.

Human trafficking is modern-day slavery or the illegal trade of human beings for the purposes of forced labor. Here are some facts:

- Slavery is not legal anywhere but happens everywhere.
- Slavery: forced to work without pay under threat of violence and unable to walk away.
- 27 million slaves in the world today.
- The majority of slaves can be found in India and in African countries. Each year, thousands of slaves are trafficked into the US.
- Slaves work in fields, brothels, homes, mines, restaurants - anywhere slave owners can feed their greed.
- \$90 is the average cost of a human slave
- Slave holders use many terms to avoid the word slavery: debt bondage, bonded labor, attached labor, restavec, forced labor, indentured servitude, and human trafficking.
- We can end slavery in our lifetime. Everyone has a role to play - government, business, international organizations, consumers, YOU.



On March 26, Cherie Sammis, Director of Ethics Integration at St. Mary's Hospital will be here to educate our community about the growing issue of human trafficking. She will lead our 2nd @ Second Adult Education class this day.

Look for further information displayed in the main hallway throughout the month of March on different aspects of Human Trafficking.

Easter Is Coming!

The resurrection is definitely something to sing about! That makes it the perfect time to sing with the choir! Rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 7:00pm and we would love to have you join us for the Easter season. Come help us celebrate in Song!



Easter Drama

Mark your calendars and plan to join us on April 9th for our Easter drama. If you are interested in helping, please let Laurel know!

Men's Fellowship Breakfast

All men of the church are invited to come and join in on Saturday, March 4 for breakfast, study and fellowship. We meet at 8:00a.m. at the church. We are studying the Book of the *Acts of the Apostles*, which we usually just refer to as *Acts*, though some have suggested that it should be called *The Acts of the Holy Spirit*, since the Holy Spirit seems to be the focus. This month's study begins at Acts 2:43. Come and join us for breakfast, study and fellowship!



Scrip for Every Day Purchases

Consider purchasing gift cards for everyday purchases such as gas and groceries. We will place the Scrip order on Sunday March 5. Your order will be in the office on March 8. You may place an order for almost any retailer in the area or we do have these cards available right now in the office:

Applebee's \$25

Goodrich Theaters \$10

Kohl's \$25

Walmart \$100

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

Red Lobster/Olive Garden \$25

Exxon/Mobil \$50

Tim Horton's \$10

Taco Bell \$10

Speedway \$25/\$100

Wendy's \$10

2nd @ Second

In March we will be beginning a lectionary based study for 2nd @ Second Adult education.



We'll start each session with a brief opening from "The Upper Room" then we will examine selected lectionary readings for the day which complement the current season of the liturgical year. These readings can be found on the back page of this newsletter. No advanced preparation is necessary, just grab a cup of coffee and join us at 10:45am in the library. Get ready to look deeper into the readings of our morning worship service!

2016 Contributions



Tax season is upon us once again, and there is still time to make a 2016 IRA contribution to the church. The deadline for your 2016 IRA contribution is April 18, 2017. You can also make contributions for the 2017 tax year. If you are under the age of 50, your contribution limit is \$5,500 per year. If you are age 50 or over, your contribution limit is \$6,500 per year.

SERRV Sale



We will have a SERRV sale on two Sundays, March 19 and March 26 in the gathering area. These items are all Fair Trade which means that Serrv pays the artisan a wage that is fair. Serrv works with 55 artisan and farmer partners in 23 countries (including the United States) to ensure that each and every interaction they have is a learning experience. It is a chance to acquire knowledge and expertise that will empower these artisans to succeed. Serrv supports them with appropriate training, tools, safety equipment and workshop improvements. Merchandise will be available before and after worship service on these sale days. There are lots of new items to choose from including spring gifts and décor and Easter favorites also. Come and shop and support this worthy Mission project. Part of the profit is added to our Mission funds



Gift Given to the Church

Second Presbyterian Church has been the fortunate beneficiary of a generous gift. We have been given two spaces/crypts at Oakwood Mausoleum in a highly desirable area of the mausoleum. These include the opening and closing costs and lettering of the crypts. We are letting our congregation members have the first opportunity to purchase them. If you are interested, please stop into the office for more details.



PYG Events

Sunday, March 5 – we will have PYG this day at a different time – right before the Chili Cook-Off. Please meet us at church at 3:30pm to have a short PYG meeting and then set up for dinner. **Please bring a dessert to share with our guests at the Cook-Off!**



Sunday, March 12 – PYG at 10:45am to noon. We will be working on Youth Sunday. Please be sure to join us this day!
Saturday, March 18 – Youth Sunday Practice at 10:00am
Sunday, March 19 – Youth Sunday. Please meet us at church no later than 9:00am to be sure we are ready to lead worship

Sunday, March 26 – No PYG – Happy Beginning of Spring Break! 😊

Sunday, April 2 – No PYG – Happy End of Spring Break! 😊

Hosts for Youth Progressive Dinner

The Youth Group needs hosts for our upcoming Progressive Dinner on April 9. We need three houses to visit: appetizers, main course and dessert. Please let Becca, DJ or Tammi know if you are interested in hosting!


















Winter Outerwear

We collect winter outerwear year round for our Mission project. This is a great time to get sale prices on outerwear. We especially need coats, boots and snow pants. Drop them in the school box in the main hallway.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Seeking and Serving Christ</i> <i>We are a Place for</i> <i>Growing Christians</i></p>			<p>1  Ash Wednesday 5:45pm Bell Choir 7:00pm Taizé Service</p>	<p>2 8:30am Prayer Group</p>	<p>3 </p>	<p>4 8:00am Men's Breakfast & Study </p>
<p>5 9:30am Worship & Nursery 2nd @ Second Scrip Order 5:00pm Chili/Soup Cook-Off</p>	<p>6  1:00pm Busy Hands & Hearts</p>	7	<p>8 9:30am Florence Gilmour Circle 6:00pm Bell Choir 7:00pm Chancel</p>	<p>9 8:30am Prayer Group 6:00pm Lenten Supper & Study</p>	10	11
<p>12  9:30am Worship & Nursery 2nd @ Second PYG 10:45am - noon</p>	13	<p>14  Committee Night</p>	<p>15 6:00pm Bell Choir 7:00pm Chancel</p>	<p>16 8:30am Prayer Group 6:00pm Lenten Supper & Study</p>	<p>17  Fish Fry 5-6:30pm </p>	<p>18 10:00am Youth Rehearsal</p>
<p>19 9:30am Worship & Nursery 2nd @ Second Youth Sunday SERRV Sale</p>	<p>20 </p>	21	<p>22  6:00pm Bell Choir 7:00pm Chancel</p>	<p>23 8:30am Prayer Group 6:00pm Lenten Supper & Study</p>	<p>24 </p>	25
<p>26 9:30am Worship & Nursery 2nd @ Second SERRV Sale</p>	<p>27 </p>	<p>28  7:00pm Session</p>	<p>29 6:00pm Bell Choir 7:00pm Chancel</p>	<p>30 8:30am Prayer Group 6:00pm Lenten Supper & Study</p>	31	<p></p>