

MARCH

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Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

John 4:13



Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ,

Recently, the tenderness of Jesus has engaged my thoughts. Throughout scripture we read of Christ's genuine heart, and the ways in which he ministered to many. Jesus was fully vested in doing the work of Abba, his father, traveling about the ancient rugged world, healing and caring for the sick and bereaved. He even took time out of his busy schedule to bless the little children whom the apostles would have turned away. Jesus made time for everyone, exuding the love of God.

How was he able to share the good news with so many? I believe it is because he took the time to separate himself from others and pray. Jesus communicated with God by making time for prayer. Subsequently he received God's guidance, strength, and power. By example he models the way we are to communicate with our LORD; by spending time in prayer, in blessed conversation with God. The beauty of such engagement is captured in the lyrics below, created by blind minister W.W. Walford, and written down by his friend Thomas Salmon. William B. Bradbury wrote the musical score in 1861.

*Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!
That calls me from a world of care,
And bids me at my Father's throne
Make all my wants and wishes known.
In seasons of distress and grief,
My soul has often found relief
And oft escaped the tempter's snare
By thy return, sweet hour of prayer!*

*Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!
The joys I feel, the bliss I share,
Of those whose anxious spirits burn
With strong desires for thy return!
With such I hasten to the place
Where God my Savior shows His face,
And gladly take my station there,
And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!*

*Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!
Thy wings shall my petition bear
To Him whose truth and faithfulness
Engage the waiting soul to bless.
And since He bids me seek His face,
Believe His Word and trust His grace,
I'll cast on Him my every care,
And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!
Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!*

Be encouraged to spend time with your LORD, for he has much to tell you.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you."

Jeremiah 29:11

Your friend and pastor,
Shawn



Session did not meet in February. Look for the Session update in the next Pres.

\$\$\$ Adams Gift Card Program \$\$\$

Thanks to each of you for your continued support to our church by participating in the Adams Gift Card Program. This year-long fundraiser requires no extra money and only a few minutes of your time. Simply see Helen Traver or stop by the church office during business hours, to purchase a \$25, \$50 or \$100 Adams gift card. Adams generously gives us additional cards for 10% of our bulk order. We raise our money when you purchase your cards from the church.

There are plenty of things to buy at Adams in the Spring!! fresh food, bird food and lots of plants and flowers.

Thank you for your support.
Helen Traver



Early family history information available

For those who may be unaware:

We have two paperback books of transcribed lists of church members, baptisms and marriages, covering the years 1792-1947. If any of this information is needed, it is unnecessary to search among old, handwritten documents. Information covering 1947-present is available in our current record books. If you wish to borrow either of these books you may sign them out at the church office.



CHURCH OFFICERS 2017

SESSION

ELDERS (Ruling Body of the Church)

Pastor Shawn – Moderator

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CLASS OF 2017	CLASS OF 2018	CLASS OF 2019
Roland Neumann	Mary Jane Gardner	Judy Brandow
Karen Sheer	Phyllis Menzenski	Edith Keck
Pat Zerbe	Kim Daley	Gary Murphy
Clerk – Marilyn Brands		
TRUSTEES (Take Care of the Physical Plant)		
Frank Mears	Caroline Dolfi	Andy Albrecht
Debbie Traver	Rick Fay	Tracy Keck
Steve Traver	Don Traver	open
DEACONS (The Service Body of the Church)		
Dawne Fay	Steve Albrecht	Barbara Huneke
Tom Smith	Kathi Clark	Richard Moysey
Myung Sung	Traci Haight	Jack Smith
Youth - Amanda Smith		

Church Treasurer: Wayne Sauer

Mission Treasurers: David Brands and Wayne Sauer

Bargain Basement: Jean Albrecht, Director 845-635-3563

Friendship Callers: Joan Smith, Chairperson 845-635-3687

For numbers of Chairpersons not listed, please refer to the church directory or call the church office.



**WE ARE PRAYER PARTNERS
COME AND PRAY WITH US**

You are welcome to join the Prayer Partners as we pray for the needs of our church and learn more about growing closer to the LORD.

We meet the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the parlor.

This month's meeting is the 22ND of March

Prayers for **Sue McGinnis** (a friend of Marilyn Brands) who is being treated for cancer.

Prayers for **Barbara Emery** who is struggling with health issues.

Prayers for **Vikki Caswell** (Chesney Baker's mother) who is in Vassar.

Prayers for **George Jackel** a (friend of Pat Zerbe) who is battling cancer.

Prayers for **Fred Albrecht** (Steve Albrecht's brother) who is at home recovering.

Prayers for **Bertha Howe** (member) who is home struggling with health issues.

Prayers for **Danielle Monaco** (a friend of Debi Tyger) who is struggling with health issues.

Prayers for **Edith & Dave** (Donna Sheak's parents) who are struggling with health issues.

Prayers for **Rick Fay** (member) who is struggling with health issues.

Prayers for **David Brands** (member) who is struggling with health issues.

Prayers for **Richard Callameri** who is doing well recovering from severe burns.

Prayers for **Sue Moore** who is struggling with health issues.

Prayers for **Betty Palmquist** (member) who is struggling with health issues.

Prayers for **Wayne Tyger** (brother of Jim Tyger) diagnosed with Hodgkins lymphoma.

Prayers for **Conor Behan** (great nephew of Jack & Joan Smith) who is struggling with illness.

Prayers for **Anita Wolf** (Roxanne Wolf's Mother) who is struggling with health issues.

Prayers for **Bud Winters** (Donna Sheak's brother-in-law) who is struggling with health issues.

Prayers for **Jane Barden** (member) who is struggling with health issues but is home.

Sympathy prayers for the Telfer family on the loss of **Fannie** who has rejoined her Creator.

Sympathy prayers for Mark family for the loss of **Irena Morse** who rejoined her Creator.

Sympathy prayers for the Ritchie family as **Nan Ritchie** has rejoined her Creator.

Sympathy prayers for **Heather Holohan-Guarneri (Hope's dance teacher)** whose husband, Charlie has rejoined his Creator.

Prayers for **Dort Traver** (member) who is in the Lutheran Care Center, Room 111a South

My family and I want to thank you all for your caring and support during Irena's passing. The choir was superb! (So said many who are members here.) The food that was prepared and the ladies who set up and served - Thank you all. I also want to thank you for the many cards sent. I read them all, cried and was comforted. This poem has been there to answer all my questions.

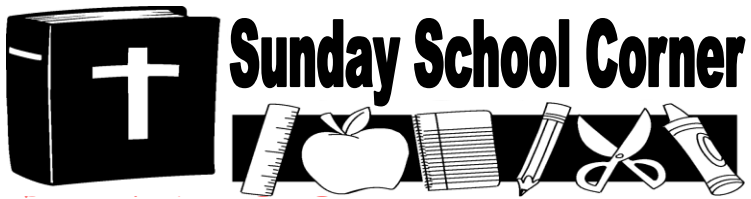
Harriet Mark

My life is but a weaving
between my God and me;
I may not choose the colors,
He knows what they should be.
For He can view the pattern,
Upon the upper side,
While I can see it only
on this the under side.
Sometimes He weaveth sorrow,
Which seemeth strange to me;
But I will trust His judgement,
And work on faithfully;
Tis He who fills the shuttle,
He knows just what is best;
So I shall weave in earnest
And leave with Him the rest.
At last when life is ended,
With Him I shall abide,
Then I shall know the reason
Why pain with joy entwined,
Was woven in the fabric
Of life that God designed.



AIKMAN BELL TOWER FUND

Our church has received \$2000 from the estate of Eiluned Aikman in order to start a fund in memory of Tom and Eiluned Aikman. Session has proposed that this fund be devoted to the reparation of the bell tower and restoration of the decorative trim to its original appearance. This project (approved at the congregational meeting) has been estimated to cost \$24,000. The congregation is invited to contribute. Please direct your giving to the First Presbyterian Church, Aikman-Bell Tower fund.



Sunday School Corner

Church School Corner

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The next meeting of the Christian Education Committee will be March 16th at 6 pm in the Parlor. Anyone that is looking for something new and interesting to do, please feel free to join us. The Christian Education Committee is focused on sharing the good news with all the followers of Jesus Christ. Our goal is to meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month and meet for 1 hour. The time frame has been established so interested volunteers can become involved while their children are at Jr. Choir, will have a chance to attend Sr. Choir or know that the business of the day will be completed by 7 pm.



VBS is coming!!

Mark your Calendars!!!

July 17-21, 2017



MARCH 25TH

Free Spaghetti Dinners scheduled for March 25 from 4:30-7:00. Items needed: Donations of angel hair pasta, spaghetti sauce, cash donations for meat, and homemade desserts. Also we need workers to serve in the dining room, set up and clean and of course LOTS of people to come and eat. Please call the church office at 635-3289 to make a reservation.

SAVE THE DATE - April 22 for another of these wonderful meals.

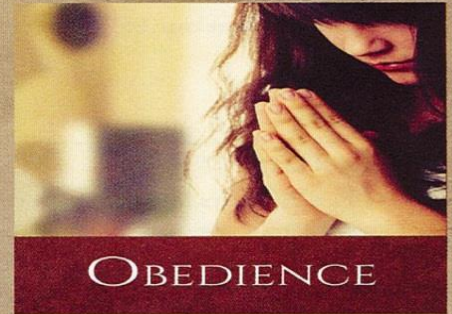
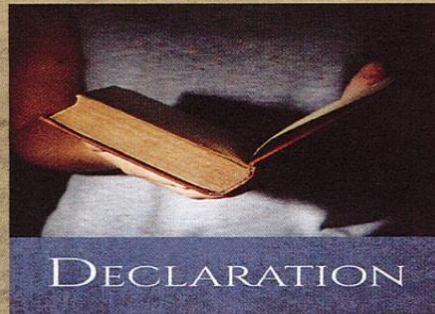
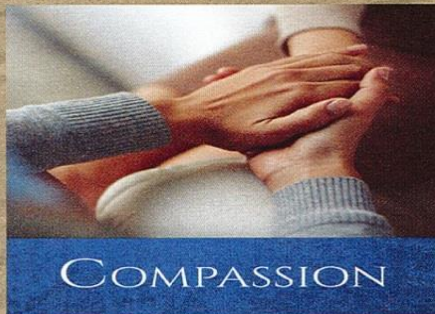
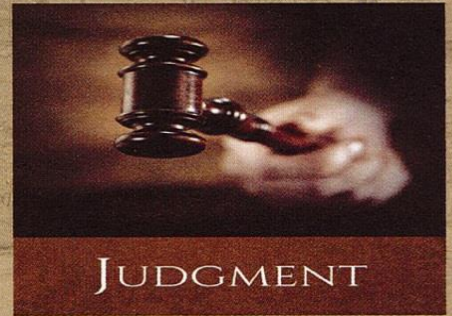
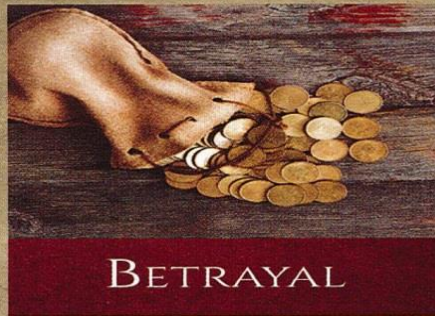
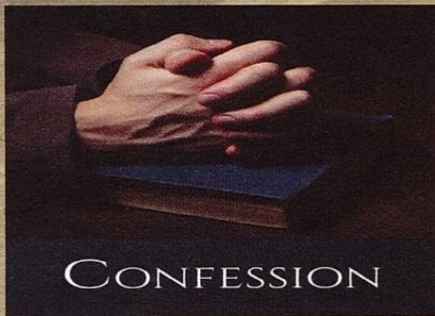
PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN NEWS --- LENTEN SEWING PROJECT



Spring is coming but we are looking ahead. Calling all women and men who sew, knit, or crochet to join us on Tuesday March 7 at 2:00 p.m. in the Yellow Room - to plan/share ideas and patterns to make mittens, scarves, hats, etc. for the less fortunate. (To be distributed November 2017)

AT THE CROSSROADS

CELEBRATE THE SEASON OF LENT



AT THE CROSSROADS

A SERIES OF SERVICES FOR LENT

Join us for ***At the Crossroads***, a special series of services for the season of Lent. Each service reveals in some way how Christ and his cross leads us to decide that path of God's will in our many crossroads in life. We remember that as Jesus nears the time of crucifixion when he must die for our sins, he asks his Father if this trial might pass from him. But when the time comes, he obeys his Father's will. When we are called upon to follow God's will, we must choose whether we are going to obey or wander from God's perfect will for our lives. Come and share the Crossroads with us. See you in church!!!



MAY FEST

Friday, May 12, 4:30 to 8 p.m.

Saturday, May 13, 9 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

This is a great time of the year to do some spring cleaning and set aside items for our annual May Fest. We will need donations of household and decorative items for the Attic, books for all ages, CDs and DVDs, toys and games for children, plants and baked goods. All items should be clean and in good condition. We will advise you at a future date when to start bringing items to the church.

March 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 8-1 PVN 10-1 Bargain Basement 7pm Ash Wednesday	2 8-1 PVN 10 am C&C 6pm Jr Choir & Boy Scouts 7pm Sr Choir	3 8-1 PVN	4 10-1 Bargain Basement
5 Holy Communion 11:10 am Bible Study	6 8-1 PVN 6 pm Stamping with Jean 7pm Bell Choir	7 8-1 PVN 2 PM PW Sewing 7:30p N.A.	8 8-1 PVN 10-1 Bargain Basement 7pm Lenten Svc 7:30p Lyme Disease Mtg	9 8-1 PVN 10 am C&C 6pm Jr Choir 6:30p Jr Grange 7pm Sr Choir	10 8-1 PVN 11 am PW Bible Study 6:30 pm Stamping with Lisa	11 10-1 Bargain Basement 5pm Deaf Club
12 Worship 11:10 am Bible Study	13 8-1 PVN 7pm Bell Choir	14 8-1 PVN 7p Trustee Mtg 7:30p N.A.	15 8-1 PVN 10-1 Bargain Basement 7pm Lenten Svc 7:40pm Session	16 8-1 PVN 10 am C&C 9:30 -2 FDQ 6pm CE Comm 6pm Jr Choir 7pm Sr Choir	17 8-1 PVN	18 10-1 Bargain Basement Ritchie Funeral
19 Worship 11:10 am Bible Study	20 8-1 PVN 7 pm Bell Choir	21 8-1 PVN 9:30am Friendship Callers 7:30p N.A.	22 8-1 PVN 10-1 Bargain Basement 7pm Lenten Svc 7:40pm Prayer Partners	23 8-1 PVN 10 am C&C 6pm Jr Choir 6:30p Jr Grange 7pm Sr Choir	24 8-1 PVN 11 am PW Bible Study	25 10-1 Bargain Basement 4:30 -7pm Church Spaghetti Dinner
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