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First United Presbyterian Church

March 2017



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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

We are moving into the season of Lent. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. It continues for forty days until Easter. The season of Lent has been observed since the time of the early Christian Church. Lent is traditionally a time of fasting and self-denial following in the footsteps of Jesus when he fasted forty days and forty nights before being tempted in the wilderness. It was after he faced the temptations in the wilderness that he began his public ministry. I was speaking with a lifelong Presbyterian this week and we started discussing Lent. It was then I heard an interesting confession. This person confessed to having never followed through with a Lenten promise. I was a little bit startled. I was also intrigued by this person's honesty. It would've been easy for this person to simply avoid telling me this fact.

Curiosity was killing me and so I had to know why this lifelong Presbyterian had never fulfilled a Lenten promise. So I asked. The person started describing how in trying to fulfill a Lenten vow it just felt hollow. This person asked me how giving up anything during Lent was in anyway similar to all that Christ suffered for us? This answer intrigued me even more. This person preferred to spend time during Lent meditating on Jesus' sacrifices for us. One of the great things about being Presbyterian is there are no forced or mandatory spiritual practices to prepare for Lent. We choose. We decide. We determine how we prepare ourselves for Lent. So how will we prepare ourselves to celebrate what Christ has done for us? Our church journey begins on Ash Wednesday March 1st at 7:00.

John 19:1-28, "So they took Jesus; ¹⁷ and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew^[d] is called Golgotha. ¹⁸ There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. ¹⁹ Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, e the King of the Jews."²⁸ After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty." ²⁹ A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. ³⁰ When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit."

> Peace in Christ, Mark

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Receive your newsletter by email and in color, too. Call the office to find out how!

The Purpose of the First United Presbyterian Church is to:

Invite people to know and glorify God Grow together as followers of Christ Serve others through the power of the Holy Spirit





In John 4, Jesus talks with a woman about living water. Where does that conversation take place?

- A. Sychar
- B. Samaria
- C. Galilee
- D. Jacob's well



SUNDAY, March 19th 200 pm Ginger Stratton



March 12th



happy to serve you and HIM.

The Trustees wish to thank the many

people that donated their time and talents

this past year. Whether it was quilts

going up or Christmas decorations coming down, many hands helped it happen. Your prayers and generous financial

support help our church fulfill its message

and mission to our congregation and to

the community. We pledge to remain

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Meeting will be held on March 19, 2017



Freighter View Assisted Living 605 West Portage Avenue

> Virginia Blair Audrey Bush Emily Hamilton Delores Swick

McKinley Manor 2023 West 4th Avenue

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> Jim Schmidt Jean Smith

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Lois Myers

Out of Town

Della Porter 2920 Crystal Lane Room 426 Kalamazoo, MI 49009

June MacInnis 900 Glen Haven Circle, Apt 2 Petoskey, MI 49770





If you or someone you know are in the hospital and would like a visit from the Deacon's please contact the church office or one of the Deacons

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Our Sunday Worship Service starts at 10:00 a.m. We hope to see you on Sunday!



Family of John Hillock, Shane Miller, Jean Smith, Andrea Klier, Dorothy Smart, Kevin Tastor, Gina Gough, Ryan and Mary Frances Meister & Family, Pat White, Tom and Ellen Woodgate, Jim Schmidt,

Jane Kellan, Joyce Cross, Geraldine Carnahan, Wendy (Menard) James, William Kellan, Lilly Donaldson, Margaret Vonderwerth & her family, and all members of missionaries and the U.S. Armed Forces. Please keep us up to date on your prayer requests.



DEACON'S POTLUCK

We will celebrate Ash Wednesday Services on **March 1st** with a potluck meal at 6:00 pm and a worship service at 7:00 pm. Come join us for a meal and fellowship. Bring a dish to pass.





We welcome three new members to the Deacons: Wanda Eby, Barb Kenn and Suzanne Stevenson. Please take a moment to say hello and get to know them. Prayer chain requests should now be directed to Ginger Stratton. Please also make the deacons aware of any hospital visit requests. If you are unsure whom to contact, a note can always be left in our mailbox.

The Deacons look forward to seeing you on **March 1** at the **Ash Wednesday potluck** at 6 PM. Coffee service and beverages will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass. Worship

will begin at 7 pm. The Maundy Thursday potluck is April 13th.

Thank you to everyone who donated mittens, hats and scarves for our local school children. Ninety pieces were distributed in February.

Your contributions continue to help us provide monthly bags of food for local families. Names are provided by the Department of Health & Human Services. We deliver directly to the families and are now including fresh items such as meat, fruit and vegetables. Let us know if you are aware of a family in need. As always, there are a few bags available through the church office in case of emergencies or unexpected need. Please check in with Denise.

We encourage you to sign the **red books** in the pews during service. The idea is to sign the book and pass it on. The person at the end of the pew should then pass it back so all can see who is sharing the pew to assist getting to know each other, or refresh your memory by putting a name and face together. Take a moment following service to greet your pewmates. There may be a new face in the group or someone you haven't seen in a while.

Yours in Christ,

Jeanne



David and Cheryl Bernier Lee and Kristeen Mason Terry and Danna Sanderson

Answer: A, B and D (See John 4:4-7ff.)



Scrip cards helps to make your gift giving easy! We have over 600 places we can order from. Scrip purchasing is easy and

does not cost you any extra money. The more we start to utilize this program, the more we can help out our church organizations such as the food pantry, youth activities, and so much more! We do have many cards available for immediate purchase in the office and orders are always going in! If you have questions, please see Brenda .

> Brenda Ransom, elder tallulah@lighthouse.net



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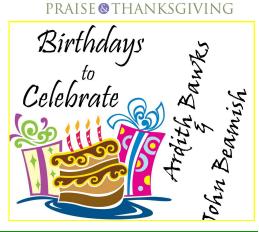
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March 19th



Wednesday, 03/01	6 pm Potluck Meal
	7 pm Ash Wed. Service
Sunday, 03/05	1st Sunday in Lent &
	Communion
Sunday, 03/12	2nd Sunday in Lent
Sunday, 03/19	3rd Sunday in Lent
Sunday, 03/26	4th Sunday in Lent
Sunday, 04/02	5th Sunday in Lent
Sunday, 04/09	Palm Sunday
Thursday, 04/13	6 pm Potluck Meal
	7 pm Maundy Thurs. Service
Friday, 04/14	1 pm Good Friday Service
Sunday, 04/16	Easter Sunday







Carolyn Trumble	03/02
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Kathy Gerrish	03/05
Mary Jane Bernier	03/06
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03/08	Mercedes Smart	03/20
03/09	Lamar Styer	03/20
03/10	Catherine Akre	03/23
03/10	Ardith Bawks	03/23
03/13	Virginia Moss	03/24
03/13	Thomas Woodgate	03/24
03/14	Delaney Hill	03/25
03/15	Ashton McKee	03/25
03/15	Jim Worsham	03/27
03/15	Gregory Gorsuch	03/28
03/19	Riley Guzzo	03/29
03/19	Alice Soorus	03/30



March Madness has just about decided which university is the top basketball team in the country. Which is your favorite team? I had a dream team all figured out, but I learned that just because you hoped your team would win it may not have worked out that way. As an example, back in 1993 North Carolina coached by Dean Smith squared off against Coach Steve Fisher, whose Michigan team featured 5 freshmen sensations who were noted as the Fab Five. The most memorable play in the championship game and perhaps one of the most infamous moments in the history of "March Madness" came in the last seconds of this championship game. Down by only 2 points and now an opportunity to tie the game or take the lead, Michigan's Chris Webber tried to call a time out when double teamed by North Carolina. Unfortunately, Michigan had all ready used up their timeouts so Webber's goof the soul. resulted in a technical foul, and Maryland wound up the winner.

Chris Webber's panicked mistake brought to I believe the short ones are what our Sunday glaring light an important truth about services are all about. They are 30 second basketball ... timeouts can play a key role in winning or losing of a game.

Everyone needs timeouts. It doesn't matter how good of shape you are in even if you think you are the greatest on the court, everyone needs a timeout occasionally. That is the message in Genesis chapter 2. Even God.....the One who created the universe, and we have been told

never grows tired, never sleeps, never slumbers and is never out of power and refuses to take a day off.

God's own Son took timeouts on a regular basis. He would go into a private place. He would separate himself from others for a period of time. He took timeouts. Perhaps Francis Chan said it best when he said: "We think He's a great Savior, but not a good role model." The American church has abandoned the most simple and obvious truth of what it means to follow Jesus: You actually follow His pattern of life.

Jesus knew that timeouts were necessary to provide rest for our soul and our body.

We are a busy people. With all of our inventions, all of our time saving tools, for all our shortcuts and overnight deliveries and quick fix solutions and microwave ovens, and fast food restaurants we are always in a hurry and running out of time.

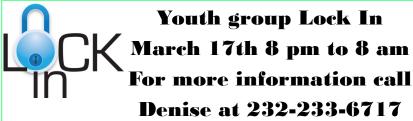
We live in a culture that goes 24/7, with cell phones at our beck and call. We push ourselves literally to ragged edge squeezing in every bit of work and effort possible. Warp speed can warp the soul.

There are two types of timeouts. The long ones usually mean getting away for awhile. However, I believe the short ones are what our Sunday services are all about. They are 30 second timeouts that enable us to receive care, rest, encouragement, meet backup with our teammates, strategize and plan, and then get back to work, and get back in the game. These are essential, life giving breaks that enable us to win!

Don Myers, CRE

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Before we know it, the end of the school season will be upon us. As Recognition Sunday approaches, we would like to be able to give the proper recognition to not

only our high school graduates, but also our college graduates. If you know of a graduate in our church family to be recognized, please turn the information in to the church office.





Presbytery Point Camp will celebrate its 80th Anniversary this year! 2017 Camp Schedule

May 14 – May 21 Spring Work Camp for individuals, families, mission groups June 11 – June 16 All Age Youth Camp for all youth finishing grades 3–12 partnering with the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Michigan.

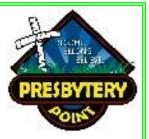
- June 12 June 16 Day Camp for youth finishing grades 1-6.
- June 18 June 24 Senior High Camp for young adults finishing grades 9-12.
- June 25 -- July 1 Middle School Camp for youth finishing grades 6-8.
- July 3 July 5 Alumni, Family and Friends Retreat
- July 6 July 8 1st-2nd Grade Camp a mini-camp for youth finishing grades 1-2.
- July 10 -- July 15 Guest Campers Welcome to Camp New Day campers and staff!
- July 16 -- July 20 3rd-5th Grade Camp for youth finishing grades 3–5.
- July 22 Aug. 15 Guest Campers Welcome to Superior String Alliance campers and staff!
- Aug. 18 Aug. 20 80th Anniversary Camp for Alumni, Families and Friends
- Aug. 20 80th Anniversary Worship and Open House
- Sept. 24 -- Sept. 30 Fall Work Camp help prepare the camp for the offseason.

We need many adult volunteers for our summer camp season including teaching elders, CRE's, nurses, crafters, custodial and maintenance helpers, grandmas and grandpas, bakers, teachers and mentors. Paperwork and training are required when working with youth at camp. For more camper or volunteer information, please call Caron at 906-869-0925 or email at ppccc@presbyterypoint.org.



Presbytery Point Camp Wish List





Canoes, lake kayaks, paddles

- Lifeguard Rescue Tube
- Waterfront equipment (kickboards, noodles, buckets/shovels, sploosh balls, etc.)
- Golf Cart (with cargo space preferable)
- Walkie Talkies (rechargeable of with batteries)
- Fishing equipment (poles, bobbers, hooks without barbs)
- Arts-n-Crafts supplies (colored construction paper, Elmer's glue and glue sticks, scissors, masking tape, meltie beads, white t-shirts (all sizes), tie dye colors, macramé jute, beads, wax and wick for candle-making, crayons, paints, etc.)

Batteries (AA, AAA, C, D, 9volt)

Financial gifts to the Campership Fund or Maintenance Fund

Serviceable 4-wheeler (350cc or more)

Permanent, dry erase, or washable markers

Spiral notebooks, copy paper, colored and white poster board

New or gently used flip flops or watershoes (all sizes)

New or gently used athletic shoes (youth and young adult sizes)

Laundry detergent

5 quart ice cream pails (with covers)

Gently used blankets, pillows or sleeping bags

Rubber bands, paper clips, file folders, general office supplies

Musical instruments including: drums (bongo, djembe, etc.), acoustic guitar, handheld percussion instruments, etc.

Clean linens: towels, washcloths, single-bed sheets, beach towels

Sturdy coat trees, plastic coat hangers

Flashlights

Counselor goodie bags (with tissues, sunscreen, insect repellent, chapstick, etc.)

For more information, or to arrange getting item(s) to camp, call Caron at (906)869-0925 or email at ppccc@presbyterypoint.org. Thanks!

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Food Safety: Norovirus (Norwalk Virus)

Noroviruses are the most common cause of acute gastroenteritis (infection of the stomach and intestines) in the United States. The virus can be spread very easily.

People who are infected can spread it directly to other people, or can contaminate food or drinks they prepare for other people. The virus can also survive on surfaces that have been contaminated with the virus or be spread through contact with an infected person. Improper hand washing is thought to be one of the major ways the disease spreads.

Preventing the Disease

- Wash hands frequently with soap and running water for at least 20 seconds, particularly after using the bathroom and before preparing food.
- If you work in the kitchen avoid bare-hand contact with ready-to-eat foods. Use utensils or wear approved food handler gloves.
- Clean and disinfect surfaces contaminated by vomiting or diarrhea (use a bleach-based household cleaner as directed on the label). Clean and disinfect food preparation equipment and surfaces.
- If you are ill with diarrhea or vomiting, do not cook, prepare, or serve food for others.
- Wash fruits and vegetables and cook foods thoroughly before eating them.
- Wash clothing or linens soiled by vomit or fecal matter immediately. Remove the items carefully to avoid spreading the virus. Machine wash and dry.

This information was obtained from Foodsafety.gov and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Lee Mason Serve Safe Church Member





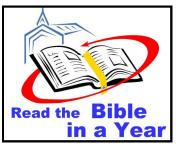
On March 22nd we will be hosting the

Hiawatha Skating club end of season dinner.

We will be in need of volunteers to help prepare, serve, and clean up the dinner. Also we will be in need desserts, as well as scrip cards for Gordon's to help us make our food purchases.

To sign up or for questions, please contact Kaye Vining at 906-630-5346





1	Matthew 8:14-34	Leviticus 1-2	Proverbs 19
2	Matthew 9:1-17	Leviticus 3-4	Proverbs 20
3	Matthew 9:18-38	Leviticus 5-6	Proverbs 21
4	Matthew 10:1-25	Leviticus 7-8	Proverbs 22
5	Matthew 10:26-42	Leviticus 9-10	Proverbs 23
6	Matthew 11:1-19	Leviticus 11-12	Proverbs 24
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9	Matthew 12:22-50	Leviticus 15-16	Proverbs 27
10	Matthew 13:1-23	Leviticus 17-18	Proverbs 28
11	Matthew 13:24-58	Leviticus 19	Proverbs 29
12	Matthew 14:1-21	Leviticus 20-21	Proverbs 30
13	Matthew 14:22-36	Leviticus 22-23	Proverbs 31
14	Matthew 15:1-20	Leviticus 24-25	Ecclesiastes 1:1-11
15	Matthew 15:21-39	Leviticus 26-27	Ecclesiastes 1:12-2:26
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22	Matthew 20:1-16	Numbers 13-14	Ecclesiastes 9:1-12
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24	Matthew 21:1-27	Numbers 17-18	Ecclesiastes 11:1-8
25	Matthew 21:28-46	Numbers 19-20	Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:14
26	Matthew 22:1-22	Numbers 21	Song of Solomon 1:1-2:7
27	Matthew 22:23-46	Numbers 22:1-40	Song of Solomon 2:8-3:5
28	Matthew 23:1-12	Numbers 22:41-23:26	Song of Solomon 3:6-5:1
29	Matthew 23:13-39	Numbers 23:27-24:25	Song of Solomon 5:2-6:3
30	Matthew 24:1-31	Numbers 25-27	Song of Solomon 6:4-8:4
31	Matthew 24:32-51	Numbers 28-29	Song of Solomon 8:5-14



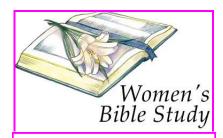




Men's Bible Study every Friday morning at 9:00 am. All men are welcome

to join us!





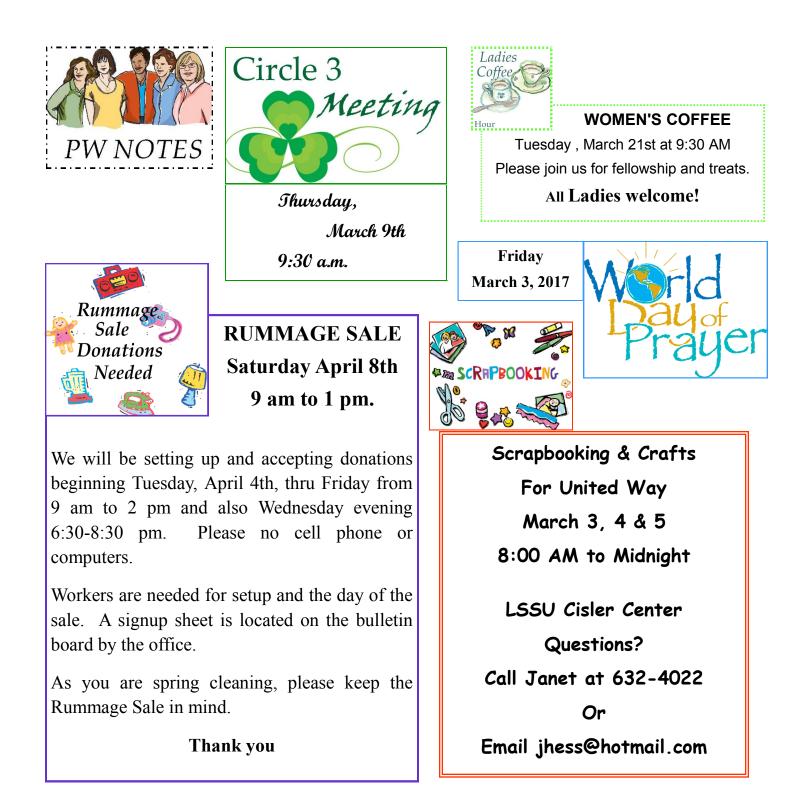
Woman's Bible Study

Wednesday mornings at 9:00 am

All ladies welcome to join!

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St. James Episcopal Church will be hosting a Lenten Study on Fridays, March 10, 17, 24 31, at 11 AM. We will begin with prayer and a soup lunch followed by viewing a series of video clips by contemporary teachers, priests, and prophets. They speak on topics of love, forgiveness, resurrection. And hope. All are welcome. Bring a friend.

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Congratulations!	<u>Session/Elders</u> Gary Hill Wendy Pearce	Sara Jones Kaye Vining
Some of the New FUPC Officers. L to R; Barb Kenn, Michelle Markstrom, Wanda Eby, Sara Jones, Kaye Vining, Sandy Borg, Gary Hill & Rich Brawley	<u>Trustees</u> Sandy Borg Rich Brawley Michael Lussier <u>Deacons</u> Cathy Akre Barb Kenn, Suzanne Stevenso	Ann Bourque Leanne Deuman Wanda Eby Michelle Markstrom

Meet your new Session Members!

Left picture: From l to R Back Row; Gordon Rohweder, Rob Stratton, Lee Mason, Wendy Pearce, & Dave Pearce Middle Row; Chad Folkersma, Kaye Vining, Gary Hill, Doreen Gordon, Audrey Zane, & Sara Jones, Front Row; Brenda Ransom & Sue Trombley and we cannot forget Raven!

Right Picture: Gary Hill, the newest member to Session.



Dish Cloths! Colors to match every kitchen Only \$1.00 each Available in the church office.

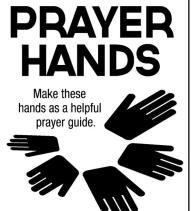
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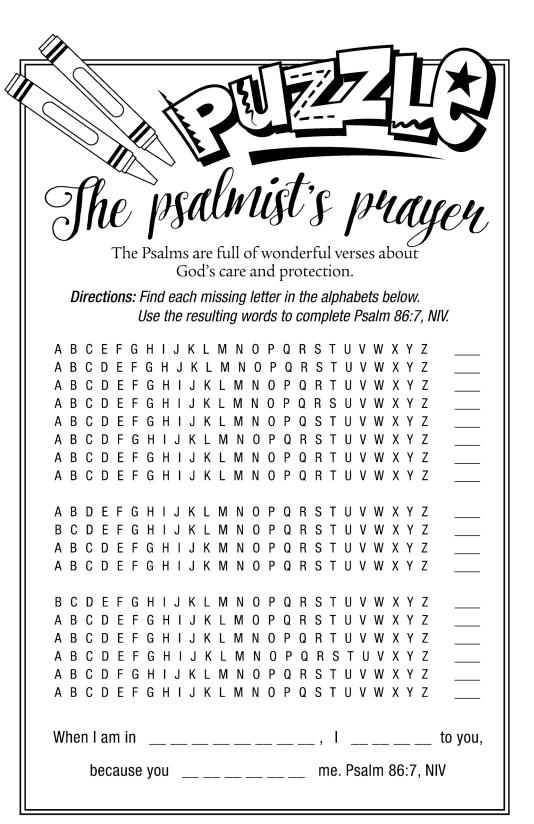


What you need:

- 7 pieces of construction paper (different colors)
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Stapler
- Colored pens
- Stickers

What you do:

- 1. Trace your hand (the same one) on each piece of paper.
- 2. Cut out and stack the hands. Staple together atop the pinky.
- 3. On the top hand (the front cover), write "Prayer Hands." Decorate with stickers.
- 4. On the second hand, write "Praise God." On the third, write "Ask for forgiveness." On the fourth, write "Thank God." On the fifth, write "Pray for others." On the sixth, write "Pray for me."
- 5. Use your book to remember what to pray for every day.



Answer: When I am in distress, I call to you, because you answer me. Psalm 86:7, NIV



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Sunday Worship Schedule

Adult Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:00 a.m. Sunday School (all grades) 10:00 a.m. **Church Staff** Rev. Mark Gabbard, Minister Don Myers, CRE Brenda Ransom, CRE Kay Boyne, Music Director Denise Goldade, Financial/Administrative Assistant Jesse Witte, Sexton

> Deadline for April issue: March 20th



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