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Pastor's Message

Don't look now, but Lent is almost upon us. Can you believe it? Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, is on February 14th. It just seems like it was Christmas and now we are knocking on the door of Lent. To celebrate Ash Wednesday, we will have a Lenten meal provided by the deacons at 6 pm and a service at 7 pm. But what is the Lenten season?

Lent is a period of 40 days stretching from Ash Wednesday to Easter. If one looks at the calendar and counts the days, then there are more than 40 days between Ash Wednesday and Easter. Here is one of the mysteries of Lent. The Sundays of Lent are not included in the 40 days? But Why?

Lent is closely tied to the period in Jesus' ministry where after being baptized he went and spent 40 days and night in the wilderness. The shortest Gospel account of this period comes from Mark 1:9-13, "9 In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 10 And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. 11 And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." 12 And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the

wilderness. 13 He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him."

After his baptism Jesus went into the wilderness. Why? We are simply told "The Spirit drove him out into the wilderness." Many books could be written to answer the question of "What exactly does this mean?" For our purposes, it means it was God's plan for him to enter the wilderness for these 40 days and nights. So why did God want him to enter the wilderness? It tells us Satan tempted him during this period. It was Satan's first shot to really mess things up and stop the salvation of humankind. This was a period of testing for Jesus.

This particular passage is associated with Lent, because Lent is a time for us to consider where we are being "tempted" in our lives. What are the areas of our life where we could do better by others and God? What is preventing us or stopping us from doing better? These are the kinds of questions we as Christians are supposed to be pondering during Lent. It is a time for the examination of the soul.

None of this yet explains why Sundays are not counted among the 40 days

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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

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



Prayer Requests

Family of Emily Hamilton, Bernier Family, Family of Joanne (Brawley) Killips, John Jobes, Owen Nicholls, Jon Burgess, Della Porter, Gina Gough, Alex McCready, Ted Howing, Andrea Klier, Lois Hillock, Pat Whyte, Jim Schmidt, Jane Kellan, Joyce Cross, William Kellan, Lillian Donelson, Tom and Ellen Woodgate, Christine Mickelson, Tara Jean Brody, Geraldine Carnahan, Wendy (Menard) James, 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.



In memory of ...

Joanne (Brawley) Killips

January 8, 2018

Peter Bernier

Emily Hamilton

January 17, 2018



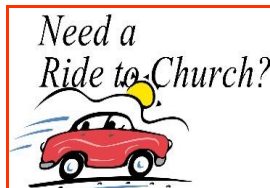
Food Pantry

Jeanne Shibley



Deacon's Corner

The next Deacon's Meeting will be held on February 18th



Call Office



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



McKinley Manor 2023 West 4th Avenue

Jane Kellan
Vera Steffens

Tendercare- Sault Ste Marie 1011 Meridian

Jim Schmidt
Jean Smith

WMH Long Term Care 500 Osborn Boulevard

Robert Ferguson
Lois Myers
Edna Roe

Freighter View Assisted Living 605 West Portage Avenue

Virginia Blair
Audrey Bush
Delores Swick

Out of Town Della Porter

6600 Constitution Blvd Room 605
Cross Roads Village, MI 49024

June MacInnis
2000 E Mitchell Road Apt 3
Petoskey, MI 49770

Dorothy Smart
1696 S. Kathleen Drive
Lake City, MI 49651-8681



**SUNDAY,
FEBRUARY 18TH
2:00 PM**

Deacon



Barb Kenn

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

Valentine Luncheon
Friday
February 9th

11:30 A.M.
 To
 1:00 P.M.

Tickets:
 \$7.00
 Each

Soup Salad
 Desserts Eat In Only

*First United
 Presbyterian Church
 Social Hall*

*Sponsored by the Textile Social
 Proceeds donated towards
 Local Mission Projects*

IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

PRAYERS AND CONDOLENCES

Please keep the Bernier Family in your prayers for the loss of Peter Bernier the infant son of Paul and Tabitha, brother to Piper and Claudia, Grandson to Steve and Christine, and Great Grandson of Mary Jane.

Cards for a
 Former Member

Raya Cook a former member of the First United Presbyterian Church would appreciate receiving any "Thinking of You" and "Get Well" cards from congregational members that remember her.

Please send cards to:
 Raya Cook
 c/o Jullian Chapman
 3269 Meadow Valley Drive
 Abingdon, MD 21009

American Legion Post 3 Auxiliary
 cordially invites you to attend the
91st Annual George Washington Tea
 in honor of Gold and Blue Star Mothers
 and Women Veterans
Saturday, February 17, 2018
 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. **Free of Charge**

Winter Clothing Drive

The Deacons would like to thank everyone that donated winter clothing for the Winter Clothing Drive that began in November 2017 and continued through January 2018. The clothing is being distributed to those attending the weekly soup kitchen. Thank You for helping those in need!



Deacon's Lenten Meal

The Deacon's to host Lenten Meal
 on Ash Wednesday,
 February 14th at 6:00 pm
 Bring a dish to pass.

of Lent. While Lent is to be a period of spiritual self-examination, each Sunday in Lent is set aside as a witness to the resurrection. Sunday is the time to focus on the grace and mercy we receive in Christ no matter how we have erred, fallen short or sinned. Sundays in Lent are a reminder that our sins were nailed to the cross with our Lord and the death they brought could not hold the Lord of Life. He is risen indeed.

There are rituals of abstinence or giving up something for Lent. These are but symbols of the greater work of spiritual examination we are supposed to undergo. You can have Lent without giving up anything, as long as one does the hard work of spiritual self-examination of where we are failing God and others in our life. Lent that is comprised of abstaining from something but devoid of the process of spiritual self-examination is hollow Lent. Let us embrace the true Lent. It starts with a simple question, "What areas of my life is the Holy Spirit seeking to change?"

Peace in Christ,
Mark



Ronald and Joyce Cross 02/04
Gary and Pat Lehman 02/25



The Textile Social Group meets every Thursday in the Social Hall. Anyone is welcome to stop in from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Bring a sack lunch, your projects (sewing, knitting, crocheting, puzzles, or a good book) or just the desire to socialize with others. Coffee, tea, and dessert are provided. Stop in for a hour or four!

FUPC Trustees
FUPC
Officer Installation
February 4th



Margaret Money	02/01	Bill Robbins	02/11
Jan Jobs	02/02	Max Gazvoda	02/12
Daniel Reattoir	02/02	Hailey Smart	02/12
Donna Blair	02/03	Piper Bernier	02/14
Jordyn Roe	02/05	Cole Lussier	02/14
Marjorie Johnston	02/06	Doris Boogerd	02/17
John Wilson	02/07	Andrew Bernier	02/20
Trudy Campbell	02/10	Andrea Abbott	02/21
Gabrielle Gorsuch	02/10	Robert Ferguson	02/21
Barbara Kenn	02/10	Chad Folkersma	02/22
Sascha Kuenzer	02/10	Joan Hill	02/23
		Sharon Sheppard	02/24
		Alyvia Lori	02/25
		Jackie Tastor	02/27
		David Whyte	02/29



We will continue meeting the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month at 6:30 pm unless stated.

Chad, Denise,
Mark, and Melissa





Seasons

February, to me, is the coldest month of the year. January is cold but February seems to beat any month's temperatures. February is in between seasons of our life. Spring time is around the corner but still some distance away.

What are you planning on for February or spring time? Always keep in mind that God is in control of each and every day and He planned it that way. A season of our lives might just spring forward and reward us with a bountiful harvest once the growing season begins in warmer weather. A season is that time God has given us to make things happen. In Genesis 8:22 it reminds us "As long as the earth remains, there will be planting and harvest, cold and heat, winter and summer, day and night.

Farmers take advantage of the weather to plant their crops that become profitable and yield in a bountiful way during another season. This is the way it is year after year. There is no way we can skip a season no matter where we reside. Yes, God will support us because this is the way it is with each of us, isn't it? We pass through the normal seasons of our life, whether it is February or summer time.

There is no doubt that we are truly blessed by God who created us to follow in his footsteps, and we belong to Him, as we are the sheep in His pasture. Be thankful and praise the Lord every time you enter His temple.

The Lord is good! His love will last forever as long as we are always faithful to Him.

Don Myers, CRE



Scrip cards help 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



Presbyterian Church Members,

Thank you very much for your generous donation of mittens, gloves, and hats for use by the children at local Sault Area Schools. They will be put to good use, keeping children warm during the cold winter months

Your generosity is much appreciated.

*Sincerely,
The Deacons*





During the Christmas holiday a wonderful group of ladies who coordinated the Elf Breakfast donated \$1,125.12 to Sault Ste. Marie VFW Post 3676 for their Honor Flight Support Fund. The fund assists local U.P Honor Flight participants with gas money, hotel fees, and any other necessities that the Honor Flight does not cover. The U.P. Honor Flight is free to ALL Veterans who have served during the Vietnam, Korean, and WWII war times. Veterans do not have to have been deployed. The flight and the day's activities are covered by the U.P. Honor Flight but the travel

expenses to and from Escanaba however are the participant's responsibility. That is where the Sault Ste. Marie VFW Post 3676 steps in and helps to make this trip as inexpensive for our local veterans as possible. If you would like to donate to this fund or would like more information about the trip, please contact Commander David Pearce at VFW POST 3676 906-632-7761. Pictured left to right are VFW Post 3676 Commander David Pearce, Ruth Wilson, Mary Stanaway, and Joanne Lussier. Unavailable at time of photo: Dana Sanderson



**Worship
Schedule
For Lent**

Wednesday, 02/14	6 pm Potluck Meal
	7 pm Ash Wed. Service
Sunday, 02/18	1st Sunday in Lent
Sunday, 02/25	2nd Sunday in Lent
Sunday, 03/04	3rd Sunday in Lent
Sunday, 03/11	4th Sunday in Lent
Sunday, 03/18	5th Sunday in Lent
Sunday, 03/25	Palm Sunday
Thursday, 03/29	6 pm Potluck Meal
	7 pm Maundy Thurs. Service
Friday, 03/30	1 pm Good Friday Service
Sunday, 04/01	Easter Sunday



We will celebrate Ash Wednesday Services on April 14th with a lenten meal at 6:00 pm followed by the worship service at 7:00 pm. Come join us for a meal and fellowship. Bring a dish to pass.

Bible Quiz

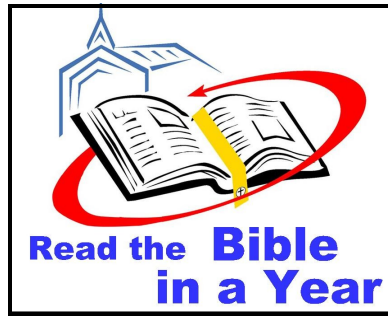
Fill in the blank to complete this verse from a psalm of thanksgiving: "Bless the LORD, O my _____, and forget not all his benefits."

A. people B. soul
C. heart D. children

Answer: B (See Psalm 103:2, ESV)

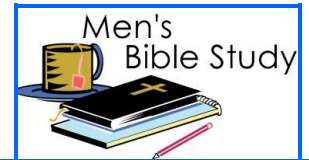
Year-to 01/31/18 offerings	\$14,815
Year to 01/31/18 expenses	\$17,690

February



*Wendy Pearce
and
Jeanne Shibley*

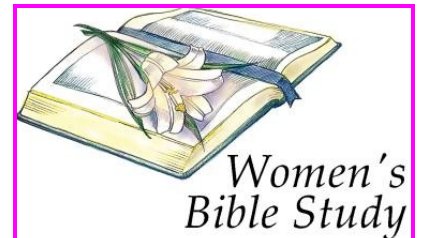
1	Luke 23:1-25	Genesis 41	Psalm 32
2	Luke 23:26-56	Genesis 42	Psalm 33
3	Luke 24:1-12	Genesis 43	Psalm 34
4	Luke 24:13-53	Genesis 44	Psalm 35
5	Hebrews 1	Genesis 45:1-46:27	Psalm 36
6	Hebrews 2	Genesis 46:28-47:31	Psalm 37
7	Hebrews 3:1-4:13	Genesis 48	Psalm 38
8	Hebrews 4:14-6:12	Genesis 49-50	Psalm 39
9	Hebrews 6:13-20	Exodus 1-2	Psalm 40
10	Hebrews 7	Exodus 3-4	Psalm 41
11	Hebrews 8	Exodus 5:1-6:27	Proverbs 1
12	Hebrews 9:1-22	Exodus 6:28-8:32	Proverbs 2
13	Hebrews 9:23-10:18	Exodus 9-10	Proverbs 3
14	Hebrews 10:19-39	Exodus 11-12	Proverbs 4
15	Hebrews 11:1-22	Exodus 13-14	Proverbs 5
16	Hebrews 11:23-40	Exodus 15	Proverbs 6:1-7:5
17	Hebrews 12	Exodus 16-17	Proverbs 7:6-27
18	Hebrews 13	Exodus 18-19	Proverbs 8
19	Matthew 1	Exodus 20-21	Proverbs 9
20	Matthew 2	Exodus 22-23	Proverbs 10
21	Matthew 3	Exodus 24	Proverbs 11
22	Matthew 4	Exodus 25-27	Proverbs 12
23	Matthew 5:1-20	Exodus 28-29	Proverbs 13
24	Matthew 5:21-48	Exodus 30-32	Proverbs 14
25	Matthew 6:1-18	Exodus 33-34	Proverbs 15
26	Matthew 6:19-34	Exodus 35-36	Proverbs 16
27	Matthew 7	Exodus 37-38	Proverbs 17
28	Matthew 8:1-13	Exodus 39-40	Proverbs 18



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

Textile Social

On February 8th the Textile
Social will be setting up for the
February 9th Valentine Luncheon



Woman's Bible Study
Wednesday Mornings,
at 9:30 AM.

Come join us!



PW NOTES



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

Brought to you by the
Presbyterian Women



WOMEN'S COFFEE
Tuesday, February 20th
at 9:30 AM

Please join us for fellow-
ship and treats.

All Ladies Welcome!



**The Ultimate Cloth Great for your
Cleaning projects!**

Get yours at the church office
\$6.00 each or 5 for \$25.00



Come celebrate the
50th anniversary of the I-500
with various activities each day!
The snowfest will run from Thursday to
Sunday this year!



50th Annual I-500

February 4, 2018
10:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M.

Come join us for the 50th Annual International I-500 Snowmobile Race and experience all the thrills of NASCAR on a one-mile oval ice track. Mark your calendar for the weekend of February 3, 2018 and get ready for the thrill of a lifetime! Please check out the [I-500 website](#) for further updated information on the 2018 50th Annual I-500 Snowmobile Race.



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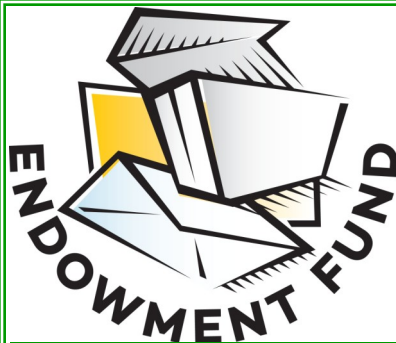
CONTACT information



- Have you moved?
- Do you have a new phone number?
- Are you leaving for an extended time and like your mail forwarded?
- Do you have an email you would like to share with us?

If so, please keep us up-to-date?
You can stop in the office,
call us at (906) 632-7771, or email us at
office@soopresbyterian.org.





What is the Endowment Fund of the First United Presbyterian Church?

For all those who attended and enjoyed the Christmas dinner after the Cantata, how many of us are aware that the Endowment Fund which not only paid for the food but prepared, served and cleaned up with some able help from old and new Trustees.

What is this Endowment Fund. This was a separate fund of money commenced in 1983 for the purpose of creating permanent investments to provide financial stability going forward into the future. The by-laws were updated in 1997. There are also guidelines in the types of investments the committee may make.

The Endowment Fund is invested by a committee made up of church members who have expertise in the area of investment. The members are appointed by the Board of Trustees. Income created by the fund may be used for any non-ongoing expenses of the Church. The funds are not to be used for ordinary operating expenses but special needs. Only income may be used and not all income can be used, 10 percent is put back into the permanent fund to guard against inflation and maintain fund stability.

The current members are Ron Meister, Richard Brawley, James Bourque, Bill Krempel and Dan Reattoir.

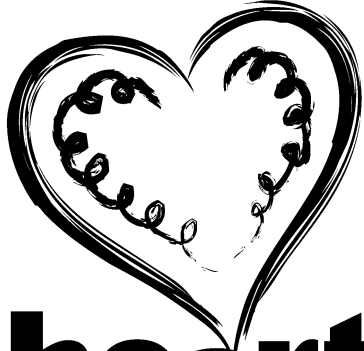
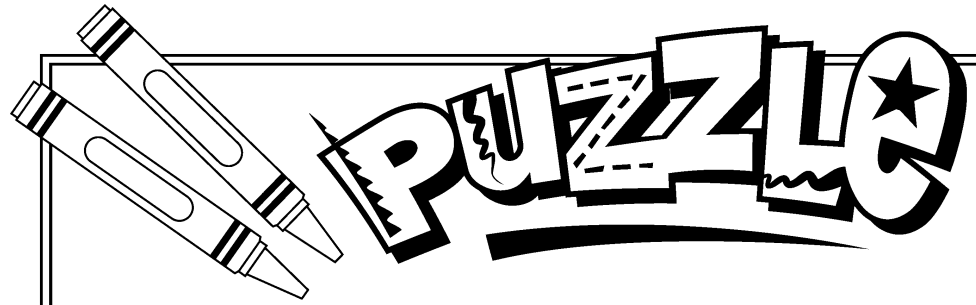
Most recently the Endowment Fund provided the funding for the purchase of the Church's third rental home on Lyon Street. Past projects have been substantial. In 2017 the replacement windows and siding on a rental house were funded at \$23,305. In 2018 the Endowment Fund will pay approximately \$10,000. For a special assessment for Lyon Street improvements.

In 2011, \$16,000.00 was advanced for repairs on the Norton house. Recently the purchase of a third rental was financed by the Endowment fund.

During the rebuilding of the church after the fire the Endowment covered all interest payments on funds borrowed to finalize construction.

Currently to date the Endowment Fund has contributed \$471,628. For extraordinary non-ongoing Church expenses.

Contributions in lieu of memorial funds are welcomed as are any other contributions. The Endowment Fund has contributed to the ongoing and future financial stability of our Church and for this we owe a debt of gratitude for the founding of this fund.



heart sandwich

Show your love by making someone this heartfelt snack on Valentine's Day.



What you need:

- 2 slices of bread
- 2 heart-shaped cookie cutters (one large, one small)
- Lunchmeat and cheese (or peanut butter and jelly)

What you do:

1. Cut a large heart out of each slice of bread.
2. Cut a small heart from the middle of one big heart.
3. With the small cookie cutter, make several heart shapes out of the meat and cheese. Place between the bread slices.
4. If you're using peanut butter and jelly, spread both onto the large, solid heart. Then place the slice with the small heart cutout on top.

A NEW COMMANDMENT

In John 13:34, Jesus offers important instructions for his followers.

Directions: Figure out the pattern in each vertical line of letters. Then add the next letter in the sequence to the blank underneath, completing John 13:14, NIV.

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZABCD...

F L S Y F K Y X E I Q B V O O J F
 H M T A I L A Y H K R D Y P S M G
 J N U C L M C Z K M S F B Q W P H

“ _____ ”

E X M B C L M B U V F R P L V F R
 F Y P C F M P C X W I S Q M W I S
 G Z S D I N S D A X L T R N X L T

_____ , _____

A R J Q C C S B F K Y X H L Q B Y I
 E S M R F G T C I L A Y J M R D A L
 I T P S I K U D L M C Z L N S F C O

_____ ”

JOHN 13:34, NIV

Answer: "Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." John 13:34, NIV



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
 <p>4 Officer Installation 9:00a Early Social Hour (WR) 10:00a Worship Service 10:00a Sunday School 11:30a Coffee & Cookies 12:00p Soup Kitchen</p>	<p>5 7:00p ACT Study Grp 7:00p Boy Scout Meeting</p> 	<p>6 12:00p AA Meeting (Lib)</p>	 <p>7 9:00a Women's Bible Study 6:30p Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>1 10:00a Textile Social 12:00p AA Meeting (Lib)</p>	<p>2 Groundhog Day 9:00a Men's Study Grp</p> 	<p>3 9:00a N.A. 7:00p A.A.</p>	
<p>11 9:00a Early Social Hour (WR) 10:00a Worship Service 10:00a Sunday School 11:30a Christian Ed Meeting 12:00p Soup Kitchen 6:30p H.S Youth Group</p>	<p>12 Lincoln's Birthday 7:00p ACT Study Grp 7:00p Boy Scout Meeting</p>	<p>13 12:00p AA Meeting (Lib) 4:00p Food Pantry</p>	<p>14 Ash Wednesday Valentine's Day 9:00a Women's Bible Study 6:00p Lenten Potluck 7:00p Ash Wednesday Service</p> 	<p>15 10:00a Textile Social 12:00p AA Meeting (Lib)</p>	<p>16 9:00a Men's Study Grp</p>	<p>17 9:00a N.A. 7:00p A.A.</p>	
<p>18 First Sunday of Lent 9:00a Early Social Hour (WR) 10:00a Worship Service 10:00a Sunday School 11:15a Deacon's Meeting (Lib) 12:00p Soup Kitchen 2:00p Freightier View Service</p>	<p>19 President's Day 5:30p Session Mtg (WR) 5:30p Trustee's Mtg (Lib) 7:00p ACT Study Grp 7:00p Boy Scout Meeting</p> 	<p>20 9:30a Ladies Coffee (SH) 12:00p AA Meeting (Lib)</p>	<p>21 9:00a Women's Bible Study 6:30p Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>22 Washington's Birthday 10:00a Textile Social 12:00p AA Meeting (Lib) 6:30p Boy Scout Leader Mtg</p>	<p>23 9:00a Men's Study Grp</p>	<p>24 9:00a N.A. 7:00p A.A.</p>	
<p>25 Second Sunday of Lent 9:00a Early Social Hour (WR) 10:00a Worship Service 10:00a Sunday School 12:00p Soup Kitchen 6:30p H.S Youth Group</p>	<p>26 7:00p ACT Study Grp 7:00p Boy Scout Meeting</p>	<p>27 12:00p AA Meeting (Lib) 4:00p Food Pantry</p>	<p>28 9:00a Women's Bible Study 6:30p Choir Rehearsal</p>				

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Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Monday through Friday

(closed 11:30-12)

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

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