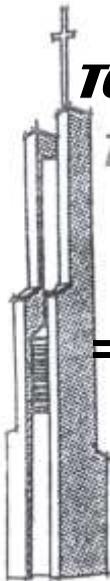


First Presbyterian Church
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TOWER TOPICS

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Bingo Night

Join us on Friday, February 8th from 5-9 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
for fellowship, food and BINGO. All ages are welcome.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Last Sunday was ordination and installation Sunday here in the church. Each year at this time we ordain and install the newly elected Ruling Elders and Deacons. So, I thought it might be good to start the year with a refresher course for those who do not remember, or have not yet learned, what a Ruling Elder or Deacon does. In the Presbyterian Church there are three ordered ministries: Ruling Elder, Teaching Elder (or Minister of Word and Sacrament) and Deacon. But first we must ask what it means to be ordained. Ordination occurs AFTER a person has been elected by the body (the congregation) as a way of acknowledging that the person is called by God to serve that position and set aside for that particular work. This distinguishes an elder or deacon from a board member for a non-profit organization. We acknowledge that we, as the congregation, recognized their gifts AND their calling from God to serve that role. Ordination is the laying on of hands of others who have been called to lead the church, thus giving over of the authority to make decisions for the church and passing the Spirit on to those called and chosen to lead. This DOES NOT in any way diminish the importance of EVERY member of the church, though. Ordered ministries mean people are responsible for certain areas of church life, but all of us are responsible for being the Church and carrying out the ministry.

So what are these ordered ministries to which people are called? Deacon – a ministry that comes right from Scripture (Acts 6) that is charged with specific ministries of compassion, witness and service to the poor, hungry, sick, lost, friendless, oppressed, and marginalized people. Deacons, in our congregation, provide for ministries to the homebound, the sick, and the lonely. The Parish Nurse ministry, Sara's visitation ministries, Prayer Shawl ministry, and the Sunshine ministry (sending cards to people in the church) fall under the deacon ministry. Team Tannenbaum, Shalom Center food pantry donations and soup kitchen service, jail ministry donations, domestic violence shelter donations, and other local ministry donations also are sponsored by, run by, supported by, or organized by the deacons.

Elders (presbuteri in Greek – from which we take the name Presbyterians) are set aside to lead the church in all areas of church life. Using a committee structure to attend to the work and creatively grow and care for the property and ministries of the church, Ruling Elders and Ministers work together to oversee all areas of church life. Together, the installed ruling elders and ministers make up the SESSION of the church, with the minister serving as the moderator of the session (we do not have presidents or directors as in other denominations). The session is ultimately responsible for everything that happens in the church – communion being served, worship taking place, baptisms, building repairs, Christian education opportunities, mission funds being allocated, and much more. Policies, procedures, administration, and ministry all are part of what the

session does. They do not do it alone. The people who lend ideas, time, and talent to the committees (ministry teams) and other ministries make the magic happen, but it is overseen, and sometimes prompted by, the session. The session sets the budget and ministry priorities for the congregation. The session hires and fires employees with the minister who serves as head of staff. The session decides how to use the building and church property. But the session is also responsible for assessing the spiritual wellbeing of the congregation and making plans for the growth, nurture, education, and care for the members of the church. That is why they are called RULING Elders. Ruling does not mean controlling or in charge. Ruling, in this case, means discerning, measuring, assessing: like with a yard stick, not a scepter. So, this is different than being on a business board of directors.

Now you know more about the working of this congregation. In the near future you will hear more about the committee structure of the church and the various groups and ministries within the church. Remember, everyone is welcome to participate in committees and ministries, even if you are not an Elder or Deacon. I hope this helps explain exactly what we did on Sunday and how we function as a church.

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## **MISSION STATEMENT**

Called into being by God's grace, we are Christians in progress;  
Called to grow together in God's ways through worship, study, fellowship, evangelism, and service;  
Called to be servants of God's love to one another, to our community, and to the world.  
We welcome all to our community of faith.

## Treasurer's Report:

### General Operating Fund

|                             |                    |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| Beginning Balance 12/1/2018 | \$38,453.31        |
| Receipts                    | \$34,168.59        |
| Disbursements               | <u>\$27,379.01</u> |
| Ending Balance 12/31/2018   | <u>\$45,242.89</u> |

### Building Reserve Fund

|                             |                    |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| Beginning Balance 12/1/2018 | \$56,405.37        |
| Receipts                    | \$ 3,075.00        |
| Disbursements               | \$ 0.00            |
| Interest                    | <u>\$ 4.78</u>     |
| Ending Balance 12/31/2018   | <u>\$59,485.15</u> |

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SHALOM SOUP KITCHEN MINISTRY

On January 1, 2019, a dozen First Presbyterian volunteers welcomed the New Year with 85 appreciative dinner guests at the 39th Avenue Shalom Center. There were 63 adults and 22 kids served that night.

Our next date to serve dinner is Tuesday, February 5th. We will make the soup for February in our kitchen. If you are interested in serving, baking cupcakes, or making sandwiches, please sign up sheet in the Narthex. If you are interested in making soup any month, contact Carole Serpe. Thanks for your support.

DAILY LECTIONARY PASSAGES

FEBRUARY 2019

- Feb 1** – Psalm 88, 148, 6, 20; Isa. 50:1-11; Gal. 3:15-22; Mark 6:47-56
- Feb 2** – Psalm 122, 149, 100, 63; Isa. 51:1-8; Gal. 3:23-29; Mark 7:1-23
- Feb 3** – Psalm 108, 150, 66, 23; Isa. 51:9-16; Heb. 11:8-16; John 7:14-31
- Feb 4** – Psalm 62, 145, 73, 9; Isa. 51:17-23; Gal. 4:1-11; John 14:6-1Mark 7:24-37
- Feb 5** – Psalm 12, 146, 36, 7; Isa. 52:1-12; Gal. 4:12-20; Mark 8:1-10
- Feb 6** – Psalm 96, 147:1-11, 132, 134; Isa. 52:13-53:12; Gal. 4:21-31; Mark 8:11-26
- Feb 7** – Psalm 116, 147:12-20, 26, 130; Isa. 54:1-10; Gal. 5:1-15; Mark 8:27-9:1
- Feb 8** – Psalm 84, 148, 25, 40; Isa. 55:1-13; Gal. 5:16-24; Mark 9:2-13
- Feb 9** – Psalm 63, 149, 125, 90; Isa. 56:1-8; Gal. 5:25-6:10; Mark 9:14-29
- Feb 10** – Psalm 103, 150, 117, 139; Isa. 57:1-13; Heb. 12:1-6; John 7:37-46
- Feb 11** – Psalm 5, 145, 82, 29; Isa. 57:14-21; Gal. 6:11-18; John 6:15-27Mark 9:30-41
- Feb 12** – Psalm 42, 146, 102, 133; Isa. 58:1-12; 2 Tim. 1:1-14; Mark 9:42-50
- Feb 13** – Psalm 89:1-18, 147:1-11, 1, 33; Isa. 59:1-21; 2 Tim. 1:15-2:13; Mark 10:1-16
- Feb 14** – Psalm 97, 147:12-20, 16, 62; Isa. 60:1-22; 2 Tim. 2:14-26; Mark 10:17-31
- Feb 15** – Psalm 51, 148, 142, 65; Isa. 61:1-9; 2 Tim. 3:1-17; Mark 10:32-45
- Feb 16** – Psalm 104, 149, 138, 98; Isa. 61:10-62:5; 2 Tim. 4:1-8; Mark 10:46-52
- Feb 17** – Psalm 19, 150, 81, 113; Isa. 62:6-12; 1 John 2:3-11; John 8:12-19
- Feb 18** – Psalm 135, 145, 97, 112; Isa. 63:1-6; 1 Tim. 1:1-17; Mark 11:1-11
- Feb 19** – Psalm 123, 146, 30, 86; Isa. 63:7-14; 1 Tim. 1:18-2:8; Mark 11:12-26
- Feb 20** – Psalm 15, 147:1-11, 48, 4; Isa. 63:15-64:9; 1 Tim. 3:1-16; Mark 11:27-12:12
- Feb 21** – Psalm 36, 147:12-20, 80, 27; Isa. 65:1-12; 1 Tim. 4:1-16; Mark 12:13-27
- Feb 22** – Psalm 130, 148, 32, 139; Isa. 65:17-25; 1 Tim. 5:17-22; Mark 12:28-34
- Feb 23** – Psalm 56, 149, 118, 111; Isa. 66:1-6; 1 Tim. 6:6-21; Mark 12:35-44
- Feb 24** – Psalm 67, 150, 46, 93; Isa. 66:7-14; 1 John 3:4-10; John 10:7-16
- Feb 25** – Psalm 57, 145, 85, 47; Ruth 1:1-14; 2 Cor. 1:1-11; Matt. 5:1-12
- Feb 26** – Psalm 54, 146, 28, 99; Ruth 1:15-22; 2 Cor. 1:12-22; Matt. 5:13-20
- Feb 27** – Psalm 65, 147:1-11, 125, 91; Ruth 2:1-13; 2 Cor. 1:23-2:17; Matt. 5:21-26
- Feb 28** – Psalm 143, 147:12-20, 81, 116; Ruth 2:14-23; 2 Cor. 3:1-18; Matt. 5:27-37

SOUP KITCHEN

On Tuesday, February 5th, our congregation is helping prepare and serve a nutritious meal for those in need at the Shalom Center Soup Kitchen. New volunteers are welcome. If you would like to help, please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex.

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## **FIRESIDE FRIENDS**

Fireside Friends will gather on Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. for Valentine sending, fellowship, and program planning. Bring one possible wish or idea with you to include in our possibilities for speakers, demonstrations, special topics or personal stories. If you have questions, please contact Mary Wirch or Julie Iorio.

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SENIOR LUNCHEONS

Our senior luncheon is scheduled for Tuesday, February 19th at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. All seniors and guests are welcome. Please join us for delicious food and wonderful fellowship!

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## **PRAYER SHAWL**

Prayer Shawl will meet on Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. All knitters and crocheters are welcome!

## **EVENING BIBLE STUDY**

Pastor Lance is looking to start an evening Bible study. What he needs to begin is information. Who is interested and what evenings are you available? After receiving that info by email or a note in the office or a phone call to Jenny, he will put together a schedule. It will likely be in the format of the Wednesday morning study of reading through a book together and discussing it as we go. Please let him know if you are interested.

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THANK YOU

We were two of the fortunate ones to receive the blessing of not just one but two trees, delivered by "Team Infante," and picked up by "Team Gohr." as part of the all-inclusive contribution of Team Tannenbaum. If it hadn't been for those trees, our lives would have been far less bright during the Christmas season.

One tree reminded us of the first tree we shared in our marriage - 67 years ago - and it brought back such sweet memories. We share the joy that Team Tannenbaum brought to so many others as well. Our hearts will be forever grateful.

Tom and Lois Van Dahm

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CHECK IT OUT by Sheryl Becker

As I write the library news for this month, I find another fresh round of snow falling outside the window and a large mound of it blocking our driveway. I've decided to let the snow plows do our street thoroughly before venturing out to clear a path. So, I guess I have no other choice than to sit by the fireplace and read a book! Life is sure tough at times!

And speaking of reading a book, we have at least five new books and a couple of recent Guidebook magazines you can check out of the church library for your next snowy day. Why Religion? by Elaine Pagels is back on the cart after being read by Sandy Billingsley, who told me she found it a thought-provoking, excellent read. When I checked the shelves last Sunday the rest of the newest books were still out, but there are plenty of other recent purchases that have never been taken out. All you have to do is sign the card inside the book and put it in the wooden box on the shelves. When you return the book, please put the card back inside and leave the book on the cart or table. Keep in mind that I take requests.

Happy reading!

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## **SNOWMAN MITTEN BARREL**

Thank you so much for your generous donations of mittens, gloves, hats, and scarves to the Snowman Mitten Barrel. 337 items were collected and distributed to nine Kenosha Elementary Schools. The schools were all very grateful. Special thanks to everyone who spent hours of their free time knitting and crocheting all of the beautiful handmade items. The children in our schools will stay warm this winter thanks to your generosity.

--The Deacons

## **PARISH NURSE NOTES**

Brrrrr! Winter has gotten serious about being **Winter!** We just have to get through February and March, and then hopefully things will moderate and give us a lovely, pleasant spring. I'm going to decide to be optimistic!

A few thoughts about dealing with the bitter cold weather—

Dress in layers. The air between layers helps to provide insulation.

Always consider the wind chill when going out. Our cars can't really tell the difference between +20 degrees and -10, but our bodies can. When it has been as bitter cold as it was the last week, please remember to cover exposed parts of your body, such as hands, ears, noses, heads (bald or not). Frostbite can happen in as few as 5-10 minutes when it is this cold, and especially if there is any wind blowing. Even loading groceries into the car, or waiting while the dog finds the perfect potty spot puts you in danger. Cover up, and remember that damage to the body's tissues from cold may be permanent.

When it is bitterly cold, stay inside if you can. It may sound silly, but when the temperature is way below zero, don't breathe deeply or talk much when you are outside. Extremely cold air can even harm lungs.

Check on your neighbors and family to be sure they are alright. Bring pets inside. Stay hydrated. Consider getting a humidifier.

Looking ahead, probably to the middle of the month, I plan on starting up some exercise options again. I've had a few people ask about this, so let me know if you are interested. I'm thinking about offering the walking video again, doing some exercises to music while sitting in a chair, and working on strengthening core muscles to help maintain balance. Moving is so important to keeping us healthy.

Next blood drive will most likely be in early May, so plan accordingly. More on that later...

Stay connected with friends and family. Make someone smile every day!

Blessings...Karen Sorenson, Parish Nurse

## **AN ACT OF KINDNESS**

Dear Presbyterian Church Members,

In the fall, a friend and I visited about 600 nursing home residents. We took two garbage bags of Beanie Babies, put them on two rolling carts, and went room to room talking with residents while being led to rooms throughout their “homes”. Activity directors helped.

The result was excitement and a short visit to tell them that we (the community) have remembered them...we care.

It was fun for us. Carla Coolidge and myself got such uplifting feedback from the seniors or the disabled recuperating there.

Some asked “How much?” The cuddly animals, I said, were a gift from Jesus. They liked the idea profoundly.

It was a win-win situation, inspired by my time at Manor Care, by one resident who had a furry baby on her lap every day. I thought that was really nice, and wished I had one to comfort me. From that situation came the idea that all could better their lives by getting one, and yes, they were free.

We obtained the first 120 from Carla’s collection. We asked friends and family, we bought them from an outlet store, and when asked, our church came through with some also...a community-based, organized outcry for kindness and love.

Thank you all so very much!

Jody Armstrong and Carla Coolidge





# **FEBRUARY WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**



**Head Usher:** Jourene Frederick

## **February 3<sup>rd</sup>**

N. Door Greeter: Lisa Hawley  
Greeters: Julie Iorio  
Reader: Walter Deignan  
Sound System: Todd Kotten  
Counters: Cris Doil  
Sherry Craig  
Nursery Helper: Hanna Bergeson  
Fellowship Host: Fellowship Team

## **February 17<sup>th</sup>**

N. Door Greeter: Tana Baldwin  
Greeters: Jean Kastman  
Reader: Paige Loveall  
Sound System: Volunteer Needed  
Counters: Cris Doil  
Sherry Craig  
Nursery Helper: Mandy Bergeson  
Fellowship Host: Fellowship Team

## **February 10<sup>th</sup>**

N. Door Greeter: Lori Barnes  
Greeters: The Kamphuises  
Reader: Jean Bourque  
Sound System: Don Mandry  
Counters: Cris Doil  
Sherry Craig  
Nursery Helper: Darleen Sluga  
Fellowship Host: Fellowship Team

## **February 24<sup>th</sup>**

N. Door Greeter: Lisa Hawley  
Greeters: San Kennedy  
Reader: Markie Peroutka  
Sound System: Tom Berry  
Counters: Cris Doil  
Sherry Craig  
Nursery Helper: Christi Deignan  
Fellowship Host: Mariners

**THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS**