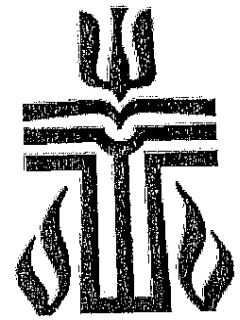




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Minor Ministerial Musings

“Dem bones, dem bones, dem dry bones – now hear the word of the Lord.” You’ve heard these words, I expect, and the rest of the song that goes with it. The song is based on Ezekiel 37:1-14, a passage that is in our lectionary for the fifth Sunday of Lent. I’m sure you are familiar with the passage as well. The prophet Ezekiel is transported in a vision to a valley of dry bones. The Lord asks Ezekiel if the bones can live, and then Ezekiel is commanded to prophesy to the bones that they will live again. They will come together, be knit back together complete with muscles and sinews and skin, and breath will come once again into them, and they will live.

It is a powerful passage of Scripture, making use of powerful imagery. Precisely because we know that something like this *cannot* happen outside of a miracle made possible by the Lord, it is an image that stirs the imagination. This passage of Scripture has been used frequently as an analogy for the church, and has often been brought to bear on discussions of church growth. A parallel is drawn between the dry bones in the valley and a church that is declining in membership, or may be in need of some rejuvenation of their ministries and programs. The question, “Can these bones live?” is then applied to a church and its members, whose ministries and programs may seem a little worn out.

Certainly it is helpful to use vivid imagery and illustrations when talking about how *any* church can continue to strengthen its ministries and reach out in love and service to a world in need in the name of Christ in furtherance of God’s kingdom. However helpful this imagery may be, however, it is important to remember that this particular passage from Ezekiel is not speaking about the life of the Christian community as we know it in the church. It is speaking to a very particular community, one in need of much more than simply updating and renewal.

Ezekiel began prophesying before the fall of Jerusalem, and continued to prophesy and bring God’s word during the Babylonian exile. He was speaking to a people who had experienced the judgment of God, and who felt they were experiencing the complete absence of God. After all, their temple, which housed the Holy of Holies, was gone. How could God then be present? Many had died in the siege of Jerusalem, and so many had been taken into exile, never to see their home again. The valley of dry bones is a visionary picture of very real death and destruction and decay. The people to whom Ezekiel spoke the word of the Lord were not seeking a renewal of energy – they were wondering if *new life* was possible. The promise of *new life* is what is expressed in this passage. The hope that comes only from the Lord, not only for a return from exile for the people of Israel of Ezekiel’s day, but hope for the general resurrection at the end of days. It is a renewal of the assurance that God is indeed still with God’s people.

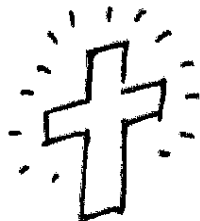
It is important to understand this context, for two reasons. First, understanding this scripture in its original context helps us to understand the people for whom this passage was written. It was written to the people of God, who nevertheless found themselves in exile because they had not listened to God’s pleas to turn their lives around and return to God. As we understand the need of salvation for the people of Israel, we can understand how we are in need of that salvation as well, always being exhorted by God to follow Him with our whole lives. Understanding the hope given to God’s people in exile also reminds us that the hope given to them is given to us as well. This passage is a reassurance of God’s presence with us, and with the amazing promise of hope for the future, for our own new life, possible only through God in Christ. Praise be to God!

In Joyful Anticipation,

Pastor Lara

HHPC PRAYER REQUESTS

Nicole's Aunt Veronica White
Marisa & Jack Rozdilsky for strength
Dan Larsen for health concerns
Dianne Flynn for healing
The Beal family & Susan Frangella
on the passing of her aunt
Donna's friend Gail Hensen for healing
The family of Donna's neighbor, Scott Soderlund,
on Scott's passing
Frank Esparza for health concerns
Jean Somerstorfer for healing
Betty Meyer for a successful surgery
Virginia Zabelka for health concerns
Ruth Hill for health concerns
Harry Zimmerman for health concerns & strength
Wally Golema for continuous healing
Dennis & Mary Tarter for strength & direction
& health concerns
Lucy's sister, Delores, for healing & strength,
& her Brother in Law, Bob
Ivy Taebel's son, Larry, for health concerns &
strength
Shannon Bastien for health concerns &
for her Aunt Anita's passing
John Bredlau for continuous healing
Carol Sack's sister, Ruth, & mother, Ruth, for
healing and strength
Kyle Krueger, in Marine Corps, in Japan
Dorothy Allen for strength
Our service men and women and their families
Our Policemen, Firemen, & their families
DelPrete Family for strength, faith, & hope during
Jen's battle



Prayer Groups meet on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.,
and Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.
We encourage you to attend this
Vital Ministry of our church.

PRAYER is the ENGINE of the CHURCH

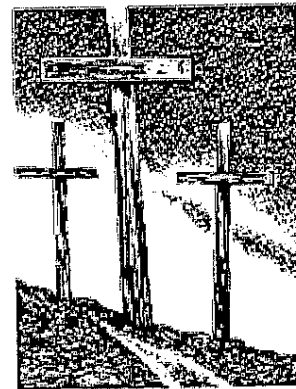
TWILIGHT PRAYER

Life is never smooth sailing. Occasionally our boat is tossed to and fro, among the waves of our daily lives. We take time to reset our destination. Steady the helm, and chart a new course upon calmer waters.

You may be the captain of your boat but not the master of your life. Come and join us as weekly we set chart for new waters and great adventures to unknown destinations and foreign lands.

He has many adventures for you to experience. Ship Ahoy!

Regards,
C. Lou Pearson



PRAYER & CARE

“Out of the depths I cry to thee, O LORD! Lord, hear my voice! Let thy ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications! If thou, O LORD, shouldst mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared.”

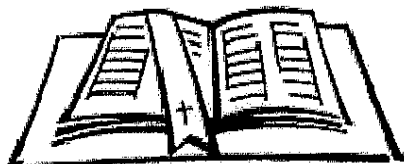
Psalm 130: 1-4 (RSV)

As we continue to reflect on our relationship with God during Lent, let us remember the prayer room is open. Can you sacrifice some of your time to this ministry?

As Winston Churchill said, “We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give.”



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY



"Thy name, O LORD, endures forever, thy renown,
O LORD, throughout all ages. For the LORD will
vindicate his people, and have compassion on his
servants." Psalm 135:13-14 (RSV)

During the season of Lent, Pastor Lara will
lead our class. We are excited to learn about
Handel's Messiah by citing passages from the Old
and New Testaments. Come and join us.

PADS UPDATE

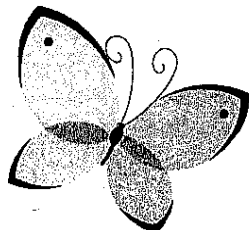


Our March obligation for PADS was hosted this
month by the Junior High Group. They welcomed
the largest group of guests that we have had this
season. Seventy five men and women and two
children. We envisioned a shortage of food, but all
worked out well. A young man who arrived late was
offered oatmeal, 2 eggs, and 2 pieces of cake. He
was happy with his meager meal.

Thank you again Junior Highs for your preparing
and serving our guests a wonderful meal. Lets think
about later in the year when again you can play host
to our PADS family.

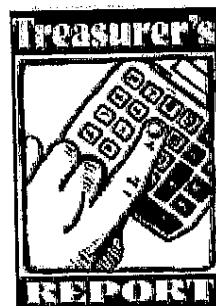
Regards,

C. Lou Pearson



TREASURER'S REPORT

Feb. 2011 General Fund



General Fund Income:	\$12,823.00
General Fund Disbursements:	\$15,116.00

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING



Dear Members,

As we look at the state the world faced 65 years ago, the state that first called our churches to join together in One Great Hour of Sharing, and at what we face today as we approach this offering's 65th anniversary, we see many troubling parallels. Now as then, far too many of our brothers and sisters are trying to recover from the devastation of war, a devastation multiplied many times beyond what some of our own families have suffered. This year as then, many economies are shattered, bringing those in poverty and hunger to the point where their very survival is at stake. Unlike 65 years ago, these needs reach deeply into our own towns and cities. We can no longer stand above the pain of the world, imagining that those stuck in the suffering below are somehow different from us. We know all too

well that in a smaller and smaller world, the suffering of one family quickly spreads to all.

This year, recognizing that the pain we experience from the global economic crisis will be magnified beyond our imagining for many of the world's poorest people, the Presbyterian General Assembly's moderator has asked us to consider increasing our giving to the One Great Hour of Sharing. Please take the time over the next weeks to reflect prayerfully whether you can increase the amount you gave last year, and on the difference between the impact that increasing your gift will have on your own lives and the impact it will have on the lives of our brothers and sisters around the world.

Palm Sunday is the day that we will receive your gifts here at Hickory Hills Presbyterian Church. We hope that you will join us on that day and also join Christians all across the country in opening their hearts to witness tangibly to the abundant love of God through the One Great Hour of Sharing.

Yours in Christ,
The Stewardship-Finance Committee

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Yeah!! Spring is Here!!

- It is time for the **Annual Flower Sale**. We will be taking orders March 27- April 17. The flowers will be ready for pick up on **Sunday, May 1 from 9am- 1pm.**
- The **Annual Yard Sale** will be **Thursday, May 26 thru Saturday, May 28.**

Yes, this is correct. We are adding a 3rd day to sell our treasures.

So start cleaning your attic, closets, and basement and bring your items to the church beginning Sat. May 21st!

SR. HIGH YOUTH GROUP



The Senior High Youth Group continues to meet on Sunday evenings. We have been averaging about a dozen youth each week. The size of our group brings in a wide variety of thoughts and opinions for our discussions. We are blessed with a group of youth that are excited to learn about their faith. It is wonderful to share their path, while we walk our own.

By the time you read this newsletter, the youth will already have presented a different perspective on worship. REV Jeopardy was held on March 13. It was a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the Bible and people in the Bible. Your host, Brittany Trebek led our three contestants; Mary, Mary and Mary, through all of the clues. We even challenged the Bible knowledge of the studio audience... I mean the congregation.

Our group is headed to Saugatuck the weekend of March 25 – 27. Our retreat workshop will study "The Power of a Whisper: Hearing God. Having the Guts to Respond." We are all looking forward to that beautiful place in Michigan where God truly whispers.

The first Sunday in April, the Senior High Youth will be making and serving a meal for the PADS program in Oak Lawn. It is a great experience. While the visitors may get the warm meal, we get the warm feeling that comes with serving God by serving others.

We don't have long before the school year will be out and we will take our summer break. Thank all of you for your support and prayers through out the year.

Senior High Youth Group Leaders,

Rick Vogl
Jeni Vogl
Mitch Huenecke



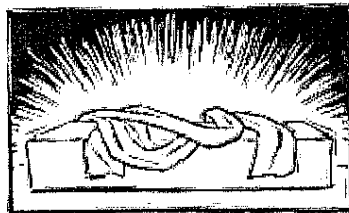
**Join us for the Maundy Thursday
Catered Dinner & Worship**

Thursday, April 21, 2011

Catered Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Worship at 7:30 p.m.

See sign up sheet for more information.
Please join us!



EASTER

**PLEASE JOIN US ON
EASTER!!**

8:30 a.m. Worship

9:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast

**10:30 a.m. Worship &
Children's Education**

5:00 p.m. REV Worship



**Flower Sale Pick Up
Sunday, May 1, 2011
9am- 1pm**

**Spring Family Night
Friday, May 6, 2011
6:30 p.m.**

**Cookie Monster Sale
Mother's Day- May 8
Following 10:30 Worship**

**Recognition Sunday
May 22, 2011
During 10:30 Worship**

**Yard Sale
May 26-28, 2011**

**Vacation Bible School
Monday- Friday
June 13-17, 2011
6:30-8:30 p.m.**

Mark your calendars!



Sacred Words, Secular Song

by G. R. Snow

There are on many different occasions, in many different contexts, differences of opinion about what is appropriate for a service of worship, what is appropriate in a school setting, what is appropriate in a wedding or funeral/memorial service, and so on. While a certain leeway is granted in some funeral/wedding situations, and certain songs which are judged not to be appropriate because of word content may still be approved for use as an instrumental piece, there are many situations in which someone integral in the planning of an event chooses something that is not appropriate--mildly or dramatically.

It is perfectly possible for secular music to have Biblical references; this doesn't automatically make it appropriate for use in a worship context. The Leonard Cohen "Hallelujah" was recently used as an instrumental solo at the funeral of a long-time member of the church, and the question was raised in another context: would this piece be appropriate as a vocal solo at one of the Lenten services? Considering the words and their context, my feeling on this is "no". True, there are Biblical allusions (including to a singer, obviously David, singing before the Lord, a reference to David's attraction to Bathsheba, and a reference to a woman cutting someone's hair--obviously Samson and Delilah), but the context of the song is not truly sacred or worshipful. As an instrumental piece it is certainly usable, but as a solo selection it would require substantial rewriting.

"Les Miserables" is filled with Biblical allusions, though few would suggest using "Bring Him home" or "Do You Hear The People Sing?" in a worship service. References to "They shall live again in freedom in the garden of the Lord; they shall walk behind the plowshare, they shall put away the sword; the chains shall be broken and all men shall have their reward!" sound somewhat appropriate for a worship service centered around freedom, and in special circumstances a piece like this, which really is not counter to Christian principles, could be used at a pastor's or minister of music's discretion. Yet it is not truly a sacred piece. The same applies to "Stars" from the same musical: "And if you fall as Lucifer fell, you fall in flames; and thus it has been,

and thus it is written on the doorways to Paradise, that those who falter and those who fall must pay the price." The poetry of this song is so grand and so evocative it is almost a pity it isn't a sacred piece. "On My Own", a gentle love song, also has its Scriptural allusion: "Forgive me all my trespasses, and take me to Your glory...take my hand, and lead me to salvation; take my love, for love is everlasting; and remember the truth that once was spoken, to love another person is to see the face of God..." Beautiful sentiments, certainly running parallel to some perceptions of God or of Christian principles; yet, in truth, these are secular writings.

Does that mean that all musical theatre music is inappropriate for use in worship? Decidedly not. "I'll Walk With God," from THE STUDENT PRINCE, is eminently appropriate for use in a worship service (though most singers modify the words sung by the young king-to-be from "His grace shall guide my staff and rod" to "His grace reveals the path I've trod"). I would make similar cases for some of the selections from PRINCE OF EGYPT, JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT, JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR (being careful which selections and in what context they are presented) and GODSPELL. These musicals have their roots in Biblical history and many of the songs embody specific aspects of Hebrew or Christian history and doctrine. At the same time, while I would use "Pilate's Dream" in a sacred service--in my opinion it is one of the best depictions of that tortured man's spiritual struggle ever written--I would not include "Herod's Song" in most worship services.

Finally, when considering appropriateness of music for worship, questions to be answered include:

Does the music give glory to God?

Does the music reflect some aspect of the Christian experience?

Does the music present aspects of Christian history and Christian doctrine in a properly reverent and/or worshipful manner? (For example, the manner in which "Turn Back, O Man" from GODSPELL is often done would not be appropriate for a sacred service, yet it could be presented more reverently.)

Does the music, or its message, fit and enhance the worship experience under consideration?

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Committees	Chair	Session Rep.	Meeting Schedule
Building & Grounds	Charley Huenecke	Tom Pearson	2 nd Sat. 2:00 p.m.
Christian Education	Dianne Flynn	Bev Kahn	1 st Tue. 7:30 p.m.
Endow/ Stwrdshp/ Finance	Susan Frangella	Susan Frangella	As needed
Fundraising	Susan Frangella	Susan Frangella	As needed
Mission	Sue Orsic	Dave Delaney	4 th Tue. 7:30 p.m./ as needed
Nominating	Sue Orsic	Gordon Home	As needed
Outreach /Website	Gordon Home	Gordon Home	3 rd Mon. 7:30 p.m.
Personnel	Rick Vogl	Susan Frangella	As needed
Worship & Music	Darlene Delaney	Scott Zimmerman	2 nd Sun. 11:45 a.m.
Praise Worship	Cindy Treccani	Scott Zimmerman	3 rd Tue. 7:30 p.m. or as needed

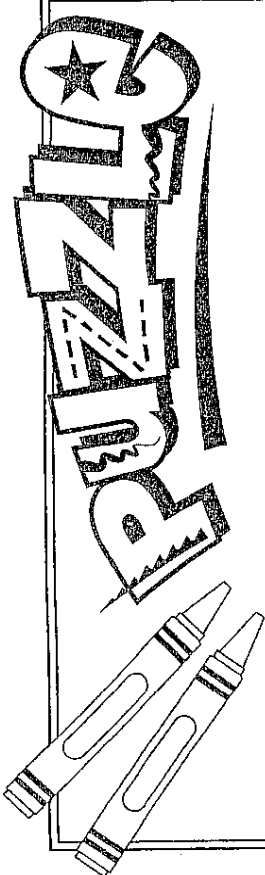
Other Regular Meetings:

Session	Rev. Lara MacGregor, Moderator	2 nd Mon. 7:30 p.m.
Deacons	Patt Pilgrim, Moderator	4 th Mon. 7:30 p.m.
Prayer Shawl Ministry	Linda Lavaretto	Sundays 11:45 a.m.
Sr. High Youth Group	Rick & Jeni Vogl, Mitch Huenecke	Sundays 6:30 p.m.
Women's Bible Study	Arlene Pearson	Mondays 1:00 p.m.
Kid's Club	Dianne Flynn	Mondays 3:30 p.m.
Youth Choir	Dianne Flynn, Cheryl Huenecke	Sundays 9:30 a.m.
Cancer Sewing	Lorraine Cunningham	1 st Tue. 9:30 a.m.
Friendship Group	Dianne Flynn	4 th Tue. 12:00 p.m.
Prayer & Care	Lou & Arlene Pearson	Tues. 6:30 p.m./ Wed. 9:30 a.m.
Senior Choir	G.R. Snow	Wednesdays 7:30 p.m.
Jr. High Youth Group	Patt Pilgrim, Katie Treccani, Bryan Ambrosat	Thursdays 6:30 p.m.
Handbells	G. R. Snow	Thursdays 8:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Holy Communion- April 3, 2011

SUNDAY	USHERS	LAY READER
Sun. Apr. 3, 2011	K. Dritz, C. Pilgrim, R. Raschke	Dave Delaney
Sun. Apr. 10, 2011	T. Brock	Rick Vogl
Sun. Apr. 17, 2011	B. Ambrosat, F. Esparza, M. Maranto	Scott Zimmerman
Sun. Apr. 24, 2011	D. Barker, D. Ciametti, T. Morrell	Terry Brock
SUNDAY	COUNTERS	
Sun. Apr. 3, 2011	Susan Frangella	
Sun. Apr. 10, 2011	Susan Frangella, Karen Hoffman	
Sun. Apr. 17, 2011	Susan Frangella, Sandy Beal	
Sun. Apr. 24, 2011	Susan Frangella, Shirley Brunell	




Communion Servers: Kim Ambrosat, Dave Delaney, Ivy Taebel, Rick Vogl



FIX YOUR EYES ON JESUS

Remembering Jesus' life, death and resurrection helps us live with gratitude every day.

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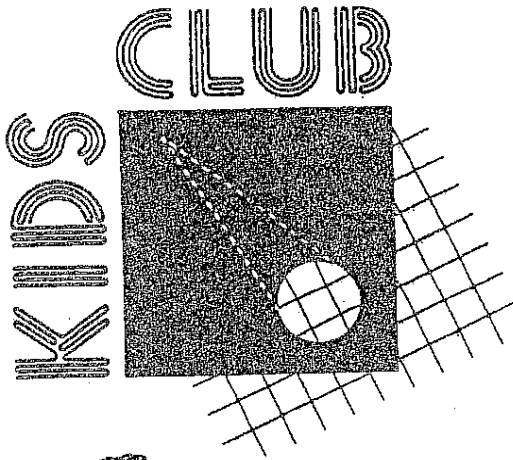
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Answer: "... fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorned its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart." Hebrews 12:2-3, NIV



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Dianne Flynn, *Director*

We look forward to the many opportunities we will share during the month of April here in Kids Club. Remember friends are always welcome, invite one and share your afternoon together. This month our lesson time will center around:

New Discoveries - Jesus's resurrection means new life.

Faith to Sail - New life in Christ means we can turn from doubt to belief in Jesus Christ.

Shipwrecked! But Safe - New life in Christ means freedom for believers.

Full Speed Ahead! - New life in Christ means new strength.

Lent 2011 has been an amazing experience for all of the participants. If you have not attended, there is still time. The program runs through April 13. I say thank you to the workshop leaders who have given so much of themselves to help bring this program alive for the kids: Debbie Z., Jeanette G., Jean S., Beth K., Linda L., Linda R., Patt P., Donna B., Melanie S., and Natasha S.

The celebration of St Patrick's Day is always fun at Kids Club. It has become a tradition to make shamrock shakes on this day. As always the kids and adults enjoyed this experience.

Congratulations to Philip M. for winning the perfect attendance award for February. Because of this honor he was given the opportunity to participate in the Snicker Balance Challenge. Good work Philip for balancing 8 of those candy bars. Who will be the winner for March?

Mark your calendars now for our Spring Family Night which will be held on Friday, May 6th at 6:30 PM. The evening offers a catered meal followed by Christian entertainment. This will be special treat for all ages. Everyone is welcome. Ticket sales for this evening will begin April 10th.

VBS 2011 is on its way and will be at H.H.P.C. June 13th - 17th, 6:30 - 8:30 PM. Our theme this year is "*The Big Apple Adventure - Where Faith and Life Connect.*" Tricia and Co. will again be the featured presenters for this week long summer time adventure. Mark your calendars with this date and watch for further information.

Peace and Joy,
Dianne

KIDS ARE NUMBER 1 AT THE KIDS CLUB

Christian Education Meeting



Are you ready for the **Lenten Season**? There will be soup luncheons served before the worship service during the noon hours of the next six Wednesdays. This begins on March 9th. If you prefer an evening worship service there is a soup dinner served at 6:15 PM on Wednesdays which will be followed by a worship service at 7:00 PM. A Children's program will be held at 7:00 PM for ages 4 years old to High School. Each week the children will be assigned a shop in the Marketplace where they will be discussing the skill from the shop and making something to help them remember the day. The children will have journals to fill in at each shop. They will be experiencing a day in the life of Jerusalem when Jesus could have walked among them. This is a very educational program but the children seem to really enjoy the activities they experience. We hope that all the children will feel they can bring in their friends for this exciting six week program. Don't miss a single week as we visit the Jerusalem Marketplace with the shops of: JC Woodshop, Bakery and Confectionery, Christian Creations, Colored Creations, the Mason and the Storyteller. The Lenten program will meet on Wednesday evenings March 9 thru April 13.

March 6 was the **informational meeting** on procedures to register for camp this summer. Children have many opportunities to attend camp at Saugatuck. Anyone who did not attend this meeting can contact Dianne Flynn or Sue Orsic for more detailed directions on registration, applications for camp scholarships, and transportation. Children from grades 1-4 may attend the Mini Camp held June 19-22 or July 6-9. Children from grades 3-5 may attend Camp Grey on dates of July 31-August 6. Children from grades 6-8 may attend Camp Kema on dates July 31-

August 6. Registration for these dates fills up quickly so completing the registration and getting it mailed into camp early is always a better chance of getting accepted .

The Annual fund raiser for the **One Great Hour of Sharing** begins on March 6th. Donna Bredlau visited all the students in their classrooms on Sunday to explain the calendar and the fish banks. We hope to have each fish bank filled and returned to church on Palm Sunday, April 17th. Everyone in the committee loves to see Donna trying to carry in her enormous net filled with all the fish banks. Let's try to fill the net this year and see if she needs help getting it down the aisle on Palm Sunday.

Welcome to our Spring teachers. We are so happy you have agreed to teach the children this quarter. Thank you to Megan Zommerman, Cheryl Howe, and Gordon Home. We hope your time and talents teaching the children of our church will be appreciated by old and young alike. Thank you for all your efforts teaching our children.

The committee took some time to **review the list of responsibilities** we created a few years ago. Some words were changed and some statements were detailed for everyone to have a clearer idea of the responsibilities. Pastor Lara MacGregor was eager to have the list clarified and grateful to have a revised copy to refer to when the need arises.

The Jr. High Youth Group participated in the Feed My Starving Children in March. They served chili to PADS on March 6th. While the **Sr. High Youth Group** participated in the REV service on March 10th as well as planned a retreat at Saugatuck at the end of March. The Sr. High Youth Group have acquired a couch for the Youth room and are also planning a day to serve at PADS on April 3.

The class "**Developing a Christian Worldview**" presented by Dr. Kirk MacGregor has had interesting discussions this month. Those attending either the 9 AM or the 11:45 AM class will find others interested in sharing opinions and hearing how the books from the Bible provide background history as well as evidence for this discussion. Be prepared to do some thinking and enjoy this newest class addition.

The **Women's Bible Study** will have a guest leader during this time of Lent. Pastor Lara MacGregor has graciously agreed to be the leader during the six weeks of Lent. Come see what new and interesting topics she will speak on and have you discuss. Mondays at 1:00 PM. Come join the Women's Bible Study.

The **Young Adult Group** is meeting on Friday night with Dr. Kirk MacGregor. There have been several discussions after viewing videos and even after reading passages in Luke. There have been debates on Morality and even on the question, "Does God Exist?" This group has been designed for the Young Adults ages 19-29. Come and see what information you can glean from the discussions to add peace and justify your own faith. Contact Dianne Flynn or the Church office for more details.

VBS this year will be the week of June 13-17. Our theme this year is NYC, the big apple. Be sure to save these dates for VBS. We again welcome Tricia and Co. as our leaders for Bible study and worship. All the adult leaders are excited to present new crafts and games for the children this year. We hope everyone can come to our amazing week of VBS in New York. Be sure you invite friends to attend this week with you. It's always more fun with friends.

We Celebrate

April Birthdays

- 1 Norma Grabgyskajtz
- 12 Celina Panko
- 16 Jayden Kenealy
- 21 Jessica Leake
Laura Larson
- 23 Veronica Swindle
- 25 Petar Ilic
- 26 Courtney Baccelato
- 28 Draven DelPrete

Perfect Attendance

In February

3rd/4th Grade

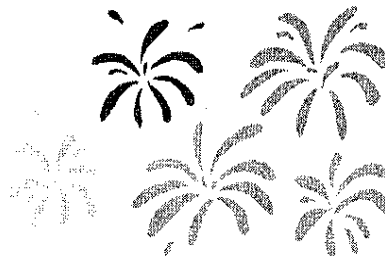
Jacob Morrell

Junior High

Kyle Zimmerman

Senior High

Leslie Ambrosat
Jarrett Ambrosat
Kyle Ambrosat
Gabriella Ciametti
Brittany Maranto
Sarah Swearingen
Andrew Witek
Matt Witek



Stories and More

Well we continue to be amazed by these 5 year olds we have in class. Noah and Mia and Max are a joy to work with and we are so happy to have Bella join us.

We continue to read a story every week but now we have the privilege of hearing them read a story to us. Last week Noah read the book This is Not my Dog and Mia read the story Pat, Cat and Rat.

A few of the books we read in class are:

I Know a Place by Karen Ackerman

Aunt Pitty, Patty's Piggy by Jim
Aylesworth

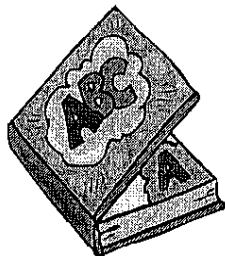
Keeping Up With Cheetah by Lindsay
Camp

We continue to work on words and worked with the words, At, Am, An and AP. We read books using those words and then completed handouts to reinforce what we read.

We made cookies for St. Patrick's day after we read Good Luck! A St. Patrick's Day Story and had a parade wearing the hats we decorated after reading a story about hats.

We welcome all 4, 5, and 6 year olds to join us on Tuesday afternoons from 1:00PM to 2:00 PM.

Dianne Flynn, Susan Frangella, Linda Lavaretto, Shirley Brunnell and Patt Pilgrim



Junior High Youth Group

We are so proud of all of you. You are such a very special group of junior highs!!! This is what this special group did for our last mission.

On Thursday March 3rd **Ashley, Petar, Natalie** and **Leanne** chopped onions until they were all crying from the strong odor. They then cooked up lots of hamburger and mixed all the chili ingredients to make 2 huge pots of chili for Sunday March 6th.

On Sunday **Leanne, Petar, Ronni, Stacey, Riley, Ashley, Rev. Lara** and **Leanne's mom** went to PADS and helped serve dinner to 70 people who came for a warm meal. **Lou Pearson** made a wonderful soup and **Connie** made salad. **Diane Ciamenti** made 3 delicious cakes and **Patt** made cookies. After Rev Lara and Beth Kommenich served soup Ashley, Ronni, Stacey and Riley served chili. Leanne and Petar cut up the cakes and served the dessert. They all did a great job helping to serve this wonderful meal and again we are so very proud of each of them!!!

We are so proud of the wonderful mission work they have all done this year including Feed My Starving Children and helping with the Mission Council 8 mother's day bags for seniors in Guatemala.

We meet on Thursdays at the church from 6:30 to 8:00 PM and play in the gym, study and have snack but also we are about mission and all the above young people and **Katie, Maddi** and **CJ** are putting their faith into action so again we are so very proud of each and every one of them.

God bless them and thank you parents for the privilege of this wonderful time we have with your children.

Bryan Ambrosat, Katie Trecanni, Patt Pilgrim

Presbyterian Camps in Saugatuck



Mark Your Calendar!

**Mini Camp (completed grades 1 - 4)
June 19 - 22 or July 6 - 9**

**Mission Council 8 Camp Gray (completed grades 3 - 5)
July 31 - August 6**

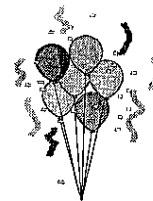
**Mission Council 8 Camp Kema (completed grades 6 - 8)
July 31 - August 6**

This year's camp curriculum - "Finding God in the Everyday!"

Mark Your Calendars



SPRING FAMILY NIGHT



Friday, May 6
6:30 p.m.

Mark your calendars now and begin planning for our Spring Family Night, the last family night for this year. Friday, May 6th at 6:30 p.m., we will host a fun filled evening complete with a catered dinner followed by Christian entertainment.

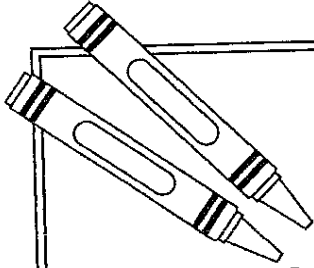
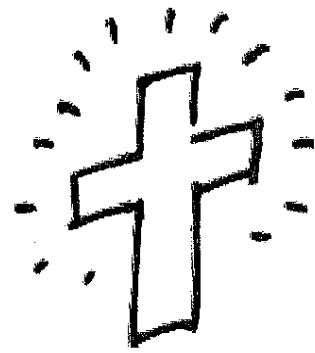
The evening is open to everyone. The tickets can be purchased after church on Sundays, or during KIDS Club hours on Monday. Cost for the evening;

Adults - \$6.00
Students (12 and under) - \$3.00
Children (4 and under) - free
**Maximum of \$20.00 per
immediate family**

Questions? - Call the church office and ask for Dianne

APRIL 2011

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
<p>3 9:00 a.m. Worship & Adult Ed. 9:00 a.m. Developing a Chr. W. V. 9:30 a.m. Youth Choir 10:30 a.m. Worship & Child. Ed. 11:45 a.m. Prayer Shawl Min. 11:45 a.m. Dev. a Chr. W. V. 3:00 p.m. Praise Team 5:00 p.m. REV 6:30 p.m. Sr. High Youth Group</p>	<p>4 1:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study 3:30 p.m. Kid's Club</p>	<p>5 9:30 a.m. Cancer Sewing 1:00 p.m. Stories & More 6:30 p.m. Prayer & Care 7:30 p.m. C.E.</p>	<p>6 9:30 a.m. Prayer & Care <u>Lenten Series</u> 12:00 p.m. Lunch/Worship 4:00 p.m. Food Pantry 6:15 p.m. Soup Supper 7:00 p.m. Worship/ Jerusalem Marketplace 8:00 p.m. Choir</p>	<p>7 5:00 p.m. TOPS 6:30 p.m. Jr. High Youth Group 8:00 p.m. Handbells</p>	<p>8 7:00 p.m. Young Adult Group</p>	<p>9 2:00 p.m. Building & Grounds</p>
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Just for KIDS

SYMBOL OF SACRIFICE

At this time of the year, we see many crosses draped in purple, black or white cloth. They remind us of the loving sacrifice Jesus made for us — and that he rose again.

Use the code in the big cross to complete 1 Corinthians 15:3-4, NIV.

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A colorful CROSS



Create a beautiful decoration for your window this Easter. It will remind you that Jesus rose from the dead to save you from your sins.

What you need:

- 8 1/2" x 11" sheet of paper
- Pencil
- Clear transparency sheet (or clear report cover)
- Permanent marker
- Scissors
- Colored tissue paper
- Paintbrush
- Glue
- Scotch tape

What you do:

1. Draw a large cross that takes up most of the paper.
2. Put the transparency over the paper and trace the cross onto it with a permanent marker.
3. Cut the colored tissue paper into 1" x 1" squares.
4. Using a paintbrush, spread glue onto the tissue paper squares and then place them on the cross. (Add a few drops of water to the white glue to make it more spreadable.)
5. After the glue is dry, cut out the cross. Then tape it in a window and enjoy the beautiful colors.

Answer: Christ died for our sins ... he was buried ... he was raised on the third day.



April Birthdays

April 4 – Lottie Gambla
5 – Cecily Schilling
7 – Sharon Molton
8 – Grace Muszynski
10 – Josh Treccani
11 – Christopher Kupka
12 – Kyle Krueger
14 – Kelly Bredlau
15 – Kim Brock
17 – Eva Mason
18 – Linda Haag
20 – David Krueger
24 – Michael Dragas
25 – Stacy Flynn
30 – Marie Robison

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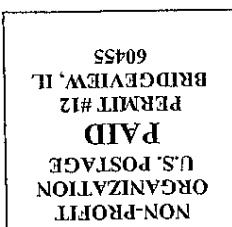
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