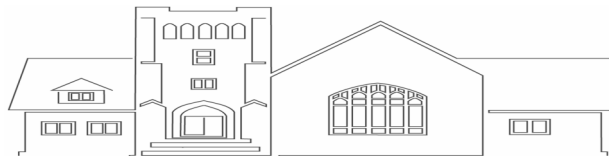


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THE MESSENGER



FEBRUARY 2017

Meghan's Musings

Go Fish!

This month I'll re-cap some thoughts from a recent sermon, for those who were not there as well as to review for those who were. I've been thinking a lot lately about community—specifically, our church family. On January 22, I had the great privilege to baptize the youngest member of our church family. It's an opportunity our congregation has all too rarely. I know I'm not the only one concerned that our church holds more funerals than baptisms or new member classes. That same Sunday our Gospel reading was Matthew's version of Jesus' call to the first disciples when he calls the fishermen to drop their nets and follow him. And, of course, Jesus extends that call to us as well.

In her book *Tribal Church: Ministering to the Missing Generation*, Presbyterian pastor Rev. Carol Howard Merritt refers to this community as a "tribe." She writes, the term "strikes a chord with me...although I'm married and have a child. Away from my family of origin, I long for community. As a pastor, I see that the best work of our church springs up when these groups begin to form: small, cohesive parties who can depend on each other for interesting friendships, pet sitting, and meaningful holidays."

Remember the sitcom *Friends*? It was enormously popular and still is in syndication. Have you ever wondered why people were/are so drawn to this TV show? In college my friend Alex managed to arrange her schedule to leave Thursday nights open to watch the show. I remember her saying that after college, she hoped to have a similar set-up: a small, close-knit group of friends, living together, hanging out together. What she yearned for...was community. What she wanted...was a tribe. And she's not alone. People *want* community. People *need* community.

And that's what a church is. That's what our church has... in spades! Community is one of our nets with which to fish for people. And not only community, but intergenerational community. Where other than church can you develop relationships with people from all generations, from our newly baptized baby Garrett to our 102 year-old Wendell Wendt? Where other than church can you learn from people of all generations? Where other than church can you *share your life* with people from all generations?

But **our community needs you**. If you're someone who has drifted away in recent months or years: we need you. If you're someone who attends worship every now and then: we need you. If you're someone who attends almost every Sunday: thank you! We need you! **You are all needed. Our church family is incomplete without you!**

Jesus calls us *all* to be fishers for people. Christian community is our net, our tool of the trade. Christian community is a vital aspect of the Reign of God which Jesus offers. We've got a great start on Christian community at this church. But how do we increase and extend our sense of community? How do we let others know about it? Go fish!



IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

✠ To the family of Eloise Krajnovich. Eloise, 97, died on Monday, January 9, 2017 at Newton Village Care Center. She was born and grew up in Clinton, Iowa. In 1938, Eloise (Davis) was united in marriage to Eli Krajnovich.

She was employed by the Vernon Company in Newton for 25 years, retiring in April 1985 as a proofreader. Eloise was a loving wife, mother and grandmother, she will be greatly missed by those who knew and loved her. She enjoyed reading, crossword puzzles, dancing with Eli, books and baking for her family, and was a longtime member of First Presbyterian.

Eloise is survived by her son Ronald E. (Sandy) Krajnovich; daughter Carol Lucas; four grandchildren: Nicole (Lucas) Mercer, Natalie (Lucas) Goodin, Kristopher Krajnovich and Timothy Krajnovich; great-grandchildren: Lucas Mercer and Lauren Mercer; and many friends. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Eli; and a son-in-law Jerry Lucas.

A time of remembrance and celebration of life will be held at a later date at the Newton Village, with Chaplain Bob Spiler conducting the services. Burial will be in the Newton Union Cemetery.

✠ To the family of Rolland "Ron" Funk. Ron, 86, passed away on January 11, 2017 at Accura Healthcare West, in Newton after a long illness. A funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, January 21, at the Wallace Family Funeral Home and Crematory with Rev. Meghan Davis presiding. He was laid to rest next to Roberta at the Newton Union Cemetery.

Ron was born and raised in Derby, Iowa. He joined the U.S. Navy after high school and finished third in basic training in San Diego, California. While in the Navy, Ron served as a yeoman on a hospital ship in the Pacific Ocean. He left active duty and returned to Iowa, where he remained in the Navy Reserves for six years.

Ron married Roberta Rouse in 1953 and they were married for 60 years before Roberta passed away in 2013. Ron started out as a truck driver for the Maytag Company, and when he retired after 39 years at Maytag, he had risen to the position of inventory controller in the Purchasing Department. While at Maytag, he earned his B.S. Degree in Business Administration from Drake University. He was a member of First Presbyterian.

Ron is survived by his daughters, Karla (Frederic) Cook of Red Hook, New York and Karin (Paul) Christianson of Cambridge, Iowa; four grandchildren, Aleah Christianson, Alex (John) Rasmussen, Sydney Christianson, and Bill Cook; three great-grandchildren; a brother, Charles (Cindy) Funk of Ankeny, Iowa; three sisters-in-law, Violet Rouse, Elaine Rouse, and Wanda (Danny) Cleaver; and many nieces and nephews. Ron was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Roberta; infant daughter, Lise Ellen Funk; and a brother, Marvin Funk.

✠ To Nancy and the rest of Bill Shields' family. Bill passed from this life on Tuesday morning, January 17, 2017, at his home in Newton. William "Bill" Shields, 87, was born January 18, 1929, in Newton. The son of Earl Lea and Nadine Martha (Plummer) Shields, he was a graduate of the Newton Senior High School and later from the University of Iowa with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business. Bill had served his country with the US Army, during the Korean Conflict.

On September 26, 1953, Bill was united in marriage with Nancy Ann Bogue in Evanston, Illinois. To this union their daughter and son, Ann R. and John Shields, were born. Bill devoted his life to his family and friends. He enjoyed being an auctioneer, with his livestock and home estates auction business. He will be greatly missed by those who knew and loved him. He was a member of the local Rotary Club and First Presbyterian, its Men's Club and had served as an elder.

Bill is survived by his wife Nancy Ann Shields; his daughter Ann R. Stevensen of Roseville, CA; sister-in-law Mary Lou Shields; his nieces; cousins; and his many, many friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; his son John Shields; brother Carlton Shields; and a sister Barbara Cumming.

A time of remembrance and celebration of life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be left with Bill's family in his name.

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Sunday, January 22, Garrett Dale Zehr, son of Erick and Tara was baptized by Rev. Meghan Davis. Joining in the celebration were big brother, Emmett, grandparents, Kevin & Toni Peska and Rick & Pam Zehr. Also present were Aunt Rachel Peska and Bryce Skaggs, Aunt Taylor Peska and Michael McGonegle. Aunt Rachelle Zehr, Uncle Jordan Zehr and Peska family friend, Diane Plumb.

Welcome to the family of God, Garrett Dale. Your church family is excited to have you as our newest member.



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† To Bev Rossow and family on the death of her Father, Peter Jochems. Peter R. Jochems, 85, of Pella, IA passed away Sunday at the Hospice of Pella Comfort House. Pete, a retired farmer, is survived by his wife, Betty J. (Roose) Jochems, their son, Gary (Carol) Jochems of Sully, IA; their daughter, Beverly (Larry) Rossow of Newton, IA; their daughter-in-law, Barbara (James) Jochems of Pella, IA; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; brother, Harry Jochems and sister, Betty Westbrook of Newton, IA. Funeral services were held Thursday, January 26, 2017 at the Peoria Christian Reformed Church, Peoria, IA. Interment followed in the Peoria Cemetery with military rites.



*For Doug Cutts who is recuperating at home following knee replacement surgery.

*For Larry Rossow, who fell on the ice January 16, breaking his wrist. He had surgery on it January 18.

*For Wendell Wendt and his daughters, as he is currently in Skiff Hospital.

*For our church leaders as they begin the work for another year.

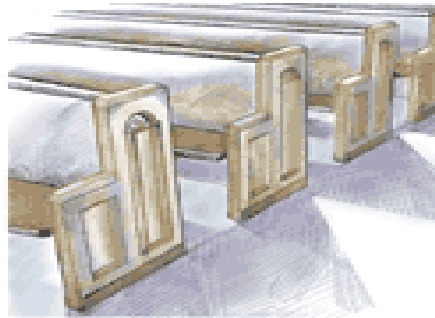
*For people in the southern part of the United States who have lost their property or loved ones when tornadoes hit.

*For our military personnel in many corners of the world who are making sacrifices for our freedom.

*For our President and government officials, as they begin their work.

*For people around the world who live in poverty, in areas of war, or in areas where they have no medications.

Please help out Barbara, our secretary. When writing a check, please write on the memo line what it is for, such as "pledge". If the check is for more than one thing, please list what the items are and how much you are given to each. Again, this should be indicated on the memo line of your check. Another help for Barbara would be putting both first and last names when sending her an email about another church member. Barbara is doing a good job of learning the names of our members and also those who head up various committees or are responsible for a volunteer group, but doesn't have them all down pat yet. Thank you!



View from the Pews

There is no "View from the Pews" this month, but it will return in the March Messenger.

Congratulations to Tom Weeks

Friday night, January 20, was the annual "Coaches vs Cancer" basketball games at Newton High School. During half time of the boys game, three NHS community members were recognized for being cancer survivors. One of those honored was Tom Weeks, who was recognized for having survived four bouts of cancer. Tom is a paraprofessional at the High School and is an assistant coach for the boys team. Newton High had several fundraising activities throughout the week and during Friday night's games. Proceeds are going to the American Cancer Society. The three survivors and their spouses were surrounded on the basketball court by members of the NHS boys' and girls' basketball teams holding a paper chain with links made in honor of anyone who has survived, is currently battling cancer or has been taken by this disease.



Picture furnished by Newton High School. Susan and Tom Weeks are on the far left of the picture.

OUR CHURCH AT WORK

The following officers are now serving our church. This is a listing you can save so you will know who the current Ruling Elders and Deacons are. The listing also lets you know when each group meets and who the Moderators are along with the Clerk of Session and Secretary of the Deacons.

On January 14 our officers held their yearly retreat. At this time, the Elders determined their committee assignments and these are listed after their name.. The committee chair's name is in bold. A new committee, Church Growth Committee, was formed and will be headed up by Bret Doerring. See more information about this below. On January 15, the newly elected Elders and Deacons were ordained and installed during our church service.

SESSION

Meets third Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.
Rev. Meghan Davis, Moderator
Toni Peska, Clerk of Session

2017

Val McKee (Membership)
Tom Mott (Personnel)
Karen Quinn (Christian Nurture)
Bev Rossow (Budget & Finance)

2018

Linda Kirchhoff (Worship & Music)
Marilyn McCallister (Mission)
George Wilkening (B & G)
Tara Zehr (Church Life)

2019

Larry Anderson (Worship & Music)
Bret Doerring (Growth)
Jen Norvell (Budget & Finance)
Kay Parsons (Church Life)

BOARD OF DEACONS

Meets second Sunday, 9:00 a.m.
Mickey Van Baale, Moderator
Dave Stolper, Secretary

2017

Dana Hashman
Elsie Nelson
Janet Shields
Shirley Stevens

2018

Steve & Sara Hopkins
Sandy Shaver
Dave Stolper
Mickey Van Baale

2019

Julie Fisher
Diane Moles
Nancy Mott
Kevin Peska

Please hold them in your prayers, as they begin their leadership of our church, and remember our pledge to them of upholding their unanimous decisions in the operations of our church.

Session has formed a new committee for the coming year called Church Growth. First Presbyterian has so much to offer yet we are not growing and Church Growth will attempt to reverse our attendance trend with an initial focus on three points. 1) We have a large number of members who are not attending. We will reach out to them and invite them back. It is so nice to see those faces we haven't seen for a while. 2) Proactively focus on youth. While our youth numbers are small, that gives us all a unique opportunity to connect with, support and nurture each one of them. The church outing to the NHS basketball game on Friday January 20th is just one example. 3) Gain a better understanding of what makes members want to attend and what attracts them to FPC and equally important what is missing or keeps members from attending regularly.

There is no doubt this requires a lot off effort from not only the committee but from all of us who want to see this church stay viable. Good things are worth working for and we all know First Presbyterian Church is a good thing! Our church needs your help.

Bret Doerring
Church Growth Chair

MEMBERSHIP



MOMENT

The date of Thursday, February 9 was selected for the next “PEW” (Pray, Eat, Work) event. A light supper will start the event at 5:15, followed by a brief devotion. Those who attend will work on several projects, including deep-cleaning of the furniture in the Parlor; moving the handbell tables and pads to one of the upstairs classrooms (the bells themselves will remain in the sanctuary, since they are sensitive to changes in temperature and humidity); sorting and filing of Junior Choir music (in the Power Room) and materials in the supply room. We also still need to do some cleaning of light fixtures and interior sides of windows as well; the latter may be saved for a subsequent PEW event, to allow it to be done in daylight.

Gary Parsons coordinated a week-end of basketball, fellowship, and eating on Friday night, January 20 and Saturday, January 21. Friday night approximately 35 First Presbyterian members attended the Newton Cardinal basketball games to cheer on Erick Zehr, Asst. coach of the girl’s team and boy’s team members Josh Ventling and Garrett Sturtz. Unfortunately, the girls were not able to pull out a win, but the boys were victorious over the Indianola team. This picture shows a portion of those who attended. At half-time of the boys game, Tom Weeks was honored (see page 4) and the Pacesetters dance team performed, of which Allie Norvell is a member.

Saturday, those needing a ride met at the church parking lot at noon to travel to Grinnell College to watch the women’s and men’s basketball teams take on the Ripon. Nine members were at the women’s game and witnessed a big loss. Six additional joined the group for the men’s game and saw a fast-paced game with Grinnell being victorious at 104 to 101. Following the games, the group went to Pagliai’s Pizza and were met by 3 more for fellowship and eating. The pictures below show part of the group, an action shot of the game and a triple decker: Papa Kevin holding Emmett who’s holding Garrett!



Picture courtesy of Tara Zehr



Pictures courtesy of Dave Stolper



We are working on revamping the church brochure. Progress is being made but we aren’t quite ready to reprint them.

Frisbee golf discs bearing First Presbyterian Church information have been ordered and received. The committee was enthusiastically impressed with the product, and we look forward to using them for 4th of July parade handouts!

Val McKee, Chair

Church Life

Tara Zehr, Chair

The purpose of our committee's first meeting was to discuss the events for 2017 and get them on the calendar. The dates and events were reviewed, with the goal of one event per month. In January, the annual meeting potluck and the Grinnell basketball trip were held, so no Church Life event was planned. June is typically left open for the annual ice cream social.

Date & Time	Event
February 12, 2017, 5:00 pm	Movie: Sully, with a walking taco supper and popcorn
March 12, 2017, 11:30 am	Potato Bar – this is the main fundraiser for the committee
April 16, 2017, 9:15 am	Easter Breakfast
May 21, 2017, 9:00 am	Graduation Breakfast jointly with Christian Nurture committee. Emily Miller, Jordan Norvell, Megan Ritter, Josh Ventling
July 16, 2017, 10:00 am	Worship at Woodland, jointly with Worship and Music committee
August 27, 2017, 10:00 am	Rally Day Ecumenical Worship Service
September 17, 2017, 4:00 pm from church	Hayride and Weenie Roast at the Ritter Camp
October 15, 2017, 4:00 pm	Progressive Dinner
November 19, 2017, 11:30 am	Thanksgiving Feast and Communion, jointly with Worship and Music Committee
December 17, 2017, 4:00 pm	Christmas Caroling followed by supper

Christian Nurture

Karen Quinn, Chair

Thank you to Jenny Anderson for taking this picture of the All Church Pageant on Sunday, December 25. Unfortunately, it wasn't available before the last edition of the Messenger.



We are beginning plans for Youth Sunday, tentatively set for May 7 and Graduation Sunday, which will be May 21. More details will be available as time gets closer.

Mission Committee

Marilyn McCallister, Chair

New Mission project:

Linda Anderson, who rejoined our committee, presented a proposal on a new Mission project. Through her work with Kid Assist and another similar program in Marion County, Linda has seen a need for ramps to be built at people's homes. Discussion proved that the group agreed. To be able to accomplish this, a general "contractor" or more would need to be secured. This person would have to be able to know the amount of materials needed, the amount of time it will take and the number of volunteers needed. Linda felt that money for materials could be obtained through grants and from other organizations in town. Our committee approved this new project. Linda will continue to work on the details.

Report backs:

December giving opportunities – We are not sure how much was purchased through the Presbyterian Gift Catalog. We hope to get a report from Louisville on this. We collected \$440 for the Christmas JOY offering.

Salvation Army – The contributions for the Food Pantry continue. All 25 angels were provided with Christmas gifts.

Palestine Craft Aid Sale – All that is left is 2 ornaments, the large nativity set and 6 bottles of oil. Since the items from the Muñozes sale have been cleared, these items will be set out for sale.

Mission Interest Groups:

Mission Coalition – They will have a meeting before our next meeting. Linda Curtis-Stolper will have a report then.

Mariners in Mission – Barb and John Taylor indicated that there are 3 events scheduled for 2017: Camp Nacome in Pleasantville TN will be March 12-18. Ferncliff Conference Center outside of Little Rock AR is scheduled for May 7-14. Finally, Camp Sawtooth in the mountains near Ketchum ID will be September 17-23. Various types of work will be done at each location. Anyone interested in any of these areas to vacation and work are welcome to join us.

Presbyterian Women – Barb reported that the board meeting will be February 4 at the Presbytery Office.

El Salvador Interest Group – The letter that was written to the people of Muñozes is still being translated by Jose and Karim Carballo in Pella and it is hoped that Warren Erickson will travel there with Kimberly Schnell when she goes to teach. They will hand deliver the letter to the town members. A letter still needs to be sent to the Pastoral Team in El Salvador with instructions on the disbursement of money we had sent previously.

South Sudan Research Group – Members of the group are writing letters per Linda C-S.

Days For Girls – Marilyn McCallister reported that the next work day is January 26. Lunch will be furnished.

Work Week – Mickey Van Baale indicated that the 2017 trip will be the group from Brooklyn. The only ones going from our church will be Dana Hashman and Mickey. During discussion, it was agreed that Work Week, as we have known it, is on indefinite hiatus. The money in our accounts earmarked for Work Week will be turned over to the Presbyterian church in Brooklyn, as they helped to raise the money. The additional money raised by the Brooklyn group in their fundraisers had not been submitted to Newton and should not be now. We will continue with the ice cream social and the two style shows. The money from them will go into the general Mission fund to be used as determined by our committee.

Looking ahead:

Review/update Mission Committee Vision & Purpose statement - Linda C-S and Marilyn will work on this and bring an update to next month's meeting.



Emergency Closure of the Church

With the arrival of winter weather, we have reviewed and updated our policies at First Presbyterian. In the event of severe weather, any changes to scheduled activities at the church will be communicated to KCOB Radio. They have assured us such information will be sent out over all 3 of their stations (1280 AM, 95.9 FM and KRTI 106.7 FM which covers Grinnell, Marshalltown, parts of Des Moines, etc.) In addition we will contact KCCI, WOI and Channel 13 television stations so the changes will scroll on their weather related messages. When severe weather occurs, check these sources. Updated information will also be posted on our Facebook page and if possible, an all church email will be sent. If First Presbyterian is not mentioned on any of these, then there is no change in our plans. However, if you have any doubts, please err on the side of caution and be safe!

The Session



At our meeting during the Leadership Retreat, we:

- ◆ Elected Mickey Van Baale as Moderator, Dave Stolper as Secretary and Shirley Stevens as the person to send out cards.
- ◆ Received reports from December visits. January visits will be done by the 2016 partners. New partners start their visits in February.
- ◆ Were informed that our financial report and card report will be given in February.
- ◆ Received the new visit schedule for the year.
- ◆ Updated information on those we visit.
- ◆ Discussed some new people to add to our visitation listing.
- ◆ Determined the schedule for devotions and flower delivers.

Music and Worship

Linda Kirchoff, Chair

March 1 is Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of Lent. Mary Jane Tripp will again be making contacts to find people to prepare breakfast and do devotions for our Lenten breakfasts. More information will be coming in the next edition of the Messenger as well as the Church Happenings and bulletins.

Budget and Finance Corner

Bev Rossow, Chair

Pledges for the month of November were \$14,740. This was \$4,220 above budget for the month. Other Regular Giving, which represents donations from people who tithe, but do not pledge, was \$230.50 for the month, which is \$505.50 below budget. In total for the month, expenses were \$420 below budget.

Year-to-date through November, pledges are \$7,437 over budget. Investment income was \$9,311 over budget and expenses are \$1,385 below budget.

Activity during December included:

- *The Memorial Fund received \$140 in donations.
- *During December, received prepaid 2017 pledge for \$6,354, which was transferred to 2017 pledge income.
- *Capital Development - Maintenance Fund paid \$17,820 for expenses related to the front step project. Additional expenses will be incurred in the first quarter of 2017.
- *The Deacon Fund received loose offering of \$30.
- *The Mission-International fund received \$53 for the sale of crafts from Pal Craft Aid.



2017 BIRTHDAYS & EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9:30a Women's Bible Study 7p Choir	2 6:30a Early Men's Group 9a Men's Group 3p Chair Yoga 5p Budget & Finance	3	4 Jen Norvell
5	6	7 Joan Rusk 11a Gentle Yoga	8 9:30a Women's Bible Study 5p Membership 7p Choir	9 3p Chair Yoga 5:15p PEW 7p Christian Nurture	10 Carl Repp	11 8:30a - 3p Presbytery Meeting in Windsor Heights
12 9a Deacons 5p Movie "Sully" and Walking Tacos	13 Dylan Camp 5:30p Building & Grounds	14 Valerie Barney Susan Weeks 11a Gentle Yoga 3:30p Mission	15 9:30a Women's Bible Study 7p Choir	16 6:30a Early Men's Group 9a Men's Group 3p Chair Yoga	17	18
19	20	21 11a Gentle Yoga 6:30p Session	22 9:30a Women's Bible Study 7p Choir	23 9a-3p Day for Girls 3p Chair Yoga	24 Sandy Cheney Articles due for the Messenger	25
26	27	28 11a Gentle Yoga		9 00 a Adult Sunday School 10:00 a Fellowship 10:30 a Worship 11:30 a Fellowship		

SCHEDULE
OF



VOLUNTEERS

February	5	12	19	26	March 5
Worship Leader <i>Mickey Van Baale</i>	Karen Quinn	Tom Mott	Bev Rossow	Linda Campbell	George Wilkening
Host Elder/Deacon <i>Church Life</i>	Linda Kirchhoff	Jen Norvell	Steve & Sara Hopkins	Nancy Mott	Bret Doerring
Greeters <i>Julie Brodersen</i>	Kevin & Toni Peska	Chris & Peggy Lickiss	Doug Cutts Cole Doerring	Janet Shields Kert or Kimberly Schnell	Gary & Kay Parsons
Ushers <i>Mickey Van Baale</i>	Gary and Kay Parsons	Dan and Cheryl Ritter	Terry and Cathy Rickers	Kathy Ventling Roger Harmelink	Mary Jane Tripp Suzy Funk
Audio <i>Doug Cutts</i>	Dan Ritter	Shirley Stevens	Erick Zehr	Dan Ritter	Doug Cutts
Counters <i>Budget & Finance</i>	Dan Ritter Don Black	Dave Stolper Roger Harmelink	Bret Doerring Tara Zehr	Jonnie Carpenter Sandy Cheney	Jen Norvell Janet Shields
Bread Ministry Baker <i>Barb Taylor</i>	Val McKee	Dixie Zegers	Sharon Black	Diane Moles	Shari DeCook
Bread Ministry Taker <i>Barb Taylor</i>	Toni Peska	Dana Hashman	Nancy Mott	Barb Gallaher	Mickey Van Baale
Communion Set up <i>Worship & Music`</i>	Tom Mott Val McKee				Karen Quinn Bev Rossow

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Lectionary —

February, 2017

February 5 - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isa. 58: 1-9a (9b-12); *Ps. 112:1-9(10)*;
1 Cor. 2:1-12 (13-16); Matt. 5:13-20

February 12 - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deut. 30:15-20; *Ps. 119:1-8*; 1 Cor. 3:1-9;
Matt. 5:21-37

February 19 - 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lev. 19:1-2, 9-18; *Ps. 119:33-40*;
1 Cor. 3:10-11, 16-23; Matt. 5:38-48

February 26 - Transfiguration of the Lord

Ex. 24:12-18; *Ps. 2 or Ps. 99*;
2 Peter 1:16-21; Matt. 17:1-9

March, 2017

March 5 - 1st Sunday of Lent

Gen. 2:15-17; 3:1-7; *Ps. 32*;
Rom. 5:12-19; Matt. 4:1-11

March 12 - 2nd Sunday of Lent

Gen. 12:1-4a; *Ps. 121*; Rom. 4:1-5, 13-17;
John 3:1-17

March 19 - 3rd Sunday of Lent

Ex. 17:1-7; *Ps. 95*; Rom. 5:1-11;
John 4:5-42

March 26 - 4th Sunday of Lent

1 Sam. 16:1-13; *Ps. 23*;
Eph. 5:8-14; John 9:1-41