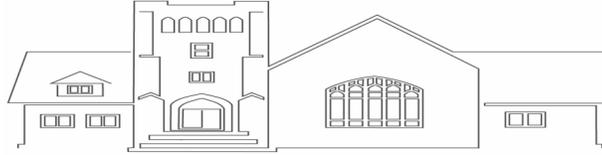


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THE MESSENGER



FEBRUARY 2016

Meghan's Musings

What is your mission?

The following is adapted from a recent sermon. It is something that strikes me as extremely important so I wanted to make sure that those who weren't in worship that Sunday don't miss it and those who were there get the reminder...

What is your mission? That was the first question in my new "question a day 5 year journal". As the name suggests, every day of the year there's a new question to answer with space to answer for five years. So after five years have passed, if I've kept it up, I will have answered each question five times. I thought it sounded like a fun idea, and hoped it would inspire me to more frequent journaling. But when I opened it to the first page and saw "what is your mission?" I admit I was a bit taken aback. I wasn't expecting such hard questions. What was I getting myself into? Luckily, not all the questions are as deep as Jan 1 "What is your mission?" Some are pretty trivial: "name three things you ate today" or "what's the oldest thing you're wearing today?" I know what you're thinking: is there a question for February 29? Yes there is: "Leap year? What did you do with the extra day?"

The creators of the journal tapped into something really important: we all have a mission. Or at least, we're all called to have a mission. It's something that is easy to miss or forget or overlook. I think it's safe to say that most people, even most Christians, even some pastors (*ahem*) go through life without putting a lot of thought into the answer to the question "what is your mission?"

In Luke 4:14-21, Jesus answered the question "what is your mission?" It was the beginning of his ministry, he had just been baptized and spent forty days in the wilderness, he had been preaching and teaching around Galilee and then he came back to his hometown of Nazareth and was asked to teach in the synagogue. He reads this from the scroll of Isaiah: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." Then he said, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." He told them that God has anointed him to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor and then he says that's what he's going to do, and as we know, that is exactly what he did do. Jesus was very clear regarding what his mission was. And he did it.

This last couple weeks I've been thinking a lot about "mission" in terms of each of us having our own personal mission. I believe each of us has a mission, a reason for being, a call to answer. No one is too young or too old to have a mission. No one too sick or too busy. We all have a mission we are called to serve. So I return to the question: what is your mission?

There will be at least as many different answers as there are people who answer. If you're like me, your statement of your mission might feel extremely personal and private. Or it maybe it's not. Maybe it's something you'd be happy to put on a bumper sticker, proclaiming to the world. Either way, I hope you will continue to consider your personal mission. And commit yourself to living it out. Every day. For the rest of your life.

Be Praying For...

- ✚ Pete Koppin, who fell on December 23 and spent some time in the hospital. Thankfully, he did not have any broken bones.
- ✚ Noah Woods, the 7 year old son of racing friends of Carl and Jane Repp. Noah suffered 2 significant strokes in early January and was on a ventilator in the Children’s hospital in Omaha. Noah is now home and doing most activities any 7 year old would do. It appears the only thing still effected is his speech. He is truly a miracle, but still needs prayers for his continued work with a speech therapist.
- ✚ Chris Frantsvog, college roommate of Steve Hopkins, and his family in the recent death of Chris’ mother.
- ✚ People struggling to find warmth during cold weather and our recent snowstorm.

LENTEN BREAKFAST/DEVOTIONS

Ash Wednesday/February 10

Breakfast: Carl & Jane Repp
 Devotions: Rev. Meghan Davis

February 17

Breakfast: Larry & Linda Anderson
 Devotions: Larry Anderson

February 24

Breakfast: Dave Stolper & Linda Curtis-Stolper
 Devotions: Linda Curtis-Stolper

March 2

Breakfast: Tom & Nancy Mott
 Devotions: Linda Kirchhoff

March 9

Breakfast: George Wilkening and Shirley Stevens
 Devotions: George Wilkening

March 16

Breakfast: Gary & Kay Parsons
 Devotions: Don Black

March 23

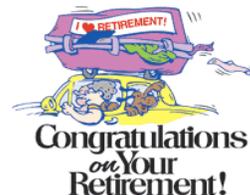
Breakfast: John & Barb Taylor
 Devotion: Terry Rickers

There are many things within our church that just sort of happen and one of those is contacting members to make breakfast and/or do devotions on Wednesday mornings during Lent. A big thank you again to Mary Jane Tripp for taking care of this.

We start breakfast at 6:45am with devotions following. We strive to finish by 7:45 to 7:50 for those needing to get to work. We hope to see many of you there.



Our condolences go out to Jenny Verwers, our office manager, and her family, on the death of her father, F. Keith Van Sickle of Newton. Mr. Van Sickle died on Sunday, January 24, 2016 at Skiff Medical Center in Newton. A funeral service was held at 10:30 A.M., Thursday, January 28, at the First Assembly of God Church in Newton. Those left to honor Keith’s memory are his wife of 67 years, Evelyn Van Sickle of Newton; children, Jenny (Rodney) Verwers of Kellogg, Kenneth (Martha) Van Sickle of Kellogg, and Martha Owen; his four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.



Barb Taylor didn't want any fanfare, but I (Mickey) just had to put in a little article about her recent retirement. Barb retired on Friday, January 29. She will now have time to enjoy her various hobbies and travelling to visit family. Also, she and John are avid Iowa State Cyclone fans and I'm sure she will continue to follow them. Barb says she also hopes to spend more time being introspective and trying to be more calm and less on edge.

Congratulations, Barb, enjoy your retirement.



The Deacons met after the officer training on January 9. Everyone received their new partner assignment, and the people they will be visiting each month. Also provided was the contact list of both the Deacons and the Elders and assignments for being host for Fellowship.

Shirley Stevens gave a report on the cards sent during December and reports were given on December visits. Everyone was reminded that the 2015 partners were to do January visits and the new teams would start in February.”

Dana Hashman, Moderator

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 have established an account with KCCI Television and WHO Radio. When severe weather occurs, check these sources. 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



Annual Meeting

Forty-two people attended the potluck luncheon and Annual meeting following worship on Sunday, January 31. During the meeting, attendees received the Annual Report, giving reports from the various committees within the church. Mickey Van Baale, outgoing clerk, verbally gave the Clerk’s report. In the absence of Treasurer Cheryl Ritter, Jonnie Carpenter, chair of Budget and Finance, went over the finances of 2015 and the budget for 2016. Following her report, Tom Mott of the Personnel committee told of the proposed increase in Rev. Meghan Davis’ package. During the time for questions and comments, Rev. Davis left the room and remained out of the room for the vote, which unanimously passed. Upon her return, Meghan asked for Jane Repp to give the report of the Foundation. The meeting was then turned over to Terry Rickers, outgoing Chairperson of the Corporation. If you were unable to attend and would like a copy of the Annual Report, there are extra copies on the table across from the office in the Narthex.

Budget and Finance Corner

Jonnie Carpenter, Chair

Pledges for the month of December were \$13,194. This was \$1,376 above the amount we had budgeted. Other Regular Giving, which represents donations from people who tithe, but do not pledge, was \$280 for the month. In total for the month, expenses were \$4,048 under budget. Year-to-date pledges are \$11,963 over budget and year-to-date expenses are \$1,569 over budget.

During 2015, we received prepaid pledges for 2016 in the amount of \$19,632. These will be counted as pledge income during 2016. The Kitchen Remodeling fund received a contribution of \$900. The Muñozes fund received \$75 for donations and craft sales. We received a total of \$695 for the Christmas Joy offering, which will be remitted to Presbytery in January. In December, we remitted the Rural Harvest offering to Presbytery.



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. At the bottom are the Elder assignments for the various committees within the church.

SESSION

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

2016	2017	2018
Jonnie Carpenter	Val McKee	Linda Kirchhoff
Bret Doerring	Tom Mott	Marilyn McCallister
Norm Grimm	Karen Quinn	George Wilkening
Sandy Simbro	Bev Rossow	Tara Zehr



Church Leadership

BOARD OF DEACONS

Meets second Sunday, 9:00 a.m.
 Dana Hashman, Moderator
 Dave Stolper, Secretary

2016	2017	2018
Sandy Cheney	Janet Shields	Steve & Sara Hopkins
Dana Hashman	Elsie Nelson	Sandy Shaver
Nancy Mott	Shirley Stevens	Dave Stolper
Kevin Peska	Elaine VanderBroek	Mickey Van Baale

Elders Committee Assignments

(the first name listed is the Chair)

- Budget and Finance - Jonnie Carpenter and Bev Rossow
- Building and Grounds - George Wilkening
- Christian Nurture - Karen Quinn
- Church Life - Tara Zehr
- Membership - Val McKee
- Mission - Marilyn McCallister
- Personnel - Bret Doerring and Tom Mott
- Worship and Music - Linda Kirchhoff, Sandy Simbro, and Norm Grimm

Some of these committees may need to add members. If you would be interested in joining one, please let the chairperson know. On the other hand, if you are asked to be a member or a committee, please prayerfully consider saying yes.

Worship and Music

Linda Kirchhoff, Chair

The Worship and Music Committee did not have a formal meeting in January. All the Christmas decorations have been taken down. Mary Jane Tripp was asked to organize the Lenten Breakfasts and has done so. (See the schedule on page 2)

Elders on the committee will be Sandy Simbro, Norm Grimm and Linda Kirchhoff. Congregational member will be Barb Gallaher.

Next meeting will be Tuesday February 2nd at 6:30.



Building and Grounds

George Wilkening, Chair

Our committee will meet for the first time on February 8. We will meet the second Monday of each month at 5:30. A question was asked at the Annual meeting about the progression of the sidewalk and steps project. We are still awaiting bids from our contractor.



Highlights from Session

Toni Peska, Clerk of Session

Due to the bad weather on the night of our Session meeting, the only business we took care of was going over and approving the 2016 budget. Treasurer, Cheryl Ritter joined us to answer any questions and give any insight to the new budget.



MEMBERSHIP



MOMENT

We hope you like the new cover for the Sunday bulletin. The new church logo is on the front, featuring an open hand with the words, "Reaching out to the world, to community and to you!" The church name is above and hands are prominently featured to continue the "reaching out" theme. The colors green, red, white and purple represent the four seasons of our liturgical year. They combine in the center to create a cross with the circular logo centered in it. We are also working on a new web banner for Facebook and an updated church brochure using the new theme/logo.

The Membership Committee organized another trip to a Grinnell College men's basketball game to see their unusual fast paced brand of basketball. Fifteen people associated with the church attended and sat together. We saw the usual frantic very fast paced game but unfortunately Grinnell lost in a high scoring game. They played Ripon College from Wisconsin. Ripon has a very good team this year (at this time they are in 3rd place in the conference) and Grinnell is struggling somewhat with a fairly young team. Wait till next year! We stayed for awhile to watch the first half of the Grinnell/Ripon women's game and at half time it was a very close and exciting game. We returned to Newton and ate at a local restaurant. It was a fun afternoon. We will try to repeat it next year and if you couldn't join us this year please try next year.

The committee is organizing a work night on Feb. 4. We will gather at the church at 6:00 for a light dinner, a short meditation and then will proceed to the 2nd and 3rd floors around 6:45 - 7:00 to work on cleaning for about one and one half hours. We will be doing mainly vacuuming and dusting. Please join us if you can. It will be helpful to let Gary Parsons know if you will be joining us. This will give us the opportunity for fellowship, Christian devotion and local mission. Please join us.

We are still trying to arrange a Sundays at 4 program and hope to have one in February. We will let you know through intra church communications when details are finalized.

Gary Parsons

Mission Committee

Marilyn McCallister, Chair

Local:

Mission Coalition: Marilyn McCallister reported that the Way of the Cross Walk will be on Friday, March 25, 2016. Linda Curtis-Stolper has agreed to coordinate the walk again this year.

Jasper County Kids Against Hunger: John Taylor reported that there hasn't been a date set for the next meal packing session. As soon as he hears anything, he'll let us know.

Potential Mission Project: Mickey Van Baale had a list of things that need to be done to fix up the Friendship House. The current uses of the Friendship House are: weekly Youth Downtown, non-profit Kid Assist office space, and basic storage. Potential uses of the space could include disaster emergency housing, housing for work week groups on their way to a final destination, and temporary housing – ex. new pastor housing until permanent housing is found. A washer and dryer are in the basement but not hooked up. A needed stove and refrigerator for the kitchen has been donated, but the kitchen is not in good condition to move the items there. A mission project coordinator/manager is needed to determine the work that needs to be done, the skills needed, and an estimate of the cost involved for funding. Once estimated costs are known, Mickey will contact Building & Grounds Committee. Barb Taylor suggested that the Mariners in Mission could be contacted to work on the project. They have plumbers and electricians in their group. The group also felt that the youth from the Youth Downtown group should be asked to help, as well as the members of our church. Possible sources of funds for the materials could be from the money left from the Power bequest and money that was given by the Swanger family for remodeling the tower, which cannot be done.

Presbyterian Gift Catalog: Linda Erickson reported that there was some response from the congregation for this giving opportunity.

Salvation Army Angel Tree: Thirty eight "angels" were provided gifts by the congregation.

Gifts to Progress Industry clients: Melissa Butler, Progress Industries shared that the generous gifting to all eleven clients on the list was much appreciated.

National:

Work Week, 2016: Rev. Meghan Davis reported that the Youth Downtown parents and pastors are very positive about the idea and think that there will be some youth willing to go. Mickey reported that the Work Week steering committee had met and Linda Anderson will begin looking at work opportunities. Linda Erickson shared that the planning committee needs to include the church pastors who have kids interested in the Work Week experience. Members from First Presbyterian are Linda Anderson, Dana Hashman and Mickey Van Baale. The Brooklyn Presbyterian Church group is interested in participating again.

Blue Sunday: Wear your PDA t-shirt to church the first Sunday in Lent. PDA is thankful for the tens of thousands of volunteers who have offered themselves in service helping to clean, repair and rebuild homes of families affected by numerous disasters throughout the United States. As an act of solidarity with families affected by Hurricane Sandy and other disasters throughout the United States, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is asking that we designate February 14, 2016 - the first Sunday in Lent (and beginning of the One Great Hour of Sharing offering promotion) - as "wear your blue PDA T-shirt Sunday." Since that is Valentine's day, we are encouraging members to wear their PDA shirt the following Sunday, February 21. Barb Taylor will be heading up this activity.

Mission Yearbook: The Presbyterian Mission Yearbook for Prayer and Study is no longer available in print. The link to the on-line version has been put on our website, www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/missionyearbook/

Advent Season Idea: A group of people have started bringing a light from Bethlehem, to other areas. In Des Moines, the Boy Scouts are sharing the light. It was suggested that next Advent, we make arrangements to obtain a light from this journey to share in church.

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Christian Nurture

Karen Quinn, Chair

Our committee will not be meeting in January or February. An activity that occurred was on Saturday, January 16, when children up to the age of 18 were invited to come and put their handprints on the freshly painted walls of the Power Room. Those who participated were Skye and Shae Koenen, Jordan Norvell, Josh Ventling, and Emmett Zehr. There are a few more youth that weren't able to attend. If they want to add their handprints, please get ahold of me and we'll work out a time to make this happen. You can reach me at quinndoc@mediacombb.net or calling 641-275-9337(home) or 559-903-3030 (cell). If you haven't seen these updates and are able, please go to the classroom on the second floor of the church.

Missions - Continued from page 6

International:

Scholarship Students Graduate!!

For the last three years First Presbyterian has been sponsoring four scholarship students from Muñoces as they attend high school in Berlin, El Salvador. Recently we received word that all four have graduated. Three of the four came to the Pastoral house to pose for pictures which are shown here. We will be planning a card shower for the graduates and are considering appropriate graduation gifts from the congregation. We applaud the persistence and dedication the students demonstrated in a community where only a tiny fraction of the young people graduate from high school. It's time to shop for graduation cards and await word on when and how the card shower will be organized. Thank you for the support you have provided to these students!



Fertilizer for Muñoces

The El Salvador interest group has received a request for fertilizer from the Directiva of the community of Muñoces. A major drought destroyed most of the crop in 2015 so the families, all of whom depend on the harvest for their own sustenance as well as income, are particularly concerned with achieving a successful harvest in 2016. Because of this they have requested both pre-emergent and post-emergent fertilizers. The cost per family would be about \$80 to \$90 for both bags of fertilizer, with a cost for the entire community of \$3000, plus or minus \$300. Please consider a donation for this project and look for more information about how you can participate. Thanks!



Church Life Activities

Tara Zehr, Chair

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the events for 2016 and get them on the calendar. The dates and events were reviewed, with the goal of one event per month. January already has the annual meeting potluck and the Grinnell basketball trip, so no Church Life event was planned for that month.

Date & Time	Event
February 21, 2016, 5:00 p.m.	Movie Night – McFarland USA, with a walking taco supper and popcorn
March 27, 2016, 9:15 a.m.	Easter Breakfast
April 17, 2016, 11:30 a.m.	Potato Bar – this is the main fundraiser for the committee
May 22, 2016, 9:00 a.m.	Graduation Breakfast jointly with Christian Nurture Committee. Brad Ritter is our lone graduate
July 17, 2016, 10:00 a.m.	Worship at Woodland jointly with Worship and Music Committee
August 28, 2016, 10:00 a.m.	Rally Day Ecumenical Worship Service
September 18, 2016, 4:00 p.m. from church	Hayride and Weenie Roast at the Ritter Camp
October 23, 2016, 4:00 p.m.	Progressive Dinner
November 20, 2016, 11:30 a.m.	Thanksgiving Feast and Communion, jointly with Worship and Music Committee
December 18, 2016, 4:00 p.m.	Christmas Caroling followed by supper

Tara Zehr is the lone new Elder joining Church Life this year. Fortunately, we have a strong, knowledgeable, and experienced committee (and great notes from Diane Moles).

Two upcoming movies to Capitol II Theatre

Dawn Bleeker, owner and manager of the theatre recently sent the following information to clergy in our area. "I wanted you to be the first to know that we've scheduled another faith based movie, *Miracles From Heaven*. I was able to screen this movie last week and loved it. I love movies that are based on true stories, but what struck me with this one is that it started out saying it IS a true story. This movie is based on the book "Three Miracles From Heaven" which is about a young girl suffering from a rare digestive disorder who finds herself miraculously cured after surviving a terrible accident. The book was written by the girl's mother, Christy Beam.

Once again, the studio contacted us to open this movie. Because of our numbers for *God's Not Dead* and *Heaven is for Real* is why the studio wants to give us an opportunity to get this faith based movies on the break. Please help us show the studios our community supports these types of movies by spreading the word!

RISEN: February 19-March 3

MIRACLES FROM HEAVEN: March 18-31

Also, *God's Not Dead 2* comes out in April. We have this penciled in on our calendar. This particular studio is a smaller one which means it's a struggle to get movies from them as they tend not to go to smaller markets. We are hoping our numbers for *Risen* and *Miracles from Heaven* will be enough to convince them otherwise."

february 2016 BIRTHDAYS & EVENTS

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

<p>9:00 am Adult S. S. 10:00 am Fellowship 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Fellowship</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 Jen Norvell 6:30 am Early Men's Group 9:00 am Men's Group 3:00 pm Chair Yoga 4:30 pm Missions</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 10:00 am Yoga Flow</p>
<p>7 Joan Rusk</p>	<p>8 5:30 pm Building & Grounds 6:15 pm Yoga Flow</p>	<p>9 11:00 am Gentle Yoga 6:30 pm Worship & Music</p>	<p>10 Carl Repp 6:45 am Lenten Breakfast/Devotion 9:30 am WBS 5:00 pm Membership 7:00 pm Choir</p>	<p>11 3:00 pm Chair Yoga</p>	<p>12 Marie Achtemeier</p>	<p>13 Dylan Camp Presbytery Meeting in Ankeny</p>
<p>14 Valerie Barney Susan Weeks 9:00 am: Deacons 6:00 pm Youth Downtown</p>	<p>15 6:15 pm Yoga Flow</p>	<p>16 11:00 am Gentle Yoga 6:30 pm Session</p>	<p>17 6:45 am Lenten Breakfast/Devotion 9:30 am WBS 7:00 pm Choir</p>	<p>18 6:30 am Early Men's Group 9:00 am Men's Group 3:00 pm Chair Yoga</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 10:00 am Yoga Flow</p>
<p>21 Jeffrey Fitzgerald Wear Your PDA shirt to church 5:00 pm Movie Night 6:00 pm Youth Downtown</p>	<p>22 6:15 pm Yoga Flow</p>	<p>23 11:00 am Gentle Yoga 6:00 p.m. Racial Justice Task Force</p>	<p>24 Sandy Cheney 6:45 am Lenten Breakfast/Devotion 9:30 am WBS 7:00 pm Choir</p>	<p>25 3:00 pm Chair Yoga</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 10:00 am Yoga Flow</p>
<p>28 6:00 pm Youth Downtown</p>	<p>29 6:15 pm Yoga Flow</p>					

February



Volunteers

February	7	14	21	28	March 6
Worship Leader <i>Office</i>	Mickey Van Baale	Sara Hopkins	Linda Campbell	Tom Mott	Linda Kirchhoff
Host Elder/Deacon <i>Diane Moles</i>	George Wilkening	Linda Kirchhoff	Sara & Steve Hopkins	Dana Hashman	Dave Stolper
Greeters <i>Julie Brodersen</i>	Gary & Kay Parsons	Randy & Carol Camp	Terry Rickers Bev Rossow	Kevin & Toni Peska	Chris & Peggy Lickiss
Ushers <i>Office</i>	Janet Shields Valerie Barney	Mary Jane Tripp Suzanne Funk	John & Barb Taylor	Terry & Cathy Rickers	Pete & Pat Koppin
Audio <i>Doug Cutts</i>	Doug Cutts	Doug Cutts	Doug Cutts	Roger Harmelink	Roger Harmelink
Candlelighter <i>Office</i>	Allie Norvell	Skye Koenen	Natalie Camp	Cody Barney	Garrett Sturtz
Counters <i>Jonnie Carpenter</i>	Roger Harmelink Dave Stolper	Terry Rickers Tara Zehr	Kelly Koenen Jen Norvell	Jonnie Carpenter Mickey Van Baale	Dan Ritter Bill Shields
Bread Ministry Baker <i>Barb Taylor</i>	Joan Tyler	Dixie Zegers	Sharon Black	Diane Moles	Mickey Van Baale
Bread Ministry Taker <i>Barb Taylor</i>	Toni Peska	Dana Hashman	Nancy Mott	Barb Gallaher	Mickey Van Baale
Communion Set up <i>Linda Kirchhoff</i>	Tom Mott George Wilkening				Bev Rossow Marilyn McCallister

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Lectionary —

February, 2016

February 7 - Transfiguration of the Lord

Exod. 34: 29-35; *Ps. 99*; 2 Cor. 3:12-4:2
Luke 9:28-36 (37-43)

February 14 - 1st Sunday in Lent

Deut. 26:1-11; *Ps. 91:1-2, 9-16*
Rom. 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13

February 21 - 2nd Sunday in Lent

Gen. 15:1-12, 17-18; *Ps. 27*
Phil. 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35

February 28 - 3rd Sunday in Advent

Isa. 55:1-9; *Ps. 63:1-8*; 1 Cor. 10:1-13
Luke 13:1-9

March, 2016

March 6 - 4th Sunday in Lent

Josh. 5:9-12; *Ps. 32*; 2 Cor. 5:16-21
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

March 13 - 5th Sunday in Lent

Isa. 43:16-21; *Ps. 126*; Phil. 3:4b-14
John 12:1-8

March 20 - Passion/Palm Sunday

Palms: Luke 19:28-40; *Ps. 118:1-2, 19-29*
Passion: Isa. 50:4-9a; *Ps. 31:9-16*
Phil 2:5-11; Luke 22:14-23:56 *or*
Luke 23:1-49

March 27 - Easter

Acts 10:34-43 *or* Isa. 65:17-25
Ps. 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Cor. 15:19-26 *or*
Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18 *or* Luke 24:1-12