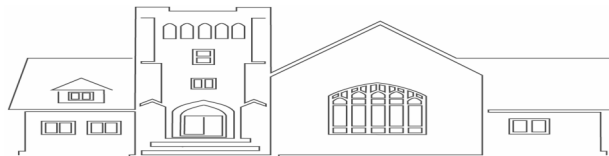


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THE MESSENGER



MARCH 2016

Meghan's Musings plus Guest Contributor Larry Anderson

A few weeks ago, Larry Anderson sent me some thoughts with no particular plan of how to share it with our church family. I was moved by the sentiments and thought it well-worth sharing in a place of prominence and suggested it be included on the front page of the Messenger.

But first, on a totally unrelated topic: I've never been part of a formal book club, though it always sounded like something I'd enjoy. However, I find I don't have the time to read the thousands of books I want to read, much less stuff I'm not particularly interested in hence: **What the Pastor's Reading** aka A Super Low Maintenance Book Club. I tell you what I'm reading, if you so desire, you can read the book as well and join me for discussion. Reading is one of the most important responsibilities of a pastor and it's also the easiest to put off. So this is a way to keep myself accountable to reading at least one book a month, even if no one else shows up for discussion, but if others do participate, so much the better!

I'll be reading a wide variety of books including but not limited to church "business", spirituality, social justice and fiction. These will be, for the most part, books off my shelf (books I've purchased or received that have been waiting for my attention, in some cases for years). I'll be at Uncle Nancy's the last Saturday of the month at 11:30 am (after yoga). The time and place are negotiable so if you're interested but the time doesn't work for you, let me know. The first three books will be:

March 26—*City of God: Faith in the Streets* by Episcopal Priest Sara Miles, a memoir of Ash Wednesday on the streets of San Francisco.

April 30—*God's Brain* by Lionel Tiger and Michael McGuire, a look at religion from a biological/psychological point of view

May 28—*The Invention of Wings*, by Sue Monk Kidd, described by Oprah as "A remarkable novel that heightened my sense of what it meant to be a woman—slave or free... A conversation changer."

Hope to see you there!

Why Church?

Most of my friends, whether or not they belong to First Presbyterian, are church members and church attenders. But this is no longer the norm in our society. Not only do many younger adults forego church involvement – many of my generation who once did attend church no longer do. I've had many conversations with people about why this is. There have been multitudes of studies about why this is. And I have to say I have some empathy for some people's lack of enthusiasm for the church. There have been occasions when I've asked myself why I stay in church. While there is something to be said for the benefits of affiliation and identification with groups in general, at some point one must ask what are the peculiar benefits of participation in a church – that is, benefits that are not available in any other human institution.

Be Praying for the following with health concerns...

- ✠ Pete Koppin, who has been in a Newton care facility since January 1. This is a result of the fall he had right before Christmas. Pete is making great progress and is hoping to return home shortly.
- ✠ Vickie Carson, who is recuperating at Mercy Hospital from having back surgery on Wednesday, February 17.
- ✠ Jenny Verwers, our Office Manager, and her family as they continue to care for her mother, Evelyn Van Sickle, who had heart surgery on Friday, February 12. Mrs. Van Sickle is in Mercy Hospital.
- ✠ Joan Rusk, who is recuperating at home from having back surgery on Wednesday, February 17 in Des Moines.
- ✠ Dick Means, who is recovering from recent minor surgery.
- ✠ Jeanne Bridenstine, who was in the hospital recently, but is now in Skilled Living at Park Center.

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I've been thinking about this lately, as I see the weekly attendance at worship hover around 60, with perhaps a third of that number sitting in the choir loft. I know – church attendance is not the only measure of commitment to membership. But I find myself wondering why individuals and families who used to attend our church regularly are now seldom present. For me, despite my occasional frustrations and doubts about church, worship is a pretty meaningful experience. I find Meghan's preaching stimulating and growth-producing. As you might guess, I find the music of worship to be nourishing. But these by themselves would probably not be enough to keep me coming. There is something more important and more foundational.

What does it mean to be a member of the church? In many ways it's similar to membership in any other human organization – except that in many other organizations, *more* demands are put on the members than in church. But the distinctiveness of church is that we are, collectively, the body of Christ. We embody Christ. We are the presence of Christ to each other and in our wider community.

This is not an easy thing. We are challenged every day by competing demands, and it is all too easy to be distracted from this primary calling. We can be annoyed, irritated, and hurt by each other. We are confronted by illness, loss, evil in society, and the evil that lies within our own natures. We are wounded, we may lose hope, we may be tempted to denial and to pretending it really doesn't matter what we do.

A passage from the book of Hebrews has always been meaningful to me, and I ran across it recently as part of the day's devotional reading:

“And let us consider how to spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another . . .”

Hebrews 10:24,25

Do you see the connection? In the struggle to be authentic human beings and followers of Jesus, we need one another. When I see you – especially when I see you in church – I am seeing Christ. And when I don't see you, I miss the particular manifestation of the presence of Christ that you are. Do I always have this perspective and act in accordance with it? Of course not. But that is my goal, because it's what I believe. It's also what I've experienced over and over in our church.

So my hope is that more people will come to worship on Sunday morning, and that, when we are together, Christ will appear to us in the person of our neighbor in the pew.

Larry Anderson



LENTEN BREAKFAST/ DEVOTIONS 2016

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 6:45 am 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.



We held our meeting on February 21. Following devotions, reports were given on January visits, which were done by last year's partners. New partners will begin with February visits. Rev. Meghan Davis gave a report on those members she had visited and asked if there was anyone else needing a visit.

Shirley Stevens reported she sent out 38 cards in January. Discussion was held on each Deacon writing out a card to go with flowers that are given by a church member, rather than having Jenny do this.

The group approved donating money to buy a bag of both types of fertilizer for a family in Muñoces. Also, it was unanimously approved to donate \$25 to each of the graduating seniors from Muñoces.

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



Budget and Finance Corner

Jonnie Carpenter, Chair

Pledges for the month of January were \$33,237. This was \$3,067 above the amount we had budgeted. Of this amount, \$19,632 had been prepaid in 2015, but transferred into 2016 as pledge income. Other Regular Giving, which represents donations from people who tithe, but do not pledge, was \$560 for the month. We collected \$740 in per capita donations. In total for the month, expenses were \$463 over budget.

Administrative expenses were \$494 above budget due to higher copier usage in December, supplies for new session members and the purchase of a supply of coffee from Don Justo. Both the General Assembly mission payment (\$4,894) and the per capita payment (\$9,080) were remitted to Presbytery in January.

The Muñoces committee received donations of \$170 from donations and craft sales. The Deacon fund received contributions of \$34.



WORSHIP SCHEDULE
for
Holy
WEEK



PALM SUNDAY

Fill your fish banks and bring them to services on Palm Sunday, March 20. This is our "One Great Hour of Sharing" offering. If you weren't able to bring your bank to church on the 20th, you can leave it at the church office during the following week.



Seder Meal

Tuesday, March 22—Seder Meal at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Watch for details.



MAUNDY THURSDAY

Services on Maundy Thursday, March 24, will be held at 7:00 p.m. The choir will provide special music and the last supper will be celebrated with communion being served by intinction. The service ends with the stripping of the sanctuary and with the congregation leaving in silence.



Good Friday Service

Community Good Friday Cross Walk will start at noon on Friday, March 25 at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. Stops will be at 7 churches, including First Presbyterian, where scriptures will be read. The group will also be lead in singing one verse of "Were You There?". Individuals will carry the cross from church to church. The walk will end at about 1 pm.



Easter Breakfast

The Church Life committee will be hosting the annual Easter breakfast at 9:15 am. They will need donations of a variety of items. See their report on page 5 to get the details of what is needed. They appreciate your contributions.



Easter Egg Hunt

The Christian Nurture committee will be conducting our annual Easter Egg hunt on the church lawn. This will take place between the Easter Breakfast and our 10:30 worship service.



EASTER

We will have only one service on Easter Sunday, March 27 at 10:30. The Lily Cross will be put up to display Easter lilies that were ordered from the church office. Following services on Easter Sunday, the Deacons will be in charge of delivering the lilies to shut-ins. They are always thankful for additional help.

How do the Deacons obtain funds for their work? As a reminder to some or information for new members, the answer is from any loose money that is given the first Sunday of each month. The Deacons are not part of our yearly budget, so they have to depend on these donations. Things the Deacons spend money on is help with projects for Muñoces, such as buying fertilizer or money to youth to further their education. They have expenses, such as cards and postage that are sent to church members for birthdays, thinking of you or get-well wishes. The Deacons are also very generous in supporting the Salvation Army and IMPACT to help with heating costs in the winter for those who are at risk of having their heat turned off. Please donate your loose offering on the first Sunday of the month to the Deacons. They will also accept donations at any time.

Church Life Activities

Tara Zehr, Chair

Next Event: Easter breakfast

Easter Breakfast has been a tradition for several years at First Presbyterian. Once again, the breakfast will be held at 9:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall on March 27th, where the menu will include a variety of breakfast casseroles, coffee cakes, muffins, fresh fruit and beverages. If you'd like to sign up to bring a casserole or breakfast bread, please contact Tara Zehr at zehrt@newton.k12.ia.us or (641)521-3600.

Date & Time	Event
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

We had a great turnout for our movie night in February, 23 adults and 1 child. Dinner was provided by the Church Life Committee to start the night; walking tacos hit the spot! After dinner we transitioned to the movie with brownies, cookies and popcorn provided by movie goers. McFarland USA was a little bit of a tear jerker, but a great movie enjoyed by all. Thank you to everyone who helped make the event possible and to all those who joined us for dinner and movie. We hope to see everyone at Easter breakfast.

Christian Nurture

Karen Quinn, Chair

Our committee didn't meet during February. We will be hosting the annual Easter egg hunt on Easter morning, between breakfast and worship. We will have bags the children can decorate, if desired, to use to collect the eggs. If the weather is good, the hunt will be on the front lawn - in case of bad weather, the hunt will take place within the church. We are asking the middle school and high school students to hide the eggs and will likely be available to help any of the younger children find eggs.



Worship and Music

Linda Kirchhoff, Chair

Our committee didn't meet in February. Our next event will be the Maundy Thursday service. Services will be held at 7:00 p.m. The choir will provide special music and the last supper will be celebrated with communion being served by intinction. The service ends with the stripping of the sanctuary and with the congregation leaving in silence.



Building and Grounds

George Wilkening, Chair

Our committee met for the first time on February 23. While we had no items to take action on, we did discuss a number of things.

- ◆ Getting the bids on the steps and sidewalk and getting this project back on track.
- ◆ It has been determined that we need to obtain some expert advise on the problem with the paint coming off the ceiling in the southwest section of the sanctuary.
- ◆ There are light fixtures within the church that need to be replaced or repaired and we discussed options for obtaining materials to do this.

Our scheduled meeting night will be the 1st Tuesday night of each month at 5:30 p.m.



MEMBERSHIP



MOMENT

We had a very successful work night on February 4 which started by meeting in Fellowship Hall just before 6:00 p.m. At 6:00 we enjoyed a very nice dinner. After dinner Rev.

Davis led in a short and meaningful devotion. We then went to the 2nd and 3rd floors to spend the next hour working-mainly dusting and vacuuming. Jeanette Shannon was in charge of removing dead bats and Rev. Davis was in charge of removing dead birds. We had a very good turnout and we completed our work in less time than we thought it would take. A few other needed projects were uncovered which means we will probably have another work day or night in the future. If we do, please consider joining us. It was a lot of fun and we got a lot done!

Our committee has scheduled a Sundays at 4 on March 6. David Raymond, who is the retired pastor at U.C.C., will be presenting a program on "The Eagles of Jasper Co." He has located several nests and will share their location for viewing. He indicated that the best time for viewing is soon-when the weather is better but before the trees leaf out. He has pictures and will also give an overview of eagle behavior/studies, etc. As usual, drinks will be provided and we will order pizza (for those that want it) at the beginning to be delivered at the end of the program. The cost of the pizza will be around \$3 per person. Please join us.

The Newton High School Music Boosters are holding a fundraising dinner prior to the Saturday March 12th Jasper County Concert Associations concert of Rossini's Cinderella by the Des Moines Metropolitan Opera troupe. The concert and dinner are at the high school. The dinner begins at 5:30 and the menu is chicken parmesan, salad, bread, and dessert. Tickets are \$15 for the dinner and need to be purchased by March 7. To purchase dinner tickets please send check/money to Newton Music Boosters Box 383 Newton, IA 50208. Questions about the dinner can be directed to (641)275-5123. Opera tickets are free for JCCA members and \$10 for adults. Children are free with a paying adult. These tickets can be purchased at the door.

Report on Presbytery of Des Moines 503rd Stated Meeting February 13, 2016 Ankeny Presbyterian Church

The meeting was moderated for the first time by Ruling Elder Maurice Dyer and newly hired Stated Clerk, Dave Hamilton. It was held in Ankeny in a modern church, which used a screen. Music, mostly contemporary and jazz, was provided by a quartet.

The meeting began with a worship service. For the Confession of Sin, congregates were invited to come forward, dip their fingers in paint and write a sin on a long roll of paper. They then washed their hands, signifying the forgiveness of sin. The sermon was delivered by Rev. Dr. Sam Massey, formerly pastor at DM Westminster and now serving First Presbyterian in Iowa City. Communion was served by intinction with the choice of juice or wine.

Many reports were presented. I am including those that I think would be of most interest to our congregation.

Compassion, Peace and Justice Committee Task Force, moderated by Meghan Davis, presented its report. Compañeros gave its first annual report, complete with Our Sister Parish Newsletter and a slide show featuring photos of many of the partnership missions in El Salvador (pictures did not include Newton First.) The Committee urged the Presbytery of Des Moines to concur with an overture to General Assembly to divest of fossil fuel stocks. After a lengthy debate, a paper ballot vote was taken. Result-39 pro, 39 con with 1 abstention. Since a majority vote was needed to pass, the vote failed. Other presbyteries will also be voting on this issue.

New Sharon Administrative Commission Report. Moderator Mickey Van Baale. A slideshow was presented in order that commissioners could see the actual church, which is in a state of disrepair. Since the church, which currently has 3 members, has not held services since 2006, it has lost its tax-free status. However, there has been some dissention and hard feelings over closing the facility. The committee has worked with the church members and the city council and hopes to have the issue resolved so the church will be closed. There are pews, some windows, etc. which could be sold. In our denomination, the church building belongs to the Presbytery.

Nominating Committee Report. (Gary Parsons is a member.) There are quite a few openings. Committees need to be gender fair with a balance of teaching and ruling elders.

Interim General Presbytery Search Committee Report. Phil Barrett, who served as both Executive Presbyter and Stated Clerk, has retired. A search committee has been formed to seek an interim facilitator "in guiding the presbytery so that all voices will be heard in discovering its mission and in helping the presbytery identify the organizational and staffing structures necessary to execute that mission. Further the individual will guide the presbytery through changes to its mission, organization and staffing." If it is determined that a general presbyter is needed, the interim will not be eligible to fill that position.

CROSS Ministries Report. Roberta Victor, Director

On February 4, 2016, the Cross Ministries board voted to move their programs from Cottage Grove Mission Center to the offices of Impact Community Action Partnership. Reasons included similarities of programs, handicap accessibility, better space, availability of bus route, longer operating hours, increased morale, and free office space. While CM stated that they were thankful for Cottage Grove Councils.. and see potential in the renovation of Cottage Grove, CM faced "a dilemma." "Remaining at Cottage Grove in the hope that the Mission Center will come to fruition would require CM staff to work in an unsafe and unpleasant environment not ideally suited to the needs of our mission or up to the standards required by the Des Moines Area Religious Council or future grantors." CM had operated out of CG for 41 years. They will begin their new operation March 15.

Cottage Grove Presbyterian Mission Center Covenant Council Report.

The report was written before the Council was notified of Cross Ministries' decision. The Council will continue as best as they are able and focus on essential things only with a further report in May.

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Mission Committee

Marilyn McCallister, Chair

Dates to remember:

Feb 7 – March 20 One Great Hour of Sharing offering for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance – **Bring Gracie, the Fish Bank to church on March 20**

March 25 – The Way of the Cross Walk, downtown Newton, starting at noon at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

April 9 – Presbyterian Women meeting, West Des Moines Covenant, Theme of "Hear Every Voice"

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is largely funded through our One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering. Blue is the color for the PDA so our "Blue Out" promotions included blueberry muffins, blue flowers in the sanctuary, encouraging everyone to wear blue on Feb. 21, along with church announcements and bulletin inserts. A special "moment with the younger church" highlighted Gracie the Fish Bank. **Feel free to pick up your Gracie the Fish Bank, donate coin/cash, bring it to church on Palm Sunday.**

Kimberly Schnell shared about her recent trip to Berlin, El Salvador at a pork luncheon fund raiser after church on February 28. Donations are being sought to sponsor the needed fertilizer for the farms in Muñoces. **Please consider a donation for this project.**

Four scholarship students, Esperanza del Carmen, Gerber Antonio, Melvin Edgardo and William Alexander, have graduated from high school. Graduation cards and a cash gift to help cover the costs of graduation (i.e. cap and gown rental, photograph) were sent to each graduate.



The Feeding America Backpack program, administered by the Food Bank of Iowa, has changed. Local volunteer support is no longer needed. Thanks go to those from First Presbyterian who have physically filled the backpacks in the past. Cash donations to the Food Bank of Iowa are always welcome. The Food Bank of Iowa will be working directly with the Newton schools to continue the program to send backpacks filled with child friendly food for weekend meals. See the additional article by Linda Curtis-Stolper on page 9.

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New Mission Activities-Sudanese Tutoring/ ESL Program with Drake University

Building Improvements: new insurance with Grinnell Mutual; improved Fellowship Hall; improved exterior lighting; more efficient heating system; some new flooring and painting. Sudanese and Arabic communities are holding services at CG. Presbytery office, which was to be moved to CG, is still at current location.

Budget and Finance (Cheryl Ritter is on this committee).

10 churches, including West Des Moines Covenant and Des Moines Westminster, are withholding their per capita payments (\$40 per member). Conversations are being held with the 2 larger churches. If they continue to withhold per capita pledges, Presbytery budget will need to be redone. A Property Committee will be formed and will report to Presbytery.

Church Professional Task Force Report

Joan White was recognized for her retirement as a Teaching Elder (pastor).

Committee on Preparation for Ministry

Jennifer Peek (Grinnell) was enrolled as a candidate for ministry under the care of the Presbytery of Des Moines. She read her statement of faith and was questioned on her candidacy.

(It was interesting to be a part of the beginning of one ministerial journey and the end of another.)

The meeting was closed with prayer - and in proper Presbyterian order.

Submitted by Linda Kirchhoff, Commissioner

Highlights from Session

Toni Peska, Clerk of Session

- ✚ Received a report from the February Presbytery meeting from Linda Kirchhoff, commissioner to the meeting.
- ✚ Given updates on activities for Easter -
Palms have been ordered for Palm Sunday, Church Life is planning the breakfast and Christian Nurture is taking care of the annual Easter Egg hunt.
- ✚ Reminded of Church Life's movie night on February 21.
- ✚ Told of the activities of the Mission committee - fundraiser luncheon and program on February 28 after church and the collection of donations for One Great Hour of Sharing.



From its beginning, the Feeding America Backpack Program in the Newton Community School District has depended on volunteers. Groups like First Presbyterian Church have packed bags with food items for students to use over weekends and helped raise awareness and funds to support the program.

Newton's program started in Jan., 2013, with forty students at two schools receiving bags on the last school day of each week. Three years later, 117 students from all four elementary schools receive weekly bags, with more names on the waiting list. The Food Bank of Iowa currently has Feeding America Backpack Programs at 139 sites, serving over 5000 students.

As a result of the expansion of the program and in hopes of being able to serve more students in the future, the Food Bank of Iowa has found it necessary to change the way in which school programs are supplied. Pre-packed bags require less storage space at the Food Bank and in the schools, making delivery to schools much easier and making it feasible to continue increasing the number of students being served. This means volunteers are no longer needed to pack individual bags or to help with delivering bins to the schools.

First Presbyterian Church's assistance was instrumental in making the program work. The students, their families, school personnel, and the coordinating committee members offer their deepest appreciation and thanks for your commitment. As the Feeding America Backpack Program grows in the Newton Community School District, it will continue to be important that Newton supports the Food Bank of Iowa. Donations to the Food Bank of Iowa marked for "Newton Backpack Program" will be needed and appreciated.

Again, on behalf of all the students who benefited from First Presbyterian Church's caring, [Thank You!](#)

Gratefully,
Linda Curtis-Stolper
Feeding America Backpack Program Newton Coordinator



MARCH 2016 BIRTHDAYS & EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9:00 am Adult S. S. 10:00 am Fellowship 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Fellowship		1 11:00 am Gentle Yoga 6:30 pm Worship & Music	2 Katelyn Camp 6:45 am Lenten Breakfast/Devotion 9:30 am WBS 7:00 pm Choir	3 6:30 am Early Men's Group 9:00 am Men's Group 3:00 pm Chair Yoga 4:30 pm Mission 7:00 pm Christian Nurture	4	5 10:00 am Yoga Flow
6 Jennifer Ventling 5:00 pm Sundays at Four 6:00 pm - Youth Downtown	7 6:15 pm Yoga Flow	8 Barb Gallaher 11:00 am Gentle Yoga 5:30 pm Building & Grounds	9 Kevin Peska 6:45 am Lenten Breakfast/Devotion 9:30 am WBS 5:00 pm Membership 6:00 pm - B&F 7:00 pm Choir	10 3:00 pm Chair Yoga	11 Linda Curtis-Stolper	12 10:00 am Yoga Flow
13 Mary Ann Ringgenberg 9:00 am: Deacons 6:00 pm Youth Downtown Daylight Savings Starts	14 6:15 pm Yoga Flow	15 11:00 am Gentle Yoga 6:30 pm Session	16 6:45 am Lenten Breakfast/Devotion 9:30 am WBS 7:00 pm Choir	17 6:30 am Early Men's Group 9:00 am Men's Group 3:00 pm Chair Yoga	18 Virginia Bennett	19 Vickie Carson 10:00 am Yoga Flow
20  6:00 pm Youth Downtown	21 Julie Fisher 6:15 pm Yoga Flow	22 Elsie Nelson 11:00 am Gentle Yoga 6:30 pm Seder Meal	23 Dan Skokan 6:45 am Lenten Breakfast/Devotion 9:30 am WBS 7:00 pm Choir	24 3:00 pm Chair Yoga	25  12:00 pm Cross Walk	26 Don Black 10:00 am Yoga Flow 11:30 am Pastor's Book Club
27  9:15 am - Easter Breakfast	28 6:15 pm Yoga Flow	29 Les Gause	30	31		

**SERVING
THIS
MONTH**



March	6	13	20	27	April 3
Worship Leader Office	Tom Mott	Bev Rossow	Dave Stolper	Terry Rickers	Jane Repp
Host Elder/Deacon Diane Moles	Dave Stolper	Tara Zehr	Nancy Mott	Dana Hashman	Karen Quinn
Greeters Julie Brodersen	Chris & Peggy Lickiss	Doug Cutts Cole Doerring	Janet Shields Valerie Barney	Gary & Kay Parsons	Randy & Carol Camp
Ushers Office	Don and Sharon Black	Camp Family	Barb Gallaher	Tom & Nancy Mott	Bill & Nancy Shields
Audio Doug Cutts	Roger Harmelink	Roger Harmelink	Dan Ritter	Dan Ritter	Dan Ritter
Candlelighter Office	Allie Norvell	Skye Koenen	Natalie Camp	Cody Barney	Garrett Sturtz
Counters Jonnie Carpenter	Dan Ritter Bill Shields	Roger Harmelink Dave Stolper	Jonnie Carpenter Tara Zehr	Kelly Koenen Jen Norvell	Terry Rickers Mickey Van Baale
Bread Ministry Baker Barb Taylor	Mickey Van Baale	George Wilkening	Barb Taylor	Linda Campbell	Jane Repp
Bread Ministry Taker Barb Taylor	Mickey Van Baale	Mary Jane Tripp	Barb Taylor	Linda Campbell	Carol Russell
Communion Set up Linda Kirchhoff	Bev Rossow Marilyn McCallister		March 24 (Maundy Thursday) Linda Kirchhoff		Val McKee Tara Zehr

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Lectionary —

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

April, 2016

April 3 - 2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32; *Ps.* 118:14-29 *or* *Ps.* 150
Rev. 1:4-8; John 20:19-31

April 10 - 3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:1-6 (7-20); *Ps.* 30; Rev. 5:11-14
John 21:1-19

April 17 - 4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:36-43; *Ps.* 23; Rev. 7:9-17
John 10:22-30

April 24 - 5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 11:1-18; *Ps.* 148; Rev. 21:1-6