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A reminder that our **Sanctuary** will be closed Mon., Feb. 20 thru Fri., Mar. 10. This will allow the contractors adequate time to put up the scaffolding, paint the ceiling and remove the scaffolding while keeping everyone safe.

During this timeframe, Sunday worship will be held in Ihrman Hall.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FEBRUARY 12, 2017
9:30 A.M.



Begin the journey to the cross

March 1, 2017





WELCOME, ALL!

Welcome to this sanctuary.
Welcome to this time of worship and wonder.
Welcome to this family of faith.

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We're glad you're here today and pray that your experience with us in worship is both challenging and uplifting!

9:30 a.m. Worship * 10:15 a.m. Sunday School
Fellowship to follow in Ihrman Hall

Nursery care is available during worship service in Room 205.



STAY CONNECTED

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To receive our mid-week E-votional along with news about what's going on in the church, call/email the office and ask to be added to the list!



WHAT THE FOOD PANTRY NEEDS THE MOST!

- ◆ Canned meats: Think beyond tuna and soup, which food banks get tons of. Instead go for canned beef, canned ham, canned chicken. Or hearty ready-to-go meals like beef stew and chili with meat.
- ◆ Canned vegetables: Everyone donates green beans. Instead, give potatoes, spinach or any other veggies your family likes. (We have an over-abundance of peas and carrots.)
- ◆ Canned fruit: Not pineapple. This is the most commonly donated fruit. Any other fruit, particularly those in fruit juice without extra sugar, would be great. Dried fruit works too (raisins, etc.)
- ◆ Boxed meals THAT REQUIRE ONLY WATER. Hamburger Helper isn't helpful if you don't have hamburger.
- ◆ Low-sugar cereal - like Cheerios or Rice Krispies
- ◆ Peanut butter, jams and jellies
- ◆ Instant oatmeal, instant grits
- ◆ Cans of beans
- ◆ Biscuit or baking mixes (again that only require water)
- ◆ Cans, cartons or boxes of powdered and evaporated milk
- ◆ Snack items for kids to take to school: juice boxes, applesauce containers, granola bars
- ◆ Spices like cinnamon, oregano, basil, salt, pepper
- ◆ Sliced bread. It has a long shelf life but goes quickly
- ◆ Bags of apples or potatoes.
- ◆ Diapers in sizes above newborn, plus wipes toiletries: toothbrushes, soap, toothpaste, warm socks, lotion, shampoo & conditioner, Chapstick® (consider someone living outside at this time of year)
- ◆ Feminine hygiene products: unscented pads will be most universally used, not tampons
- ◆ Soaps - body wash, dish soap, laundry detergent
- ◆ Chocolate. It's not a necessity but a great pick-me-up when life gets to be too much!

Food Pantry Delivery



The first Friday of each month at 2:00 p.m.



FOOD PANTRY:

*Peanut Butter & Jelly * Soups & Stews * Mac & Cheese*

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE FOR THE FOOD PANTRY:

WED., FEB. 15 — MAC MACCAUGHEY, KATE GLEASON, JULIA REESER

THURS., FEB. 16 — MARTHA FUSCO, JUDY ROWLAND, MYRNA KRYGER

If you cannot make your shift, please find a sub and let LuAnn or Karin know.



Did you know that by volunteering a few hours each month YOU can make a positive impact on someone else's life?

Our **Food Pantry** is in need of a few more volunteers. The Food Pantry is open Wednesdays from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. and Thursdays from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m.

This would be a great experience for a high school student who needs to complete community hours for school.

If you'd like to make a difference, meet new people and are willing to work hard for a few hours each month, please email: karinwroach@gmail.com or hansen1@execpc.com

GATHERING WITH PRAISE

PRELUDE

Alejandro Alumbros

FIRST THOUGHT

It is our choices that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities. ~ J.K.Rowling

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Decide this day what you will choose

All: Let us choose life and love, over death and despair

One: Choose this day how to live

All: Let us decide to live in peace and in unity

One: Decide this day who you will worship

All: Let us worship God, whose name is Love

*HYMN

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" [263]

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

WELCOME

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Elliott Harris

Dear God, every day we are faced with choices. Forgive us when we choose to live for ourselves and not for others. When we turn away from those in need and ignore the plight of our neighbor, forgive us. When we choose to take the easy path rather than the road of sacrifice and service, God forgive us. Help us to choose all that makes for abundant life for all people. Make us into a community where love is shown and welcome is extended and all life is honored. ~ Amen

(Let us continue to pray in silence.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Friends, hear the good news of the Gospel.

All: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven**

*ACT OF PRAISE

[251 v.1]

**Your faithfulness, O Lord, is sure
In all Your words, Your gracious deeds;
You gently lift all burdened souls
And well provide for all our needs.**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READING

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 [O.T. p. 186]

SERMON

“Hobson’s Choice”
Rev. Gillian Weighton

LIVING THE WORD

PASSING THE PEACE

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

(During this time, children and their teachers leave for Sunday School.)

SONG OF RESPONSE

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God” [316]

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 12, 2017

Sun., Feb. 12	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Blood Pressure Screening Worship
Mon., Feb. 13		Office Closed
Tues., Feb. 14	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Office Open Deacon Meeting
Wed., Feb. 15	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m. 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Office Open Intercessory Prayer Group Bible Study Food Pantry Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal
Thurs., Feb. 16	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Office Open Food Pantry
Fri., Feb. 17	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Office Open
Sat., Feb. 18	12:00 p.m.	Sack Lunch Program

Please join us Sunday the 19th at 9:30 a.m. for worship with scripture reading from Matthew 5:38-48.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN STAFF — JOYFULLY SERVING

ALL OF US - Ministers
REV. GILLIAN WEIGHTON - Senior Pastor
REV. STEVE FRINGER - Visitation Pastor
ALEJANDRO ALUMBREROS - Organist & Choir Director
NANCY BUCK - Handbell Choir Director
DORIS DESCHLER - Financial Secretary
VAL KLASS - Sexton
SHELLEY MAURER - Church Secretary
MARK PAFFRATH - Music Leader
PEGGY TAYLOR - Parish Nurse



Prayers for our church family—including Bonnie Eastman, Lissy Blandford, Don and Nancy Tobias, Peg Rendall, Marlene Wilson, Peggy Taylor, Evelyn Vanderheyden, Annette Anderson, Beth Elzinga, Mary Lou Hill, Larry Cardwell, Maggie Seater, Mary Larscheidt—sister of Carrie Massey, and the mothers of Elizabeth Tews and Nicole Higgs. Healing prayers for those who are going through rough times—whether emotionally, physically or spiritually.

Prayers for our military—Lt. Col Jay Brooke, Kyle Sondergaard, Andy Loth, Jordan Smith, Scott Pence, Nicholas Hansen, Chad Lawrence, Christopher Hansen, Captains Mary & Eddie Callahan.



Prayers for our friends— Jeff Erickson from the Caledonia Fire Dept., Lt. Col. Matt Brooke—Army, Retired, Karen Schneider—good friend of Bill and Lissy Blandford and Alex Stinefast—nephew of our church secretary.

Also keep those in your thoughts and prayers who remain bright, cheery and positive, although they may not have a comfortable place to lay their heads or food to fill their bellies. And a special prayer for all those who lend a helping hand to make the world a brighter place for others.

*DOXOLOGY [592]

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him,
all creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. ~ Amen**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy
kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as
we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but
deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever. ~ Amen.**

GOING FORTH TO MINISTER

*CLOSING HYMN "Live Into Hope [332]

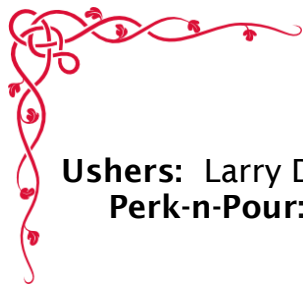
*BENEDICTION

*SUNG BLESSING [251 v. 4]

**My mouth shall speak Your praise, O Lord,
My soul shall bless Your holy name;
Let all things living join the song
Of praise, from age to age the same.**

POSTLUDE *Alejandro Alumbrosos*

**Please stand as you are able.
[Bold type] indicates text to be spoken or song to be sung by the congregation.*



FEBRUARY 12, 2017

Greeters: Leah Fisher, Linda Schubert

Ushers: Larry Dickerson, Sharon Campbell, Jeff Leavell, Martha Fusco

Perk-n-Pour: Royce & Barbara Earnest, Oliver & Sandra Hopkins

Liturgist: Elliott Harris

Today—Peggy Taylor (parish nurse) and Vi Shufelt (church member) are doing **blood pressure screenings** in Ihrman Hall—before and after worship. Please stop by to see them for a screening or to just say hello!



Art Show Our **Chapel Art Exhibit** includes artwork by Ellen & Larry Cardwell, Ardath Trebra, Don Tobias, Lissy Blandford, Sarah and Jen Seversen.

Visit the Chapel to see the creativity of our parishioners. Checks should be made payable to First Presbyterian Church with the artist's name on the memo line.

*Please note:
Not all artwork is for sale.*



**FREE
CONCERT TODAY!**

Belle Ensemble presents "REFUGE" — MUSICAL REFLECTIONS ON SURVIVAL IN TIMES OF CONFLICT AND WAR. Bedford Hall at UW-Parkside, 3:30 p.m. Performers are Ami Bouterse, soprano; Karen Archbold, mezzo-soprano; Edson Melendez, tenor; Nicholas Barootian, baritone; Alejandro Alumbremos, piano; and Alvaro Garcia, viola.

A Note from

Doris

Submit your 2017 PER CAPITA dues now, so you won't have to worry about it at the end of the year. Thank you!

**sack
lunch**

**OUR SACK LUNCH DAY IS
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH!**

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**SC Johnson Young Leaders
Scholarship Program**

SC Johnson, through its corporate Foundation, SC Johnson Giving, Inc., has established a scholarship program to assist high school seniors attending public, private or parochial high schools in the Racine Unified School District attendance area who plan to continue their education in college or vocational school programs. Renewable scholarships are offered each year for full-time study at an accredited institution of the student's choice.

For more information or to complete the application, go to:
[HTTP://SMS.SCHOLARSHIPAMERICA.ORG/SCJOHNSONYOUNGLEADERS/](http://SMS.SCHOLARSHIPAMERICA.ORG/SCJOHNSONYOUNGLEADERS/)

A Friendly Reminder

Bulletin articles are due each Wednesday by 12:30 p.m., for that following Sunday's bulletin.

*many
Thanks*

The Chili Cook Off was a great success and a good time was had by all! Thank you to all who brought in chili, corn bread and desserts. The Mission Committee raised over \$500 which will be used for the Mission trip to Cuba this year. Thanks to the following people who helped with the day: The Tuesday Crew for setting up the tables and electrical cords in the Dining Room and everyone on the committee (Bruce Armstrong, Nancy Borzynski, Georgia Herrera, Ben Neal and Debbie Yale) who purchased food and supplies and helped before, during and after the event (including Jeff Leavell and Catherine Neal who were auxiliary committee members for the day!).

Please mark your calendars for the Cuba Sandwich Lunch which will be held on Sunday, March 5th, immediately following worship - another opportunity for good food and fellowship!