

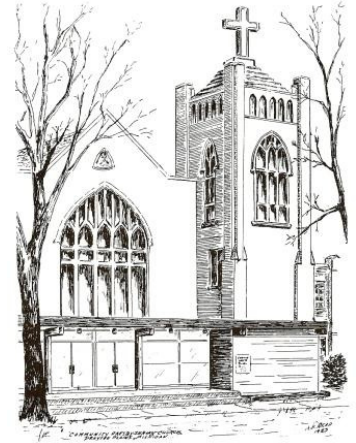
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Pastor's Ponderings

Happy New Year!

2018 is before us – alive with possibilities and promise!

I must say it has been a whirlwind four months since I joined the Community Presbyterian family. I finally feel like I know more names than not and I am beginning to settle into a routine. I think 2018 will prove to be an interesting year for us all as we dig into the self-study work and begin visioning for the future.

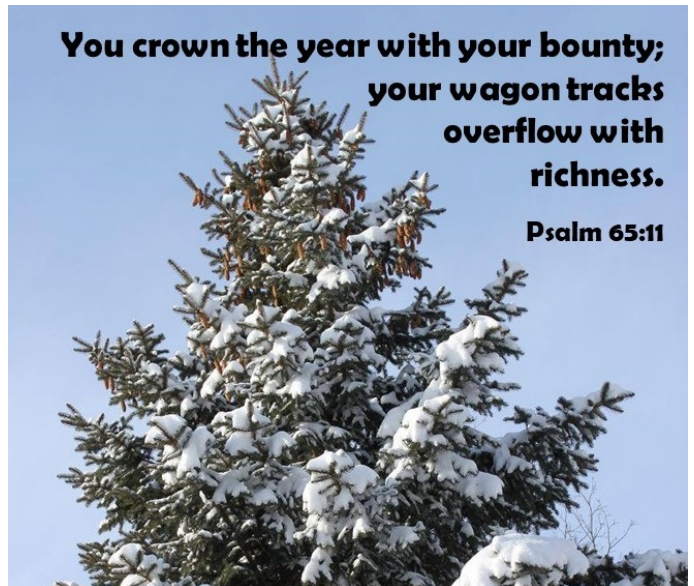
I know as a congregation you have experienced numerous changes and transitions this past year. Change tends to shake us up a bit and foster a sense of uncertainty. But change can also bring freshness and new life. Change is not something to be feared, rather a part of life that brings with it new opportunities. There have been some changes since September, and change will continue to be a theme in 2018. The first area of change that I would like to share with you is about communion. We will be moving to a more frequent celebration of the Lord's Supper. For the most part, communion will typically be celebrated on the first Sunday of the month, though there will be a few exceptions. As a part of that change, Christian Education has modified their teaching rotation so that all children and youth will be in service on the first Sunday of the month. This will allow teachers as well as younger members of the congregation to participate in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Please know, that by our polity, any who come in faith, regardless of age are offered the bread and the cup at the communion table. I do think it is important for children and youth to have some understanding of the meaning of the meal. For that reason, I will be offering a class on communion in the coming month, which will be directed at the children and youth (and their parents too)! Stayed tuned for an announcement in the weekly bulletin.

Though we don't know where the Spirit will lead this coming year, we trust that God walks with us and that the Spirit will guide us in the way we should go.

In Christ,
Pastor Beth

**You crown the year with your bounty;
your wagon tracks
overflow with
richness.**

Psalms 65:11



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Music and Worship

January Worship Calendar

Sunday, January 7

Baptism of the Lord

Communion

Sunday, January 14

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday, January 21

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday, January 28

4th Sunday after Epiphany

Sanctuary Flowers

There are still open dates in January for members to sign up to bring flowers for the worship service:

January 7 –

January 14 –

January 21 –

January 28 –

Please sign up in the Narthex to provide flowers for the Worship Service on future available dates. You may order flowers from a florist and have them delivered to the church on Friday from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. or you may bring them in on Sunday before the worship service starts.



Mission

Many thanks for the wonderful response to our Lighthouse “adopt a family” project. The Mission Committee is pleased to report that we fulfilled all the needs and wishes for this year’s families and senior. In addition each recipient received gift cards and extras like bath products and wrapping paper, etc. A special thank you also to the Deacons and membership committee for their generous donations.

The Mission Committee is always interested in any new ideas or suggestions you may have. Contact our chairperson – Alice Sias – or simply drop us a note in the Sunday collection plate. We also welcome anyone who might like to join our committee as we look forward to continuing our mission work in the New Year.



Membership

Directory Update...

Please update Pam McNeal's address:
2257 Forest Glen
West Bloomfield, MI 48324

There was an error to a previous update of Helen Peters' phone
Autumn Years Elderly Care
6490 Eastlawn
Clarkston, MI 48346
Front desk phone 248-992-7681

Please update the Shelton family's contact information. The home phone listed in the directory is no longer valid. Please add Anna's cell phone: 248-420-6134, and Michael's: 248-420-6109

An excerpt from Joyce Simmons' Christmas card:
"If ever you are in my neck of the woods, stop by for a chat and a hug. My phone is 248-439-0182 but I don't have voicemail, so you can also call Diana at 586-246-9860 and she'll make sure I get your message and return your call."



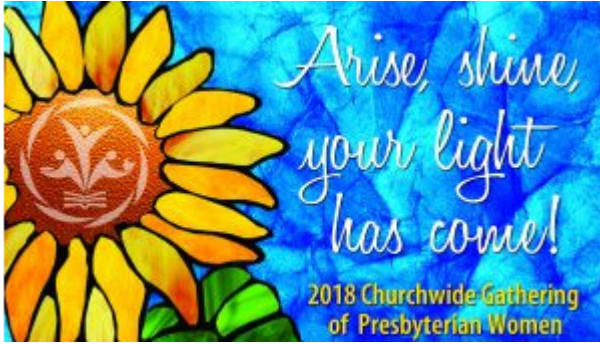
January Birthdays



Tom Antram
Joan Butler
Hayley Dwire
Gail Ferguson
Tom Hartley Jr.
Janina Johnson
Deb Kendrick
Vernita Lock
Sandy Maguire
Linda McAllister
Cam McCaffrey
Nancy McKervey
Liam O'Dea
Joshua Ostrom
Leslie Pedersen
Andrew Pociacha
Justin Prescott
Jenny Sansom
Ruth Schluchter
Noah Stinson
Sarah Stinson

Please notify the office of any mistakes or omissions in the birthday list.

Community Activities



Presbyterian Women

PWPD 2018 Annual Retreat

First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn
Saturday March 24, 2018

Keynote Speaker Renee Warman

Renee Warman is known for being a motivational speaker involved in GLOW women's ministries, has recorded many Christian songs with her family and choir, and children's ministries as well. Please go to

pbydetroit.org and click on Partner

Announcements (scroll down to Presbyterian Women) for more information.

I will not be able to attend, but this sounds like it should be a very good program. Carol Axford



Thursday, January 4th

Bible Study. 1 p.m. Cost \$0

Line dancing at CPC - 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Friday, January 5th

Meet at the American Legion on Mary Sue off Maybee in Clarkston for dinner. Time 5:30 p.m.

Monday, January 8th

Prayer shawl knitting at CPC 1-3 p.m.

Meet at the Big Boy restaurant on Dixie at 5:15 for games. 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Cost \$0 for games.

Tuesday, January 9th

Line dancing at CPC - 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Thursday, January 11th

Line dancing at CPC - 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, January 13th

Movie & Lunch. Meet at Highland Grille at 11:30 a.m. for lunch and we will go to MJR Theatre after.

Monday, January 15th

Meet at the Big Boy restaurant on Dixie at 5:15 for games. 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Cost \$0 for games.

Tuesday, January 16th

Line dancing at CPC - 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Come to our first meeting of the New Year to schedule activities at 7 p.m. Bring a snack to pass and ideas, along with a friend or two.

Thursday, January 18th

Line dancing at CPC - 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Grief Counseling at Community Presbyterian Church 7-8 p.m. Cost \$0

Saturday, January 20th

It's Tom's annual "After Christmas" Party. Bronner's has NOTHING over Tom as far as Christmas decorations are concerned. Bring a dish to pass and your favorite drink. Time 5:30

Monday, January 22nd

Meet at the Big Boy restaurant on Dixie at 5:15 for games. 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Cost \$0 for games.

Everyone is invited to attend any of our activities.

For any questions, call Jenny
931-334-0513.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>31</p> <p>Epiphany</p> <p>New Year's Eve</p> <p>8:50 Advent Bible Study</p> <p>10 Worship (Childrens' SSch duri</p>	<p>Jan 1</p> <p>Office Closed</p> <p>New Year's Day</p>	<p>2</p> <p>10 \$3 Line Dancing</p> <p>6:45p Christian Ed. mtg</p> <p>7p Music & Worship</p>	<p>3</p> <p>1p Bulletin Info Submission Deac</p> <p>6p NO Chancel Choir</p> <p>7:30p NO Handbell Choir</p>	<p>4</p> <p>1p Friends Bible Study</p> <p>5:30p \$3 Line Dancing</p>	<p>5</p> <p>5:30p American Legion Dinner or</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>7</p> <p>Baptism of the Lord</p> <p>10 Worship (Childrens' SSch duri</p> <p>11 Congregational Meeting - elect</p> <p>11:15 Fellowship Lunch</p>	<p>8</p> <p>1p Prayer Shawl Ministry</p> <p>5:30p Game Night @ Big Boy Cla</p> <p>7p Finance mtg.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>10 \$3 Line Dancing</p> <p>6:30p Deacons mtg.</p> <p>7p Session</p>	<p>10</p> <p>1p Bulletin Info Submission Deac</p> <p>6p Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>7:30p Handbell Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9 Fellowship Breakfast @ Dixie D</p> <p>5:30p \$3 Line Dancing</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>11:30 Highland Grill Lunch & Movi</p>
<p>14</p> <p>Installation of Officers</p> <p>10 Worship (Childrens' SSch duri</p> <p>11 Coffee Fellowship</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</p> <p>5:30p Game Night @ Big Boy Cla</p>	<p>16</p> <p>10 \$3 Line Dancing</p> <p>7p Community Activities Mtg @ Cl</p>	<p>17</p> <p>1p Bulletin Info Submission Deac</p> <p>6p Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>7:30p Handbell Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>18</p> <p>5:30p \$3 Line Dancing</p> <p>7p Grief Support</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>5:30p Comm Act. Party @ Tom Rc</p>
<p>21</p> <p>Informer Deadline</p> <p>10 Worship (Childrens' SSch duri</p> <p>11 Congregational Meeting</p> <p>11 Youth Breakfast</p>	<p>22</p> <p>5:30p Game Night @ Big Boy Cla</p> <p>6:30p Cub Scouts - Dining Rm, G</p>	<p>23</p> <p>10 \$3 Line Dancing</p>	<p>24</p> <p>1p Bulletin Info Submission Deac</p> <p>6p Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>7:30p Handbell Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>25</p> <p>5:30p \$3 Line Dancing</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28</p> <p>10 Worship (Childrens' SSch duri</p> <p>11 Coffee Fellowship</p>	<p>29</p> <p>5:30p Game Night @ Big Boy Cla</p>	<p>30</p> <p>10 \$3 Line Dancing</p>	<p>31</p> <p>1p Bulletin Info Submission Deac</p> <p>6p Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>7:30p Handbell Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>Feb 1</p> <p>1p Friends Bible Study</p> <p>5:30p \$3 Line Dancing</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>

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