

The Church Steeple

First Presbyterian Church

January 2018

PASTOR CHRIS' CORNER

“In the beginning, God....” Genesis 1:1a

In the beginning of your New Year—God's gift to you—make it your goal to make God first in all things. Make your waking thought a prayer of thanks and a request for guidance. As you take your hot bath/shower, give thanks to God for water sufficient enough, not only to sustain your life but, to maintain health and a level of comfort. As you walk out the door to go to work or to the store, or even to the doctor's office, give thanks to God that you have a purpose for the day—and give thanks for the people who provide the services you need to fulfill that purpose. When you eat, give thanks and remember to give to the poor so that others may be fed. When you walk in your door, out of the freezing cold, give thanks for the warmth that greets you, and remember that there are many people without it. As you crawl, dive, or collapse into bed, give thanks for the day and that God has been with you through it all. Ask God to forgive you for the biting words said in haste, the impatient attitude, and the selfishness that clings to you even in spite of your best efforts to curb it. Make your pillow the soft pillow of a clear conscience so that you can begin a new day at peace with God, others, and yourself.

A BLESSED, HEALTHY, AND GOD-CENTERED NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL!

SHOP RITE GIFT CARDS are available. See Doris on Sunday after worship or call Amy in the church office. Thanks to all who support this ongoing Fundraiser.

ZION'S FOOD BANK cereal, tuna, pasta sauce, pasta, rice, soups, and evaporated milk always needed.

Volunteers needed. Please make your New Years Resolution to donate your gift of time.

Needed are counters for January and February. Ushers for February, communion set up and servers for February. Liturgists needed for Sunday services.

Thrift shop helped needed on Saturdays from 9 AM – Noon.

Session Members needed for a three year term but we will take a one year term.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING January 28, 2018

FROM YOUR SESSION

BOARD OF FINANCE & PROPERTY

Session approved the budget for 2018. Thanks to Amy for her hard work. It will be presented to the congregation. The contract for the SDA Church was reviewed we are waiting to hear from them about renewing. Waiting for volunteers to count for January.

BOARD OF SPIRITUAL LIFE

Communion set up and servers for January are Edith and Kathy. Ushers are Doris and Debiie.

BOARD OF OUTREACH & FELLOWSHIP

A snow call list will be set-up after the new year. The used clothing drive netted \$821.20.

NEW BUSINESS

We need someone to update the website. If you know of someone willing please let us know. In the meantime Amy will increase her hours and try working on it. We received a check from the estate of Ethel Wolansky in the amount of \$32,000.00. John Michael is head of nominating committee from session. Along with Paula Cotov and Cheryl Taylor from the congregation. We need to replace three elders leaving Session. Please serve if asked.

**On Behalf of the entire Session we wish you and your families
a very Happy Healthy New Year.**

Respectfully submitted,

Doris Stefura

Clerk of Session

A Special thank you to Ann Krotchko, Mariann Wilson, and Edith Raimo for providing our music for the year.

GINNY DROTAR THRIFT SHOP NEWS

Our Ginnie Drotar Thrift Shop is continuing to bring in much needed funds for our church. Our shelves are packed with all kinds of household and clothing goodies. This Christmas season we also had a wonderful Christmas boutique. Thanks to our loyal staff for volunteering. Please let a worker know if we can help out anyone from the congregation or community. We are in our 20th year. Come out to support us by stopping by next Saturday at 9am.






*On behalf of the Ginnie Drotar Thrift Shop staff,
Colleen Barkkume*



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JANUARY

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 11:00 AM Worship	01 11:00 AM Worship HRC	02 7:30 PM SDA	03	04	05 7:30 PM SDA	06 9:00 AM Thrift Shop Help Needed 9:30 AM SDA
07 11:00 AM Worship with the Lord's Supper	08 7:00 PM Session Mtg	09 7:30 PM SDA	10	11 	12 7:30 PM SDA 	13 9:00 AM Thrift Shop Help Needed 9:30 AM SDA
14 11:00 AM Worship	15	16 BD: Cameron Browne BD: Edith Raimo 7:30 PM SDA	17	18 7:30 PM SDA	19 7:30 PM SDA 	20 9:00 AM Thrift Shop Help Needed 9:30 AM SDA
- - - - Pastor Chris Bridge on vacation January 9th to January 23rd - - - -						
21 11:00 AM Worship	22	23 BD: Marlee Kovacs BD: Tom Cotov 7:30 PM SDA	24	25 	26 7:30 PM SDA 	27 9:00 AM Thrift Shop Help Needed 9:30 AM SDA
P a s t o r v a c a t i o n - - - - -						
28 11:00 AM Worship Congregational meeting to follow	29	30 7:30 PM SDA	31	01	02	03 BD: Birthday ANN: Anniversary HRC: Hungerain Reformed Church
Communion Setup & Servers: Edith & Kathy Ushers: Doris & Debbie B Counters: STILL NEEDED						

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Please remember to keep the prayer list up to date!! Please look over the list each Sunday and make any changes and leave in the collection plate for Amy's attention. Thank you we love hearing that our prayers are working!!! And we love praying for the needs of this church and church family!

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