



First Presbyterian Church Croswell 7 S. Howard Croswell, MI **March 2019**

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

As the March winds blow, we begin the season of Lent with Ash Wednesday on March 6th and this year we will, once again, offer the Ash Wednesday Service jointly with the Croswell United Methodist Church at 7:00 PM at the Methodist Church.

I sometimes feel that we do not look on the season of Lent with a full understanding of what it truly means. I know that for many years I never quite grasped the meaning of what it portrays. We tend to look at this season as just a time of penitence and abstinence, the giving up of something to show our repentance (the Roman Catholic Church was known for the practice of giving up meat on Fridays during lent but that does not have a true biblical root) but it is much more than that. Historically, these 40 days mark the last part of Jesus' earthly ministry, the time when he reveals his destiny of death to his disciples and gives us what I feel is the greatest of gifts.

I look at Lent as a time to reflect and learn; a time to review how well we understand the tenants of our Christian faith and our personal practices. I would like to offer a Lenten Study this year to all who are interested. It will be on Thursday, since I am now keeping office hours from 10:00 until whenever, except the third Thursday when the Harbor Beach session meets. I would appreciate your input as to what time you would like to meet together as I will be available any time that day. During that study time, we will explore the scriptures that are encompassed by the Lenten Journey that we walk with our savior.

The study will start on March 10 and continue through Maundy Thursday, April 18th when we will meet for the evening service of scripture and communion at our Church at 7:00PM.

We have more things planned for the future that are new and (at least to me) exciting so stay tuned as we go forward in Christ together!

See you Sunday,

Don



SESSION UPDATE

A Stated meeting was held on Tuesday February 19, 2019. The following items were discussed:

Manual of Operation Updated – Additions to manual include Guide One Workman Insurance info, State of MI Non-Profit Annual Report, Presbytery Church Emergency Preparedness Information, Presbytery of LH staff contact information, and Church Contacts for Deacons and Elders 2019. Removed from manual Annual Report of Compensation for Rev. Kenneth Hetzel. Motion made and seconded to approve updated manual.

Approved recommendation from Worship & Music Comm. to conduct One Great Hour of Sharing collection on Easter Sunday, and Pentecost offering in June.

Lay Leader program will begin in March (committee members will secure lay leaders to read Call To Worship and Prayer of Confession).

Approved recommendation from Worship & Music Comm. to have pastor conduct a Confirmation Class.

Elected Ann Matthews as the auditor for the 2018 General Fund.

Elected Sally Pomeroy as Clerk of Session for a 1-year term.

Elected Ann Milletics as Church Treasurer for a 1-year term.

Next Session meeting will be Tuesday March 12, 2019

LENTEN DATES

Ash Wed. March 6th – service at Croswell U. Methodist Church; Don Wixson CP will share leadership with Rev. Ellen Schippert. Service starts at 7:00PM

Palm Sunday April 14th – 10:00 AM

Maundy Thursday April 18th – 7 PM Communion service at FPC, Croswell; Don Wixson CP will share in leadership with Rev. Ellen Schippert

Good Friday Community Service April 19th @ 12 Noon held at Lexington U. Methodist Church

Easter Sunday April 21st – 10:00 AM service, Adult choir to sing

From your little Library in the corner....

He was a complex man and a reluctant prophet. But when called upon to save his people, he overcame his doubts and fears and defeated the most powerful empire on earth. This biography of Moses is on video-cassette tape. Moses, from A&E's Biography. (Orange Dot)

"Princess Anna gazes out her window, stirred by the curiosity of what lies beyond the safety of the castle walls. But when she is enticed into the dark forest far from home, she immediately realizes it is a mistake. When the king learns of his daughter's fate, he doesn't hesitate, for as with all of his children, he is willing to sacrifice everything to show them....The Way Home. Written by Max Lucado. (Children -Yellow Dot)

**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING****SPECIAL OFFERING****EASTER SUNDAY**

In the weeks leading up to Easter Sunday, material will be provided in church bulletins giving information on the Presbytery offering, One Great Hour of Sharing. Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The three programs supported by OGHS – Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People – all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need.

First Presbyterian Church, Croswell's efforts to support this offering has been a long-standing tradition – the offering is a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need.

EASTER LILIES

Please contact Croswell Greenhouse to order your Easter lily for Easter Sunday. Lilies will be placed in front of the church for Easter service and may be taken home after the service. Please indicate if the flower will be "In Honor of" or "In Memory of" and a special brochure will be included in the bulletin with all the information.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Anniversaries					1	2
Birthdays						Gail Bales
Meetings						
Community						
3 Communion	4	5	6	7	8	9
Cheryl Hosler		Community	Ash Wednesday 7pm @			
Larry & Barb Pabst		Dinner Valiant Ministries	CUMC			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
						Kelly Spana
						Gerald Warner
17 Choir	18	19	20	21	22	23
St. Patrick's Day		P.W. 6pm	Kelly Holbrook	Food Truck	Sue Kinsley	
		Renzie & Mary Ann Milarch	Lonnie Smith		Sue Weller	
					Jon Lusher	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
			Lisa Haddix			
31						
Edward & Ann McLane						