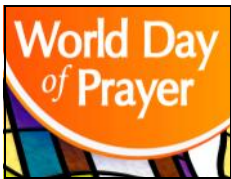


First United Monthly Newsletter

MARCH 2018

March is the month best known for **St. Patrick's Day** and the **beginning of Spring**. However, did you realize it's also the time for **National Procrastination Week** (3/4-10...maybe), **International Day of Awesomeness** (3/10), and **Make Up Your Own Holiday Day** (3/26)? Here are a few more important dates for you to keep in mind:



Presbyterian Women World Day of Prayer

Friday 3/2, Service - 10am
(Fellowship - 9:30 am)



Agape Dinner

*Followed by immigration panel
presentation & discussion
Wednesday, 3/7, 5:45 pm



Leprechaun Luncheon

Youth fundraiser
Sunday, 3/11, 11 am



New Member Classes

Tuesday, 3/14 &
Wednesday, 3/15, 6:30 pm



Saturday Night Cinema & Potluck Dinner

Saturday, 3/24, 5 pm

Our next **Agape Dinner** is coming on **Wednesday, March 7 at 5:45pm**, and we'll be enjoying a delicious taco bar with all the fixin's! Come share the love as we open our doors to the whole community again this month. The suggested donation is \$3/adult and \$1/child.



Following dinner, we'll host a panel discussion on the important topic of immigration from a local perspective. Our guest panelists will update us on the work of their organizations and discuss broader immigration issues. We hope you'll join us for this special night.



Are you looking for a new church home? Have you been attending here awhile and are curious about officially joining our church family? You're invited to attend one of our upcoming

New Member Classes on **Tuesday, March 13** or **Wednesday, March 14 at 6:30pm**. For more information, contact the church office (info@firstunitedpc.org) or Pastor Luke (luke@firstunitedpc.org).

You can always find the most up-to-date church information in our **"Weekly Newsletter"** in your Sunday bulletin. Recent newsletters, bulletins, information, and the official church calendar of events can always be found on our website at www.firstunitedpc.org. Don't miss a thing!





Our **JAM & CORE** youth groups will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day a little early this year with a **Leprechaun Luncheon** after church on **March 11**. Tickets are on sale for this tasty fundraiser at the youth Coffee Shop for \$11 (kids under 11-\$7). With a ticket, you'll enjoy some great Irish stew and help support the youth of our church family as they participate in several summer trips and special activities.

Our **Presby Seekers** invite all retired folks and friends to join them for a road trip on **Tuesday, March 13**. They'll be traveling to St. Francis Xavier Cathedral in Green Bay for a guided tour of the newly-restored nave and museum. Please meet at the church at **9:45am** to carpool to the Cathedral. Following the tour, our group will enjoy a quintessential Wisconsin lunch - booyah - at the nearby ADRC dining room. Lunch will be \$4. All are welcome to join this unique opportunity during the season of Lent. For more details, call Paul Jensen at 351-3244.



Saturday Night Cinema is back! On **Saturday, March 24**, you're invited to visit the home of Gary and Kim Williams (900 Red Fox Lane - off West

Mason just past N.W.T.C.) for a light potluck dinner at **5pm** followed by the 2017 film, "The Case for Christ" after dinner. It's based on Lee Strobel's award-winning best seller about his real life journalistic quest to debunk Christianity and the unexpected results that changed his life. Watch for more details about how you can enjoy this fun, free night of fellowship and entertainment.

- > **Palm Sunday** (3/25 - 9:45 am)
- > **Maundy Thursday** (3/29 - 7 pm)
- > **Good Friday** (3/30 - 7 pm)
- > **Easter Sunday** (4/1 - 7:45 am & 9:45 am)

HOLY WEEK



Presbyterian Women Calendar



Our Presbyterian Women's group is a community of women who are hardworking, faithful, curious, welcoming, prayerful, creative, and giving. They are YOU! Why not join us for some of our group opportunities and activities?

- 3/1 - **P.W.C.T. @ 9am (Room 11) & Mission Sewing @ 9:30am (Koinonia Lounge)**
- 3/2 - **World Day of Prayer @ 10am (fellowship time at 9:30am)**
- 3/8 - **Talbot Circle @ 12pm ("K" Lounge)**
- 3/17 - **Papercrafting @ 10am (Room 11)**
- 3/21 - **Esther Circle Bible Study @ 9:30am (Koinonia Lounge)**
- 3/27 - **4th Tuesday Readers @ 1pm (Library)**

Looking ahead...

*Has it been a while since you used the "good" dishes? We'll be hosting a special catered "**Dinner at Six**" on **April 18**, and we're asking you to share your special place settings to decorate the tables. Tickets go on sale soon. Watch for more details, or contact Jan Nelson or Barb Kraus for more information.

*The national **Presbyterian Women's Churchwide Gathering** is set for **August 2-5** in Louisville, Kentucky. Scholarships are available. Contact Jan Nelson, Susan Leiber, or Julie Mackey for more details or visit www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering.



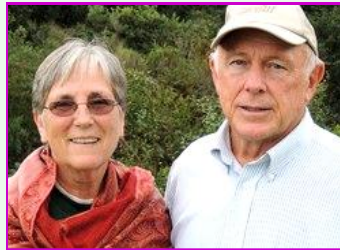
The 2018 **SPARK Grant** will be awarded to a member or members of our church who provide the most innovative idea that will further the goals of our church. You can find an application form and more

details in the Family Life Center and online at www.firstunitedpc.org under the "What's Happening" tab. All applications must be in by **March 30**. Our Session will choose and announce their selection(s) in April.



Our church has once again joined hundreds of churches and businesses around Wisconsin to support the Family Radio Network's **Help for the Homeless Drive**. Hygiene and cleaning items are being collected **through March 11** to help local shelters and crisis programs. All donations stay in the area where they're collected. Our church's donation box is located in the Gathering Area. For more details, go to www.thefamily.net.

You may remember **John and Gwen Haspels** who have been longtime friends of our church and Presbyterian Mission Workers in Ethiopia since 1974. They are survivors of a horrible shooting several years ago during their mission work. Here's an update on them from a letter that Anne Dropp wanted to share with everyone:



"I hope this letter finds you well... John is in Ethiopia for a month. He is helping the church in Suri to build buildings that are resistant to termites. He puts up metal frames and trusses and a metal roof, and they fill the walls. He is finishing number four. Praise God he can still go there. It makes him happy and helps Suri. He was to baptize one hundred people yesterday. God is growing His Church.

I am doing well. I miss Ethiopia but am happy to be with my mom. I am able to volunteer at the thrift store. In March, I'll try one more surgery on my face. Hoping this will help the eating problem. God be with you! Love, Gwen"

May God bless the Haspels, too. Please remember them in your prayers.



The **Presbyterian Pantry** "Item of the Month" for **March** is cans of tuna. Did you know volunteers from our church family visit the Presbyterian Pantry

twice a month to help pack grocery bags for local people in need? If you'd like to learn more or get involved, please contact Julie Mackey at 337-0890 or Susan Leiber at 337-0979.

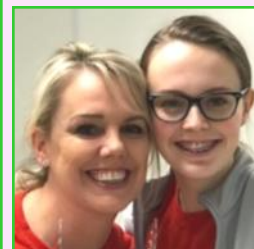
N.E.W. Community Shelter Update...

On **February 20** our team of volunteers served 189 meals prepared by Lee Richardson, Dennis Hibray, Mike Kettner, and Cindi Barnett. Cakes were provided by Mike Kettner, Marilyn Knuth, Sue Renier, Diane Betz, Vernon Pahl, Kendra Smale, Lynnee Schmidt, and Debbie Cordova. Diane Betz provided brownies for the **F r e e d o m House**.



Dinner was served by Sydney and Mackenzie

Lindow, Kendra and Violet Smale, Lynnee Schmidt, Dennis Hibray, and Mark DeCleene.



In addition Lois Pelishek and Lee Richardson delivered meals to Freedom House.

Our next date at the shelter will be **March 20** from 5pm to 6:15pm. If you'd like to donate a cake, sign up in the

Family Life Center or contact **Diane Betz** at 336-5054. If you would like to help prepare a meal or serve at the shelter, please contact **Cindi Barnett** at cindi.barnett@snc.edu or at 737-5376.



Monthly Financial Update

(as of January, 2018)

"For the Son of Man came not to be served but to SERVE, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Mark 10:45

	Year-to-Date Actual	Year-to-Date Budget
Operating Fund		
Income	\$41,700	\$43,100
Expenses	\$27,000	\$27,400
Building Fund		
Income	\$4,300	\$5,700

Special Upcoming Offering:

Deacons Fund Offering - March 4

One Great Hour of Sharing - March 25-April 1

2018 Per Capita - \$36 per member

MARCH

Elder of the Month

Scott McPherson

Deacons of the Month

Anne Motquin & Lou Seiler



- 1 - Mike Kettner, Chris McPherson, & Anne Motquin
- 2 - Kelly Mehlberg
- 5 - Chris Bivins, Mara Marks, & Shirley Nahley
- 6 - Brian Lindow & Lauren Sacotte
- 7 - Roger Lange, Vern Pahl, & Jason Schnitzler
- 8 - Kathy Zeitler
- 9 - Alexis Bivins, Olivia Bivins, & Kendra Smale

- 10 - Laurel Heil
- 11 - James Melcher & Eric Planert
- 12 - Sarah Jane Peters
- 14 - Michelle Janssen & Chris Larson
- 15 - Lynn Jensen
- 16 - Madelyn Janssen & Lynnee Schmidt
- 17 - Patty O'Konski & Joseph Vollmar
- 18 - Paul Jensen
- 20 - William Johnson
- 21 - Don LaRock & Larry Longlais
- 22 - Isabella Gutzman, Peggy Hau, & Beth Weier
- 23 - Andrew Schnitzler
- 25 - Suzanne Driscoll, Lisa Koltz, & Cal McGregor
- 26 - Cindi Barnett & Anne Dropp
- 27 - Nancy Maternoski & Patrick O'Brien
- 31 - Bill Picard & Ginny Trost

Our History Corner...



One important figure in our church history is **Rev. Dr. Howard Talbot**. He was educated at Yale College (before it was a university) and at Union Theological Seminary. He and his wife first came to De Pere in **1889**, serving our church for 21 years. His next seven years were spent writing and occasionally preaching around the Green Bay and Fond du Lac areas. Dr. Talbot returned as our pastor in **1918** and stayed until he retired in **1929** at age

81. He led our church for a total of 32 years! One of Dr. Talbot's unique contributions was the introduction of "illustrated services" on Sunday nights when he offered "stereopticon slides" as a part of the evening worship. It's safe to say that our Dr. Talbot was a pioneer in today's use of projection to enhance the worship experience!

**Do you have any church memories, stories, or photos to share? Please contact Mark Young at mark@firstunitedpc.org or contact the church office. Thank you!*

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Sunday School
Sunday 8:30am

Worship Service
Sunday 9:45am

Coffee Fellowship
Sunday 10:45am



Office Hours

Monday - Thursday
9am - 1pm

Friday - closed



Do you have info to submit or corrections to share?

Please send your info to **Mark Young** at mark@firstunitedpc.org or to the church office at info@firstunitedpc.org. We always appreciate your input and feedback!