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JANUARY 2018



**PASTOR CYNDI
WILL BE OUT
OF THE OFFICE
JANUARY 1
THROUGH
JANUARY 8**

Prayers for Pastor Cyndi and her family as she attends a celebration of life for her father, Donald Dimock, may he rest in peace.

Pastor Cyndi will be back in the office on Tuesday, January 9.

MISSION:
**MISSION TRIP PLANNING,
SUNDAY, JANUARY 14
YOUTH AND ADULTS
THAT ARE INTERESTED**

If you have considered joining in on a summer mission trip experience, now is the time to help with the planning. On Sunday, January 14 the youth of Region 5 will be having a joint meeting at First United Presbyterian in Lodi following our regional youth gathering. Stop by at 1:00 for the youth gathering or 2:30 to help plan the mission trip as we discuss the options for a summer intergenerational

mission trip. Pastor Dave Hankins from Portage Presbyterian Church is again helping with the coordinating. Early discussions have us looking at an urban experience and possible locations are the Twin Cities, Rockford, Chicago, or Milwaukee.

Come by and find out how you can put your faith into action!!

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Message from Pastor Cyndi: Burning Brightly in the New Year

My Friends,

We are living in an era when the safety net that most of us grew up with is being dismantled. We hear stories of people trying to fund necessary medical care through GoFundMe campaigns and of people trying to ration their insulin. The freedoms that our service men and women fought for are being dismantled. These are difficult times and it can be tempting to give into feelings of powerlessness and despair. It can be tempting to wonder what anyone of us can really do. Can we make a difference? Margaret Mead reminds us that:

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.

We remember that even though Jesus had 12 disciples, he sent them out in twos and threes. Small groups of people who went into small towns and changed lives. Into the meanness and poverty of an oppressed people, they came speaking words of hope, life, and love. The darkness is still with us. The light did not consume it, did not extinguish all darkness.

While I often wish that the darkness had been forever dispelled, I also remember that life often begins in the dark. Whether it is the seed buried in soft soil, or a child beginning to move and kick in the darkness of the womb. Life, like grace, begins in the dark, but it doesn't stay there.

In this new year, we are invited to burn more brightly the darker and more difficult times become. We are invited keep a watchful eye out for those who are hurting, lost, and alone. We are called to keep the biblical mandate to care for the stranger among us, providing deep, deep hospitality. We remember that the light that came into the world, came into the darkness and it can still be found there, still shining, still being passed from one person to another, wherever love is found.

We are so fortunate and blessed to live in Lodi, to know the security of family, friends, and community. We know the experience of being loved and cared for. This year I invite you to make a practice of finding one person, one charity, one place, where this is not so. One person or place where insecurity threatens, where fear feels valid and strong, and walk with them. Be with them. Watch over them. I invite you to practice awareness and presence simply by noticing and allowing the fear and pain of one person or one place to touch your heart. I invite you to let compassion burn brightly within you, let it remake you and transform you.

We are not called to be the church only for our own salvation, but for the salvation of all the world. We remember this every time we pray together, "Thy Kingdom come, on earth as it is heaven." We are invited, called, to participate in the coming of the Kingdom of God, one person, one place, one situation at a time. We are called to be a city on a hill, burning so brightly that all might see the light and take hope.

Let us burn brightly in the New Year, that all people might see the light of Christ burning within us!

Peace,
Cyndi Wunder

May the Spirit of God surprise you today!

WORSHIP LEADERS

Jan. 7 Jean Spataro
Jan. 14 Jim Brown
Jan. 21 Marcia Brown
Jan. 28 Open

USHERS

Jan. 7 Joe and Jean Spataro
Jan. 14 Dudley Mehlretter and Ron Nelson
Jan. 21 Dennis and Nancy Stocks
Jan. 28 Herb and Linda Damsteegt

GREETERS

Jan. 7 Rod and Bobbie Hanson
Jan. 14 Dennis and Nancy Stocks
Jan. 21 Diane Lukins
Jan. 28 Howard and Dorothy Richards

COUNTERS

Jan. 7 Zack Dachel and Jean Mulcahy
Jan. 14 Rod Hanson and Ron Nelson
Jan. 21 Jean Mulcahy and Dudley Mehlretter
Jan. 28 Rod Hanson and Ron Nelson

ACCOMPANISTS

Jan. 7 Jean Mulcahy
Jan. 14 Rana Hughey
Jan. 21 Anna Salzman
Jan. 28 Rana Hughey

HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN JANUARY!

We'd like to wish the following people a Happy Birthday! If your birthday is in January and your name is not listed, please let the office know the date of your birthday so that it can be entered in the computer.

1/2 CHUCK COOK
1/3 AUDREY KOHN
JIM BROWN
1/10 DAN WENGER
1/11 MEDORA RICHARDS
1/13 JAMES MORGAN
1/15 LUKE HUGHEY
MATHIAS HUGHEY
1/18 KRIS MORGAN
1/27 KIM KREKLOW
GREG MANNING
1/30 HEATHER MULCAHY



(NEW) NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

Deadline for the **FEBRUARY** Newsletter is **WEDNESDAY, January 24th at 9 a.m.** If you would like an article in the newsletter, you can e-mail the Church office at office@lodifpc.org or leave it on the desk in the church office.

BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY

Start Your New Year by Joining Us for Brown Bag Bible Study Which is Held Every Wednesday.

Bring a sack lunch and join us for a discussion of the Sunday sermon scriptures. Give your input and grow in your faith. This group also has the function of being a prayer ministry where we raise up those in need within our church and community and seek out ways to be a ministry together. Please consider joining this small group. Everyone is welcome. We meet each Wednesday at 11:30. Please join us.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

We are still in need of Sunday School teachers. The sign-up sheet is in fellowship hall. Our children are the future, come and help prepare them to be leaders in the church and faithful followers of Jesus!

YOUTH GROUP 1ST AND 3RD SUNDAYS

Youth Group this year will be held at Lodi First Presbyterian Church. On the first Sunday of each month, a program will be held at church from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm and led by Pastor Cyndi. A second adult volunteer will be needed each "first Sunday" to help facilitate the meal for the youth and to be on premises for the duration of the program. The "third Sunday" will typically consist of an intergenerational activity (see Sunday School schedule). Please let Cyndi know if you are willing to help.

Youth interested in attending should RSVP each month to Cyndi by emailing to pastor@lodifpc.org.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

All students K-12 are welcome to join us after fellowship until 11:15 each Sunday morning. We will gather for a brief welcome and prayer before separating into our K-5 and 6-12 grade classrooms with dedicated, weekly curricula. Sunday School will be held each Sunday until late May, with exceptions for scheduled intergenerational activities. If you have an interest in teaching or participating as an adult discussion leader, please see the schedule below and speak with a member of the Christian Education committee. You can also use the sign-up forms in Fellowship Hall. In order to provide consistency for the "little ones", we are asking the teacher volunteers to commit to a 12-week session for the K-5 classroom. The 6-12 grade teacher assignments will be week-by-week, as in the past. See below for the current schedule of teachers and planned intergenerational activities.

K-5 CLASSROOM

Jan. 7 – Feb. 25:

DeAnn Richards

March 4 – May 20: VACANT



SCRIP

I challenge you to see if there are at least 5 different vendors that you could use scrip for.....visit www.shopwithscrip.com to find the list of the over 700 vendors to see if you use them. If you do not use a computer, I have them printed in a binder so you can look through it after church too.

There are physical cards (that you need to wait about a week to get and have shipping costs to the order) AND there are ONLINE E-CARDS (called ScripNow) that go directly to your online shopwithscrip account (that are received within minutes of the order being placed and have NO shipping costs).

You can send the online cards AS A GIFT through emails also--this includes a special note from you

and you can choose when it is sent (specific date...like Christmas or birthday).

You can also pull up these online cards with your phone and pay retailers directly from your phone--they scan your barcode right from your phone (no paper, no waiting).

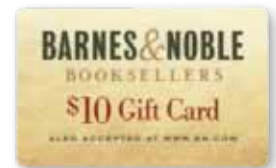
You can even pay for your order directly from your checking account with PRESTO PAY....for any kind of card (physical or online)...and it only costs 15 cents a transaction. No more running around to get a check to someone! Convenient!

A lot of physical cards can be kept and RELOADED anytime payment is received (by check or PrestoPay). We use them for our gas cards because we shop for gas at the BP gas stations. There is one is each vehicle (red van, black van and red truck) and whoever has it can pull it out of

the glove box and use it at the pump. Another example is Subway cards. Each person has there own because we are not always together when we eat there. I load these monthly or biweekly when we need them or when Paul gets paid, which ever is needed.

A person using scrip made this comment, "We didn't spend a dime more than we normally would have on gas, groceries, dining out and gift giving. It is basically free money. Why wouldn't people do this? It's an awesome way to help out!"--Doreen W. I agree with her, there are so many reasons get started on using the Scrip Program!! Start today!! Call me with any questions about getting you started or using it more than you have in the past!

Martha Ammann
Cell 608-220-5592



SCRIP OPTIONS FOR YOUR DAILY AND SEASONAL EXPENSES:

EXPENSES

New Clothes

Toiletries & everyday items

Travel: Flying or driving?

Transportation: need a ride

Hotels

Food: Eating Out

Excursions

SOLUTIONS

Clothing & accessory retailers, options for the whole family

Grocery & Pharmacy stores

3 major airlines OR almost any gas station

Rental cars or just a ride from point A to B

List of hotels is numerous

Favorite chain restaurants

While not every single shop or activity, we do have prepaid gift cards

EXAMPLES

JCPenny, Kohls, Shopko, Target, Lands End, Old Navy

Walgreens, CVS, Roundys, Piggly Wiggly, Cub Foods, Whole Foods, Walmart, etc

Southwest, Delta, American, Carnival, Marathon, Exxon, Kwik Trip, BP, Mobil, Shell

Avis, Budget, etc

Hotels.com, Best Western, Choice Hotels,

Red Lobster, Olive Garden, Arby's, Subway,

Visa (taken at Costco), Discover

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See WWW.SHOPWITHSCRIP.COM for a list of ALL vendors. Please CALL & ASK if you have any questions. Most vendors have higher amounts than what is listed. Check out the SPECIALS tab online for short term promotions on higher rates!--Martha 608-220-5592

Name	Customer #
Check #	Order Date

Product	%	QTY	Total
Ace Hardware \$25.00	4%		\$
Amazon.com \$25.00	2.5%		\$
Applebee's® \$25.00	8%		\$
Arby's \$10.00	8%		\$
Barnes & Noble \$25.00	8%		\$
Bath & Body Works \$25.00	13%		\$
Bed Bath & Beyond \$25.00	7%		\$
Best Buy® \$25.00	4%		\$
Best Western International \$25.00	12%		\$
BP \$50.00	1.5%		\$
Build-A-Bear Workshop \$25.00	8%		\$
Burger King \$10.00	4%		\$
Cabela's \$25.00	11%		\$
Chili's Grill & Bar \$25.00	11%		\$
Comfort Suites \$50.00	4%		\$
Copps (WI only) \$100.00	4%		\$
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Cousins Subs \$10.00	9%		\$
Cracker Barrel \$25.00	8%		\$
Dairy Queen \$10.00	3%		\$
Dick's Sporting Goods \$25.00	8%		\$
Disney \$25.00	3%		\$
Domino's \$10.00	8%		\$
Dunkin' Donuts \$25.00	3%		\$
Family Video \$10.00	12%		\$
Fandango \$25.00	4%		\$
Festival Foods (WI) - Skogens \$25.00	3%		\$
Foot Locker \$25.00	8%		\$
GameStop \$25.00	3%		\$
Gap \$25.00	14%		\$
GNC \$25.00	8%		\$
Home Depot \$25.00	4%		\$
HomeGoods \$25.00	7%		\$
Hotels.com \$100.00	6%		\$

Product	%	QTY	Total
iTunes® \$25.00	5%		\$
JCPenney \$25.00	5%		\$
Jo-Ann Fabric and Craft Stores \$25.00	6%		\$
Kmart \$25.00	4%		\$
Kohl's \$25.00	4%		\$
Kwik Trip \$100.00	4%		\$
Kwik Trip \$25.00	4%		\$
Kwik Trip \$50.00	4%		\$
L.L.Bean \$25.00	16%		\$
Lands' End \$25.00	16%		\$
Macy's \$25.00	10%		\$
Marathon \$25.00	3%		\$
Marcus Theatres \$25.00	9%		\$
Menards \$25.00	3%		\$
Michaels \$25.00	4%		\$
Mobil \$50.00	1%		\$
Noodles & Company \$10.00	8%		\$
Office Depot / Office Max \$25.00	5%		\$
Old Chicago \$25.00	6%		\$
Olive Garden® \$25.00	7.5%		\$
Outback Steakhouse \$25.00	8%		\$
Panera Bread \$25.00	8%		\$
Papa Murphy's Pizza \$10.00	8%		\$
PetSmart \$25.00	5%		\$
Pick 'n Save (WI only) \$100.00	4%		\$
Pick 'n Save (WI only) \$50.00	4%		\$
Pier 1 Imports \$25.00	9%		\$
Piggly Wiggly (WI, IL only) \$100.00	3%		\$
Piggly Wiggly (WI, IL only) \$25.00	3%		\$
Piggly Wiggly (WI, IL only) \$50.00	3%		\$
Pizza Hut (Not AK or HI) \$10.00	8%		\$
Pizza Ranch \$25.00	8%		\$

Product	%	QTY	Total
Qdoba Mexican Grill \$25.00	7%		\$
Quality Inn \$50.00	4%		\$
Red Lobster \$25.00	8%		\$
Roundys (IL and WI only) \$100.00	4%		\$
Roundys (IL and WI only) \$50.00	4%		\$
Sears \$25.00	4%		\$
Sentry \$50.00	3%		\$
Shopko \$25.00	3%		\$
Shutterfly \$25.00	9%		\$
Speedway \$25.00	4%		\$
Staples \$25.00	5%		\$
Starbucks \$25.00	7%		\$
Steak 'n Shake \$10.00	8%		\$
SUBWAY® Restaurants \$10.00	6%		\$
SUBWAY® Restaurants \$50.00	6%		\$
SuperAmerica \$25.00	4%		\$
T.J. Maxx/Marshalls/HomeGoods \$25.00	7%		\$
Taco Bell \$10.00	5%		\$
Target \$25.00	2.5%		\$
Texas Roadhouse \$25.00	8%		\$
TGI Fridays® \$25.00	9%		\$
Visa® Five Back™ Gift Card \$50.00	1.25%		\$
Walgreens \$25.00	5%		\$
Walmart \$25.00	2.5%		\$
Walmart \$50.00	2.5%		\$
Whole Foods Market \$25.00	3%		\$

Make Checks Payable To: *Lodi First Presbyterian Church Scrip*

Total Due All Columns: \$

JANUARY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5	6
7 Worship, 9 a.m. Sunday School	8	9	10 Bible Study, 11:30 a.m. Finance, 6 p.m. Deacons, 6:30 p.m. Committee, 7 p.m.	11	12	13 Youth Group- 1 p.m.
14 Worship, 9 a.m. Congregational Meeting Fellowship- Committee Reports Due, 10 a.m. Sunday School Mission Youth Group Trip Discussion Meeting, 1 p.m.	15	16 Session, 6:30 p.m.	17	18	19 Presbytery Council Meeting, 8 a.m.	20
21 Worship, 9 a.m. Fellowship- 10 a.m. Sunday School Paint Party, 1 p.m.	22	23	24 Newsletter Deadline, 9 a.m. Bible Study, 11:30 a.m.	25	26	27
28 Worship, 9 a.m. Congregational Meeting Fellowship- 10 a.m.	29	30	31 Bible Study, 11:30 a.m.			

December 2017						
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February 2018						
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30

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Choir Director: Position Open
Custodian: Lori Harrenstein
Stephen Ministry Leader: Diane Lukins
Church Secretary: Pat Craig
Financial Secretary: John Griffing
Church Secretary's Office Hours:
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday
9:00 a.m.
Nursery Available

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
(DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR)**

10:15 a.m.

Newsletter Graphic Design: Jim Salzman

THE SESSION

Class of 2017

Ron Nelson
Jeff Leckwee
Jean Spataro

Class of 2018

Rod Hanson
DeAnn Richards
Dudley Mehlretter

Class of 2019

Zack Dachel
Mae Stocks
Herb Damsteegt

DeAnn Richards, Clerk of Session

BOARD OF DEACONS

Class of 2017

Linda Damsteegt
Sandy DeSelle
Becky Beckwith

Class of 2018

Bobbie Hanson
Gale Nelson
Nancy Stocks

Class of 2019

Ryan Beck
Leah Brisky
Mark Fryman

STEPHEN MINISTERS

Diane Lukins, Stephen Leader
Marcia Brown
Herb Damsteegt

Jane Jones
Beth Sokol
Dorothy Richards



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