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MARCH 2018

SERVICE AND WORSHIP AT MADISON PRES HOUSE

One of the ways you know you are no longer a guest but part of the family is when you start rummaging around the kitchen like it's your home! On Sunday, March 18, all are invited to join for service and worship at the Madison Pres House located at 731 State Street. Our schedule will be:

- 3:30 pm- Set up chapel, greet churches bringing the meals and help set them up. Greet people for worship.
- 4:30 pm- Experience Sunday worship with the Pres House congregation. Worship includes music, scripture readings, a sermon, prayer, communion, eating together, and other creative elements.
- 6:00 pm- Clean up, wash dishes, wipe tables.

GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS DEMONSTRATION

On Friday, March 30 (Good Friday), Lodi First Presbyterian Church will provide a "stations of the cross" demonstration with our youth, open to the public, to take place after the ecumenical service.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Still Time to Sign Up and Join: A 6 week (Easter excluded) adult study class. The study is entitled "Temptations in the Desert" and will be co-lead by Dorothy Richards and Marcia Brown. This study discusses ways the temptations that Jesus faced are still real for us today. We hope you will join us as we seek to study and grow in our faith. All are welcome. rummaging around the kitchen like it's your home! On Sunday, March 18, all are invited to join for service and worship at the Madison Pres House located at 731 State Street. Our schedule will be:



EASTER LILIES FOR EASTER SUNDAY

We will once again be ordering Easter Lilies to adorn the Sanctuary for Easter Sunday.

Orders forms will be included in the weekly bulletin-make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church.

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My friends,

Lent is the time of year our church calendar sets aside for grieving our inadequacy, our mortality, our failure to live as we truly believe we should. Lent insists we look at our own shadow, at all that is within us that troubles us or disturbs us. Lent holds space for us to mourn, grieve, and cry out against injustice, loss, and pain. There is room in Lent for overwhelming grief and frustration, for repentance, for admitting we have missed the mark and must do better.

We began this annual process on Ash Wednesday, remembering our mortality, remembering the urgent need to be present and to live with intention now, for tomorrow is not promised to us. We also began this lent with another school shooting, and even as I write this today, there is another breaking story of a school shooting in Ohio and students in Boca Raton have walked out of their school in protest and solidarity with Douglas High School. Our hearts are breaking and our frustrations with the repetition of this trauma is overwhelming.

We are holding the students, teachers, parents and broader community in our thoughts and prayers. But we must do more. Our faith must be about more than correct belief and good theology. It must also be about action and relationship. It has less to do with correct belief, and a whole lot to do with loving one another. Brene Brown might have been speaking of this when she said, "Love is beautiful when it is professed, but it's only meaningful when it's practiced." So yes, we profess our love, our solidarity with those who grieve, and we must seek also to put our thoughts and prayers into action.

Our children know what love looks like in action, in one school the students assured their disabled teacher that if a shooter came in, they would carry her with them as they ran, in another three boys volunteered to be the last to take shelter, to stand in front of their friends as a living defensive wall. Older students are speaking out and sharing information, registering to vote and marching. We know that love professed blithely and quickly forgotten is hollow. We know that love professed from the depths of our hearts leads us into action and changes things. It changes us.

So while the internet lights up with memes and newsfeeds about who is right and who is wrong and who is responsible, we are invited to focus less on blame and more on action. We are invited to be a part of the solution, even if it's only a small part, it is still our part, and each every bit counts. Our love must be as relentless and as active a love as we can manage. What is the legacy we are creating for our children?

The following is a prayer offered by Presbyterian Outlook:

Lord God, as we begin our Lenten journey when we repent and turn to the gospel, we once again turn to you with cries of lament. Another town. Another school. Another shooting. More death. More destruction. More suffering. More unspeakable pain. As we reel in grief, take our tears and create a river of healing. Turn our mourning into action, end the madness, boom from the heavens that you hate and despise our unwillingness to end the slaughter of the innocents. Give wisdom to those in positions of power that they may set sound policies that will help end this parade of gruesome headlines. Make us relentless in the pursuit of peace, doing whatever it takes to make this mass shooting the last in our land. Amen

Faithfully,

Cyndi Wunder

may the Spirit of God surprise you today!

WORSHIP LEADERS

Mar. 4 Open
Mar. 11 Open
Mar. 18 Open
Mar. 25 Open

USHERS

Mar. 4 Ron and Gale Nelson
Mar. 11 Zach and Jenny Dachel
Mar. 18 Kathy Markgraf and Pam Odorizzi
Mar. 25 Jim and Dawn Salzman

GREETERS

Mar. 4 Jean Spataro
Mar. 11 Jeff and Cindy Leckwee
Mar. 18 Jim and Dawn Salzman
Mar. 25 Russ and Judy Richard

COUNTERS

Mar. 4 Open
Mar. 11 Open
Mar. 18 Open
Mar. 25 Open

ACCOMPANISTS

Mar. 4 Anna Salzman
Mar. 11 Rana Hughey
Mar. 18 Jean Mulcahy
Mar. 25 Rana Hughey

HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN MARCH!

We'd like to wish the following people a Happy Birthday! If your birthday is in March 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.

3/1 HANNAH WEBER
3/2 LAUREN SOPHA
3/11 BILL HUGHEY
3/19 JANET HUGHEY
3/20 BAILEY AMMANN
3/23 PAM ODORIZZI
3/24 SANDRA WENGER
3/26 RACHEL WEBER
3/27 ALEX FRYMAN
3/29 BRAD MEHLTRETTER



(NEW) NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

Deadline for the **APRIL** Newsletter is **WEDNESDAY, March 21st 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

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

Both our grade school (K-5) and middle/high school (6-12) Sunday School programs have vacancies for teachers. The grade school program, with a goal of consistent teaching, needs a volunteer to teach most Sundays from March 4- May 20. A guided curriculum is being used, and typical attendance is 2-3 students. The middle/high school program also uses a guided curriculum and can support different teachers each week. We currently have openings in our schedule

March 4, and March 18. See any member of the Christian Education Committee to volunteer.

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.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Do you give something up for lent? Chocolate? Sugar? Starbucks Coffee? each day.

What if you took a \$1 per day from the money you saved during lent, \$40 total and gave it to a great mission.

During lent our church collects funds for the One Great Hour of Sharing Special offering, which is the single largest way Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world.

"You shall be called repairers of the breach." Isaiah 58

Please join me in sharing God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed.

Join with Presbyterians worldwide in answering God's call. If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.

Jean Spataro

YUCATAN PENINSULA MISSION

Dear friends,

We are so excited to share that YPM will be hosting two mission trips to the Yucatan this year, one in April and one in July. This is a particularly powerful and significant mission. For many people, mission trips merely scratch the surface; you arrive, meet some wonderful people, see the need they have, share meals with them and leave wondering if you have made any impact or if you will ever see these people again. One of the things that makes our participation in the YPM so significant and so impactful is that we have long term relationships with the people on the ground there. We have witnessed the work we do there changing lives. For many people who go on a mission trip they never get this sort of validation.

It's easy to sit on the other side of the ocean from people and want to help, only to impose help that isn't really very helpful. Our mission with YPM is guided by people who live there and know how we can be most helpful. Because of this, we know that our efforts are meaningful and change lives. This is part of what makes the YPM an incredible, effective mission. We know that the work we are doing there is changing lives.

Whether you are able to attend one of the two mission trips this year, or want to support the mission from Wisconsin, your participation is significant and makes a difference. We are reminded that our lives are not about us. We are not here just to support ourselves and or those nearby, but are sent into the world, across all man made boundaries, to love all of God's people. We are called to follow Jesus in loving all of God's beloved children. It is an amazing and humbling call.

I am deeply grateful to serve with you as we answer the call and take the message of God's love with us into the world.

Faithfully,
Cyndi

INTERGENERATIONAL ACTIVITIES

MARCH 11TH, 2018

We will be having our regional youth group meeting on March 11 at Portage Presbyterian. We will gather at 1:00 and have a light meal around 2:30.

MAY 31-JUNE 2, 2018

Mark your calendars to kick off the summer with outdoor intergenerational fun! The Christian Education Committee invites you to join us at the Mirror Lake State Park campground as we play, hike, swim, and worship together on the weekend of June 1. A group campsite has been reserved for Friday and Saturday nights. Everyone is welcome to come for a few hours, a day, or the entire weekend. The group site is located near playgrounds, shelters, hiking trails, and the beach. Non-motorized water equipment is available for rental at the park.



SCRIP

We are all business owners. It is a family business. We report to one and are accountable to him alone. This CEO's name is God. Our family business is the stewardship of all God has given us to use, from our finances to our gifts. How are you managing your business? Are you settling for breaking even or would you like to grow? If you are returning your 10% tithe back to him as he has requested, this is to show your obedience to him. But if you want to grow and go above the minimum that is required, then challenge yourself to use the scrip program for more of your expenses! This program will allow your business of God's work to grow financial and spiritually. It allows for more rebates to come into God's house for his purpose and shows him your willingness to go beyond the requirements and develop a strong relationship with him and all he has planned for you.

There are many ways to increase your scrip usage. If you are lucky enough to only have to spend money once a month, then I want to meet with you to know how you do it. I seem to have expenses that need to be paid each week! Since money only comes in every other week, I have to plan a little to make sure it is spread around enough to cover all expenses. March means Spring Breaks and family fun times....hotels, airlines,

gas, dining out, food & coffee stops, fun entertainment, clothes, etc....all covered by scrip cards (the planned and the spontaneous)!

I have personally realized this past month how I can expand my thinking with this program and grow my business for God. I used the VISA, Discover & American Express cards to see where they were accepted and how they work. I used them for processing meat at Lodi Sausage when we got a 1/4 beef from a friend. I used them for my co-pays at the dentist and doctor's visits. I could use them for camp registrations, gifts, Woodman's, Costco, etc. Basically any expense that happened, I tried to see if there was a way to use the scrip cards (specific cards first and then general ones after). I surprised myself because I had thought I had used every possible avenue previously (me being the scrip guru and all), but God opened my eyes to seeing that I was only doing a part of what I could do. He grew me this past month and he can grow you too!

Please reach out to me by phone, email or text to ask questions about the scrip program. If I can assist you with any knowledge about it that helps you grow your business, I will!

---A business owner who plans to grow my business for God

Martha Ammann
(cell 608-220-5592)

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

The Building and Grounds Committee, like all our church committees, is looking for new members. If you have an interest in our facilities upkeep and would like to help oversee the maintenance, building usage, or equipment purchases please consider joining Building and Grounds.

We will meet on Committee Meeting night at 6:30 (2nd Wednesday of the month) If you would like to serve, but cannot do Wednesday's, let me know and we can try and find a night and time that would work with everyone.

Committee members are not elected, you just step up and volunteer, stay as long as you like and when things change and you need to step away, you can do so at anytime.

We would like to thank Jeff Leckwee for his leadership the last 3 years, his construction background has been a great asset and we hope he can continue to serve on our Committee.

Thanks also to members Jim Brown, Herb Damsteegt and all the past members for their efforts.

As we move forward, please address all facility concerns or usage requests through me or a committee member.

Ron Nelson
Committee Chairperson



MARCH COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

**Don't you love grabbing a cup of coffee and a bit of a snack after worship service?
The Deacons need volunteers to host our Sunday Coffee Hour!
A new sign-up sheet is available in Fellowship Hall each month.**

Lodi First Presbyterian Church

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: \$

MARCH 2018

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
February 2018 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28		April 2018 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30						1		2		3	
4 Worship, 9 a.m. Fellowship-10 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Youth Group, 5:30 p.m.		5		6		7 Bible Study, 11:30 a.m. Christian Ed Meeting, 6:30 p.m.		8		9		10	
11 Worship- Hymn Sing, 9 a.m. Fellowship-10 a.m. Adult Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Youth Group at Portage, 1:00 p.m.		12		13		14 Bible Study, 11:30 a.m. Deacons, 6:30 p.m. Committee, 7 p.m.		15		16		17	
18 Worship, 9 a.m. Fellowship-10 a.m. Adult Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Youth Group-at Madison Pres House, 3:30 p.m.		19		20 Session, 6:30 p.m. AA/Al-Anon, 7:30 p.m.		21		22		23		24 St. Patrick's Day	
25 Worship, 9 a.m. Fellowship-10 a.m. Adult Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Palm Sunday		26		27		28		29 Our House Devotions, 10 a.m.		30 Good Friday Service - Stations of the Cross		31	

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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

<u>Class of 2018</u>	<u>Class of 2019</u>	<u>Class of 2020</u>
Rod Hanson	Zack Dachel	Diane Lukins
DeAnn Richards	Mae Stocks	Jean Spataro
Dudley Mehlretter	Herb Damsteegt	Ron Nelson
DeAnn Richards, Clerk of Session		

BOARD OF DEACONS

<u>Class of 2018</u>	<u>Class of 2019</u>	<u>Class of 2020</u>
Bobbie Hanson	Ryan Beck	Marcia Brown
Gale Nelson	Leah Brisky	Sandy Deselle
Nancy Stocks	Mark Fryman	Dave Heebner

STEPHEN MINISTERS

Diane Lukins, Stephen Leader	Jane Jones
Marcia Brown	Beth Sokol
Herb Damsteegt	Dorothy Richards



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