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SANCTUARY RE-VISIONING TASK FORCE!

As mentioned at our last congregational meeting session is seeking a task force to help envision and discern how we will move forward with changes in the sanctuary. It is our hope that this task force will be lively, invite discussion, be able to see the many perspectives on worship and the future of worship, and will be creative in seeking to honor our traditions while embracing change. This task force should be representative of our congregation in ages, genders, and worship preferences. It will meet frequently until the goal of a vision

is discerned and communicated to the congregation. It will coordinate with the Buildings and Grounds committee and Worship committee. If you are interested in participating in this exciting task force and find worship life-giving and meaningful, you are invited to contact Pastor Cyndi and join this task force. Let's get together and dream great, big, faithful dreams!

POTLUCK DINNER

Please join us on Sunday February 24 at 6 p.m. for a potluck dinner. Please bring a dish to pass and your favorite board or card game. Fun for All!

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.

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Join Us!

Soup'r Supper

Community Meal



Free-will offering

January 22nd

February 5th & 19th

March 5th & 19th

April 9th & 23rd



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My friends,

When I preached in the aftermath of the shootings at Mother Immanuel, one of my deepest griefs was that Dylan Roof was one of us. I suppose it shouldn't have mattered, but learning that he grew up in a church like I did, going to Sunday school, singing in worship, fellowshiping at the potlucks, somehow it all made it that much worse. I couldn't help but wonder how he failed to learn that all people carry the image of God and are deserving of love and respect.

Somehow we, his culture, his church, those who loved him, failed to give him the tools and understanding to deal in a healthy way with rejection and race. We failed to communicate that all people are beloved children of God and worthy of respect and care. I am still chilled by his saying to the bible study group he'd joined at this historic black church, "you seem like nice people" before he shot them. Dylan Roof learned about race and gender relations online in forums where his complaint that a black man stole his girlfriend was met with sympathy and a call for a race war. His anger and perceived victimization was stoked in these forums.

This week we witnessed youth from the Covington Catholic school behave in ways that must have made their parents, their teachers, their priests cringe. We know now, as more of the story comes out, that they were provoked by a few men who hurled racial and homophobic slurs at them. They appeared to be completely unprepared to handle this in a way that would sustain healthy community. I wonder if we failed them.

Our churches have become quieter and quieter about such divisive issues as race, gender, civil discourse, and sexuality. Into the void that the church's silence has left, social media and public opinion has cheerfully stepped. This deeply saddens me as our faith has a story and a theology of the sacred that is sorely lacking in our world.

The church must not be silent on divisive issues for the church has a word that only the church can speak. The church must speak to the sacred nature of our relationships, our inter-connectedness, our call to be a blessing, to lift up the downtrodden, to empower the oppressed, to heal the wounded, to love one another, yes, even our enemies. When the church fails to speak on these issues, someone else will. And no matter how well intentioned, if they speak from a place of no-faith, they will not mention that there is that about us, about each other, about how we relate to one another, especially in highly conflicted or intimate settings, that is sacred.

Another event that occurred this weekend was the celebration at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Cameron, Wisconsin of the return of Jayme Closs after her 3 months in captivity and the death of her parents. I hope that if they did not address the sacred nature of Jayme's family relationships and of her very being, that they will do so soon. I hope that they will address the toxic masculinity that caused her attacker to feel justified in killing her parents and abducting her. I hope that they will renew their awareness of the messages they are sending their youth, just in case it's not what they really want to say.

Pastor Cyndi

WORSHIP LEADERS

Feb. 3 Open
Feb. 10 Open
Feb. 17 Open
Feb. 24 Open

USHERS

Feb. 3 Dennis & Nancy Stocks
Feb. 10 Herb & Linda Damsteegt
Feb. 17 Jane Jones & Kathy Markgraf
Feb. 24 Medora Richards & Summer Stocks

GREETERS

Feb. 3 Jim & Dawn Salzman
Feb. 10 Open
Feb. 17 Open
Feb. 24 Open

COUNTERS

Feb. 3 Dudley Mehlretter & Zack Dachel
Feb. 10 Diane Lukins & Herb Damsteegt
Feb. 17 Ron Nelson & DeAnn Richards
Feb. 24 Diane Lukins & Pam Odorizzi

ACCOMPANISTS

Feb. 3 Jean Mulcahy
Feb. 10 Rana Hughey
Feb. 17 Rana Hughey
Feb. 24 Anna Salzman

HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN FEBRUARY!

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

2/1 ROSE HEINS
2/4 BRENDA NELLEN
2/7 BECKY MCINTYRE
2/8 LISA BENDER
2/14 MAE STOCKS
AMY WENGER
2/15 ERIN LECKWEE
2/18 JORDAN BAUER
2/27 CHANCE RICHARDS
CHASE RICHARDS
2/28 JEAN MULCAHY
2/29 SARAH WENGER



(NEW) NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

Deadline for the **MARCH** Newsletter is **WEDNESDAY, February 20th 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.

REACH OUT LODI FOOD PANTRY

LET'S END HUNGER!

Together we can help feed families in our community! Donations of fresh fruits and vegetables are always welcome.

Food stamps cannot be used to obtain personal-essential items.

The following are examples of personal-essential supplies we need for our families:

PERSONAL ITEMS:

- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- 2 in 1 or 3 in 1 (shampoo/conditioner/body wash)
- Body wash
- Deodorant
- Women's Shaving Cream
- Men's Shaving Cream
- Men's razors
- Women's razors
- Mouthwash
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Dental floss
- Body Lotion
- Chapstick
- Cough drops
- Toilet paper
- Kleenex
- Feminine supplies (Tampons/pads)
- Cotton balls
- Cue tips

HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS:

- All purpose cleaner
- Toilet bowl cleaner
- Paper towels
- Dish soap
- Liquid handsoap
- 13 Gallon garbage bags
- 30 Gallon garbage bags
- Laundry detergent
- Dryer sheets
- Bleach
- sponges

BABY ITEMS:

- Size 4 Diapers
- Size 5 Diapers
- Size 6 Diapers
- Baby Wipes
- Diaper rash ointment/cream
- Baby shampoo
- Baby lotion

NEW TIME – PLEASE JOIN US:

BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY NOW MEETING AT 11:00 ON WEDNESDAY:

Pack a lunch and join us on Wednesday at 11:00 for a discussion of the Sunday sermon. 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.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Are you considering how you can make a difference at church, do you have ideas or a vision? Serving on a committee is not a long term commitment, you can try one and if it does not suit you> You can move to another without finishing out the year or term.

COMMITTEES AND CHAIRPERSONS ARE:

CLERK OF SESSION
DeAnn Richards

WORSHIP
Mae Stocks

CHRISTIAN ED.

Zack Dachel

MISSION

Jean Spataro

BUILDING & GROUNDS

Jeff Leckwee

FINANCE

Dudley Mehlretter

PERSONNEL

Herb Damsteegt

STEWARDSHIP

Diane Lukins

COMMUNICATION

Ron Nelson

Please consider sharing your ideas & "Time & Talents" with one of the above committees.

LITURGICAL ARTS AND WORSHIP

Do you have a creative, wild side to you? Do you love to worship? Do you love to see worship surprise you and invite you deeper into your faith? If so, you might be interested in participating in the liturgical arts/worship committee. Liturgical arts can be anything from paintings, flowers, interactive prayer, worship as an immersive experience, poetry, readings, or chancel displays. This committee meets quarterly and helps us shape and form the experience of worship with special attention to services such as Good Friday, or the Service of the Longest Night. Contact Pastor Cyndi if you are interested in exploring worship from an artistic perspective.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - ROOM USE REQUEST FORM

Event: _____

Are you a member or an outside organization? _____

Responsible person: _____

Phone # _____ Email address: _____

Alternate responsible person: _____

Phone # _____ Email address: _____

Number of anticipated participants: _____

Your meeting date or dates: _____

Start time: _____ End time: _____

Room or rooms requested: _____

Person requesting use of our facility is responsible for all setup needed and at the end of your event you must return the room or rooms to the way you found it.

You are responsible for cleanup, you are required to wash/ wipe off the tables, vacuum and take out the trash. If you are granted use of the kitchen all the equipment used must be cleaned and sanitized. If you use the facility on multiple dates you must remove ALL your items after each event, you cannot store your equipment or items here.

Cleanup fee may be assessed if you do not leave the facility clean and ready for the next group.


Usage fee may apply as per the Building Usage Guide

Fee Required : _____

Requester's Signature: _____ Date _____

Building use approved by: _____ Date _____

FEBRUARY 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Groundhog Day
3 Communion Sunday Worship, 9 a.m. Fellowship-10 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10:30 a.m.	4	5	6 Brown Bag Bible Study, 11 a.m.	7	8	9
10 Worship Service 9 a.m. Fellowship-10 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10:30 a.m.	11	12	13 Brown Bag Bible Study, 11 a.m. Deacons, 6:30p.m. Committee, 7 p.m.	14  Valentine's Day	15	16
17 Worship Service 9 a.m. Fellowship-10 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10:30 a.m.	18 Presidents' Day	19 Session, 6:30p.m.	20 Brown Bag Bible Study, 11 a.m.	21	22	23
24 Worship Service 9 a.m. Fellowship-10 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10:30 a.m.	25	26	27	28		

January 2019						
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March 2019						
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Financial Secretary: John Griffing
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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 2018**

Rod Hanson
DeAnn Richards
Dudley Mehlretter

Class of 2019

Zack Dachel
Mae Stocks
Herb Damsteegt

Class of 2020

Diane Lukins
Jean Spataro
Ron Nelson

DeAnn Richards, Clerk of Session

BOARD OF DEACONS**Class of 2018**

Bobbie Hanson
Gale Nelson
Nancy Stocks

Class of 2019

Ryan Beck
Leah Brisky
Mark Fryman

Class of 2020

Marcia Brown
Sandy Deselle
Dave Heebner

STEPHEN MINISTERS

Diane Lukins, Stephen Leader
Marcia Brown
Herb Damsteegt

Jane Jones
Beth Sokol
Dorothy Richards



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