

"Community cannot exist without story. Stories share and shape, inform and instruct, motivate and memorialize. Community is story."

-Linda Parriott

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## MARCH 2020

### A VISITOR TO OUR PULPIT

On March 1st we will welcome the Reverend Kerri Parker the executive director of the Wisconsin Council of Churches. Pastor Kerri has a passion for church vitality that includes a connection to the broader community and has experience with intentional renewal.

### MAY 19TH PRESBYTERY MEETING

We are deeply excited to be hosting one of two in person presbytery meetings that will happen this year. This meeting promises to be a truly wonderful example of the Church as our presbytery prepares to welcome one of the co-moderators of the PC(USA) General Assembly 2018, Cindy Kohlmann. It has been decades since a moderator of the PC(USA) GA has visited a church in the John Knox Presbytery and it is a great honor to host such a meeting.

We will be doing some spring cleaning in preparation for this meeting and everyone is welcome to participate. We will also need some assistance in the kitchen the day of the meeting. If you are able to set this date aside, it would be greatly appreciated.

If you have never been to a presbytery meeting, you are wildly encouraged to come, to see, to participate. We anticipate close to 150 presbyterians to be in attendance from Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Iowa.

### LENT SCHEDULE

- "Ashes to Go" Feb. 26th  
10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Buttercream Bakery
- Ash Wednesday Service Feb. 26th  
6 p.m. at Lodi First Pres. Church
- Mauddy Thursday Service April 9th
- Ecumenical Good Friday Service  
April 10th at First Lutheran, 12 noon
- Evening Good Friday Service  
April 10th at First United at 6:30 p.m.
- Easter Sunrise Service April 12th  
6:15 a.m. at Lodi First Pres. Church
- Easter Service April 12th, 9 a.m. at  
Lodi First Pres. Church

### COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please sign up to host the Sunday Coffee Hour. We all enjoy that cup of coffee and good conversation after worship service. Sign-up sheets are in Fellowship Hall for each month.

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My friends,

As we enter a year of discernment and deep listening for the Holy Spirit and where God wants to take us, I am struck by the need to know and appreciate all that First United is. We can choose to enter Lent with deep appreciation for all the strengths and challenges that make our church what it is. We are too often focused only on the negative, or only on the positive. When we can hold our story gently, with kindness and compassion we can discover a more nuanced and elegant story.

Every church has its own way of being in the world. Some are passionate about generosity and giving. Some are passionate about inclusive welcome and inclusion. Others are passionate about fine liturgy. Part of our discernment process is discovering our own passion.

We must listen deeply to the things that break our heart and draw us deeper into relationship, into mission. We must listen with compassion and curiosity to the stories of our wounding and our healing, to the stories of people who have left and the loss of programs and activities that we used to adore. We must look to our history and dream of our future. We must tell our stories and let this be a full confession of all that we are. We must trust that God will use every bit of who we are and turn it all over to God.

As I try to learn the story of all that we are and have been, I noticed that we tend to be very careful about how we word things. It is as if we are hoping that if we don't speak too much about the things that hurt, or cause conflict, they will go away. If only it were that easy. When we repress the things we don't want to deal with, they fester and come out sideways. In conversation I notice there are stories we don't want to tell. But all that we are matters to God.

It takes great courage to speak our truth to each other and before God, but we can take courage that God will use everything and anything we bring. When I was preparing to be a pastor I interned at a church with just such a hidden story. In post world war 2 this church was approached by a Japanese woman who sought membership. They turned her down. They didn't need any of 'her kind' in the church. By the grace of God she did not leave, and over time, as they got to know her, they grew to love her. It would have been easier for them to never admit or acknowledge that there had been a time when their prejudices denied this woman membership, but they chose not to. They told the story with regret and true repentance and allowed this story to work in them and change them. They grew to be a church that was deeply passionate about inclusion and diversity. God used this story to reform the church.

Every Sunday we are invited to bring our whole selves before God, trusting that God loves us so much that even our most difficult things can be transformed, reformed, and made new. As we work our way through this year we must practice the deepest of kindness and compassion with one another as we tell our stories, all of them. We must be brave and trust in the goodness of this church and of God and not withhold part of who we are and have been. Take heart, God can and will use all of who we are to reform us, to transform us for mission.

Grateful to serve with you and serve you,  
Pastor Cyndi

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## WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY AND COFFEE

Stop by the church library on Wednesdays at 9:30 to join us for coffee and great conversation on the Sunday sermon. This small group is also a prayer ministry. Look forward to seeing you on Wednesdays.

## COMFORT QUILT MINISTRY

The Comfort Quilt Ministry has made and distributed nearly 700 quilts to those dealing with life altering crisis in the Lodi and Dane area. We are in need of new volunteers, as some of our ladies have retired due to health issues. We meet each month on the 2nd and 4th Monday afternoons from 12:30 to 3:00 at the Lodi Methodist church. If you are a quilter, we can put you to work sewing. Bring your portable sewing machine if possible. NO quilting experience is needed however for volunteers to cut, pin, press, iron, string and hem. Please consider joining the current ladies from our area churches. Contact

Linda Damsteegt with any questions (846-9276). We are successful due in part to your generous donations, which we greatly appreciate.

## VACATION

Pastor Cyndi will be on vacation from February 29th through March 6th.

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

### GIVING MADE EASIER!

First Presbyterian now offers online giving. We have an account set up with the Presbyterian Foundation and Vanco Financial so that you have more options to make your church donations. You can either do this via computer by selecting the 'Give Now' button below, or by using the [GivePlus Mobile App](#) which you can find by searching [GivePlus Church](#) in your app store. **Click here for a short video on how it works:** [Mobile App Demo](#) . It only takes a

few minutes to create an account. This is a great option if you pay your bills online, are frequently away on travel, or you just don't like writing out checks! (Note: there is a minimal 2% fee per transaction.)

**GIVE NOW!**

(click on the button above)

Thank you!  
Stewardship Committee

## GREETERS

We have a new chair of our worship committee, DeAnn Richards, who is also our clerk of session. Both of these are time consuming and very important jobs in our church, in addition to everything else she does. In order to assist her with all that she does we have created a sign up sheet for greeters and placed it in the fellowship hall. Please sign up and commit to welcoming all people who enter with the love of God.



## WORSHIP LEADERS

March 1	Open
March 8	Open
March 15	Diane Lukins
March 22	Open
March 29	Open

## USHERS

March 1	Jim and Dawn Salzman
March 8	Jim and Marcia Brown
March 15	Ron and Gale Nelson
March 22	Dudley Mehlretter and Summer Stocks
March 29	Herb and Linda Damsteegt

## GREETERS

March 1	Open
March 8	Open
March 15	Open
March 22	Open
March 29	Open

## COUNTERS

March 1	Ron Nelson and Herbert Damsteegt
March 8	Jeff Leckwee and Jean Spataro
March 15	Diane Lukins and Jeff Leckwee
March 22	Jean Spataro and Herbert Damsteegt
March 29	Ron Nelson and Diane Lukins

## ACCOMPANISTS

March 1	Rana Hughey
March 8	Special Music
March 15	Rana Hughey
March 22	Rana Hughey
March 29	Open

## 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.

3/2	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 WENGER
3/29	BRAD MEHLTRETTER

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BIRTHDAY!

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

Deadline for the **APRIL** Newsletter is **WEDNESDAY, March 25th at 9 a.m.** If you would like an article in the newsletter, you can e-mail the Church office at [office@lodifpc.org](mailto:office@lodifpc.org) or leave it on the desk in the church office.

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# March 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Worship, 9 a.m. Fellowship, 10 a.m.	2	3 AA/Al-Anon, 7:30 p.m.	4 Mid-week Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.	5	6	7
8 Worship, 9 a.m. Fellowship, 10 a.m.	9	10 AA/Al-Anon, 7:30 p.m.	11 Mid-week Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. Finance, 6 p.m. Deacons, 6:30 p.m. Committee, 7 p.m.	12	13	14
15 Worship, 9 a.m. Fellowship, 10 a.m.	16	17 Session, 6:30 p.m. AA/Al-Anon, 7:30 p.m. St. Patrick's Day	18 Mid-week Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. Devotions at Divine Rehab, 10:30 a.m.	19	20	21
22 Worship, 9 a.m. Fellowship, 10 a.m.	23	24 AA/Al-Anon, 7:30 p.m.	25 Newsletter Deadline, 9 a.m. Mid-week Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.	26 Our House, 10 a.m.	27	28
29 Worship, 9 a.m. Fellowship, 10 a.m.	30	31 AA/Al-Anon, 7:30 p.m.				

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Custodian: Lori Harrenstein  
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.  
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**SUNDAY SCHOOL  
(DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR)**

10:15 a.m.

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**THE SESSION**

**Class of 2020**

Diane Lukins  
Jean Spataro  
Ron Nelson

**Class of 2021**

Dudley Mehlretter  
DeAnn Richards  
Jeff Leckwee

**Class of 2022**

Herb Damsteegt

DeAnn Richards, Clerk of Session

**BOARD OF DEACONS**

**Class of 2020**

Marcia Brown  
Sandy Deselle  
Dave Heebner

**Class of 2021**

Gale Nelson  
Bobby Hanson  
Laurie Fryman

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Patty Seiler



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