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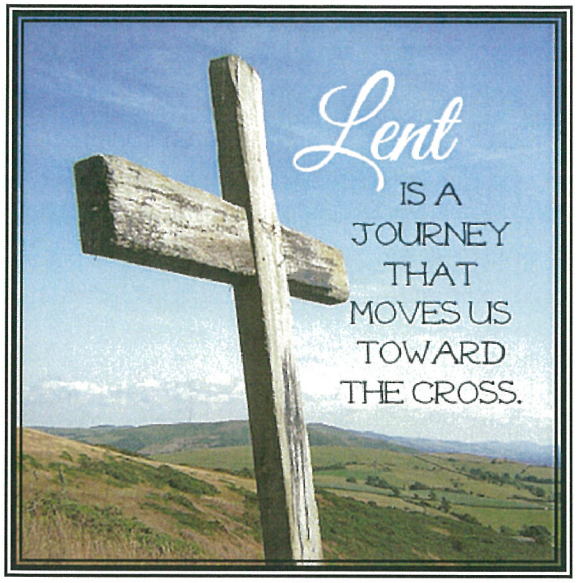
March 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Study Buddies 3:30-4:30	2	3
4 Communion 3rd Sunday in Lent Book Study @ 9:15am	5	6 Study Buddies 3:30-4:30 Deacons Mtg 6:15pm	7 Prayer Group 9am Lenten Study @ 6pm Cub Scouts 6pm	8 Study Buddies 3:30-4:30 Session Mtg 6:30pm	9	10
11 4th Sunday in Lent Book Study @ 9:15am	12	13 Study Buddies 3:30-4:30	14 Prayer Group 9am @ Country Comfort Retirement Home Lenten Study @ 6pm	15	16	17
18 5th Sunday in Lent Book Study @ 9:15am	19 Daisies 6pm	20 Study Buddies 3:30-4:30	21 Prayer Group 9am Lenten Study @ 6pm Cub Scouts @ 6pm	22 Last Day of Study Buddies 3:30-4:30	23	24
25 PALM SUNDAY Book Study @ 9:15am Coffee Hour	26 Brownies @ 6pm	27 Girl Scouts 6pm	28 Prayer Group 9am	29 MAUNDY THURSDAY Meal @ 6pm Worship @ 6:45pm	30 GOOD FRIDAY Community Service @ 7pm at Crossroads	31

Birthdays & Anniversaries

3/02 Marty Tarter
3/04 Martha Hudson
Robyn Coulter
3/05 Drew Lueschow
3/06 Dale Worley
3/10 Sandra Smith
3/11 Lynne Goudie
3/12 Cindy Alcaraz
3/13 Austin Carter
Don Wolschlag
Ron Wolschlag
3/14 Gene Vaughan
Jim Nixon
3/16 Claire Colgan
3/18 Molly Herendeen
3/19 Kent Smith
3/22 Bryce Beckstrom
3/23 Westin Bobell
Cody Hotz
3/24 Emma Kepple
Bev Nixon
3/26 Karen Lavezzi
3/27 Cory & Molly
Herendeen
3/29 Katy Meyers
Sharon Hetz
Chad Howard
3/30 Bob Wolschlag



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Elder to be Liturgist & Assist Treasurer

3/04 - Ron Cox/Anita Asbell
3/11 - Cindy Alcaraz
3/18 - Amy Kepple
3/25 - Bryan Lavezzi

Greeters

3/04 - Steve & Diane Winslow
3/11 - Mike Shissler
3/18 - Pat Althiser
3/25 - Janet Turner

Ushers

3/04 - Katy Meyers, Tom Meyers, Olivia Meyers, Gregg Meyers
3/11 - John Alcaraz, Cory Alcaraz, Brendan Stevens
3/18 - Sam Kepple, Roger Kepple, Austin Stevens
3/25 - Tom Meyers, Olivia Meyers, Gregg Meyers, Katy Meyers

Keep up to date with our website:
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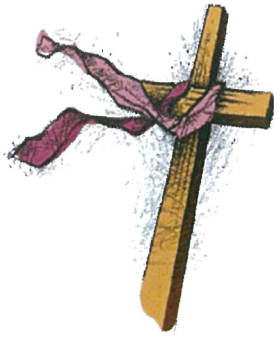


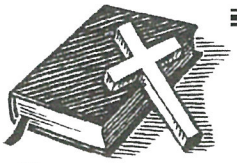
Elder to Assist
with Communion

Ron Cox

Elmwood All Outdoors Show

Saturday, March 3rd & Sunday, March 4th
@ EHS from 9am - 4pm

Admission is $5
and kids 13 and under are FREE!



Beginning in March
the Prayer Group will be hosting
a Service on the 3rd Thursday of each month
at Farmington Country Manor in Farmington.
We begin at 10 a.m.

Everyone is welcome to join us!

Daylight Savings

Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead
1 hour @ 2am on Sunday, March 11th.

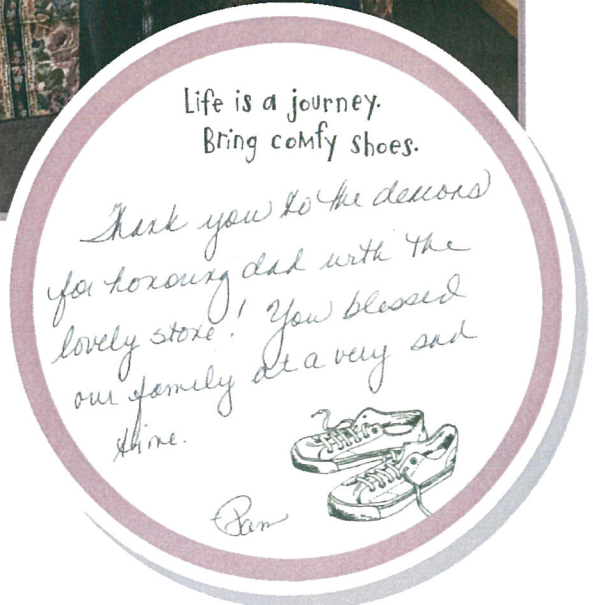
Pastor Marla presenting Pam Serdar
with a personal memorial gift
from the Deacons &
First Presbyterian Church
"In Loving Memory of Wayne Slone"

Prayer Group

The Wednesday Morning Prayer Group meets
at the Church on Wednesday mornings @ 9am.

On the **SECOND** Wednesday of each month it
is held at Country Comfort Retirement Home.

Anyone is welcome to join us!



We have a new nest

We are moving to Arizona.
As of March 20th
our address will be:

Bob & Charlene Wolschlag
1010 W. Almaras Drive
Apt. 304
Sun City, AZ 85373

HOW TO BE RICH by Andy Stanley

How to Be Rich lays out clear principles for carrying that load, making sure your wealth remains a blessing not just for you, but for your family and community for generations to come.

PLEASE JOIN FRED PAIGE & GENE VAUGHAN AS THEY LEAD A STUDY ON THE BOOK, "HOW TO BE RICH" BY ANDY STANLEY DURING THE SUNDAY SCHOOL TIME.

BEGAN FEB 18TH AND RUNS THROUGH MARCH 25th.

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We're on PayPal!
Did you know that you can make Memorial Donations, Special Offerings, as well as Regular Monthly Contributions by clicking on Donate Now on our Church Website www.firstpresbyterian. For your convenience, click on Make this a Monthly Donation. Thank you!

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following students on making the Honor Roll:

7h Grade: Olivia Meyers & Austin Stevens

Freshmen: Cory Alcaraz, Allison Brush & Caroline Colgan

Sophomore: Katy Meyers

Seniors: Katie Alcaraz, Carlee Baysingar, Miranda Coulter, Patrick Cox, Sam Halverson & Anna Roberts

Lifetouch CHURCH DIRECTORY

Save the Dates...
May 4th 2 - 9pm &
May 5th 9:30am - 4pm

Join Lifetouch here for a complimentary photo session for our new church directory! Free 8x10 for any family that signs up!

Look for scheduling info in upcoming worship bulletins & the April Newsletter.

You did it! Congratulations

Congratulations to Coach Emily Roberts, Anna Roberts, & the EHS Poms Squad for taking home the 2nd Place Trophy in Class A Pom, and another 2nd Place in Class A Pom Dance, and a 3rd Place Grand Champion at the IDTA State Competition on February 10th.

S C H E D U L E

Lenten Events 2018

LENTEN VIDEO STUDY Begins Feb 28th at 6pm in Sanctuary

THE WAY by Adam Hamilton

Following the Final Footsteps of Jesus

Travel with Rev. Adam Hamilton as he retraces the life and ministry of Jesus Christ. Fascinating video from his personal travels to the Holy Land give you a "first-person" experience while his biblical wisdom and historical knowledge provides thoughtful and insightful commentary.

- February 28th: Lesson 1: Baptism & Temptation (The Jordan River and thee Wilderness; AND Lesson 2: The Healing Ministry) (Capermaun)
- March 7th: Lesson 3 – Proclaiming the Kingdom (The Mountains)
- March 14th: Lesson 4 – Calming the Storm (The Sea of Galilee)
- March 21st: Lesson 5 – Sinners, Outcasts and the Poor (Samaria) AND Lesson 6: The Final Week (Jerusalem)

Join Pastor Marla in these video Lenten Studies on the Final Footsteps of Jesus. The first and last meetings will probably run 1 ½ hours due to covering two lessons.

MAUNDY THURSDAY, March 29th: Dinner at 6pm; Service at 6:45pm

COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE AT CROSSROADS ASSEMBLY OF GOD, March 30th: Fellowship Hour 6-7pm; Service at 7pm

COMMUNITY SUNRISE EASTER SERVICE AND BREAKFAST
April 1st at 7am at FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH RESURRECTION SERVICE: 10:30AM
Easter Egg hunt following Worship Service.

Community Day 2018

On: March 23, 2018

LET US HELP!!!!

(If the forecasted weather is predicted as unpleasant for the 23rd, community day will be pushed backward to March 22nd)

The students of Elmwood High School would like to help Elmwood city residents with basic yard cleanup or other small outdoor tasks. If we can help, please call Michele at Elmwood High School, 742-2851 by Tuesday, March 20th.

Community Day Events

Pre-school - Thank you letters to firefighters
Kindergarten - Public library work, possible sing-a-long with seniors
1st grade - Senior citizen Bingo @ Presbyterian church 1:00-2:00 pm
2nd grade - Sidewalk chalk and "happy" bags
3rd grade - Goodie baskets delivered for city residents
4th grade - Writing letter to city council, treats for firefighters
5th and 6th grade - Paint and hide rocks , local business streetscape cleaning, making bookmarks
Jr. High - Cemetery pickup, school ground cleanup, yard work for seniors
High School - Yard work for seniors, trash pickup, city park cleanup

"Scouting Sunday"

February 11, 2018

Prepared. For Life.®

Ladies Night Sign Workshop!

March 2018

9 *In their hearts human beings plan their lives.*
But the LORD decides where their steps will take them. Prov. 16:9 The Message

As we look to the beginning of March, there are some secular events and activities that we look forward to: Daylight Saving Time ends, St. Patrick's Day, the Official Beginning of Spring, and for some students (college) Spring Break is scheduled! Now that's a list to rejoice in and to make lots of fun plans around!

But lest we forget that this is the middle of Lent for us, church-going, God-loving people. We are thinking of our sinfulness; reflecting on the shortcomings of our lives; and confessing the sins of our thoughts and actions. So we are hesitant to make too many plans. Or are we? Or should we be?

Our scripture listed above from Proverbs 16 reminds us that we may make plans but it is the Lord who decides the final agenda. So be open to the changes God may bring to your schedule… remember God can be trusted and relied upon to do what is best for us as his children. Some people talk about coincidences and others talk about God-incidences. You know---those times that God has placed us where we can help another person or God has placed another person in our lives for our own spiritual growth and maturity. So as we prepare for Lent and Holy Week (March 25-31) and as we prepare for other activities in life, let's not forget that the Lord will have the final say on things.

Blessings,

Rev. Marla Bauler

Elmwood First United Presbyterian Church

Treasurer's Report

January, 2018

		Opperating	Capital	Mission	Operating	Sunday	Herrington	Jonah	Nat'l Fin	Total
	As of	Checking	Improvement	Savings	Savings	School	Investment	Investment	Investment	Assets
Beginning Balance	12/31/2017	1,869.68	44,240.23	29,646.89	27,882.77	800.41	295,862.97	138,962.49	44,315.03	583,580.47
Income:										
Offerings		4,976.00								
Memorial Fund Cont.		2,995.00								
Other Income *		-								
Interest Income		0.51								
Expense:										
Pastor Salary		3,931.24								
Pastor Retirement		1,433.70								
Pastor Auto/Prof. Reimb.		252.78								
Staff Wages		1,667.79								
Payroll Tax Payments		2,039.17								
Trash Service		37.00								
Professional Service		375.00								
Advertising		318.35								
Supplies		(62.39)								
Cleaning		400.00								
Communications		176.45								
Office Supplies		49.00								
Water		29.30								
Insurance		-								
Utilities		-								
Donations		38.00								
Missions Spending		-								
Other Opp. Expense		301.91								
Maintenace		966.38								
Yardcare & Snow Removal		-								
Memorial Contribution (Sloan)		2,995.00								
Payroll Withholding (Payable)		(432.58)								
Transfers:										
Op. Savings to Op. Checking Acct.		10,000.00			(10,000.00)					
Op. Checking to Missions Acct - Dec Missions		(1,531.02)		1,531.02						
Ending Balance	1/31/2018	3,794.07	44,240.23	31,177.91	17,882.77	800.41	295,862.97	138,962.49	44,315.03	577,035.88
*Other Income:										

First United Presbyterian Church, Elmwood, IL
Session Meeting Minutes January 18, 2018

A regular meeting of the Session of First United Presbyterian Church of Elmwood was held in the Fellowship Hall on January 18, 2018. The meeting was opened with devotions and prayer by Emily Roberts at 6:30 p.m.

Elders present: 2018 – Amy Kepple and Bryan Lavezzi
2019 – Cindy Alcaraz, Ron Cox and Marty Tarter
2020 – Emily Roberts and Mike Shissler
constituting a quorum. Absent was Brett Stevens . Rev. Marla Bauler moderated the meeting. The guidelines for a quorum were adopted November 14, 2013 as the presence of 50% of currently serving Elders.

The meeting agenda was reviewed and approved.

Session examined new elder Mike Shissler who shared his faith journey. The elders welcomed him back to the session.

Motion made that Anita Asbell remain as Clerk of Session for year 2018, with voice. Seconded. Approved.

Motion made that Emily Roberts remain as Treasurer and Anita Asbell and Amy Kepple remain as assistants to the treasurer for year 2018. Seconded. Approved.

The Deacons Report dated January 9, 2018 was reviewed.

Treasurer's Report

The monthly profit and loss statement was reviewed. Approved.

Discussed opening a checking account under the old "Men's Club" account for missions. This will be in addition to the savings account. The checking account will enable Emily to transfer the necessary funds and to write checks out of the proper account. Motion made, seconded and approved to allow Emily to transfer these funds on an annual basis from the savings to the checking account.

In the past, the treasurer would automatically remove 80% of the gains from the Jonah Fund each October 31st and place it into the mission's savings account. A motion was made to allow for more flexibility in regard to the Jonah Fund. We will no longer automatically remove the 80% of gain October 31st. This will be held in the fund until such time the Missions Committee needs it. Seconded. Approved.

Report of the Clerk

The minutes from the December 14, 2017 Session Meeting were reviewed. Approved.
Reviewed correspondence.
Audit Committee report was reviewed. Approved.
The Annual Statistical Report for Presbytery was reviewed. Approved.
Motion made to add Aubrie Beckstrom to the Roll of Baptized Members. Seconded. Approved.
The Annual Statistical Report for Presbytery was reviewed. Approved.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Marla gave a formal report which listed her monthly ministry activities.

* Communion was served to 36 people on January 7, 2018. .

Motion was made to pay Rev. Chip Roland for services he was to perform on December 31, 2017 even though church was cancelled due to weather. Seconded. Approved.

Committee Reports

Membership & Evangelism: Chair – Cindy Alcaraz; Asst. – Ron Cox – No Report.

Cindy advised the Elmwood 1st graders would like to use the fellowship hall this March, possibly the 22nd, for Bingo with the elderly.

Personnel: Chair – Ron Cox – No Report.

Missions: Chair - Bryan Lavezzi; Asst. – Amy Kepple

Worship: Chair – Amy Kepple; Asst. – Cindy Alcaraz – No Report.

Marketing: Chair – Brett Stevens – No Report.

Christian Education: Chair – Mike Shissler; Asst. Bryan Lavezzi– No Report.

Need to find an Adult Sunday School teacher replacement.

Building and Grounds (Trustees): Chair – Marty Tarter; Asst. – Brett Stevens - No Report.

Finance: Chair – Emily Roberts – No report.

Working on the Jonah Fund. Hoping to have a new plan by January 2018.

Jonah Fund management to be moved to Princeville State Bank so all investments will be together.

All funds in Kathy Shoop's Scholarship have been moved from account into it's own scholarship account.

The Barrett Trust Farm Report will be added to the Annual Finance Report.

New Business

Motion was made to give blanket approval for the use of the church building in 2018 for the following: PEO (Philanthropic Educational Organization); EBW (Elmwood Business Women); EDA (Elmwood Development Association); ECF (Elmwood Community Foundation); American Red Cross; Elmwood Fire Department, BYE Ambulance Service (Brimfield, Yates City, Elmwood), 4-H, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, Daisy Scouts, Brownies and Elmwood School events (with adult sponsors/ volunteers present). The proper Building Use forms need to be signed/initialed yearly from each organization.

There being no further business to come before the session, the meeting adjourned with a short prayer offered by Rev. Marla Bauler at 7:39 p.m.

The next session meeting is February 8, 2018 with devotions being given by Brett Stevens

Moderator,
Rev. Marla Bauler

Prayerfully submitted,

Anita W. Asbell
Clerk of Session