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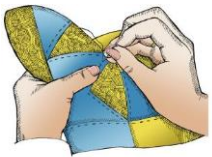
March 1, 2020

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Schaller, Iowa

## Coming Events

The church's website is [www.schallerpresby.com](http://www.schallerpresby.com)



Miracle Quilters

Anyone is welcome to join. They will be meeting on Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup> and March 19<sup>th</sup>.

If anyone would like to donate material, old jeans, etc. or yarn to be used now or in the future, it would be appreciated. 🌸



Daylight Savings is Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> so don't forget to set your clocks ahead 1 hour before you go to bed on Saturday night. 🌸



### YOUTH NEWS

The Middle School Youth Group spread some Love on February 16<sup>th</sup> by passing out Valentine cards and candy before the worship service. Our next meeting is on March 11<sup>th</sup> from 6-7:30 p.m.! 🌸



Christian Education Committee

The Christian Growth Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

We will be discussing VBS and finalizing plans for Senior Recognition Sunday. 🌸



Session will be meeting on Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. 🌸



### LADIES BIBLE STUDY

LADIES BIBLE STUDY MEETS MARCH 19<sup>TH</sup> as we continue

studying the Book of Job.

This month we will look at Chapters 4-5 and see the response to Job's disasters from the viewpoint of just one of Job's three friends who comes to console him. Have you ever had a friend so filled with "good" advice that you just wanted to scream in frustration? Have you had friends with good intentions but they didn't get the problem? How have you handled well intentioned friends offering advice? Come join us this month as we delve into the study of what makes us good friends and how we can truly comfort someone AND discover God's greatness and mercy even when we go through tough times. 🌸



### Senior Recognition Sunday

Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> will be Senior Recognition Sunday following the morning worship with Pot-Luck (no desserts) Dinner.

Cake will be provided by Christian Growth. Speaker will be Jane Bisenius. Hope all can attend to recognize and congratulate our outgoing Seniors, Beth Bailey, Jordan Grothe, and Daniel Langner. 🌸

Newsletter deadline with APRIL information is SUNDAY, MARCH 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING



Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The three programs supported by One

Great Hour of Sharing — Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People — all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. Received during the season of Lent (February 26 – April 12), each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations. The Offering provides us a way to share God’s love with our neighbors in need. In fact, OGHS is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world.

The One Great Hour of Sharing envelopes can be found in the pew pockets through the season of Lent. ♻️

PLEASE mark your checks Presbyterian Church and in the memo line mark OGHS. Please give generously. ♻️



Parents please encourage your children to fill up their One Great Hour of Sharing Fish Banks. ♻️

THE LORD TAKES NOTICE, NOT ONLY OF WHAT WE GIVE, BUT OF WHAT WE HAVE LEFT.

Jesus did not teach “You’ll believe it when you see it,” but “You’ll see it when you believe it.”

## WOMEN’S FAITH CONFERENCE

**WHO:** Speaker Deb Burma, author of Sip, Savor And Drink Deeply  
**WHAT:** Light breakfast & lunch – Cost \$16  
**WHEN:** Saturday, March 28  
8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
Preregister by March 6  
**WHERE:** Wall Lake Community Center

## WOMEN’S “CHOOSE” CONFERENCE

**WHO:** Women of Faith; Jill Miller, Laura Pedersen, Rachel Barrentine  
**WHAT:** Three hours of worship, storytelling, laughter and God’s Word  
**WHEN:** March 8<sup>th</sup> from 6 – 9 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Rosemary Clausen Center, Holstein, IA

## GODLY RISK

**WHO:** Rev. Ben Johnston – Krase  
**WHAT:** 2020 Men’s Retreat  
**WHEN:** 7 p.m. March 13 – 11 a.m. March 15  
**WHERE:** Lakeshore Center at Okoboji

For more info and online registration – [www.lakeshorecenter@okoboji.org](mailto:www.lakeshorecenter@okoboji.org) under events tab. ♻️

# OUR CHURCH IN ACTION

## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS:

Session met on February 19<sup>th</sup> in Fellowship Hall. Here are some of the highlights under discussion.

**WORSHIP:** Look for a new order of worship starting March 1<sup>st</sup>. Children's Chat will be AFTER the reading of the Scripture and Joys and Concerns will be AFTER the Sermon. This is following the service order held in most of the Presbyterian churches and follows a better attuned worship flow.

**MISSION:** Ministerial Assoc met with an Elderbridge spokesperson to see if we could participate in a meals program for our seniors and those that are homebound. There is a lot of fact finding to be done to see if this is viable in our community and we are still researching the parameters. Will keep you posted if this is something we can do as a community.

**CHRISTIAN GROWTH:** We have finalized the date for Senior Recognition Sunday to April 5<sup>th</sup>. We had some date changes due to availability of all three of our seniors but the date is set. There will be a Pot Luck after service to meet with family and friends of our three graduating seniors, Daniel Langner, Beth Bailey, and Jordan Grothe. Let's join them on the Palm Sunday to wish them the best in their future endeavors. CAKE WILL BE PROVIDED by Christian Growth. We ask congregation to bring meat, sides and rolls.

**BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:** It has been discussed that we will be needing to take bids on our mowing service for the church and manse grounds this summer. Our current custodian of this task is having to stop service due to aging equipment. If you know anyone in community that may be interested in doing the mowing on our yards, have them contact one of our Session members to discuss. We are currently looking at pricing to cover the gutters on the manse also.

Spring will be here before we know it and activities will start happening soon. Keep your calendars handy and here's asking God for a blessed Spring with new celebrations to come. 🌸

## March 2020 Lectionary Bible Study

### March 1

Psalm 19:7-10

Mark 10:17-31 Rich man is called to sell all he has and follow Jesus.

### March 8 Bartimaeus Healed

Psalm 34:11-14

Mark 10:32-52 Passion prediction, Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, heals blind Bartimaeus.

### March 15

Psalm 86:8-13

Mark 12:1-17 Parable of the wicked tenants; paying taxes to Caesar

### March 22

Psalm 89:1-4

Mark 12:28-44 Great commandment, scribes seek honor, a poor widow gives all she has.

### March 29

Psalm 102:12-17

Mark 13:1-8, 24-37 The end of the age; call to be watchful.

A Good Mixture

Mix prayer with a study of God's Word. Balance one with the other. Prayer without Bible Study breeds fanaticism and extremes. Bible Study without prayer produces coldness of heart and spiritual pride.

# OUR CONGREGATION IN ACTION

## MARCH USHERS

- 03/01 – 03/08 Jim & Cathy McDonough
- 03/15 – 03/22 John & Brenna Franken
- 03/29 Volunteers

## APRIL USHERS

- 04/05 Beth Bailey, Jordan Grothe,  
& Daniel Langner
- 04/12 Volunteers
- 04/19 – 04/26 Phil & Sue Diersen



**USHERS:** Ushers will serve 2 weeks. Please be there 20 minutes before service. Welcome everyone and hand out bulletins. **Count and**

**post attendance. Take up the offering. If unable to serve find a replacement.**

Please have new visitors sign guest book. ♻️

## CHURCH ATTENDANCE

### Sunday Mornings

02/02 33 02/09 31

02/16 21 02/23 36

Ash Wednesday Service 18

(PLEASE Post Church Attendance)



## ELDERS

**MARCH:** Cathy Sydnor

**APRIL:** Julie Langner



Elders remember this includes helping count the Sunday Offering. ♻️

# COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

## MARCH

- 01 Stuart & Angie Claussen
- 15 Mike & Mallory McDonough

## APRIL

- 05 Senior Recognition Sunday  
(Christian Growth)
- 12 Easter
- 19 Bruce & Jackie Mentzer

(If unable to serve, please exchange with someone.)



**2020 Per Capita** amount is \$40.76. It is a very important way we can contribute to the operation and mission of the Presbyterian Church. Session encourages **all members** to contribute. Please make checks out to Schaller Presbyterian Church and on the memo line mark your check "Per Capita". ♻️

## Early Community Food Pantry Needs:

- Caned vegetables - esp. peas
- Canned Fruit - esp. pears, mixed Fruit
- Oatmeal
- Pancake mix - (prefer the add water only kind)
- Pancake Syrup
- Chicken Helper
- Hamburger Helper
- Tuna Helper
- Chunky or regular Soup - No Cream of Oyster or soda crackers
- Dry Mixes: Cake, Cookie, Biscuit, Muffin, Corn Bread
- Dry pizza Crust Mix & pizza Sauce
- Jello & Pudding
- Peanut Butter



## ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS!

Anniv.	Name
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03/09	David & Kathy Siebrecht

## BIRTHDAY GREETINGS!

Birth day	Name
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03/02	Julie Langner
03/05	Richard Cork
03/19	Courtney Pyle
03/21	Libby McDonough
03/24	Betty Bailey
03/31	Kirk Langner



P.U.S.H!

When everything seems to go wrong,...just P.U.S.H.!

When the job gets you down,...just P.U.S.H.!

When people don't react the way you think they should,...just P.U.S.H.!

When your money looks funny and the bills are due,...just P.U.S.H.!

When you want to tell them off for whatever the reason,...just P.U.S.H.!

When people just don't understand you,...just P.U.S.H.!

P.U.S.H -- Pray Until Something Happens!!!! --  
 Author Unknown



## IN OUR PRAYERS

Our Church, Our Session, Sunday School, Members in Care Facilities and Homebound, Jean Grundmeier, George Turnquist, Jim Kestel, Jeanette & Don Peterson, Jean O'Meara Knockel, Lois Kestel, Dexter Meseck, Sue Diersen's Niece Kelly, Alex Kron, Roger Beebe, Justine Miller, Laurie & Larry Miller, Mary Beth Wandrey, the Military, our President and Congress.

--SEND A CARD—MAKE A PHONE CALL—SEND AN EMAIL—  
 VISIT—SAY A PRAYER—

Thank you for keeping us informed about joys and concerns. Remember, hospitalized members and friends don't always get on the list at the hospital. We'd rather get several calls than none! Please call Rev. Michael Sydnor and inform him so he can pray and visit patients.

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list please call Rev. Michael Sydnor (712-275-4691) or Denise King (275-4516)

### Mailing Address:

Jean O'Meara Knockel  
 1215 Hwy 146  
 New Sharon, IA 50207

Life is short, death is sure; sin the cause, Christ the cure.

## Children's Sunday School Attendance

02/02	4	02/09	4
02/16	3	02/23	3



GOD WANTS TO BE YOUR BEST FRIEND.



**Daylight Savings is  
Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> so  
don't forget to set  
your clocks ahead 1  
hour before you go to**

**bed on Saturday night.** ♻️

Sunsets are a gift from God..

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## WHAT IF GOD...

What if God couldn't take the time to bless us today because we couldn't take the time to thank HIM yesterday?

What if GOD decided to stop leading us tomorrow because we didn't follow HIM today?

What if we never saw another flower bloom because we grumbled when GOD sent the rain?

What if GOD didn't walk with us today because we failed to recognize it as His day?

What if GOD took away His message because we failed to listen to the messenger?

What if GOD didn't send His only begotten Son because He wanted us to be prepared to pay the price for sin?

What if the door of the church was closed because we did not open the door of our heart?

What if GOD stopped loving and caring for us because we failed to love and care for others?

What if GOD would not hear us today because we would not listen to Him yesterday?

What if GOD answered our prayers the way we answer His call to service?

What if GOD met our needs the way we give Him our lives???

-- Author Unknown

Finding God is not our only need. We must also recognize Him in each of life's ever-present situations, and submit to His Will

