



**Annual
Congregational
Meeting:**

**Please mark your
calendars for our
annual meeting on
Sunday, February 21st,
after the Morning
Worship.**

**Per Capita for 2016:
\$ 35.66**
(GA-\$7.12; Synod-\$3.81;
Blackhawk Presbytery- \$24.73)

The N.I.C.E. Center, located in Lee, Illinois, is open every Saturday from 8:30 am to 11:00 am. All clothing and food items are free and have been donated from various people in the community.

We are in need of volunteers to staff the facility for the month of February . Please see the sign up sheet on the bulletin board at the church.



Middle School Sunday School Schedule for the rest of the 2016 school year:

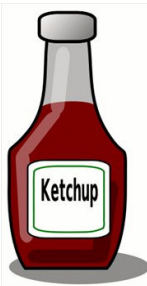
- *February 7 and 21
- *March 6 and 13
- *April 3 and 17
- *May 8 ... the last day of school until Rally Day in September. Sunday School is at 9:00 am



**Celebrating birth-
days in February:**

- 8th.....Ariel Russell
- 12th.....Linda Loudermilk
- 17th.....Tom Kallas,
Floyd Hunt
- 23rd.....Jeanetta Boughton

Your 2016 nominating committee: Dave Stryker (chairperson) , Laurie Johnson, Christine Monteiro, Sue Rood, & Melba Speelman.



There are a few churches that support NICE by doing a monthly collection of a named item from their congregations. It is usually an item that is expensive for the Center to buy or that is very popular. We are now

collecting for the month of February and we would like to collect ketchup. The items can be put into the collection box in the Narthex. Watch the newsletter and bulletins for what we will be collecting each month. **Thank you for your support. The families that come to the NICE Center are very appreciative of all that you do.**

Updates From our Mission Committee: Thank you to all who support our missions at the Waterman Presbyterian Church. February will be a busy month. We will need at least 4 people to sign up to work at the NICE Center. Workers need to be at the NICE Center, in Lee, from 8:00 a.m. until 11 a.m.

March 30th will be our Joint Mission with WUMC to provide food for Hope Haven. We really need people to sign up and help with this very important mission of our church. We will need to supply 3 desserts and 3 salad type food items. We have been purchasing fried chicken, so anything you can think of that would taste good with fried chicken would be welcomed. A few examples are tarter tots, baked beans, pasta salad, tossed salad or potato salad. A sign-up will be posted mid to late February.

Thank You!



Notes from Open Hands Preschool

February 2016 January was a perfect month to focus on winter! Also as an extension of our musical field trip to Shabbona's United Church of Christ, we played a variety of musical instruments and marched down the hall. What a great way to exercise during the "too cold for outside" weather.

In February we will discuss feelings. The feeling love will begin our focus. What is love? How do you show love? What is God & Jesus's love? Who loves us? We will have a field trip to the post office to mail "Love Letters" to our families and a Valentine exchange in our classroom. Each MWF child will author and illustrate a "Feelings" book. This is a two month project. Some feelings we will focus on: love/ anger, happy/ sad, tired/excited, afraid/shy/silly, and other feelings the children may mention. During this project the teachers will help each child identify his or her own feelings and the feelings of others by looking at face and body cues. Our TTH children will continue their ABC books. The creation of books will increase the children's literacy knowledge regarding the roles of an author, illustrator and publisher.

Open Hands Committee Meeting is on Thursday, Feb. 11th at 6:00pm. United Methodist Church. All are invited.

SPECIAL THANKS TO:

All who use Schnucks Escript cards. Please continue to use when shopping. OH made \$16 in December. United Methodist trustees for maintaining safe sidewalks for Open Hands families and staff.

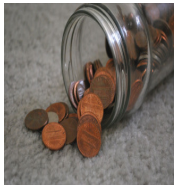
WOW, Women of the Word, in Waterman will continue our study lessons for the second semester on Thursday, February 4, at both 9 a.m. and 6:45 p.m., with workbook Lesson #5 of Beth Moore's study, 'Children of the Day: I & II Thessalonians'. We are spending two weeks on each lesson and will finish in April. A small number of study workbooks are available for \$15, or you may get your own. Visitors and new members are always welcome to jump in! Our Morning Edition has a COW Club preschool program but you must preregister. Contact Sue Hipple to register or for more information at sjhipple23@gmail.com or [815-264-3979](tel:815-264-3979). We look forward to seeing our members back, as well as visitors to learn more about WOW! Come and join women from many different churches and communities for encouragement and blessing in 2016!



Lent Begins
 Ash Wednesday
February 10th..... A
Joint Worship Service
will be held at Waterman
United Methodist
Church at 7:00 pm.



Please pray for: David Eichelberger, Family of Kendra Johnson Plesa (Tim Johnson's sister), Family of David & Jennifer Kallas (David's dad passed away), Chico Cruz (Jennifer Kallas' Dad) Michelle (George) Mathews (Shari Conley's neighbor), Norm Johnson, Jennifer Hipple (Florence Hipple's granddaughter) Barb Meredith, The Chaney Family, Alma Schweitzer and Our Church.
Our military personnel: Staff Sgt. Vadon Loudermilk Jr., Major Garrett Slack & Major Bob Mitchell.



Change For the Better, Mission for UMPEC: Our February Mission continuing from January focus is UMPEC and we will be collecting spare change to help make a difference for others. Clean out the bottom of your purse, reach down into your pocket, and check under your sofa cushions! There will be a coin jar on the table in the Narthex. Let's see how many times we can fill the jar!!!!

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...to Shari Conley for printing and binding together our yearly report.

..to our January liturgists: Sue Rood and Susan Eichelberger.

...to Reverend Robert Conner for filling our pulpit on a very cold January 17th.

....To our Presbyterians for providing their favorites as our opening hymns for our "Songs for the Soul." In the month of January: Reverend Robert Conner, Susan Eichelberger, & Jay Monteiro.

..to Dave Stryker and Rev. Roger Boekenhauer for clearing the sidewalks.

..... to our church members for the many tasks you take on, even though we may not be aware that you have done it..... You are appreciated!!!

Waterman Presbyterian Church
Waterman Illinois
ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AGENDA
February 21, 2016

- I. Opening Prayer – Reverend Roger Boekenhauer**
Appointment of Clerk
Election of Secretary
Approval of Quorum

- II. Reading of the Minutes from the February 15, 2015 Annual Meeting and Reports**
Pastor’s Report
Report of the Session
Personnel Report
Buildings and Grounds
Christian Education Report
UMPEC Report
NICE Report
Deacons Report
Deacons Treasurer Report
Women of the Word Report
Women of the Word Treasurer’s Report
Waterman Presbyterian Memorials/ Mission Report
Worship and Music Report
Open Hands Preschool Report
Omnibus Motion to approve all reports

- III. Financial Report**
Treasurer’s Report of 2015
2016 Proposed Budget
Memorial Fund Balance Sheet/Report

- IV. Election of Church Officers**
Deacons
Elders
Treasurer – Shari Conley
Assistant Treasurers – Christine and Jay Monteiro

- V. Installation of Church Officers**

- VI. New Business**

- VII. Adjournment and Closing Prayer**

- VIII. Refreshments**