



Annual Congregational Meeting:

The Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday February 16, at 11:30 a.m. Rev Blake Richter from the Westminster Presbyterian Church will be here to Moderate the meeting. There will be a Fellowship Hour following worship in order to give Rev. Richter time to drive to Waterman. Please check your bulletins for more details.

Many "thanks" to the Monteiro family for bringing Rev. Dr. Larry Kents' "Simplify your Life" series of sermons to us in January & also to Christine Monteiro for leading us in these Sunday Worship.

- January 5: "Overloaded and Overdriven"
- January 12: "Getting More and Having Less"
- January 19: "The Hurry, Hurry, Hurry Illness"
- January 26: "Rest and the Rest of Life"

February Pulpit Supply :

- February 2..Worship/Communion at 10 am with Rev. Robert Conner
- February 9....Worship at 10 am with Rev. Mary Gay McKinney
- February 16....Worship at 10 am with Rev. Lauri Allen
- February 23....Worship at 10 am with CLP Wendy Keller

Thank You ..Shari Conley for printing and binding together our annual report.
... Dave Stryker for snow removal
.....and the many others who do tasks that we are unaware of!!!



Ash Wednesday
— Lent Begins

The Lenten Season begins on Ash Wednesday, February 26th. A Service open to the community and all churches will be held at 7pm at the Waterman United Methodist Church.

~**NICE CENTER collection item:** 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. **For the month of February we would like to collect peanut butter.** 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.

The NICE Center, located in Lee, Illinois, is open every Saturday from 8:00 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.





Please help welcome Rev. Lauri Allen to the Waterman Presbyterian Church. Rev. Lauri Allen will be filling our pulpit on various Sundays. Her first scheduled Sunday is February 16th. Worship starts at 10:00 am.

.....**Rev. Lauri Allen** has been a licensed minister for Peace United Church of Christ in Genoa (2011-2015) and First Congregational United Church of Christ in Geneva (covered a leave in summer 2017). She has also provided pulpit supply as needed to 18 area churches.

Lauri attended the Wisconsin United Church of Christ Lay Academy, and went on to earn a Certificate in Theological Studies from Chicago Theological Seminary.

As a member of First Congregational United Church of Christ in DeKalb, Lauri serves on the Christian Education Team and directs the Christmas Program and Vacation Bible School.

Lauri works as an accountant during the week. She lives in DeKalb with her cat Harlowe and two dogs Oscar and Clancy. She has one adult daughter who is an artist and lives in Spokane, WA. In her spare time, Lauri enjoys reading, cooking, traveling, and spending time with family and friends.

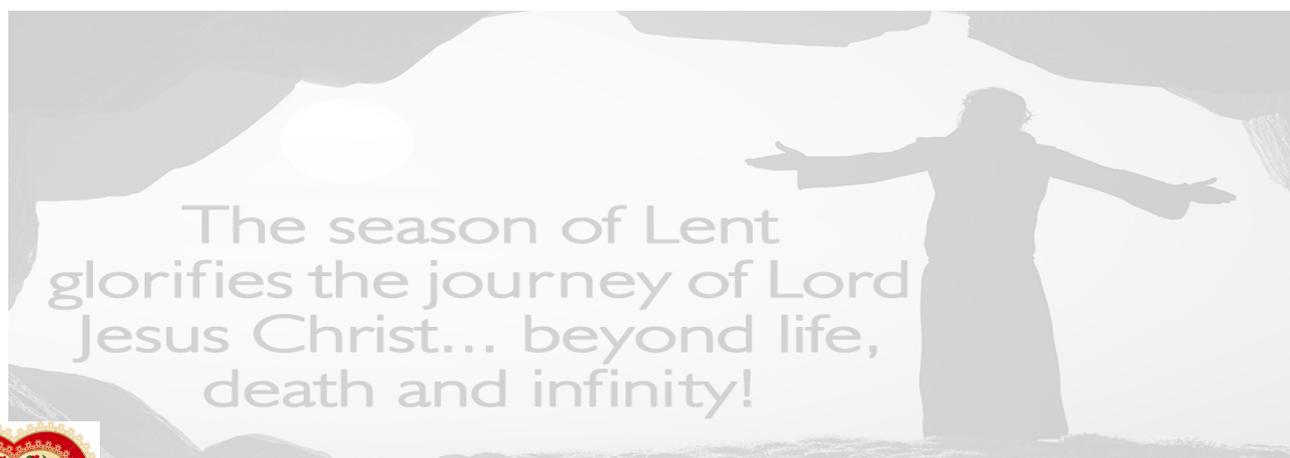


We want to thank you for your handmade gifts. They are greatly appreciated by the families in need.



*N. I. C. E Christmas Room
Donna Whaley and Helpers*

**VBS
Theme
For
“2020”
Rocky
Railway**





~Please Pray for~ The Family of Roger Votaw, The Family of Nancy Coss, The Family of Joanna Fay, The Family of Geri Leonard, Kate Thuestad, Amy English, Jeanetta Boughton, Our Area Farmers and Our Church.

Our military personnel: Sgt. Joel Bergen, Staff Sgt. Vadon Loudermilk Jr., Major Garrett Slack & Major Bob Mitchell.

Open Hands Preschool
FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

A busy January...

What a fun, chilly January we have had! The drastic changes in weather made our topic of “winter weather” easy to talk about! Snow, rain, ice...oh my! We spent time learning about how water freezes and what makes it melt. We learned that people build things out of ice in the winter- even castles! We also learned all about dinosaurs! This was a popular topic among all of our preschoolers! It is safe to say that they taught us a lot about dinosaurs that we (the teachers) didn’t know before starting this theme! We were surprised to see how many of our students could name every dinosaur we showed them (we didn’t know most of them ourselves!) as well as facts about each one. We incorporated different dinosaur themed books each day- some silly and some factual. They loved them all, but the book *Dinosaurs Love Underpants* by Claire Freedman was a favorite! Many of our books focused on counting forwards and backwards, as well as using basic subtraction skills.

Good to know

There is **NO SCHOOL** on Monday, February 17, 2020 in honor of President’s Day.

If your child comes to school in snow boots, please send a pair of inside shoes as well.

In case of winter weather, we follow Indian Creek School District 425, if they are closed, so are we.

We will also send out an email.

Thank you for all of the continued support!

A special thank you to both churches for your generous donations! We really appreciate it!

What we are learning in February

February looks to be a busy month at Open Hands! Our themes are Valentine’s Day and community helpers. As we learn about Valentine’s Day we will also learn about emotions- what makes us feel loved? What makes us happy, sad, angry, excited? How can we tell how others are feeling? Emotions are such a big, important topic in preschool!

Our community helpers theme gives us the opportunity to learn about all of the heroes in our own hometowns. Who puts out the fires? Who keeps the neighborhood safe? Who delivers the mail? Where do we go if we are sick?

Our block area will transform into a “city” with community helper buildings, people, and cars. Our literacy area will be filled with community helper words and jobs. We will create a post office and make our own mail- working on fine motor skills and letter recognition. Our dramatic play area will transform into a bakery where we can practice counting money and test out our “baking” skills!





“Finding I AM”

Ladies Six-Week Winter Bible Study Beginning in February

Come, be encouraged and strengthened, as we pray and study God's Word together!

Title of Study: “Finding I AM - How Jesus Fully Satisfies the Cry of Your Heart”
by Lysa TerKeurst—see description below

Start Date: Tuesday, February 11, 2020

Time: 6:45 PM to 9:00 PM

Place: Waterman Presbyterian Church, 250 N Cedar Street, Waterman IL 60556

Please **RSVP by Friday January 31, 2020** to Denise at DLHorn1966@gmail.com or text/call **815-762-7804** if you would like to attend or if you have questions!

You Will Need: A copy of the *Study Guide* which includes weekly lessons

ISBN 1430053526 ISBN 1430053526 (available on amazon \$16.98--Scholarships available)

DESCRIPTION OF STUDY:

What is the deep cry of your heart? The ache in your soul that keeps you up at night? The prayer you keep repeating? Jesus not only cares about this deep, spiritual wrestling, but He also wants to step in and see you through it.

Join Lysa TerKeurst on the streets of Israel to explore the seven I AM statements of Jesus found in the Gospel of John. Through this interactive, in-depth study we will be trading feelings of emptiness and depletion for the fullness of knowing who Jesus is like never before.

Features:

- Leader helps to guide questions and discussions within small groups
- Five weeks of personal study segments to complete between six weeks of group sessions
- Four days, with an optional fifth day, of study within each week of personal study

Benefits:

- Find freedom in difficult circumstances by learning how to shift from “slave mentality” to “set free mentality”
- Discover how Jesus is the key to satisfaction by learning the crucial significance behind each of His I AM statements
- Trade feelings of emptiness for the fullness of knowing who Jesus is
- Grow in biblical literacy with this exploration of the Gospel of John

'Thrive' at Covenant Restoration Church, Hinckley, led by Cindy Noll, on Thursdays at 9 a.m. & 7 p.m. Continuing again on 2.27.2020 to study God's life giving Characteristics from Genesis Chapter 40 and forward. For more details please contact: Cindy Noll 815-286-7131.

‘Women of the Word/WOW-South’, Earlville Presbyterian Church, led by Lisa Karlsson and Claudette Bettner, Thursdays 9 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.; restarting with new study on 1.30.2020: Book of Ephesians & ‘Fervant’ by Priscilla Shirer. For more details please contact: Lisa Karlsson at 815-766-2216 or karlsson2766@gmail.com

The per capita assessment for 2020 is \$38.47: (GA: \$8.95; Synod: \$3.81; Blackhawk Presbytery: \$25.71)

