

Elder/Session Members

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Lynn Byington.....815-739-1728 Linda Loudermilk....815-264-3555
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Jeanetta Boughton....815-495-4681 Susan Eichelberger...815-264-7772
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On Sunday, February 12th at our Annual Congregational Meeting we elected and ordained our Newest Elder: Lynn Byington.
We are indeed Blessed!!

Thank you for your support. The families that come to the NICE Center are very appreciative of all that you do. We are now collecting for the month of March and we would like to collect canned fruit. 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.



Joint Mission with WUMC

March 29th will be our joint mission to provide food for Hope Haven. We 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



Confirmation schedule for the rest of the semester:

- Mar 5 - 9:00 a.m. - Presbyterian Church
- Mar 18/19 - Church visitations TBA
- April 2 - 8:30 a.m. - Methodist Church
- April 23 - 8:30 a.m. - Methodist Church
- May 7 - 9:00 a.m. - Presbyterian Church



March Birthdays:

- 1st.....Melba Speelman**
- 12th.....Shari Conley**
- 13th.....Florence Hipple**
- 14th.....Wilma Carroll**
- 26th...Susan Eichelberger**

Stamp Ministry -

you can contribute to the Sisters of the Holy Cross Ministry With the Poor. The sisters remove the stamps from the envelope paper, sort them and sell them to brokers and collectors. The proceeds benefit their ministries, helping those in need around the world. Save stamps that have their perforations intact, are not too heavily canceled, and are not torn, cut or stained. Leave at least 1/4 inch on each side of the stamp when cutting it from the envelope. Most valuable Stamps in mint (un-canceled) or fine/very fine condition: Foreign stamps, U.S. Commemoratives, Stamps with postage values of \$1 or more. A collection box is on the table in the Narthex. You may also mail them to the church at PO Box 208 , Waterman, Illinois



Time to Spring Ahead

Reminder:

March 12,
 Sunday
 Daylight
 Saving Time
 begins at 2:00 am.
Saturday evening,
 before you retire
 for the evening, set
 your clocks ahead
 one hour.....

2016 Annual Reports and 2017 Church directories are available. Also available are 2017 calendars.

Do you have an email and/or phone number change or addition? Did you advise the church and the church family? We appreciate hearing from you.

Do you have any additions to the birthday listing or would you like your anniversary added? Please contact the church office @

Thank You!!!!!!

..... to all of you who helped out at the Nice Center in February and to the many food pantry donors to the NICE Center each and every month.

....to the many hands that brought in goodies for our Annual Meeting

...to our pulpit leaders for February
 5th & 19th: CLP Charles Johnson;
 February 12th , Reverend Blake

Please Pray for: Frank Bilardello, The Family of Steve Bock, Jodie Schuck, Family of Herb and Donna Leifheit, Norm Johnson, Jennifer Hipple (Florence Hipple's granddaughter) Alma Schweitzer and Our Church.

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



2017 Easter Lily Order Form

Lilies are \$8.00 for each potted plant.



Name: _____

of Lilies _____ @ \$8.00 each total _____

In Memory/Honor of: _____

Easter lily order deadline is Monday, April 3rd.

Please make check out to Waterman Presbyterian Church and write "Lilies" in the memo portion of the check.

An excerpt from the *Companion to the Book of Common Worship* (Geneva Press, 2003, 109-110)

The Lenten journey from the ashes of death to resurrected life begins on the first day of Lent, Ash Wednesday, which signifies a time to turn around, to change directions, to repent. This first day of Lent reminds us that unless we are willing to die to our old selves, we cannot be raised to new life with Christ. The first step of this journey calls us to acknowledge and confront our mortality, individually and corporately. In many traditions, this is symbolized through the imposition of ashes — placing a cross on one’s forehead. During the imposition of ashes the words: “You are dust, and to dust you shall return” (Genesis 3:19) are repeated again and again. We are to remember that we are but temporary creatures, always on the edge of death. On Ash Wednesday, we begin our Lenten trek through the desert toward Easter.

Ashes on the forehead is a sign of our humanity and a reminder of our mortality. Lent is not a matter of being good, and wearing ashes is not to show off one’s faith. The ashes are a reminder to us and our communities of our finite creatureliness. The ashes we wear on our Lenten journey symbolize the dust and broken debris of our lives as well as the reality that eventually each of us will die.

Trusting in the “accomplished fact” of Christ’s resurrection, however, we listen for the Word of God in the time-honored stories of the church’s Lenten journey. We follow Jesus into the wilderness, resist temptation, fast, and proceed “on the way” to Jerusalem and the cross. Our Lenten journey is one of metanoia (“turning around”), of changing directions from self-serving toward the self-giving way of the cross.

Submitted by: Jay Monteiro



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As we move into March we will start our discussion on manners and bullying. We will also have a pajama/reading day followed by a trip to our town library. Reading is our gateway to knowledge, read a book to a child as often as possible! Our bible stories this month will be navigating us through more of Jesus' miracles. The Good Samaritan is our first story in March and we will end with discussions that lead into Easter. Along with our stories of helping others we will have a veterinarian office where there will be doctors and plenty of pets that need love and healing. We have Duplo blocks and animals set out in the block area and sensory stepping stones in the large motor area. Our room and hallway is filled with wonderful art work made of every shade of red you could find! This month we will continue working with shadows and colors on our light tables. Along with our large number cube we will have a large cube that the children can practice their tying, zipping, snapping, and buckling skills on.

Dates to remember:

March 1st Butter Braid order forms go out to families
March 22nd committee meeting in the fireside room @ UMC; 6pm
March 24th Scholastic orders due
March 23rd & 24th Butter Braid Order Forms Due!
March 27th – 31st Spring Break (no school)

A Special Thank You To:

Mike Arends for fixing the light in our classroom!
All who use Schnucks EScript cards. Please continue to use your cards if shopping at Schnucks.

It is that time of year to stock up the freezer with Butter Braids! Orders are due by March 26 (payment at time of order). Delivery will be April 7 at the Preschool. The cost is \$13.00 per braid. The monies will be used for the continuation of updating the classroom. Please contact Mary Stryker or