



LOVE IN THE TIME OF THE CORONAVIRUS

The Diamond Princess luxury ship was scheduled to be on a 14 day tour of Asian countries. The departure date was January 20th in Tokyo. The ship left port on that day. One passenger departed the ship in Hong Kong on January 25th. On February 1st, that same passenger was diagnosed with the coronavirus. Public health officials quickly moved to quarantine everyone on the ship to their rooms. Some passengers have been repatriated to their countries, but even with the quarantine, 621 people have been diagnosed with coronavirus. There were over 2000 passengers on the ship, and over 1,000 members of the crew.

We are plenty familiar with the news of the coronavirus by now. As I type, there have been 75,305 coronavirus cases confirmed. Of those, 2,012 people have died, while 15,126 people have recovered. In the United States, only 15 cases have been confirmed, while three of those people have fully recovered.

It's a different story in China. There have been 74,188 total cases of coronavirus in China, with 2,006 total deaths. Imagine the fear, heartache, and grief in China. Imagine trying to witness to the glory of God in the midst of this type of suffering and uncertainty.

Listen to these words from an anonymous Wuhan pastor, from an open letter to clergy worldwide: "Wuhan's pestilence cannot separate us from the love of Christ; this love is in our Lord Jesus Christ."

The same pastor asks us to pray for the Chinese people, adding, "If you do not feel a responsibility to pray, ask the Lord for a loving soul, an earnestly prayerful heart; if you are not crying, ask the Lord for tears. Because we surely know that only through the hope of the Lord's mercy will this city be saved."

We need to pray for the people of China, and throughout Asia where the coronavirus has really had a huge impact. We can also help our brothers and sisters in Asia through the Presbyterian Outreach Foundation. Already, they have had a hand in delivering more than ten thousand medical protective screens, 250,000 pairs of medical examination gloves, close to 50,000 masks, and hundreds of tons of disinfectants. If you feel so

moved, you can send a contribution to the Emergency Appeal for China at this address: 381 Riverside Drive, Suite 110, Franklin, TN 37064, or give online at <https://give.theoutreachfoundation.org/china-health-crisis-appeal>. Through our prayers and resources, we can express the love of Christ in this time of coronavirus.



SESSION MEMBERS

Sarah Blakeman— *N&M/Nominating Co-chair*

Gail Burke— *Stewardship*

Carolyn Culbertson— *Nominating, Co-chair*

Ellen Drumm— *N&M*

June Hanes— *Worship Chair*

Phillip Hopkins— *F&M Chair*

Chuck Kaman— *Christian Education Chair*

Patti Smith— *N&M Co-chair*

Doug Quinn— *F&M*

Marcia Arthur— *Clerk of Session*

Looking Ahead....

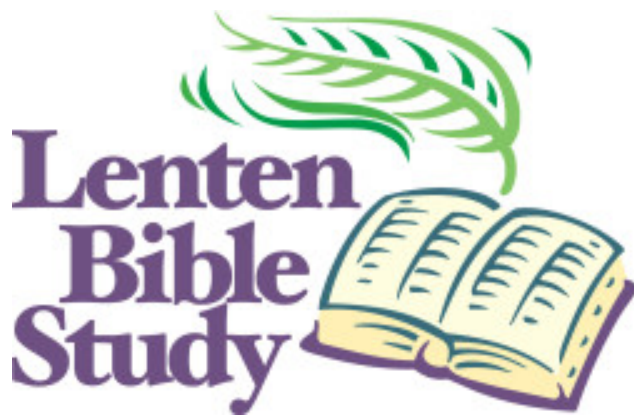
Called Congregational Meeting

Sunday, March 1st

Join us on Sunday, March 1st for a Called Congregational Meeting in reference to a minor By-Law change regarding the eligibility to serve as treasurer.

PLEASE JOIN US

CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING



Lenten Supper/Study

Tuesday, February 25th-Tuesday, April 7th

Our Lenten Study Series on Rob Fuquay's *The God We Can Know* began on February 25th and will continue through Tuesday, April 7th in the Fellowship Hall. A light supper will be served at 5:30 pm followed by a discussion of the weekly reading from 6-7 pm. It's not too late to join.

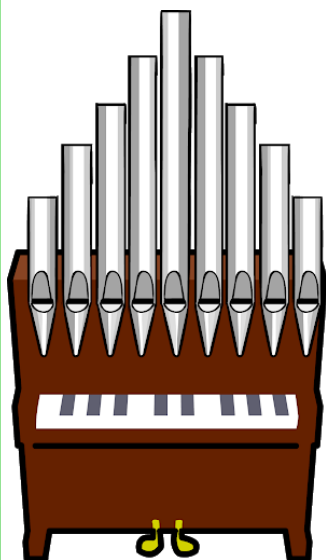
Boy Scout Spaghetti Dinner

Friday, March 20th @ 5-7 pm

Boy Scout Troop 31 will be hosting a Spaghetti Dinner at our church on Friday, March 20th from 5-7 pm. The dinner includes spaghetti, roll, salad, drink, and dessert. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for children. Carry out is available. Please consider supporting the scouts by stopping on out for a delicious meal!



MATTHEW DION'S JUNIOR RECITAL



Our wonderful organist, Matthew Dion, will present his *Junior Organ Recital* on **Saturday evening, March 14th at 7:30 pm in Warner Concert Hall**, located in the Oberlin Conservatory building . Church members and friends are cordially invited to attend and lend support to Matthew! We're sure it will be **OUTSTANDING!**

PRAYER CALENDAR FOR THE CHURCHES OF HURON

March 1, 2020

First Presbyterian Church

March 8, 2020

Christ Episcopal Church
Rev. Michael Floyd

March 15, 2020

Lighthouse Assembly of God Church

March 22, 2020

St. Peter Catholic Church
Father Jeff McBeth

March 29, 2020

Huron United Methodist Church
Pastor Pamela Sayre

B.S.A. CUB SCOUT PACK 31 & FPC HURON MARCH 2020 BOOK DRIVE

Throughout the month of March, Cub Scout Pack 31 will be collecting age appropriate donations of new or gently used children's books for ages pre-k to 7th grade. Donations will be used to restock libraries of Erie County Programs serving under resourced children and also provide quality books for children to take home as their own.

- ◆ Drop off your books during the Month of March at First Presbyterian Church Huron. There will be a Book Drive Box just inside the corner door near the elevator.
- ◆ Books will be accepted weekdays until 2:30 pm and every Saturday in March (3/7,3/14,3/21,3/28) from 9 am until 10 am.

The Book Drive will collect in March, cull in April and distribute in May, just in time for summer reading fun.

To schedule a pick up call Carolyn Culbertson (216-407-1911).

Thank You,
Cub Scout Pack 31 and FPCH Christian Education





At the February Session meeting, your session voted to participate in the Matthew 25 mission initiative of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Through this initiative, we are embracing becoming disciples of action that reflect Christ's teaching in Matthew 25:31-46. Stay tuned for more information!

MATTHEW'S BIKE SHOP

As part of our Matthew 25 initiative we invite congregation members to gather on Saturday April 4th, 18th, and 25th from 9am to Noon. We will be repairing and refurbishing bicycles for donation to those who need them.

There are three ways you can help:

- ◆ SHARE your knowledge and skills.
- ◆ LEARN new skills from others.
- ◆ DONATE bicycles or bike parts (or helmets).



For more information contact Chuck Kaman or Clark Culbertson.



To my church family and friends,

I want to express my thanks for the many cards, flowers, plants, telephone calls, and your presence at my 100th birthday celebration. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

Thank you,
Marian Howland

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Where God is, there is hope for the suffering and the vulnerable. Received during the season of Lent, One Great Hour of Sharing is the single, largest way that Presbyterians join together to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world. Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) helps to improve the lives of people in challenging situations through three impactful programs:

- ◆ **PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE-** Works alongside communities as they recover and find hope after the devastation of natural or human-caused disasters .
- ◆ **PRESBYTERIAN HUNGER PROGRAM-** Takes action to alleviate hunger and the systemic causes of poverty so all may be fed.
- ◆ **SELF-DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE-** Invests in communities responding to their experiences of racism, oppression, poverty and injustice and educates Presbyterians about the impact of these societal ills.

Thanks to your heartfelt gifts, One Great Hour of Sharing currently supports projects in over 100 countries.

IF WE ALL DO A LITTLE, IT ADDS UP TO A LOT!

Text SHARING to 56512 to donate or give to OGHS by placing your gift in the designated special offering envelope and placing it in the offering plate.

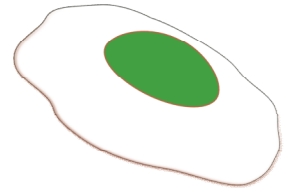


SPECIAL OFFERINGS
ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING



LITTLE WONDERS

February was a busy month for our Little Wonders. They made and ate green eggs & ham. The parents hosted wonderful, fun-filled Valentine's Day Parties. Later in the month, LW hosted "Muffins with Mom," which had an excellent turnout.





- March 2 KC Wittmer
- March 5 William Marsh
- March 5 Harry Wright
- March 8 Hollie Mueller
- March 9 Bob Kaman
- March 12 Katherine Brouse
- March 15 Andrea Kaman
- March 26 Carol Mack
- March 28 John Phillips
- March 29 Ann Marie Koch

- March 3 Lenten Supper/Study @ 5:30– 7 pm
- March 4 Girlfriends in God @ 6 pm
- March 9 Prayer Group @ 1 pm
- March 10 Lenten Supper/Study @ 5:30– 7 pm
- March 11 Christ’s Meal @ 5 pm
- March 11 Girlfriends in God @ 6 pm
- March 17 Lenten Supper/Study @ 5:30– 7 pm
- March 18 Session @ 7 pm
- March 20 Boy Scout Spaghetti Dinner @ 5-7 pm
- March 23 Steeple Notes Deadline
- March 23 Prayer Group @ 1 pm
- March 24 Lenten Supper/Study @ 5:30– 7 pm
- March 25 Christ’s Meal @ 5 pm
- March 28 Lions Club Pancake Breakfast @ 8 am– noon
- March 31 Lenten Supper/Study @ 5:30– 7 pm



	Ushers	Liturgist	Hospitality	Flowers
March 1	June Hanes & Rachel Pratt	Tammy Boos	Ellen Drumm & Katy McGraw	
Communion Servers: Carol Mack, Katy McGraw, Rachel Pratt, & Bill Roose			Communion Set-up: Karen Brown	
March 8	Patti Smith & Kathy Kirby	KC Wittmer	Ann Pullano	
March 15	Clark & Carolyn Culbertson	Steve Koenig	Cynthia Brown Mathews	
March 22	Bob & Marcie Muntz	Carolyn Culbertson	Bob & Marcie Muntz	Dave & Jeannine Asher
March 29	Chuck & Bob Kaman	John Blakeman	Sarah Blakeman	Mark & Pat Koch

MARCH 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Adult Bible Study @8:45am Worship @10:00am (2-Cents-A-Meal/Communion)	2 Hot Dog Monday @ noon	3 Lenten Supper @ 5:30 pm Study @ 6-7 pm	4 Girlfriends in God @ 6pm	5 Handbell Practice @ 6:30 pm Chancel Choir Practice @ 7:30 pm	6	7 LW Open House @ 10am- noon
8 Adult Bible Study @8:45am Worship @10:00am Tentative Music Under the Steeple Concert @ 3pm	9 Hot Dog Monday @ noon Prayer Group @ 1 pm	10 Worship Committee Meeting @ 9:30 am Lenten Supper @ 5:30 pm Study @ 6-7 pm	11 Christ's Community Meal @ 5 pm Girlfriends in God @ 6pm	12 Handbell Practice @ 6:30 pm Chancel Choir Practice @ 7:30 pm	13	14 Adams Private Event (Fellowship Hall-all day)
15 Adult Bible Study @8:45am Worship @10:00am	16 Hot Dog Monday @ noon	17 Polling Location (All Day-FH) Lenten Supper @ 5:30 pm Study @ 6-7 pm	18 Session @ 7pm	19 Handbell Practice @ 6:30 pm Chancel Choir Practice @ 7:30 pm	20 Boy Scout Spaghetti Dinner @ 5-7 pm	21
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29 Adult Bible Study @8:45am Worship @10:00am Private Event @ 4 8 pm (FH)	30 Hot Dog Monday @ noon	31 Lenten Supper @ 5:30 pm Study @ 6-7 pm				