



First Presbyterian Church of Huron

Rev. Sara Hodsden

April 2021

Steeple Notes

Notes



April Showers
Bring May Flowers

A sure sign of Spring, flowers popping out in front yard of the Church!





A Message from Pastor Sara

Dyngus Day

In Poland and other Central European countries, Dyngus Day, the Monday after Easter, is celebrated by boys and girls dumping water on one another, and whacking one another with pussy willows. One can prevent being soaked by presenting the soaker with a pisanki, or an Easter egg. One might also knock on doors throughout a village to beg for handouts of leftovers from Easter Supper, whether it be sausage, bacon, or dessert. The tradition did not really carry on in the United States for whatever reason, but in the last fifteen years or so, Dyngus Day celebrations have grown. Cleveland has had a Dyngus Day celebration that has grown to almost 20,000 people each non-pandemic year. They gather in the streets with squirt guns, Polish flags, pierogi and sausage food trucks, and polka music. It is always held on the Monday after Easter, just like in the old country.

Though Dyngus Day has taken on a “Polish Pride” kind of vibe, I like the idea of exuberant celebrations the day after Easter. We often continue to celebrate Christmas for days after the holiday is over, but we do not tend to do that with Easter. Why not? As St. Augustine allegedly said, “We are Easter people, and alleluia is our song.” Biblical scholar and Anglican Bishop N.T. Wright points out that the 40 days prior to Easter, Lent, are spent being subdued, and rightfully so. It is good and right for us to focus on the sacrifices Christ made on our behalf. It is good and right for us to take a long look at the depths of Christ’s love for us, which was revealed to us through his passion. But to end that forty days with just one day of celebration is a little underwhelming. He writes:”...

after forty days of Lenten fasts, and three days of deep and serious concentration on the meaning of the cross, we have precisely one morning of Easter festivities...

...we should make Easter a forty-day celebration. If Lent is that long, Easter should be at least that long, all the way to Ascension. We should meet regularly for Easter parties. We should drink champagne at breakfast. We should renew baptismal vows with splashing water all over the place. And we should sing and dance and blow trumpets and put out banners in the streets. And we should invite the homeless people to parties and we should go around town doing random acts of generosity and celebration. We should be doing things which would make our sober and serious neighbors say, “What is the meaning of this outrageous party?”

May we celebrate Easter the way we should, with joy, hospitality, and love.
We are Easter people, and alleluia is our song.

Little Wonders



The children are very excited about spring, they have been learning all about the season and were excited when they got the chance to play outside.



Outdoor fun

What a joy to watch these little ones run around outside on this beautiful day that the Lord has made!



They are always busy making something!



St. Patricks Day fun!



Whats Happening

Maundy Thursday Service In Person,
April 1st @ 7:00 p.m.



Good Friday, Virtual Service will be
streamed Live on Facebook @ 12:15 p.m.



Office Hours April 4-9

Monday 4/5— Office Closed

Tuesday 4/6 — 9-3

Wednesday 4/7—9-3

Thursday 4/8—830-12

Friday 4/9 — Office Closed



Thursday April 22...REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE



Blood Drive

Red Cross Blood Drive

Thursday April 22nd 1p.m.-6 p.m.

Session

Wednesday April 14th @ 7 p.m.

Session Members: Pastor Sara Hodsden

Phillip Hopkins—F & M Chair

Sarah Blakeman—N&M, Nominating Co-Chair

Chuck Kaman—Christian Education Chair

Francesca Lendrum—Stewardship

Carolyn Culbertson—Nominating Co-Chair

Ellen Drumm—N&M

Doug Quinn—F&M

Cynthia Brown-Mathews—G & P



I don't know about you, but I never considered Aschsah before, even though I have read the book of Judges a number of times. As I was reading this week, a devotion on Judges and Ashsah (also Aksah) caught my eye. Here it is:

(Susan Martter)

Give me a Blessing. Charles Spurgeon preached a wonderful sermon on Judges 1:12-15 titled, *Aschsah's Asking, A Pattern of Prayer*. Spurgeon showed how the request from a daughter (Aschsah) to a father (Caleb) gives us a “parable of prayer.”

1. Aschsah was a good example because *she thought about what she wanted before she went to her father*. Before you pray, know what you need before God. She came to God with a very definite request that had been considered beforehand. “Think what you are going to ask before you begin to pray, and then pray like business men. This woman does not say to her father, ‘Father, listen to me,’ and then utter some pretty little oration about nothing; but she knows what she is going to ask for, and why she is going to ask it.” (Spurgeon)

2. Aschsah was a good example because *she asked for help with her request*, asking her husband - she urged him to ask her father for a field. “A friend, some time ago, said to me, ‘My dear pastor, whenever I cannot pray for myself, and there are times when I feel shut up about myself, I always take to praying for you: ‘God bless him, at any rate!’ and I have not long been praying for you before I begin to feel able to pray for myself.’ I should like to come in for many of those odd bits of prayer. Whenever any of you get stuck in the mud, do pray for me. It will do you good, and I shall get a blessing.” (Spurgeon)

Spurgeon lists 11 more reasons why Aschsah's prayer was a good example. To be continued....

*** Prayer Group meets April 12 and 26th.

@ 1:00 p.m. VIA ZOOM



National Poetry Month



April is national poetry month. The N & M Committee will host a poetry reading on Sunday, April 25th, at 3:00 p.m., in the Sanctuary. The topic will be: "Living Poetry." Huron Poet Laureate Joel Rudinger will be the featured reader, joined by other local poets.

Special music will be provided by Kimberly, Annabelle, and Daniel Ryu. Masks must be worn (except for when reading.) The reading will also be videotaped. If you would like to be a reader contact Ron Ruble at rubes@bex.net, or 419-433-3820 and leave a message.

Hope to see you there!



Announcements



Hot Dog Monday, Every Monday @ 12 p.m.

Christ Community Meal 2nd Wednesday of the Month, @ 5p.m.

All are welcome!



Prayer Calendar for the Churches of Huron

4/4 ———St. Peter Catholic Church—Father Jeff McBeth

4/11———Huron United Methodist Church

Pastor Pamela Sayre

4/18———Zion Lutheran Church

Pastor Kristine Schroeder

4/25——— First Presbyterian Church—Pastor Sara



4/5——Nancy Luke

4/6——-Judi Perry

4/10——-Guinevere Bihum

4/13——-Paul Todd

4/15——-Bom Kimberly Ryu

4/19——-Beverly Johnson,

Victor Nikolajevs

4/21——-Sarah Prout

4/24——-Clark Culbertson

4/26——-Ethan Ransom

4/29——-Jann Glann, Missy Sprankel

Staff Birthdays

4/29——-Jann Glann

4/30——-Amber Rager



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April 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1  In Person Service @ 7:00 p.m.	2  Virtual Service Streaming Live on Facebook @ 12:15 p.m.	3
4  Easter Service @ 10	5 HDM @ 12 Church office will be Closed LW—Spring break	6 Church office hours 9-3 LW—Spring break	7 Church office hours 9-3 LW—Spring break	8 Church office hours 8:30-12 LW—Spring break	9 Church office will be closed LW—Spring break	10
11 Worship @ 10	12 HDM @ 12 Virtual Prayer group @ 1p.m.	13	14 Christ Community Meal @ 5 p.m. Session @ 7 p.m.	15	16	17
18 Worship @ 10 Music under the Steeple @ 3 p.m. Virtual	19 HDM @ 12	20	21	22 Red Cross Blood Drive 1p-6p 	23	24
25 Worship @ 10 Poetry Reading : @ 3:00 p.m. In the Sanctuary	26 HDM @ 12 Virtual Prayer group @ 1p.m.	27	28 Christ Community Meal @ 5 p.m.	29	30	