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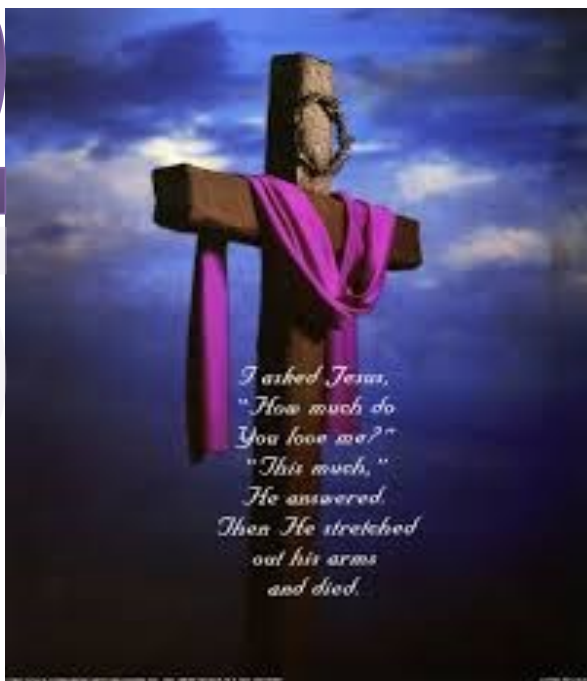
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# March 2022



## *Church Staff*

*Pastor Sara Hodsden*

*Administrative Assistant Dawn Fleming*

*Director of Music Jann Glann*

*Little Wonders Preschool Teachers : Director Kim Hartnett, Lead Teacher Amber Rager.*

*Church Custodian: Judy Andrews*

## *Session Members (Next meeting Wednesday March 9th @ 7 p.m.)*

*Pastor Sara Hodsden...Marcia Arthur—Clerk of Session....Doug Quinn—Building & Ground Maintenance ....*

*Chuck Kaman— Christian Education, Chair.....Francesca Lendrum—Stewardship, G&P ....*

*Susan Martter Finance Co-Chair, Jack Arthur Finance Co-Chair.....Cynthia Brown Mathews—G&P, Worship Sarah*

*Blakeman—N&M, nominating Chair ...*

*Ellen Drumm —N&M .....Marcie Muntz—PW, Christian Education.*

# A Message From Your Pastor:

## 40

By: Rev. Sara Hodsdon, Pastor, FPC Huron

A question often asked of pastors is, “What is the significance of the number 40 in Scripture?” It’s a good question. After all, it appears several times in both the Old and New Testaments:

- Rain fell for 40 days and 40 nights in the great flood.
- Israel wandered in the wilderness for 40 years.
- In Deuteronomy, whipping was limited to 40 lashes.
- Goliath taunted the Israelites twice a day for 40 days before David took him down.
- Jesus fasted in the wilderness for 40 days.
- Jesus appeared to his followers for 40 days after the resurrection.

In nearly every use of the number 40 in Scripture, it is associated with some kind of trial, temptation, or transformation.

- The great flood transformed God’s creation, allowing everything to start anew.
- In its 40 years of wandering, Israel was being transformed into God’s chosen people.
- Many believe the code prohibiting anything beyond 40 lashes ensured that punishment isn’t greater than the crime itself—40 being the absolute maximum a human being could tolerate.
- Goliath’s taunting was a trial of nerves. Would the Israelites stand up or not?
- Jesus faced temptation from the Devil while in the wilderness.
- The 40 days of appearances transformed the

relationship between Christ and his followers.

In our tradition, we begin the 40 days of Lent on Ash Wednesday, March 2nd. The days are numbered as 40 to reflect the 40 days of temptation Jesus faced. During our 40 days, we join Jesus in the wilderness and explore ways that we can become more dependent upon God. We plop ourselves down in the desert, and we wait upon God.

The band U2 finished their album “War” with the song “40”. The words are straight from Psalm 40: “I waited patiently for the Lord, he inclined and heard my cry. He lifted me up out of the pit, out of the miry clay. He set my feet upon a rock and made my footsteps firm. Many will see, many will see and fear.”



U2 is a band based in Ireland, which, at the time of the album “War,” was suffering its trials known as “The Troubles.” It was a fitting end to an album that decried the violence plaguing war zones in their home country and across the globe. After expressing their anger, rage, and uncertainty in the face of violence, they pointed to dependency upon God, the One who would bring peace and new songs to sing.

We have our trials and troubles here, too. I know my prayer list gets longer each day, and sometimes it seems overwhelming. It’s a good time for those 40 days right now, so I can recognize and rekindle how dependent I am upon God. We are offering worship, study, and giving opportunities this Lenten season. I hope you’ll join me on this 40-day Lenten journey.

# Looking Ahead



*Pancakes with  
the Easter Bunny  
Saturday April 9th  
7a.m.—12p.m.*



Annual Poetry

Reading

Sunday April 24th 3p.m—5p.m.

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## *One Great Hour of Sharing*

Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. How is your money used?

- \$4.1 million dollars was granted by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance in the United States and throughout the world in the first half of 2020.
- 94 grants were awarded to applicants in 20 nations by the Presbyterian Hunger Program.
- 17,000 people were trained worldwide for disaster assistance.
- 5,676 volunteers served in 2019, 234 of them with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

Your One Great Hour of Sharing gift makes a difference. Grab a fish bank after church, and save up your coins for our offering to take place on *Palm Sunday, April 10th.* 3



## HOLY WEEK

### *Palm Sunday*

*Sunday April 10th — Worship @ 10*

### *Good Friday*

*Friday April 15th*

### *Easter Sunday*

*Sunday April 17th — Worship @ 10*



*In the book of Revelation, John sees twenty-four elders 'holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of God's people.' These bowls, once full, will be poured out at the end of the Age in a great universal 'Amen'. I find it so awesome to imagine that every true prayer I ever prayed - all the frustrations, the tears, the dashed hopes, and yearnings - are not wasted, but cherished, remembered by God, stored up in one of those golden bowls, awaiting their fulfillment. Our prayers may not have been fully answered, but neither have they been forgotten. They are heard, and they are held, awaiting an ultimate answer on the day when all tears will be wiped away, and evil will finally be defeated. Every single time we say 'amen', we pull the kingdom a little closer.*

The Prayer Group will meet March 7 and 21, 2022. Please call the church office or email Susan Martter with your prayer requests. We faithfully pray whether together or in our homes. James 5:16

# Lenten Study

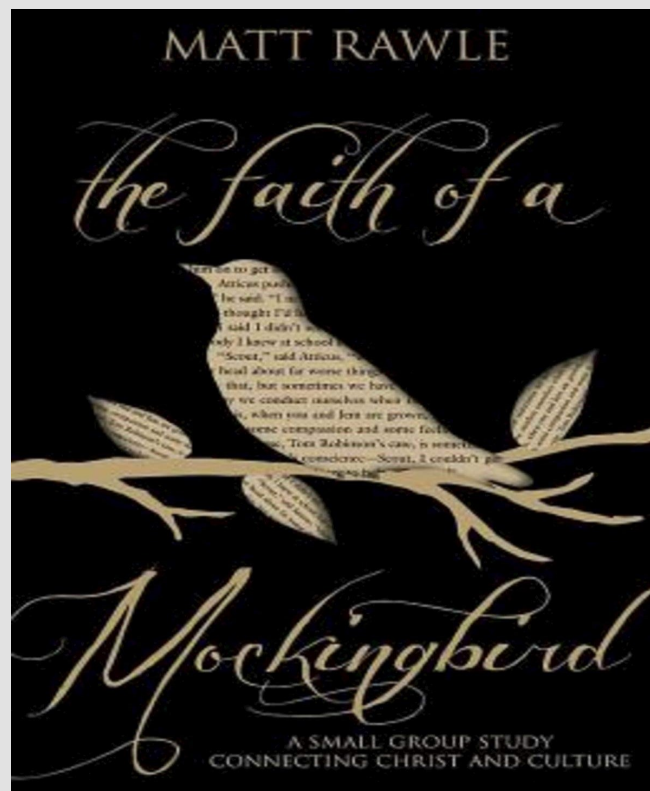
## *Faith of a Mockingbird*

Pastor and author Matt Rawle is on a mission. He sees Christ all around him—in books, movies, TV shows, rock music—and he wants to share what he sees. As Matt says, “God offers the raw ingredients, and ‘culture’ is whatever we cook up.”

In *The Faith of a Mockingbird*, based on Harper Lee’s *To Kill a Mockingbird*, pastor and author Matt Rawle uses Lee’s beloved characters to explore Christian faith, theology, and ethics. Join Scout, Atticus Finch, Boo Radley, and Tom Robinson in this four-week study considering God’s world and what it all means.

Our Lenten study begins on **Tuesday, March 8th at 6:00 p.m.** We will meet for a soup supper and follow up with our discussion. Please call the church office by **Thursday, March 3rd** to order a copy of the book for \$15. You can also find used copies on Amazon, or download the Kindle version for \$10.

If you’ve never read the book or seen the movie, we will be screening the film following worship on **Sunday, March 6th.** Bring a bag lunch if you like.



# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## *Ash Wednesday Worship Service*

Ash Wednesday worship services will take place on **Wednesday, March 2nd at 7:00 p.m.** in the sanctuary. This special service will be a time of Scripture, prayer, song, and contemplation. All are welcome.

## *Cents-Ability*

Cents-Ability originated in 1976 as “Two-Cents-A-Meal,” a project begun by Presbyterian Women to involve individuals and families in a corporate response to world hunger. Over the years, presbyteries have developed similar programs entitled Pennies for Hunger, Nickel-A-Meal, etc. Many of these programs benefit local hunger ministries as well as the national and international projects of the Presbyterian Hunger Program. (PHP).

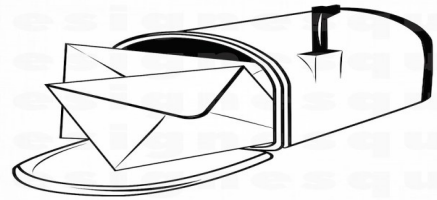
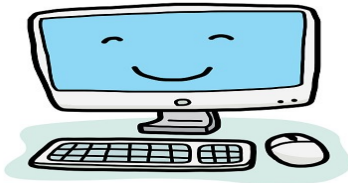
Here at FPC Huron, we participate in Cents-Ability on Communion Sundays. Look for the red bucket, and share your cents to help fight hunger. In 2021, our presbytery distributed monies proportionally to help out food banks in our region, including:

- South Michigan Food Bank (in MVP covers Lenawee County)
- Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan (in MVP covers Monroe County)
- The Toledo Northwestern Ohio Food Bank (covers eight counties (all MVP) Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Lucas, Ottawa, Sandusky, Williams, and Wood)
- The West Ohio Food Bank (covers Paulding, Putnam, Hancock, Seneca, Van Wert, Allen, Hardin, Wyandot, Mercy, Auglaize, and Shelby County)
- Second Harvest Food Bank of North Central Ohio (In MVP, covers Erie Co.)



Join us Sunday March 20th at 3 p.m. for BGSU Men's chorus Concert





**If your contact information has changed, please call or email the church office to give us the updated information so it'll be accurate for our next church directory.**

	<u><i>Liturgist</i></u>	<u><i>Communion</i></u>	<u><i>Ushers</i></u>	<u><i>Flowers</i></u>	<u><i>Sunday Count</i></u>
<b>3/6</b>	<i>Ann Pullano</i>	<i>Jann Glann (Set-up)</i>	<b>TBD —sign up</b>	<i>Kitty Cunningham &amp; Janeane Hopkins— In memory of their parents</i>	<i>Sara &amp; John Blakeman</i>
<b>3/13</b>	<i>Casey Wittmer</i>		<b>TBD —sign up</b>		<b>Bob &amp; Marcie Muntz</b>
<b>3/20</b>	<i>Karen Brown</i>		<b>TBD —sign up</b>	<i>Jann, Jon, &amp; Kerry Glann—in Gratitude for the gifts of Music.</i>	<i>Francesca Lendrum &amp; Ellen Drumm</i>
<b>3/27</b>	<i>Janeane Hopkins</i>		<b>TBD —sign up</b>		<b>Chuck &amp; Cindy Kaman</b>



# Little Wonders

Littlewondershuron@gmail.com 419.433.4348

Preschool Open House and Electronic Registration Saturday, March 5, 2022 10:00 AM - noon ANYONE interested in enrolling in Little Wonders for the 2022-2023 school year is welcome to attend our in-person open house. Stop by anytime between 10am and noon. Registration will be online starting that same day. We will open electronic registration promptly at 1:00 pm. Please help spread the word to anyone who might be interested! We also have an event posted to Facebook that we would love for you to share. Thank you!

## Chapel News

**The Children learned all about Jonah and the Whale, they especially enjoyed climbing into the whale.**



**The Children are excited to share that they will be adding baby Chicks to their classroom. They will be receiving chicken eggs and an incubator after spring break.**

**The students will learn about the life cycle of a chicken and see them hatch and grow!**



Spring Break starts Monday, March 14th and goes through Friday, March 19th.





## ***Prayer Calendar for the Churches of Huron***

*3/6— St. Peter Catholic Church—Father Jeff McBeth*

*3/13—Huron United Methodist Church—Pastor Pamela Sayre*

*3/20—Zion Lutheran Church—Pastor Kristine Schroeder*

*3/27—First Presbyterian Church—Pastor Sara Hodsden*



**3/2—Kathryn Wittmer**

**3/5—William Marsh,  
Harry Wright**

**3/9—Bob Kaman**

**3/10—Karen terenzi**

**3/12—Katherine Brouse**

**3/15—Andrea Kaman**

**3/26—Carol Mack**

**3/29—Ann Marie Koch**

***3/2—Ash Wednesday Service 7 p.m.***

***3/6—First Sunday of Lent,  
Communion, 2- Cents-Meal***

***3/9—Community meal 5 p.m., Ses-  
sion 7 p.m.***

***3/13-3/20 —Spring Break***

***3/15—Christian Education***

***3/20—BGSU Men’s Chorus Concert***

# "AMERICA'S FINEST SINGING MACHINE!"



## **BGSU** MEN'S CHORUS Celebrating 51 Years

1971-2022

DR. RICHARD L. SCHNIPKE, DIRECTOR

**First Presbyterian Church, Huron**  
**Corner of Center St. & Cleveland Rd.**  
**Sunday, March 20 at 3:00 p.m.**

**TICKETS: \$15.00 in advance/at the door.**  
Box Office Sales begins 45 Minutes prior to the Show  
General Seating begins at 2:30 p.m.

Sponsorships available

Call Box Office 419-668-0637

**Veterans & Active Military BONUS!**



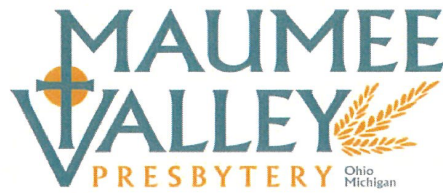
Veterans & Active Military  
Please call 419-668-0637 to reserve your  
**FREE V.I.P. TICKET** by Thursday, 3/17/22 !!



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# Per Capita



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Date: November 2021  
To: Clerks of Session and Treasurers  
From: Dean McGormley

Each year when I think about per capita, I remember what your offering has accomplished. Your offering has brought young adults to plan for camp, and congregational life. Your offering has made possible volunteers who have worked with the many churches that have been seeking pastoral leaders. Your offering has been a sign of the glue that keeps us together as a Body of Christ in Northwest Ohio and Southern Michigan.

Eight years ago, when we began working together, the question we kept asking one another was "Are we where God has called us to be?" We have prayed together, laughed together, confessed together, cried together, lamented together and celebrated together.

Sometimes we have been awed by God's grace and reconciliation. Sometimes we have been humbled by God's call to repentance.

The operative words are: "God", and "we". We serve Jesus Christ, who is the source of Life. We serve in a series of connectional communities. Living as covenant community invites us to share the mutual cost of living in ordinary times

The approved per capita offering for 2022 is as follows:

General Assembly	\$8.98
Synod of the Covenant	\$3.25
Presbytery of Maumee Valley	<u>\$25.00</u>

FOR A TOTAL OF \$37.23 Per member (as reported your end of the year Statistical report of 2020).

You will find an up-to-date statement of your congregation's participation in this offering attached to this letter. Thank you so much for your expression of our common bond in Jesus Christ.



# March 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Kids Chapel Scouts AA—7 p.m.	2 Ash Wednesday Service 7 p.m. 	3 AA—8 p.m.	4	5
6 10 Worship Communion 2-cent-meal	7 Lunch 12 p.m. Scouts	8 Kids Chapel Scouts AA—7 p.m.	9 Meal 5 p.m. Session 7 p.m.	10 AA 8 p.m.	11	12
13 10 Worship	14 Lunch 12 p.m. Scouts	15 Christian Education Scouts AA—7 p.m.	16	17 AA—8 p.m. 	18	19
20 10 Worship 3 Men's Chorus Concert	21 Lunch 12 p.m. Scouts	22 Kids Chapel Scouts AA—7 p.m.	23 Meal 5 p.m. 	24 AA 8 p.m.	25	26
27 10 Worship	28 Lunch 12 p.m. Scouts	29 Kids Chapel Scouts AA—7 p.m.	30	31 AA 8 p.m.		