



# WESTERN SPIRE

## FEBRUARY 2020

“I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry.”

~Psalm 40:1

Fellow Seekers,

In 1983, the Irish rock band U2 released their third studio album, *War*. It is a record that focuses on both the physical aspects of warfare, and the emotional after-effects of violent conflict, especially in light of the conflict in Northern Ireland throughout the 20th century.

But it is the tenth, and final song on the album that really finds a spiritual power rarely found in pop music. “40” was written in about ten minutes but has become a regular closing song for the group at their concerts throughout the years. The story goes that the band was going to be kicked out of the recording studio, but they still needed a final song for the unfinished album. Their guitarist, The Edge, brought out a tune he had played with over the years, and Bono, the lead singer, opened up his bible and found himself in Psalm 40.

Of course, I knew none of this when I was first introduced to the song at Camp Fowler over 25 years ago. I just thought it was a great musical version of Psalm 40. It was also, because of its relatively easy chording, one of the first songs I really learned to play on the guitar.

The more I have gotten to know this song, the more I have gotten to know this *psalm*, the more in love with it I have grown. Just read the first three verses:

“I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry. He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear and put their trust in the Lord.”

The poetry of this psalm of David speaks to us in many circumstances throughout our lives. It is a reminder when we have forgotten; an encouragement when we are doubting; a confirmation in our belief. It is a song for when we have no song to sing, or aren't sure what to sing, or maybe just need a new song!

The beauty of scripture is that it continues to speak to us anew throughout our lives, even when we didn't think a text had anything new left to say to us. My prayer for you in this season is that you will continue to find these new songs throughout our scriptural tradition. Just open up your Bible and start singing.

Grace & peace (and singing),

~Pastor Kyle

# **Preaching and Worship**

## **February 2020**

**February 2, 2020**

**Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

**Reader: Sharon Marr  
Toddler Room: Sue Pringle**

**Ushers: Lloyd & Joan Durfey**

**February 9, 2020**

**Fifth Sunday after Epiphany  
Communion Sunday  
Scout Recognition**

**Reader: Don Dantz  
Toddler Room: Jan Taylor  
Communion Elders: Bill & Elaine Hassler, and Fred Coffman**

**Ushers: Lloyd & Joan Durfey**

**February 16, 2020**

**Sixth Sunday after Epiphany  
No Sunday School**

**Reader: Peter Fadden  
Toddler Room: Irene Fadden**

**Ushers: Lloyd & Joan Durfey**

**February 23, 2020**

**Transfiguration of the Lord**

**Reader: Sandy McMenamin  
Toddler Room: Ruth Dantz**

**Ushers: Lloyd & Joan Durfey**



**The deadline for the next SPIRE is Tuesday, February 18th, 2020.  
Pastor Kyle's new phone number is 585-210-8068.**



## Women's Association Blanket Sunday Mission February 9, 2020

It's time to mark your calendar for our annual Blanket Sunday mission, which is sponsored by the Women's Association. This is your opportunity to help support our neighbors near and far who are victims of ongoing natural disasters, violence and other emergencies.

Our donations are used to purchase new winter weight and summer weight blankets by Church World Service. For additional information, you may visit [www.churchworldservice.org](http://www.churchworldservice.org).

\$10.00 buys one blanket that is used as part of the Church World Service relief efforts around the world. From January through June of 2019 in the United States, 21,574 blankets were provided to people in need. The stockpiles of blankets must always be replenished for fast distribution. An envelope will be provided in the

February 9<sup>th</sup> church bulletin for your contribution or you may send a check to the church. Checks should be made out to the Western Presbyterian Church and marked "Blanket Fund". Thank you.

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**COME ONE AND ALL**

**AND FEEL FREE TO BRING A FRIEND OR TWO**

Western Presbyterian Fellowship Team is holding our annual "SWEETS & TREATS" following worship on Sunday Feb. 23rd. All are welcome, bring your favorite, decadent dessert. Drinks will be provided. Remember this is our chance to stock up on dessert before Lent. We are looking forward to seeing everyone there.



This February, we will connect kids to God—and watch them grow stronger in their faith as they discover **God is WILD about them!**

As kids explore Psalm 139, they'll find that...

- 🌀 **God listens to them...**
- 🌀 **God watches over them...**
- 🌀 **God loves them no matter what!**

God's Word comes to life when kids use all five senses in:

- 🌀 Party Time Sing and Play
- 🌀 Wild Bible Adventures
- 🌀 Bamboo Blast Games
- 🌀 Treetop Treats and
- 🌀 Crazy Crafts



Make PandaMania your home for a day of VBS fun!

Location: Western Presbyterian Church

(In cooperation with the Palmyra Reformed church)

The adventure will be: **February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

Rockin fun begins at: 10 am    Rockin fun ends at: 6 pm

Ages: 3 years old-6<sup>th</sup> grade

**\*\*Free snacks and lunch provided\*\***

**\*Please join us at 5:30 in Fellowship Hall to see what we've learned,  
then stay for a potluck at 6:00 pm\***

## Come to the Table

### Conference of Synod of the Northeast

In November at the “Come to the Table” Conference, Peter, Kyle, and I were able to hear Reverend Dr. Liz Theoharis, Director of the Kairos Center, talk about inequities in our country and the need to make a change. We shared what we’re doing in our communities. The Poor People’s Campaign, a National Call for Moral Revival, is an attempt to bring the need for change to the attention of those in power. There will be a march on Washington, DC on June 20, 2020.

One of the principles of the Poor People’s Campaign is the belief that people should not live in or die from poverty in the richest nation ever to exist. Blaming the poor and claiming that the United States does not have an abundance of resources to overcome poverty are false narratives used to perpetuate economic exploitation, exclusion, and deep inequality.



On February 7th, [join us in Rochester, NY for the 12th stop of the Poor People's Campaign's We Must Do M.O.R.E. National Tour](#), featuring co-chairs Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II and Rev. Dr. Liz Theoharis! We will gather together for a Mass Meeting at 7 pm at Mt. Olivet Church, 141 Adams St., Rochester, NY 14608.



# "RAISE A GLASS" FUNDRAISER

To Benefit Family Promise of Wayne County



**Family Promise<sup>®</sup>  
of Wayne County**

[www.fpwayne.org](http://www.fpwayne.org)

**Sunday, February 16, 2020 3-6 PM**

**Newark Elks Lodge**

**223 South Main Street, Newark**

**\$20 tickets in advance or \$25 at the door**

**St. Michael's Rectory, 401 S. Main St, Newark- 315-331-6753**

**Featuring...**

**LIVE AUCTION**

**band**

**hors d'oeuvres**

**cork pull**

**dessert buffet**

**Wine, cider, beer and coffee tastings!**

The prayer concerns listed are current as of 01/26/20. Please remember that all prayer requests are automatically removed from the list after one month unless the giver specifically requests continuation.



## Our Prayer Concerns

### Grieving

Family & Friends of Jane Culver (requested by the Deacons)  
Family & Friends of Gina Finacharre (requested by Sue Pringle)  
Family & Friends of the Muto Family (requested by Courtney Marr)

### Serving in Armed Forces: *(Please contact church office if no longer serving)*

Jeffrey Bavis, AJ Bliss, Cody Bullock, Kyle Chapman, Tim Henderson, Jake Hewitt, Adam Hill, Sarah Jagger, Joe Krebbeks, Patrick Magno, D.J. Phee-Henderson, Josh Polli, Dylan Smith, Adam Stephens, Adam VanNatta, Shod Williams

### Others for whom prayers have been requested:

All caregivers, All victims of violence, hatred and hunger, Nelson Ameele, Joan Arnold, Brooks Ballard, Karen Bedette, Bob Clark, Keith & Dawn Countermine, Gladys Deagman, Hillary Delhagen, Kathleen Dougherty, Ed Elsenheimer, Yvonne Ferraro, Ed Forman, Barb Gabriel, Rena Haigh, Randy Kennard, Hannah Kelly, Rosie Kessler, Dick Kirchhoff, Kriss Larsen, Frank Lawrence, Jennifer Mahnke, Janet Manktelow, Madelyn Massey, Tom Maxwell Sr., Karen Morey, Rev. Dick Otterness, David Plunkett, Wilma Redman, Joanne Rockwell, Tim & Sally Schultz, Sister Barbara, Fran Storm, Becky Strause, JP Tehomilic, Rev. Eric Titus, Deb Trombino, Doug Whitney

**Please pray for those who wish to remain anonymous as they, too, need our prayers.**

### Others for whom we continue to pray:

Bill Abbott, Tracy D'Arduini, Harold M. Delhagen, Art Duel, Evelyn Elsenheimer, Jack Kilty, Jack Lamphier, Nick Loomis, Kurt Luechauer, Marta Lydia & Pastor Ricardo, Ashley Maragas, Cim McFarlane, Marilyn Pitts, Wesley Pruitt, Joyce Rauhe

### Congregation members in nursing homes or shut-in:

Jamie Hemmings, Beverly Koeberle, Bev Mouton, Patricia Nash, Ginny Palmer, Grace Williams

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In the event of an emergency for which prayer is requested, please call **Deacon Sandy McMenamin @ Home 315-597-6181** [smcmenamin@rochester.rr.com](mailto:smcmenamin@rochester.rr.com)

You may also call the **church office 597-9171** to communicate your request through the Deacons Emergency Prayer Chain.

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Your Property Team would like to remind you that we have a monthly point person on call. If you spot an urgent issue that needs attending, please contact the person listed below.

Month	Name	Home Phone	Cell Phone	Email Address
February	Dave Pinkney	315-597-9111	585-880-8246	<a href="mailto:pinkney@rochester.rr.com">pinkney@rochester.rr.com</a>

**Thank you! We appreciate all the members of our congregation being eyes and ears for our facility.**



# Toddler February Schedule

Below is the Schedule for staffing of the Toddler Room during the 10:00 AM Sunday morning service. Thank you in advance for your extremely important mission of providing infant and toddler care. Please arrive about 10-15 minutes early. If you find you are not available on your assigned date, please find a replacement and notify Kathy and Jody. Many, Many, thanks!

**The Nursery is room # 5 – South Side located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.** Snack will be on the counter and a vacuum will be in the closet next to the Green Room. Age appropriate toys will be available as well as a changing table.

Thank -You for your help. 😊

02/02/20	Sue Pringle	315-597-9533
02/09/20	Jan Taylor	315-597- 4293
02/16/20	Irene Fadden	585-802-7594
02/23/20	Ruth Dantz	315-597-2143
03/01/20	Jody Pruitt	315-331-3211
03/08/20	Nancy Talma	315-597-5003
03/15/20	Logan & Kelly Babcock	315-210-0368
03/22/20	Carol and Andy Sloan	315-597-5182
03/29/20	Sue Leonard	585-734-4027
04/05/20	Rena Haigh	315-597-5971
04/12/20	Maxine & Kelly Babcock	315-210-0368



\*If anyone or anyone you know may be interested in joining the team in providing infant and toddler care during the 10:00 am service, please contact **Jody Pruitt**. We would love to have you! Also, if you are no longer able to help, please let Jody know as well.

Thanks ~ the CE Team

Jody Pruitt 315-331-3211

[jody.pruitt@gmail.com](mailto:jody.pruitt@gmail.com)





### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

February 1	James DePoint
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February 3	Lynette Cogan
February 8	Frank Koeberle
February 11	Patricia Dlugosh
February 13	Frank Lawrence
February 13	Daphne Hemmings
February 14	Sylvia Lyon
February 19	Gene Bassage
February 21	Martha Beato
February 23	Donna Scribner
February 24	Edith Chapman
February 25	Janet Manktelow
February 25	Pamela Hughes
February 26	Maxine Babcock

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

February 15	John Cook & Wilma Redman
February 15	Jerry & Sandy Kelly

**If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please contact the office at 597-9171 so we can add it to our list next time!**



## FEBRUARY 2020

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
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2 9 am Sunday School <b>Super Bowl Sundaes</b>	3 4:30 pm CTNS Board 7 pm Fellowship	4 10 am Deacons	5 10 am Mission/Social Concerns 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Chancel Choir 7 pm Christian Ed.	6	7 7 pm Poor People's Campaign Mt. Olivet Church Rochester	8
9 9 am Sunday School <b>Communion</b> <b>Sunday</b> <b>Blanket Sunday</b> <b>Scout Recognition</b>	10	11 7 pm Worship	12 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Chancel Choir 7 pm Scouts Muscle Room	13	14	15
16 <b>No Sunday School</b> <b>Confirmation</b> <b>Retreat leave at 1 pm</b>	17 <b>President's Day</b> <b>Office Closed</b> <b>VBS Day</b> <b>10 am to 6 pm</b>	18 <b>SPIRE DEADLINE</b>	19 2 pm Circle 6 pm Bell Choir 6:30 pm Property 7 pm Chancel Choir	20	21	22
23 <b>Transfiguration of the Lord</b> 9 am Sunday School <b>Sweets &amp; Treats</b>	24	25 6-9 pm Kings Daughter's Parlor 7 pm Session	26 <b>Ash Wednesday</b> <b>7 pm Service</b>	27	28	29



# MARCH 2020

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
<b>1</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent</b> 9 am Sunday School 1-3 pm Confirmation Class FH	<b>2</b> 4:30 pm CTNS Board 7 pm Fellowship	<b>3</b> 10 am Deacons	<b>4</b> 10 am Mission/Social Concerns 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Chancel Choir 7 pm Christian Ed.	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <b>World Day of Prayer</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> <b>Daylight Savings</b> <b>Time Begins</b> <b>Communion Sunday</b> 9 am Sunday School	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 6-9 pm Kings Daughter's Kit. & FH 7 pm Worship	<b>11</b> 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Chancel Choir 7 pm Scouts Muscle Room	<b>12</b> 6-7 pm Open House CTNS	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <b>5 pm Family Fun</b> <b>Night</b>
<b>15</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent</b> 9 am Sunday School 1-3 pm Confirmation Class FH	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <b>SPIRE DEADLINE</b>	<b>18</b> 2 pm Women's Circle 6 pm Bell Choir <b>6:30 pm Property</b> 7 pm Chancel Choir	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent</b> 9 am Sunday School	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 7 pm Session	<b>25</b> 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Chancel Choir	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent</b> 9 am Sunday School 1-3 pm Confirmation Class FH	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				