



WESTERN SPIRE

January 2019

"This is the Lord's Table. Our Savior invites those who trust him to share the feast that he has prepared."

~The Invitation to the Lord's Table, Book of Common Worship

Beloved in the Lord,

By now you all probably realize just how much I love communion. It is, for me, the central act and gathering of our faith. To share in the Lord's Supper connects us, not just with our Triune God, but with one another, and with the world in which we live.

One of my favorite parts of the communion liturgy is the Invitation to the Table. These are the words that remind us that *everyone* is welcome to partake in the Eucharist. There are no "in people," no winners, no chosen - there is just us, and we are *all* invited. We don't have to have a full understanding of communion to take it - in fact, I fully confess that there are parts of the communion meal that I don't fully understand - *and that is okay!* Part of it just plain mystery, and that is where our trust, our faith, really come into their own.

But the invitation, while extended to everyone, has to also be shared with everyone, and that means we've got some inviting to do! We are called by Christ to "go into the world," not to show off, but to extend the invitation that others might come to know Jesus the way we do.

I wonder - when is the last time you invited someone to come to church with you? Think about someone you see regularly: your mechanic, your hairdresser, a co-worker, even the person who lives next door! When is the last time you took the risk to ask them if they'd like to come along with you to worship one Sunday morning, or to a potluck dinner we are having, or to a service opportunity, or to...

But all too often, we don't. What keeps us from extending this invitation? Is it the fear of rejection? Is it wanting to keep this as "ours" and not let others in? Both of those hold no water, because, remember, the invitation is extended to us *every single time*. Jesus doesn't invite us to the table once and then give up on us when we don't come. He keeps inviting us, every morning, every day, hoping that we will join him in the feast of abundance.

See, the table is big enough for all of us, and there is room and room and room. Tell your friends, your family, the stranger you meet on the street - you've been saving a spot next to you just for them!

In the feast,

~Pastor Kyle

Preaching and Worship January 2019

January 6, 2019

Epiphany of the Lord

**Reader: Sunday School program
Toddler Room: Maxine & Kelly Babcock**

Usher: Deb Trombino

January 13, 2019

**Baptism of the Lord
Communion Sunday**

**Reader: Sue Pringle
Toddler Room: Sue Pringle**

Usher: Deb Trombino

Communion Elders: Norm Underwood, Cim McFarlane, James McFarlane

January 20, 2019

**2nd Sunday after Epiphany
Annual Meeting**

**Reader: Randy Kennard
Toddler Room: Jan Taylor**

Usher: Deb Trombino

January 27, 2019

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

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

Usher: Deb Trombino



**The deadline for the next SPIRE is Tuesday, January 15th, 2019.
Thank you!**

MORNINGS ARE FOR COFFEE AND CONTEMPLATION

Coffee and Contemplation Mondays @ 9 AM at Yellow Mills Diner

“Mornings are for coffee and contemplation.” ~Chief Hopper, *Stranger Things*

Each Monday morning, a group of us gathers at the Yellow Mills Diner to discuss the previous morning’s sermon and worship. Our conversations have been full, vibrant, and full of enjoyment. It has been an opportunity to expand our understanding of scripture, and to dive deeper into ideas brought up by Pastor Kyle’s sermons. All are welcome to join!

We will pick back up on Monday, January 14th. As always, if you have any questions, please see Pastor Kyle.



**A long time ago, in a galaxy
far, far away....**

**Come take a journey with the Magi on
January 6th, 2019 at 10 am.**

We will meet, Luke Skywalker, Yoda & Only One Kenobi as they follow a star that promises new life.

Proudly sponsored by our Western Presbyterian Sunday School children.

PUT YOUR GAME FACE ON FOR

SUPER BOWL SUNDAES

**COME HAVE SOME ICE CREAM
SUNDAES WITH ALL THE FIXINGS!
SEE YOU SUPER BOWL SUNDAY!**

**FEBRUARY 3RD @ COFFEE
HOUR.**



Imagine kids trusting God forever...the sky's the limit!

Every kid wishes they could fly...

So imagine our church as the boundless blue sky! At Sky VBS, kids & adults discover that by trusting God, everything is possible.

On ***February break***, we'll explore Mark 10:27 & learn to...

...TRUST God!

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

- Ⓢ Up & Away Sing and Play
- Ⓢ Wild Blue Bible Adventures
- Ⓢ All-Star Games
- Ⓢ Sky Dive Diner and
- Ⓢ Imagination Station



Make **SKY** your home for a day of VBS fun!

Location: Western Presbyterian Church

(In cooperation with the Palmyra Reformed Church)

The adventure will be: February 18th, 2019

High Flyin' fun begins at: 10 am High Flyin' fun ends at: 5 pm

Ages: 3 years old- 6th grade

****Free lunch provided****

****Church-Wide Potluck Dinner at 5 pm****

What is Triennium?

Presbyterian Youth Triennium (PYT) is a gathering for high school age youth from the Presbyterian Church (USA) that occurs every three years. The 2019 event is July 16-20, 2019 at Purdue University. The theme for the 2019 event is “Here’s My Heart”.

“Here’s my heart” – our young people are saying to us, to the church, to the world! “Here’s my heart!” God says right back to us.

If you are currently an Eight Grader, 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th Grader – **Keep reading!**

If you would like to spend five days with 5,000 youth exploring your faith through a variety of activities and experiences – **Keep Reading!**

If you can decide by April 2019 with more information coming – **Keep Reading**

If you can come up with \$555.00 plus travel expenses with Fundraising Help – From THE CE -Team - **Keep Reading! (Fundraising will start in Jan – Feb)**



If you are excited and would like to learn more, check out the PYT website.

Website: presbyterianyouthtriennium.org/

Facebook: Presbyterian Youth Triennium

If interested or have questions,

Contact: ~Christian Education Team

Jody Pruitt

315-331-3211 or jody.pruitt@gmail.com

Cím McFarlane

315-597-1496 or cgunkle1@rochester.rr.com

The prayer concerns listed are current as of 12/30/18. 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 Joseph Virkler (requested by Linda Pulcini)
Family & Friends of Barbara Bucknam (requested by the Deacons)
Family & Friends of Gordon and Douglas Bushart (requested by Sue Leonard)
Family & Friends of Donald Naetzker (requested by Dave & Jan Taylor)
Family & Friends of Lois Pratt (requested by the Deacons)



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

Jeffrey Bavis, AJ Bliss, Kyle Chapman, Tim Henderson, Jake Hewitt, Adam Hill, Sarah Jagger, Joe Krebbeks, Patrick Magno, Brandon Maxwell, D.J. Phee-Henderson, Adam Stephens, Adam VanNatta, Logan Warner, Shod Williams

Others for whom prayers have been requested:

All caregivers, All victims of violence, hatred and hunger, Jim Ailes, Dave Allyn, Matt Barbalato, Pat Beato, Jane Becker, Mary Blake, Sally Chase, Shelly Crandall, Harry DeCook, Gladys DeBruyne, Art Duel, Ed Elsenheimer, Ed Forman, Janet Gelein, Nancy Grantling, Griffin, Jennifer Lapp, Myles, Wesley Pruitt, Ray & Fran Stein, Becky Strause, Cameron Sweeney, Melissa Taylor, Val Taylor, Samantha Turner, Jonah Wieber, Connie West

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

Others for whom we continue to pray:

Bethany, Doris Coffman, Tracy D'Arduini, Harold M. Delhagen, Jack Lamphier, Chris Laudise, Laura Loomis, Nick Loomis, Ashley Maragas, Cim McFarlane, Luke Medina, Christie Romano, Marcia White

Congregation members in nursing homes or shut-in:

Peg Eskild, Jamie Hemmings, Beverly Koeberle, Bev Mouton, Patricia Nash, 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**

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

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 appropriate person rather than the person you may have reached out to in the past.

Month	Name	Home Phone	Cell Phone	Email Address
January	James McFarlane	315-597-1496	N/A	jameswpc@rochester.rr.com

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



January Toddler 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. Many, Many, Many thanks!

The Nursery is room # 5 – South Side located on the 2nd 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. Please let Jody know when we need to refill the snacks. Once again, Thank -You for your help!

01/06/19	Maxine & Kelly Babcock	315-210-0368
01/13/19	Sue Pringle	315-597-9553
01/20/19	Jan Taylor	315-597-4293
01/27/19	Irene Fadden	585-802-7594
02/03/19	Ruth Dantz	315-597-2143
02/10/19	Jody Pruitt	315-331-3211
02/17/19	Nancy Talma	315-597-5003
02/24/19	Logan & Kelly Babcock	315-210-0368
03/03/19	Carol & Andy Sloan	315-597-5182
03/10/19	Sue Leonard	585-734-4027
03/17/19	Rena Haigh	315-597-5971



*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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

January 4	Marietta Koeberle
January 6	Sally Chase
January 12	David Taylor
January 16	Erika Mitchell
January 19	Olivia Hess
January 22	Lynn Malboeuf
January 24	Norman Underwood
January 28	Jonathan Moak
January 29	Roxanne Dobson

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

January 4	David & Amie McMullin
January 8	Chris & Katie Mitchell
January 14	John & Kathryn Mitchell

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!



JANUARY 2019

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
		1 New Year's Day Office Closed	2 Office Open 8:30 am to 2 pm 1 pm Mission/Social Concerns 7 pm Christian Ed.	3 Office Open 8:30 am to 2 pm 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Choir	4	5
6 Epiphany Star Trip: Youth Led Service Epiphany Party	7 Annual Reports due in the office 4:30 pm CTNS Board 7 pm Fellowship	8 2 pm Deacons 7 pm Worship	9	10 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Choir	11	12
13 Communion Sunday 9:00 to 9:45 am Book Club	14 9 am Coffee & Contemplation	15 SPIRE DEADLINE	16 6:30 pm Property 7 pm Finance	17 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Choir	18	19
20 Annual Meeting	21 Martin Luther King's Birthday Office Closed	22 7 pm Session	23	24 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Choir	25	26 9 am Junia Gathering FH
27 9:00 to 9:45 am Book Club	28 9 am Coffee & Contemplation	29 6-9 pm King's Daughters FH	30	31 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Choir		

February

FEBRUARY 2019

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
					1	2 4-7 pm CTNS Pasta Dinner FH
3 Super Bowl Sunday Sundaes	4 4:30 pm CTNS Board 7 pm Fellowship	5 2 pm Deacons	6 1 pm Mission/Social Concerns 7 pm Christian Ed.	7 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Choir	8	9
10 Communion Sunday 9:00 to 9:45 am Book Club Boy & Girl Scouts Recognition	11	12 7 pm Worship	13	14 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Choir	15	16
17 No Sunday School	18 Office Closed President's Day 10 am to 6 pm VBS Event 5 pm Potluck Dinner	19 SPIRE DEADLINE	20 6:30 pm Property	21 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Choir	22	23 9 am Junia Gathering FH
24 9:00 to 9:45 am Book Club	25	26 7 pm Session	27	28 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Choir		