



WESTERN SPIRE

MARCH 2020

"Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness." ~ Matthew 4:1

Friends in faith,

We are officially in Lent. These are the forty days (not including Sundays) in which we observe and remember all that leads to Jesus' death by crucifixion and resurrection.

This year, we are going to be exploring the theme of wilderness. Lent begins in the wilderness quite literally with Jesus going out to fast and pray, and where he is tempted. It is the wilderness that forms and prepares him for his ministry.

Wilderness is something we all experience in different ways. It can be a place we turn to in order to escape the pressures of the world. It can be an uncomfortable place we are driven to in sickness or times of trial. Whatever the wilderness is for us, it can teach us much... if we have ears to listen.

The wilderness is also a place of divine encounter. Jacob wrestles with an angel in the wilderness; the Israelites wander in the wilderness; a woman meets Jesus at a deserted place in the middle of a hot day.

I am excited to step into the wilderness with you this Lent. Let us prepare our hearts and minds for the wild encounters that lie ahead - the Spirit is on the move!

Grace and peace,

~Pastor Kyle

Preaching and Worship

March 2020

March 1, 2020 **First Sunday in Lent**
Communion Sunday

Reader: Irene Fadden

Ushers: Ray & Sharon Marr

Toddler Room: Sue Leonard

Communion Elders: Dave & Pat Pinkney and Alicia Lynch

March 8, 2020 **Second Sunday in Lent**

Reader: Sandy Kelly

Ushers: Ray & Sharon Marr

Toddler Room: Nancy Talma

March 15, 2020 **Third Sunday in Lent**

Reader: Janet Manktelow

Ushers: Ray & Sharon Marr

Toddler Room: Logan & Kelly Babcock

March 22, 2020 **Fourth Sunday in Lent**

Reader: Randy Kennard

Ushers: Ray & Sharon Marr

Toddler Room: Carol & Andy Sloan

March 29, 2020 **Fifth Sunday in Lent**

Reader: Sue Leonard

Ushers: Ray & Sharon Marr

Toddler Room: Jody Pruitt



**The deadline for the next SPIRE is Tuesday, March 17th, 2020.
Pastor Kyle's new phone number is 585-210-8068.**



Daylight savings time begins on Sunday March 8th. Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday evening!



Family fun night will be on March 14th at 5:00 pm. The Fellowship Team will provide pizza and drinks. Everyone should bring their favorite games and snacks. Hope to see you there!

The Good Neighbor Fund is currently closed due to lack of funds. So far in 2020, we have distributed \$5,687.52 to eleven families consisting of 16 adults and 17 children. There are many needs in our community. Please consider making a donation so that we may continue to be Good Neighbors.



Breakfast with pj's and pancakes



Includes:
drinks,
sausage
applesauce

Where: Western Presbyterian Church

101 E. Main St. Palmyra

Date: **Sunday, March 15, 2020**

Time: 7:30 -9:30 am

Price: \$6 per person

BRING the Whole Family

Benefits Western Presbyterian Church



Rabbi Steinitz



Rev. Ugoretz



Imam Marwat

What Do Our Neighbors Believe?

A Rabbi, a Pastor, and an Imam walk into a room Is this the beginning of a joke? No, it's the start of an important conversation between neighbors of faith.

Inspired by the book, "What Do Our Neighbors Believe?", Rabbi Oren Steinitz (Congregation Kol Ami), Rev. Jeffrey Ugoretz (Corning First Presbyterian Church), and Imam Zaman Marwat (Islamic Association of the Finger Lakes), will offer a series of talks tackling tough questions common to all people of faith, such as "What is the relationship between God and humanity?", "What are our obligations to strangers and guests?", and "What is taught about people who follow other faiths?"

Three events will be held, one at each place of worship. They are free and open to the public. Each event will begin with a tour at 3:15 pm, followed by a discussion session at 4:00 pm with Rabbi Steinitz, Rev. Ugoretz, and Imam Marwat, a question and answer period, and a time afterward when participants may mingle and talk with one another. Light refreshments will be served during this time. The schedule is as follows:

February 23: Congregation Kol Ami, 1008 W Water St., Elmira

March 22: Islamic Association of the Finger Lakes,
499 Hickory Grove Rd, Horseheads

April 19: Corning First Presbyterian Church,
1 E. 1st St., Corning

For further information, please contact the organizers by email at
BelievingNeighbors@gmail.com

We hope to see you there!



Bed Bash, Fundraising Event

May 9th 2-5 PM

Newark Central Park

Youth needed to decorate beds.

Bed sponsors of \$500 to \$1,000 are needed.

People are needed to attend to make this fundraiser successful.

In 2019:

WPC sponsored a bed \$500 from individuals of the congregation.

Our Sunday School decorated a bed.

We made 5 baskets for the silent auction.

In 2020:

The generosity box will be placed across from the office to accept checks and money to begin WPC sponsoring a bed. Please make checks out to Family Promise.

A signup sheet is on the bulletin board for baskets for silent auction.

Anyone want to decorate a bed?

See Irene Fadden

or Jody Pruitt with offers of help or any questions.

faddenirene@gmail.com

jody.pruitt@gmail.com



March 1, 2020

Dear Family Promise Volunteers,

On May 9, Family Promise of Wayne County will hold a Fundraiser called "Bed Bash." It will be held in Newark Central Park by Park Presbyterian and the Post Office from 2:00 – 5:00 pm. **We hope that many people will attend the fundraiser and monetarily support the ministry of Family Promise.**

I have agreed to head the Silent Auction at this year's Fundraiser. This year we encourage host and support congregations to make 2 or 3 baskets valued between \$25 and \$50. Last year, WPC was challenged to make 5 baskets. We are challenging this year to create at least **7!** Maybe teams could put one together. Maybe you can join with a couple friends and create one together.

I looked on the internet to find theme suggestions and was overwhelmed. Suggestions abound: car wash, movie night, gardening, beach, pet, pool party, book bonanza, family game night, wine and cheese, outdoor games, ice cream fixings, date night, campfire, baking, manicure, coffee break, tea, card games, art supplies, birthday party, etc., etc., etc.

On the bulletin board, you will find the basket themes that are being made so far. I will try to keep this updated. You may sign up your basket theme on that sheet.

Please wrap the basket so all items are kept together and visible. Please put a tag on your basket to tell what is inside and the value of items. I will put copies of "Bed City Silent Auction Form" on the bulletin board at the end of April and let you know how to get the baskets to Family Promise.

My email is faddenirene@gmail.com and cell is 585-802-7594.

Thank you for supporting the ministry of Family Promise with Bed Bash a fundraising event,

Irene Fadden

Many ideas on www.pinterest.com and in images. Below are a few I found online.



The prayer concerns listed are current as of 02/23/20. 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 Richard Kirchhoff (requested by the Deacons)
Family & Friends of Beverly Petty-Breen (requested by the Deacons)

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 Krebbecks, 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, Doris Chriswell, Bob Clark, Keith & Dawn Countermine, Pat Dlugosh, Kathleen Dougherty, Ed Elsenheimer, Greg Elsenheimer, Yvonne Ferraro, Ed Forman, Barb Gabriel, Lynne Green, Randy Kennard, Hannah Kelly, Rosie Kessler, Kriss Larsen, Frank Lawrence, Jennifer Mahnke, Tom Maxwell Sr., Rev. Dick Otterness, David Plunkett, Katie Redman, Wilma Redman, Joanne Rockwell, Tim & Sally Schultz, Fran Storm, Becky Strause, JP Tehomilic, Rev. Eric Titus, Deb Trombino, Doug Whitney, Albert Zaranka

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**

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 person listed below.

Month	Name	Home Phone	Cell Phone	Email Address
March	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.



Toddler **March** 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 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. Thank -You for your help. 😊

03/01/20	Sue Leonard	585-734-211
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	Jody Pruitt	315-331-3211
04/05/20	Rena Haigh	315-597-5971
04/12/20	Maxine & Kelly Babcock	315-210-0368
04/19/20	Sue Pringle	315-597-9533
04/26/20	Jan Taylor	315-597- 4293
05/03/20	Irene Fadden	585-802-7594
05/10/20	Ruth Dantz	315-597-2143



*If anyone or anyone you know may be interested in joining the team in providing infant and toddler care during the 10:00am 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.

Jody Pruitt 315-331-3211

jody.pruitt@gmail.com

Thanks ~ the CE Team



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March 4	Barbara Pieters
March 4	Ruth Dantz
March 5	Lou Callerame
March 11	Eric Chapman
March 16	Shelby Hutton
March 16	Sarah Hutton
March 17	Collin Trapiss
March 19	Doris Chriswell
March 21	Cheyenne Lane
March 22	Susan Pringle
March 22	William Bush
March 22	Cassandra Hughes
March 23	Cory Trapiss
March 26	Kurt Scribner
March 26	Mary Beth LaBerge
March 27	Tricia Owen
March 29	Jacqueline DeBrine
March 30	Scott Bush
March 31	Walter Lester



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

March 17	Ronald & Barbara Pieters
March 21	William & Elaine Hassler

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!

***What does a
rambling bush have
to do with Lent?????***

**Join us for a
Lent Faith Paint**



Saturday, March 21st 10 am-noon

Children must be accompanied by an adult please.

Sign-up now so we can be sure to have enough supplies.

Participation fee is a donation to the food pantry



MARCH 2020

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



APRIL 2020

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
			1 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Chancel Choir 7 pm Christian Ed.	2	3	4
5 Palm/Passion Sunday 9 am Sunday School Palm Sunday Parade	6 7 pm Fellowship	7 10 am Deacons	8 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Chancel Choir 7 pm Scouts Muscle Room	9 Maundy Thursday	10 Good Friday 7 pm Service	11
12 Easter Communion Sunday No Sunday School	13 6-9 pm Set Up Rummage Sale	14 6-9 pm Set Up Rummage Sale 7 pm Worship	15 Noon-9 pm Set Up Rummage Sale 2 pm Women's Circle 6 pm Bell Choir 6:30 pm Property 7 pm Chancel Choir 7 pm Finance	16 9 am to 5 pm Rummage Sale	17 9 am to 5 pm Rummage Sale	18 9 am to 11 am Rummage Sale 11 am to 1 pm Tear Down Rummage Sale
19 9 am Sunday School 1-3 pm Confirmation Class FH	20	21 SPIRE DEADLINE	22 Earth Day 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Chancel Choir	23	24	25
26 9 am Sunday School VBS Preview Event Birthday Celebration & Potluck	27	28 7 pm Session	29 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Chancel Choir	30		