

***We are a growing multicultural congregation where everybody is somebody.  
We worship at 10am on Sundays followed by Sunday school.***

- Pastor *Rev. Desiree Lawson*
- Music Director *Dr. Eleanor Goodman*
- Clerk of Session *Elder Georgia McCall*
- Treasurer *Janet Hartzell*
- Secretary *Idella Roland*
- Editor *Rev. Desiree Lawson*

### ***VISION STATEMENT***

*We are a diverse community of disciples of Jesus Christ **GROWING** together. With the always present power of the Holy Spirit, we share our lives, care for one another, worship, pray, study God's word, and serve both inside and outside the walls of the church.*

*We invite you to come and **GROW** with us.*

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## **MISSION – The Church at Work**

### **The House of Esther**

In early November, founder and CEO of The House of Esther made a presentation following worship. Ms. Yvonne Penton shared her testimony and the story behind the beginnings of the House of Esther.

The mission of the House of Esther is to help new moms and others receive their complete healing from their past, and press on toward the mark of a higher calling in Christ. Their mission statement reads *“A chance at life; our history is not our destiny.”*

The Sarah Circle is very involved with this mission and has adopted one of the rooms to furnish and decorate. The House of Esther is currently collecting change until the end of the year. Please see Kathy Henderson to make your contribution. Also, please join the circle on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 6pm.



*(Yvonne Penton, Founder and CEO  
The House of Esther)*

## **NEWS FROM THE SESSION**

**Per Capita:** The Per Capita rate for 2018 will be \$26.94 per member. Per capita is an amount of money per member that our congregation pays to our larger Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). This money is part of the glue that holds Presbyterians together. It is the money that enables us to work with other Presbyterian churches in our presbytery and across the country. It is also money that allows us to work with other churches to further the mission of Jesus Christ around the world.

How important is per capita? Here are some examples:

- Do we want to be involved in mission work throughout the world, sharing the gospel in all parts of the earth? In many places in our world, it is difficult to “do mission” except by working ecumenically with other churches. Your per capita helps to pay for meetings of Presbyterians with people of other Christian churches, allowing us to maintain those ties for mission.
- Do we want to benefit from helpful Presbyterian resources such as the Book of Order and The Book of Confessions? Your per capita pays for producing these basic resources, also in Spanish, Korean, and Braille.
- Do we want pastors who are well prepared to lead our congregations? Your per capita funds the preparation, administration, and grading of standard ordination examinations for seminary students.

- Do we want well-trained leaders for our presbyteries and more? Your per capita pays for annual training events for presbytery executives, stated clerks, and others who help lead our work and mission.

We need each other as we work together to share the good news of Jesus Christ. As we benefit from the gifts, skills, vision, and ministry of each other in this place, so, too, do we benefit from an even wider array of gifts and ministry of our Presbyterian brothers and sisters across the church. Your per capita pays for the programs, training, and resources that help us work together and discern the mind of Christ for the PCUSA.

Thank you to all of you who have already paid your share. By contributing your portion of per capita, you have freed up dollars in our regular budget for the work of our congregation in this community.

**Pastor Lawson's Installation:** At the December meeting of the Presbytery of Lake Huron, Rev. Lawson will be installed as the 2018 Moderator. The meeting will take place on Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at Bay City Westminster Presbyterian Church beginning at 9:30am. All are invited.

**CPR:** Elder Roberta Hardy arranged for CPR Training in October. We are happy to report that two groups were trained and ready to assist if the need arises.

## ADVENT EVENTS



Trinity United will be hosting its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Night in Bethlehem on Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> from 2:30pm-7pm. Come out and join us for arts and crafts, lunch and carol singing as well as a very special guest appearance.



The Presbyterian Women will gather at the Davison Country Club for its annual Christmas celebration. All the women of the church are invited on Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at noon. There will be games and a gift swap. Please bring a gift between \$5 and \$10.

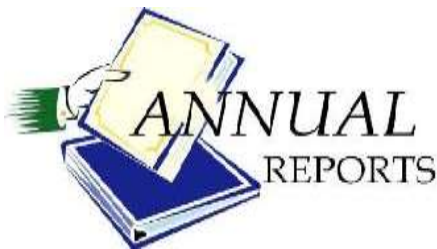


We will celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve together on Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 10am. Following worship we will have lunch as we celebrate the birth of our Savior together. Don't forget your Christmas Joy Offering!



Announcing Trinity United Bible Challenge Game (*aka: American Bible Challenge*) on Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup> following worship. Let's learn the bible together. There's no pressure but there will be PRIZES! Join us during fellowship.

## JANUARY 2018



If you have not turned your annual report, please do so as soon as possible.

**INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 21<sup>ST</sup> DURING WORSHIP.**

# ANNUAL MEETING

Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday January 28<sup>th</sup> following worship. Please plan on attending. Thank you.

## PRAYERS NEEDED

- For the comfort and peace of Joyce Pascal, Ann Lomax, Katie Granberry, Delores Generes, Rev. Bert Clark
- Healing prayers for Pam Pascal, Gwen Barney, Betty Shaw, Beverly Bronson, Alice Shirley, Terry Bausack, Phyllis Scales, Sharron Alexander, Mal Middleton, Donna Jones,
- For caregivers and those who lend support and presence
- For the bereaved and their families: (McCall and Burton families, the Barney's, the Bolduc's, the Moore family, and for all experiencing sadness and depression during the holidays)
- Travelling mercies for all who are visiting family and friends during the holidays
- For the Chang-Lopez family; our mission co-workers in the Philippines
- For our nation, president, and all government leaders
- For our military and veterans
- For Flint water and infrastructure
- For the Body of Christ and solidarity among Christian denominations
- For racial Peace and peace among nations

*O God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers, mercifully hear our prayers and grant to your servants the help of your power, that their sickness may be turned into health and their sorrow into joy; through Jesus Christ.*

*Amen.*

## CALENDAR

### DECEMBER

- Dec 1 Grief Support at 11:30am
- Dec 2 Hanging the Greens at 10am
- Dec 4 Membership Team at 4pm
- Dec 9 Bethlehem Event 2:30-7pm
- Dec 11 Finance Team at 9:30am
- Dec 11 Personnel Team at 11am
- Dec 12 Sarah Circle at 6pm
- Dec 12 Girl Scouts at 6pm
- Dec 15 Soup Kitchen 2-5pm
- Dec 18 Session Meeting at 3pm
- Dec 20 PW Christmas Event at DCC
- Dec 24 Christmas Eve Service/Lunch
- Dec 25 Office Closed for Christmas
- Dec 26 Game Day at 1pm
- Dec 29 Deadline for Annual Reports

### JANUARY

- Jan 1 Office closed New Year's Day
- Jan 5 Grief Support at 11:30am
- Jan 8 Finance Team at 9:30am
- Jan 8 Personnel Team at 11am
- Jan 8 Membership Team at 4pm
- Jan 9 Sarah Circle at 6pm
- Jan 9 Girl Scouts at 6pm
- Jan 15 Office closed MLK Holiday
- Jan 17 Grandparents Group 10am
- Jan 19 Soup Kitchen 2-5pm
- Jan 21 Installation of Officers
- Jan 23 Game Day at 1pm
- Jan 23 Girl Scouts at 6pm
- Jan 24 Naomi Circle
- Jan 28 Annual Congregational Mtg.

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### November Birthdays

- 13 Jerry Kamrath
- 15 Mary Krist
- 17 Griffin Henderson
- 18 Carolyn McDonald

- 19 Marcus Lomax
- 26 Roberta Hardy

### January Birthdays

- 8 Malvina Middleton
- 9 Marie Barry
- 13 Glenn Bronson, III
- 14 Earnestine Moore
- 16 Joe Dixon
- 20 Dakota Knowlton
- 22 Tim Bausack
- 24 Matt Burton
- 24 Donna Jones
- 28 Joyce Topham

### December Anniversaries

- 9 Joyce & Sandy Topham



If you have a submission for the February/March *Trinity Times*, please send your article or information to Pastor Lawson at [revlawsond@yahoo.com](mailto:revlawsond@yahoo.com) by no later than January 24, 2018. Thank you.