

the church Visitor

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Today, Yesterday, and Tomorrow... News for our Friends and Family

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Pastor's Page

Dear Friends,

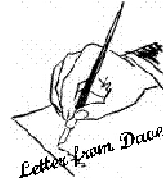
I am so excited because we are into March and winter is almost over!!! I have really been thinking about spring and being outside and grass turning green and plants beginning to bud, and all that stuff. My thoughts of spring always seem to turn to Lent and Easter, because spring is the season of new beginnings. And Lent is right around the corner, beginning on Wednesday, March 9, with Ash Wednesday. We will worship together on Wednesday, March 9, at 7 pm, with an imposition of ashes being part of the service. We will then have our regular Wednesday Lenten services each week following, with a meal being served at 6:15 on Wednesday, March 16, March 30, and April 13, with worship at 7pm. The other Wednesday's, March 23, and April 6, we will have bars and coffee and worship at 7 pm.

We will also hold Lenten activities on Sunday nights, similar to what we did during Advent, gathering on Sunday evenings for a meal, worship/Spirituality activities, and Bible Study. These activities will begin at 6:30 and will be open to all.

The confirmation class will continue through Lent, culminating with the communicants joining the church on Easter Sunday. Please pray for our class, Zach Murphy and Nick and Kelsey Schmith as they continue their study. And, we are beginning a new adult Sunday School class on March 6 which will focus on our Presbyterian heritage, beliefs and history. The class will meet in the Meditation Room at 9 am and will run through Lent. I will be leading it.

Lent is a time for reflection on who we are and whose we are. It is the season for preparation for the blessed Easter event, but it is not a time to punish one's self, it is a time to look at our lives of faith to see where we are lacking, and to make changes to our lives. It is a time for deep reflection on who Jesus Christ is in our lives and the distances we place between Jesus and ourselves. In Lent, Jesus invites us to examine our situations, then do something about them. Worship, prayer, Bible study, meditation and reading, serving, these are all wonderful spiritual disciplines to begin during Lent, if they are lacking in one's life now. If you choose to "give up" something for Lent, that is your choice to make, but maybe we can look at "giving up" some of those behaviors we cling to that keep us from knowing fully the joy of discipleship in Christ. I would encourage each of us to truly look at one aspect of our faith lives and try to make some changes. Let us journey through this season of reflection and examination together, and not look past the grace offered us in Lent, in a rush to get to Easter. We have to go through Good Friday to get to Easter Sunday. Grace and Peace to you all.

Dave



Morningside Presbyterian Church is on a pilgrimage to resurrect and expand our church community and to share the love and grace of Jesus Christ. We worship as an authentic expression of our gratitude to God for grace unimaginable and love unconditional. We strive to be God's heart, hands and voice to all ages as we grow in faith and engage in mission locally, nationally, and globally.

The deadline for newsletter submission is the 3rd Wednesday of the month prior to publication. Please direct articles & questions to Teri Behr mpcsciasec@msn.com

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And MORE!



Worship Schedule

Worship Services

- 8:00 Early Service
- 9:00-11:00 Library Open
- 9:00 Sunday School
- 10:30 Late Service

One service only with communion at 10:30 on the first Sunday of each month

- 7:00 Steel Magnolias AA
- 8:00 Big Book Group Study - Open AA



SUPPORTED by MPC

Morningside Presbyterian Church provides stability for 12-step groups by providing space for five different groups' meetings. If you know of people, who are looking for 12-step support, please share this schedule.

- SUNDAYS -**
 - 7:00 p.m. - Steel Magnolias, Women's Open AA - Meditation Rm.
 - 8:00 p.m. - Big Book Group Study Open AA Fireside Rm.
- WEDNESDAYS -** 7:00 p.m. - Gambler's Anon.- Fireside Rm. **(Hotline – 712-223-0909)**
- FRIDAY -**
 - 8:00 p.m. - Morningside Fellowship AA Group-Dining Rm.
 - 8:00 p.m. - Acceptance Al-Anon Meditation Room

January Attendance

	Early	Late
January 2 –		66
January 9 –	23	53
January 16 –	19	66
January 23 -	19	50
January 30 -	25	74

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Birthdays

- 5– Marlene Rice
- 7– John Daniels
Brenda Murphy
Taylor Schmith
- 8 - Keith Hansen
Kay Van Ordstrand
- 9 - Sarah Hansen
Harriett Marsh
- 10 - Anne Bradbury
Mark Schmith
- 11 - Laurinda Finken
- 14 - Mary Galloway
- 15– Sherry Collins
- 17– Michele Koerner
- 16– Stu Oliver
Dick Pruehs
- 21– Addyson Hicklin
Esther Peters
Larry Severeide
- 22 - Sue Gottsch
- 26 - Sally Manker
Roberta Severeide
- 27 - Connie Webb
- 30 - Andrew Becker

Lectionary Scripture Lessons in March

- 6 - Exod 24:12-18; Psalm 2 or Psalm 99; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matt 17:1-9
- 9 - (Ash Wed) Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isa 58:1-12; Psalm 51:1-17; 2 Cor 5:20b-6:10; Matt 6:1-6, 16-21
- 13 - Gen 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Psalm 32; Rom 5:12-19; Matt 4:1-11
- 20– Gen 12:1-4a; Psalm 121; Rom 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17
- 27– Exod 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Rom 5:1-11; John 4:5-42

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LIBRARY NEWS

Written by Shirley Watson, chairman

Upcoming Dates to Remember

OPEN: Sundays and Tuesdays 9 a.m.-Noon

March

Circles will meet:

Naomi March 1 7:30 pm
Rebecca March 2 10:00 a.m.
Esther March 3 9:30 a.m.



"Time for Tea" The March Gathering of Presbyterian Women will be Friday, March 25, at 1 o'clock. Esther Circle will host a tea and the ladies of Third Presbyterian and Westminster Presbyterian have been invited. The Honorary Member will be revealed and the Dedication of the Birthday Offering will be taken. Janet Ross will present a short program on Teapots. The guests are encouraged to wear a favorite hat. The Coordinating Team will meet that morning at 10 o'clock.

Card Making will be held on Wednesday, March 9 at 9 AM

Audrey, your PW Moderator

The book club will be discussing the book: *I Remember Nothing* by Nora Ephron on Tuesday March 8 at 1:30 in the Fellowship Room. We currently have nine members and are hoping more will join us.

Mary Michell has donated a new series of books to the library - Karen Kingsbury's "*Above the Line*" series, "*Take One*", "*Take Two*", "*Take Three*" and "*Take Four*". Filmmakers Chase Ryan and Keith Ellison set out to change the world with their films. Will they change American culture or will their guest change them?

If anyone is interested in joining the library committee, we are looking for someone with some computer skills to join us Tuesday mornings at 9:00 am.

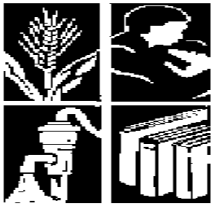
Shirley Watson

**Kitchen Crew
for March is
Rebecca Circle**

Youth News

Confirmation Class will meet every Wednesday evening at 5:30 pm





MISSION NEWS



Written by Karen Juhl, Mary Galloway & Angie Irwin

LIVING WATERS for the World

Jug of Change

The Presbyterian Churches of Siouxland through "Living Waters" are collecting funds for a water purification system to be installed at a boys' school in Haiti.

Keep dropping in your loose change.



NEED MEDICAL EQUIPMENT?

Do you need to borrow some medical equipment for short-term use? The church has wheelchairs, walkers, bath chairs, etc. available on a loan basis. If you would like to borrow any of these items, contact the church office at **276-3121**.



Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

FOOD CART FOR THE MONTH OF March GOES TO:
The Soup Kitchen

Whenever there is a dinner in the Dining Room, there are little jars on every table. The dollars that are placed in the jars are for the **Presbyterian Hunger Fund**.

MARCH/APRIL UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONALS ARE HERE!



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There is only 1 service at 10:30 am on the first Sunday of each month.

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Upcoming Events

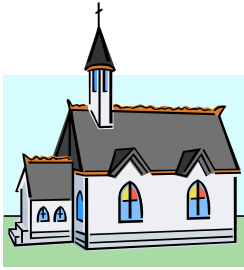
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- * Mar 9 Ash Wednesday
- * Apr 21 Maundy Thursday
- * Apr 22 Good Friday
- * Apr 24 Easter Sunday

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March - OUR CONGREGATION IN ACTION

Prayer Families for March



6- Tom & Ashley Bogner & family, Sherry Bohlke & family, James Boulden, Elizabeth Boyer, Helen J. Bradbury, Mike & Sarah Bradbury

13- Tom & Dawn Braddy, Ed & Mary Buchholz, Vivian Busse, Paul Campbel & Cathie Bishop, Ardith Caviness, Julie Christiansen

20- Dean Clark, Cheryl Collins, Florence Cottington, Carol & Marguerite Dahl, David Dahl, Jeff & Rhonda Dahl & famnily

27- Deanna Daniels, John & Mary Daniels & family, Bob & Carlene Davis, Richard & Mary Delfs, Susan Delfs, Betty Deming

Ushers



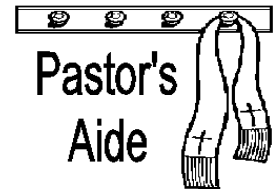
8:00 Service

13- Stuart Oliver* , Dick Pruehs
20- Clyde* & Elaine Millie
27 - Elgerd * & Marlyn Arnett

10:30 Service

6- Gerald* & Marilyn Erickson, Jeff Arnett* , Merlin & Peggy Berkenpas, Ralph Maslonka
13- John Hejhal* , Bob Davis, Richard Delfs, Josh Hicklin
20 - Larry Manker* , bob & Vina Rodecker, Helen Lehnertz
27 - Gary* & Karen* Lien, Harold & Alyce Leopold

6- Zach Gould
13- Josh Hicklin
20- John Hejhal
27- Hewitt Graham



Liturgists



6- Jeff Arnett
13- Becky Paulson
20- Gene Miller
27- Alan Hansen

Wednesday Lent Services

Mar 16—Marlyn Arnett
Mar 23—Helen Lehnertz
Mar 30—Carlotta Fox
Apr 6—Audrey Fenton
Apr 13—Dick Pruehs

FLOWER DELIVERIES

6- Merlin & Minda Thompson
13 - Bob & Janet Ross
20- Sheryl Collins
27 - Allen Tasker



Money Counters



6- Leo Harris & Marv Edmunds
13- Elgerd Arnett & Gerald Erickson
20- Mary Galloway & Karen Lien
27- Harriett Marsh & Marilyn Blatchford

COFFEE SERVERS

10:30 a.m following Worship

6- Allen & Eleanor Tasker
13- Bob & Vina Rodecker
20- Bob & Carlene Davis
27- Bob & Dorothy Rice



Greeters

6- Gene Doran
13- Sid & Lois Hoover
20- Charles & Angie Irwin
27- Betty Maxfield



Communion Servers

6 - Allen & Eleanor Tasker
Robert & Dorothy Rice

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<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
		<p>1 9:00 Library Committee</p> <p>4:00 Music Lessons 7:30 Naomi Circle</p>	<p>2 10:00 am Rebecca Circle 12:15 Weight Watch 4:00 Music Lessons 5:30 Confirmation 6:30 Bells Angels 7:00 Gambler's Anon. 7:30 pm Choir</p>	<p>3 6:30 am Study 8:30 am Men's Club 9:30 Esther Circle 10:00 Weight Watch</p> <p>4:00 Music Lessons 5:30 Weight Watch 7:00 pm Deacons 7:00 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>4</p> <p>8:00 pm Morningside Fellowship AA 8:00 pm Acceptance Al-Anon</p>	<p>5 8:00 & 9:30 Weight Watchers</p> <p>Cub Scout Daycamp or overnight</p>
<p>6 10:30 service only COMMUNION</p> <p>7:00 pm Steel Magnolia AA 8:00 Big Book Study Open AA</p>	<p>7 9:00 Quilting Group</p> <p>6:15 pm Kindermusik 7:00 pm Cub Scouts</p>	<p>8 9:00 Library Committee 1:30 pm Book Club</p> <p>4:00 Music Lessons 7:00 Doll Club</p>	<p>9 9:00 Card Making 12:15 Weight Watch</p> <p>4:00 Music Lessons 5:30 Confirmation 6:30 Bells Angels 7:00 Gambler's Anon. 7:30 pm Choir</p>	<p>10 6:30 AM Study 8:30 Men's Club 10:00 Weight Watch</p> <p>4:00 Music Lessons 5:30 Weight Watch 7:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:30 pm SC Concert Course</p>	<p>11</p> <p>8:00 pm Morningside Fellowship AA 8:00 pm Acceptance Al-Anon</p>	<p>12 8:00 & 9:30 Weight Watchers</p>
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Worship Hours

Sunday Services

8:00 Early Service

9:00 Library Open

9:00 Sunday School

10:30 Late Service

LENT Services

March 9th, 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service in the Sanctuary

7:00 p.m. each Wednesday through April 13th in the basement All Purpose (Dining) Room

March 16th:6:15 Potluck; 7:00 Worship Service –Rev Steven Niles

March 23rd:7:00 Service only -Rev David Choate

March 30th:6:15 Potluck; 7:00 Worship Service –Rev Paul Speidel

April 6th:7:00 Service only - Rev John Pehrson

April 13th:6:15 Potluck; 7:00 Worship Service –Rev Peggy Hegeman

April 21st: 7:00 Maundy Thursday Communion Service

**April 22nd: 12:00—3:00 pm Good Friday Service at 1st Presbyterian
(20 minute intervals)**

For more information, call 276-3121. Plan NOW to join us!

MORNINGSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. David Koehler - Music Director: Minda Thompson - Organist: Pat Herbold - Bell Choir Director: Peggy Reid - Office Admin./Asst. Treas.: Teri Behr
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