

January 2016 Innovator

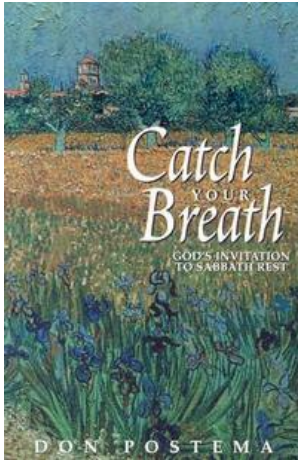
News

9:15 Traditional Worship

9:15 Sunday School

10:10 Refreshments and Fellowship in the Hall

10:45 Christ Connection Praise Worship



Sign-up is now available for the small group book studies that will take place starting in January as part of the sabbatical for North Church. We will be using Don Postema's *Catch Your Breath: God's Invitation to Sabbath Rest*. The studies will meet for about an hour each week for six weeks. You can choose from the dates/times listed below or start your own group if you prefer. Please contact Lisa Sellie at tsellie@q.com or 651/770-5943 to join a study and receive a book (they are free!). Wishing you the many gifts of Sabbath as we explore this part of our spirituality!

MORNINGS: Tuesdays, 9 a.m., starting January 12th at church (led by Lisa Sellie)

AFTERNOONS: Thursdays, 1 p.m., starting January 7th at church (led by Shelly Willar)

EVENINGS: Wednesdays, 5:45 p.m., starting January 13th at church (led by Lisa Sellie)

ADULT ED: Sundays, 10:45 a.m., starting January 17th at church (led by Paul Nelson, Lynne Beck, et al)

BOUTWELLS LANDING: Will meet on the first Monday of each month at 5 p.m. for six months, starting January 4th (led by Ruth Jones, Mary Leisman, et al)

The youth will be hosting a soup luncheon on January 24th after the Praise Service. If you are able to donate soup, contact Nancy Gerhardson at 651-808-0306 or Juanita Zoya at 651-748-9784. Free-will donations will be accepted to help fund Workcamp 2016.



January 16th 12pm – 12am

A 12-hour Crafting/Scrapbooking/Stamping event! Bring your crafting, scrapbooking, or stamping projects along with your own supplies. Please call Nancy Gerhardson at 651-808-0306 or Juanita Zoya at 651-748-9784 to reserve your spot TODAY! The cost is \$20.00 by 1/14/15 or \$25 after that date.

DEEP FREEZE RETREAT 2016

Youth in grades 8-12 are invited to the **Deep Freeze Retreat** held at The Windy Hill Farm House near Fredric, Wisconsin on Martin Luther King Jr.'s Weekend. We will depart from church Friday, January 15 at 5:45 pm and return Sunday, January 17 at 1:30 pm. The cost is \$40 which includes five meals, lodging, fun activities, and a devotion book. The retreat will be action packed with crazy games, winter fun, fellowship, worship and Biblical insights. The theme is "Gifted for a Purpose." Please contact Pastor James at pastorjames@northchurch-mn.org or in person. Each youth is welcome to bring one friend. The cost for a friend is \$55.





PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN
NEWS

By Pat McKisson

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the 2015 Thank Offering. Your support truly helps P.W. reach the goals we have set.

A huge thank you also goes to everyone who kept a Sunshine Bag during the year and put in their change for every 'day of sunshine' they had. We were able to raise about \$115 for the Union Gospel Mission's Native American Christmas Party. You are all special angels!

FIRESIDE CHAT WITH PAT

Women of North Church, don't forget to mark your calendars for these 'chats' and your chance to help our P.W. group revise and restructure our visions and missions for the upcoming years. Your input is especially important as this is your organization and legacy for the future. Let's use our time and talents wisely in the future, so we can keep our Presbyterian Women's organization strong and functional, leaving a legacy of devotion to the church and dedication to God for continuing mission and taking Christ into every area of life. Together, with God's help, we can embrace one another for who we are and continue the great work of P.W.

WHEN: 1ST AND 3RD WEDNESDAYS IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH

TIME: 6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

WHERE: FIRESIDE ROOM

AGENDAS:

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| <i>Getting Acquainted: The Women Tell All!</i> | 2/03/2016 |
| <i>Generational Perceptions: The Truth Be Told!</i> | 2/17/2016 |
| <i>Communication: Communicate, Communicate, Communicate</i> | 3/02/2016 |
| <i>Where Do We Go From Here: Change & Acceptance</i> | 3/16/2016 |

MISSION MATTERS

By Pat McKisson

PC(USA) FOCUSES FOR 2016

CHILD OF GOD NOT FOR SALE – HUMAN TRAFFICKING *(January 11 is Human Trafficking Awareness Day – Wear Orange)*

Excerpts from the Presbyterians Today Magazine: January February 2016 Issue

You may choose to look the other way, but you can never say again that you did not know ~ by William Wilberforce

Joe grew up in the Dorchester district of Boston, where unemployment, crime, and poverty made everyday life a challenge. None of us choose our families of origin, and the forces within Joe's home were corrosive. His father sexually and physically abused him before vanishing. Both his grandmother and mother engaged in prostitution. A constant supply of drugs and alcohol fueled this furnace of family dysfunction.

By the time he reached adolescence, Joe found it hard to relate healthily to anyone, especially role models. He longed to fill the vacuum left by his absent father.

Joe was a prime target. An older "friend" began to "groom" him, buying him expensive gifts, taking him to dinner and sporting events. Eventually that man made sexual advances, and Joe was immediately introduced to a shadowy network of predators.

Joe is a victim of human trafficking, a criminal world in which victims are forced to work without freedom to leave. His name has been changed here to protect his privacy.

The problem is enormous and complex: It includes:

- (1) Forced labor,
- (2) Sex Trafficking,
- (3) Trafficking for tissue, cells, and organs, and
- (4) Child soldiers.

The article also delves into other issues such as:

- unwitting complicity on the part of Americans,
- hearing those long silenced, listening to persons who have been trafficked,
- what to do if you suspect that someone is the victim of trafficking,--how to protect your child from becoming a victim of trafficking.

To read the entire article please see the Presbyterians Today Magazine or at:
[\(http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/today/\)](http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/today/).

RACE RELATIONS

(January 17 is Race Relations Sunday)

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) professes that racism, in all its forms, is contrary to the gospel of Jesus Christ. Yet, it acknowledges that racism is a reality in both church and society. In faithful witness to the love of Christ, the church is committed to confronting racism and racial oppression in the church and the world, working to overcome racism with prayer, discernment and worship-based action.

God created human beings, a diverse family, to live together and to love one another as God loves us. We violate God's intention for the human family by creating false categories of value and identity, based on identifiable characteristics such as place of origin and skin color. We use these categories to create a race-based society which benefits some while oppressing others.

We affirm that racism is a sin which violates God's purpose for humanity and is contrary to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We confess our complicity in the creation and maintenance of racist structures and systems in all parts of our nation's life, including the church itself. We commit to confront spiritually the idolatry and ideology of white supremacy and white privilege. We also have a covenant to become an antiracism community, **a reflection of God's Beloved Community**, resisting racial oppression and working to overcome racism within our own life and the life of the society by blending social analysis, institutional reconstruction, and individual healing with discernment, prayer, and worship-based action. Learn more about racial justice at: <http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/racialjustice/about/>



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

North Church will host the next Red Cross Blood Drive Monday, January 25, 1-7 p.m. If you are able, please plan to donate. Inventories are low as we go into winter. Please contact Kathy Johansen at 651-271-9342. Walk-ins are always welcome!

Please pick up your giving envelopes in the entryway. The envelopes were assigned to you according to how you filled out your pledge card. If you want envelopes and did not have any assigned to you, please stop by the church office and we will remedy the situation.





A **Congregational Meeting** will be held January 24th at 10:20 in Meisenheimer Hall to approve Pastor James' Terms of Call and receive the 2016 Budget.

*Thank
You*

I want to thank you all the wonderful people of our congregation for their phone calls, emails, cards, prayers, and concerns. I especially want to thank Pastor James for the nice phone call and Pastor Gail's visit to the hospital with communion. There was so much outpouring of love, and I could feel all those prayers on the prayer chain. It helped me to get better, so I could be home for Christmas – my goal when I was in the hospital! It is so nice to be a part of such a loving and caring community of people! I couldn't have made it without all of you! I hope to be back in church by the end of January!
~ Linda Stegmeir

Thank you for your donation of \$2,192.03 in November to the North St. Paul Area Food Shelf. Thanks to the wonderful support our food shelf continues to receive, we are able to give all of our families coming to the food shelf in December a special Christmas bag. Thanks again and Merry Christmas. ~ Linda and Dave Zick, North St. Paul Food Shelf

Thank you for your gift of \$450 to Special Offerings! Your gift supports ministries such as disaster assistance, hunger relief, ministries with youth, racial-ethnic education at Presbyterian-related schools, and the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions. Thank you so much for your continued support. ~ Bryce Wiebe, Special Offerings

Thank you for your recent gift to Presbyterian World Mission ~ *Healthy Women Healthy Families*. Supporters like you enable us to engage in ministries of transformation around the world. Your generosity is making a difference in the lives of many. Please keep Presbyterian World Mission and our partners in your prayers.
~ B. Hunter Farrell, World Mission Presbyterian Mission Agency

Thank you for your support of our work with schools to reduce bullying and help kids feel good about going to school. Your generosity and continued support is greatly appreciated. Thank you for being a peacemaker! ~ PeaceMaker Minnesota



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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| Luke Hoffman | January 2 |
| Joyce Meyer | January 4 |
| Claire Wirka | January 4 |
| Porg Andrus | January 7 |
| Delyne Ngu | January 7 |
| Helen McGuire | January 8 |
| Nancy Twite | January 8 |
| Chris Smith | January 9 |
| Mary Seyforth | January 10 |
| Spencer York | January 10 |
| Elias Hill | January 11 |
| Emma Rose Kraus | January 11 |
| June Dalquist | January 12 |
| Dela Dumenya | January 12 |
| Alysha Ngu | January 12 |
| Brian Bullis | January 14 |
| Taylor Boyles | January 14 |
| John Yust | January 15 |
| Scott Purrington | January 15 |
| Annette Sandager | January 15 |
| Ann Rausch | January 16 |
| Kathie Smith | January 20 |
| Rachael Holle | January 20 |
| Jennifer Seely | January 23 |
| Lisa Kalle | January 23 |
| Marlene Zoya | January 25 |
| Crystal Miller | January 25 |
| Jackson Cherne | January 25 |
| Paul Colton | January 26 |
| Ruth Jones | January 26 |
| Sue Parnell | January 27 |
| Sue Ovaldson | January 29 |



Saturday, January 2, 2016

2:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, January 3, 2016

9:15am Sunday School

9:15am Traditional Worship

10:10am Refreshments

10:45am Kerygma

10:45am Praise Worship

12:45pm El Shadai Leadership Meeting

1:30pm El Shadai

Monday, January 4, 2016

9:30am PW Coordinating Team

7:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, January 5, 2016

9:00am Crafters

1:00pm Rachel Circle

7:00pm Northern Bells

Wednesday, January 6, 2016

5:30pm Youth Fellowship

7:00pm Choir Practice

7:00pm Youth Band

7:30pm Praise Band

Thursday, January 7, 2016

6:00pm El Shadai

6:30pm Faith Commission

6:30pm Music Sense Band

7:00pm Life, Stewardship, Nurture

Saturday, January 9, 2016

10:30am Cub Scout Banquet

2:00pm El Shadai Music Lessons

3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, January 10, 2016

9:15am Sunday School

9:15am Traditional Worship

10:10am Refreshments

10:45am Kerygma

10:45am Praise Worship

12:45pm El Shadai Leadership Meeting

1:30pm El Shadai

Monday, January 11, 2016

8:00am ARM Breakfast

9:30am Ruth Circle

7:00pm Personnel

7:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, January 12, 2016

9:00am Crafters

7:00pm Northern Bell

7:00pm WOW

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

10:00am Choral Bells

5:30pm Youth Fellowship

6:00pm Sarah Circle

7:00pm Choir Practice

7:00pm Youth Band

7:30pm Praise Band

Thursday, January 14, 2016

6:00pm El Shadai

6:30pm Cub Scouts

6:30pm Music Sense Band

Friday, January 15, 2016

5:45pm Deep Freeze Retreat Departure

Saturday, January 16, 2016

9:30am El Shadai

12:00pm Craft Til U Drop

2:00pm El Shadai Music Lessons

3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, January 17, 2016

9:15am Sunday School

9:15am Traditional Worship

10:10am Refreshments

10:15am Session Feedback

10:45am Kerygma

10:45am Praise Worship

12:45pm El Shadai Leadership Meeting

1:30pm El Shadai

1:30pm Deep Freeze Retreat Return

Monday, January 18, 2016

~OFFICE CLOSED FOR MLK, JR. DAY~

3:00pm Guild Meeting

6:00pm Quilt Guild

7:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, January 19, 2016

9:00am Crafters

7:00pm Northern Bells

Wednesday, January 20, 2016

10:00am Choral Bells

5:30pm Youth Fellowship

7:00pm Choir Practice

7:00pm Youth Band

7:30pm Praise Band

Thursday, January 21, 2016

6:00pm El Shadai

6:30pm Music Sense Band

7:00pm Session

Saturday, January 23, 2016

9:00am NMG Sew-In
 2:00pm El Shadai
 4:00pm Staff Appreciation Dinner

Sunday, January 24, 2016

9:15am Sunday School
 9:15am Traditional Worship
 10:10am Refreshments
 10:20am Congregational Meeting
 10:45am Kerygma
 10:45am Praise Worship
 12:00pm Youth Workcamp Soup Lunch
 12:45pm El Shadai Leadership Meeting
 1:30pm El Shadai

Monday, January 25, 2016**Innovator Articles Due**

1:00pm Blood Drive
 7:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, January 26, 2016

9:00am Crafters
 7:00pm Northern Bells

Wednesday, January 27, 2016

10:00am Choral Bells
 5:30pm Youth Fellowship
 7:00pm Choir Practice
 7:00pm Youth Band
 7:30pm Praise Band

Thursday, January 28, 2016

6:00pm El Shadai
 6:00pm Girl Scouts
 6:30pm Music Sense Band

Saturday, January 30, 2016

2:00pm El Shadai Music Lessons
 3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, January 31, 2016

9:15am Sunday School
 9:15am Traditional Worship
 10:10am Refreshments
 10:45am Kerygma
 10:45am Praise Worship
 12:45pm El Shadai Leadership Meeting
 1:30pm El Shadai