

March 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



Sunday, March 20 ~ Palm Sunday

9:15am Traditional Service & 10:45am Contemporary Service



Tenebrae Service

Thursday, March 24 ~ Maundy Thursday

Tenebrae Service with Communion

6:00pm Supper & 6:45pm Worship



GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, March 25 ~ Good Friday

Good Friday Ecumenical Worship at North Haven Church

12:00 Worship



Sunday, March 27 ~ Easter Sunday

9:15am Traditional Service & 10:45am Contemporary Service

March Sabbatical Sunday Worship Schedule

March 6th

9:15am & 10:45am

Worship lead by Pastor Gail and members who will share about Sabbath



March 13th

9:15am

Short Worship and then members will work on mission projects

March 20th

Palm Sunday

9:15am & 10:45am

Worship lead by Roderick Oji

March 27th

Easter Sunday

9:15am & 10:45am

Worship lead by Pastor Gail



The Faith Commission invites all to participate during Worshipful Work Sunday on March 13th! After a short worship service, we have four options for hands-on participation:

- **Arlington House & North St. Paul Area Food Shelf:** For these mission opportunities, you will go to one of the sites and clean, organize and stock supplies, paint, and do small repair jobs.
- **Prayer Shawls:** We invite those who would like to knit prayer shawls to bring your knitting needles and yarn to church on this Sunday.
- **Fleece Blankets:** We will be making 50 fleece blankets to be distributed to those in need. No prior experience is needed to participate.
- **Greeting Cards:** We will be making greeting cards that will be used by the Deacons and Youth.

We thank all of you for doing the work of God for others!





Hawaiian Dinner

Saturday, March 5th at 5:30pm

Say good-bye to winter and enjoy an evening of Hawaiian food and entertainment. Wear your best tropical themed attire!



Easter Party

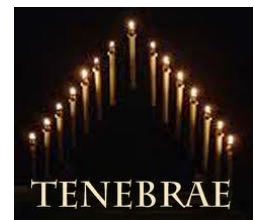
**Sunday, March 20th
Easter Party on Palm Sunday
9:15am-10:15am**

All children up through the 7th grade are invited to our Annual Easter Party. Join us for an egg hunt, crafts, face painting, egg decorating, and more!

**Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service
March 24th**

6:00pm Supper & 6:45pm Worship

Please join us for a light supper and an evening service that reminds us through Word and Sacrament how Jesus loves us and commands us to love one another.



**African Lunch
Sunday, April 10th
12:00pm**

Following a morning of mission work, a wonderful African lunch will be served to help us celebrate our diversity and mission work for Remember Niger. Watch for sign-up sheets in the Narthex toward the end of March. You won't want to miss this Sabbath event!





If you have a prayer request, please contact Renee at north@northchurch-mn.org or 651-777-4044. You may also contact Shelly Willar at 651-777-4662. We will get your prayer request started on the prayer chain.

Make a joyful noise! The Sanctuary Choir welcomes new members age 16 and older of all voices and experience. Please consider joining us as we begin our journey through Sabbatical, Lent, and Easter. Rehearsals are 7 – 8:30 p.m. on Wednesdays and again on Sundays at 8:30 a.m. to warm-up for the 9:15am service. If you have questions or are interested in joining the choir, contact Mary at 651-331-1089 or livingstonmusic@q.com.



Sunshine, God's green creation, friends old and new, campfires and songs await you at Clearwater Forest this summer. Start planning now to spend part of your summer at Clearwater Forest! Registration is open for summer programming! The theme Fearless Faith: Courage in Community programs, is sure to make a difference in the lives of our campers.

Clearwater Forest is still looking for volunteers for this summer! If you have been coming to camp forever or want to experience it for the first time, we will find a place for you! Enjoy all of the fun while knowing you are part of an amazing experience for a child! Whatever your talent is, we will find a place for it to shine! For more information please visit www.clearwaterforest.org or call 218-678-2325.



By Pat McKisson, PW Moderator

The PW Purpose

As women of the Presbyterian Church(USA), we all should pledge to follow and live by the words of our purpose. How do these statements reflect your everyday life as women of the church?

Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ, *forgiven and freed by grace through faith. The central figure in our logo stands in praise.*

and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves: *Rooted in faith, the trio of women emerge. The outline of the central figure forms a cross. We are Presbyterian women, engrafted in Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit. It is no longer we who live, but Christ who lives in us.*

to nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study, *the right figure holds a book to guide her reading, studying, praying or meditating.*

to support the mission of the church worldwide, *the left figure reaches out to care for others, as she shares, nurtures and heals. The circle represents the church worldwide where women offer their gifts and talents in the midst of the global community.*

to work for justice and peace, *the uplifted arms of the central figure reach out to embrace a just peace for the world. The relationship between the three figures depicts lives of wholeness rather than turmoil.*

and to build an inclusive, caring, community of women, *the three women have no distinct features and represent all women. The shapes surrounding them express energy, strength and openness.*

that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) *Our name, Presbyterian Women, ties us to our denomination. The Bible resembles the Bible depicted in the PC(USA) seal.*

and witnesses to the promise of God's Kingdom. *Guided by the PW Purpose, Presbyterian Women witnesses to the reality of God's present realm.*

UPCOMING EVENTS IN 2016 (Questions? Contact Pat McKisson)

Monday, March 7	Mission Fundraiser Final Blanket Collection for Brittany's Place
Saturday, April 23	Spring Gathering of Presbyterian Women in Austin, MN
May (TBD)	North P.W. Spring Event
June 15 - 18	Synod Gathering of Presbyterian Women

Ongoing P.W. projects:

- 1) Assemble Church World Service baby care, hygiene, and school kits.
- 2) Knit baby caps.
- 3) Make dresses and britches for Little Dresses for Africa and Haiti,
- 4) Support Fellowship of the Least Coin,
- 5) Support Sunshine Bag collection for Church Women United of Interfaith Action of Greater St. Paul for the Native American Christmas Party.
- 6) Hold semi-annual clothing drives for Dayton Avenue Presbyterian Church's clothing center.
- 7) Support Brittany's Place as our 2016 Mission of the Year.

MISSION HIGHLIGHTS

FAITH COMMISSION

By Pat McKisson

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

“Serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.” —1 Peter 4:10

Through your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing, you can serve people in your community and around the world by alleviating hunger, rebuilding after crises or catastrophe, and working with communities to overcome oppression.

Here are a few examples of the impact of your gifts:

- 220,000 people received food, water, shelter, and medical care in the aftermath of the Nepal earthquakes. *Presbyterian Disaster Assistance*
- Over 308,000 people in over 30 countries now have increased food security and livelihoods through international development work. *Presbyterian Hunger Program*
- More than 10,000 children and their families in five bateyes in the Dominican Republic have access to clean water, helping to prevent water-related diseases. *Self-Development of People*

Since 2007, the West Africa Initiative (WAI) has assisted in the rebuilding and rehabilitation of Liberia and Sierra Leone following years of civil wars. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing (Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People) have worked together with the people in West Africa to improve their lives and communities.

So much has been accomplished:

- More than 65 communities have received training and assistance to establish farming and micro-businesses, leading to self-reliant food production and decreased effects of food shortages.
- Hundreds of women have participated in livelihood training programs through the WAI, including beekeeping, raising livestock, and moringa tree production. These programs equip women with the knowledge and tools to provide for themselves and their families.
- But, there is still so much to do.
- Recovering from the Ebola epidemic. The recent Ebola epidemic was a major setback for the progress in West Africa. The disease cost thousands of lives, forced businesses and schools to close, and led to food shortages. Communities involved in the WAI's efforts have seen increased resiliency, but the region as a whole is still recovering from the crisis.
- Caring for Orphaned Children. It's estimated that more than 25,000 orphans live in Liberia and Sierra Leone, a number that dramatically increased due to the Ebola epidemic.

Give willingly. Give generously. Give with love.



Store to Door Mission

Many thanks to all who support the Store to Door Mission by donating your Sunday flyer coupons. In 2015 you supported 1,798 clients with 22,202 deliveries to homes in the seven county metro area. About our clients:

85% of our clients live in the homes alone

84% of our clients are women

55% of our clients are over age 80

23% of our clients have incomes below poverty levels (Federal guideline of \$11,670 annually)

49% of our clients have incomes only 100%-200% over poverty level.

THANK YOU for helping these folks with a helpful solution to the challenges of grocery shopping. If you have questions, or are interested in volunteering for Store to Door please contact me. ~ Mary Morrisette



We would like to organize all of our possessions within the church as we prepare for new flooring. All groups are asked to sort and declutter rooms in the education wing by March 1st. If you need assistance with storage or disposal of materials, please contact our custodian Don Schroeder or Norm Purrington.



Remember to turn your clocks ahead on March 13th!



Thank you for your donation of 19 pounds of food items in January to the North St. Paul Area Food Shelf. It is through the generosity of such contributions that we are able to provide the ongoing needs to so many in our area. During January we served 242 families and distributed over 25,000 pounds of food. Thank you again for your gift!
 ~ Dave and Linda Zick, North St. Paul Area Food Shelf

On behalf of Chain of Lakes Congregation, thank you for your generous gift of \$250 to support our ministry. Your gifts have allowed consistent worship and ministry offerings to the Blaine area community. In addition to our regular worship, we continue a major outreach to support homeless teens at Blaine High School. Again, we are grateful for your support. ~ The Chain of Lakes Stewardship and Finance Team

In the absence of Pastor James or when contact with the session is desired, the elder on call for the month of March is Inez Kalle, 651-414-0157. You may also contact Pastor Gail at 727-278-3511 or 651-213-1082.



Tuesday, March 1

- 9:00am Crafters
- 1:00pm Rachel Circle
- 7:00pm Building and Grounds
- 7:00pm Northern Bells

Wednesday, March 2

- 10:00am Choral Bells
- 6:00pm Agape Meal
- 7:00pm Choir Practice
- 7:00pm Youth Band
- 7:30pm Praise Band

Thursday, March 3

- 6:00pm El Shadai
- 6:30pm Faith Commission
- 6:30pm Music Sense Band
- 7:00pm Life, Stewardship, & Nurture

Saturday, March 5

- 9:30am El Shadai Chaplain Training
- 2:00pm El Shadai
- 5:30pm Hawaiian Dinner

Sunday, March 6

- 9:15am Sunday School
- 9:15am Traditional Worship
- 10:10am Refreshments
- 10:45am Book Study
- 10:45am Praise Worship
- 1:30pm El Shadai

Monday, March 7

- 9:30am PW Coordinating Team
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, March 8

- 9:00am Crafters
- 7:00pm Northern Bells

Wednesday, March 9

- 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, March 10

5:30pm Great Rivers District Meeting
 6:00pm El Shadai
 6:30pm Cub Scouts
 6:30pm Music Sense Band

Saturday, March 12

9:30am El Shadai Chaplain Training
 2:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, March 13

9:15am Hands-On Mission
 9:30am Refreshments
 12:45pm El Shadai Leadership
 1:30pm El Shadai

Monday, March 14

8:00am ARM Breakfast
 9:30am Ruth Circle
 7:00pm Personnel

Tuesday, March 15

9:00am Crafters
 7:00pm Northern Bells

Wednesday, March 16

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

Thursday, March 17

6:00pm El Shadai
 6:30pm Music Sense Garage Band

Saturday, March 19

9:00am NMG Sew-In
 9:30am El Shadai Chaplain Training
 2:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, March 20 ~ Palm Sunday

9:15am Children's Easter Party
 9:15am Traditional Worship
 10:10am Refreshments
 10:45am Praise Worship
 12:45pm El Shadai Leadership
 1:30pm El Shadai

Monday, March 21

3:00pm Guild Meeting
 6:00pm Quilt Guild

Tuesday, March 22

9:00am Crafters
 7:00pm Northern Bells

Wednesday, March 23

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

Thursday, March 24 ~ Maundy Thursday

6:00pm El Shadai
 6:00pm Maundy Thursday Meal
 6:30pm Music Sense Band
 6:45pm Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, March 25 ~ Good Friday

12:00pm Good Friday Service
 at North Haven Church

Saturday, March 26

9:30am El Shadai Chaplain Training
 2:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, March 27 ~ Easter Sunday

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

Monday, March 28**Innovator Articles Due****Tuesday, March 29**

9:00am Crafters
 7:00pm Northern Bells

Wednesday, March 30

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

Thursday, March 31

6:00pm El Shadai

March 2016



Harold Hagen	March 1	Ellen Davis	March 21
Jenny Lewandowski	March 2	Patricia Christensen	March 21
Mila Fager	March 4	James York	March 21
Roy Brogren	March 4	Darrell Atud	March 21
June Pepin	March 5	Melissa Olson	March 22
Cindy Clark	March 7	Kathryn Hill	March 23
Evan Willar	March 7	Cassidy Rangel	March 23
Dale Piepho	March 8	Mary Alice Carlson	March 24
Renee Kristensen	March 8	Aaron Hill	March 24
Delphin Nelson	March 9	Gladys Larson	March 24
David Peaslee	March 9	Parris Ngu	March 24
Linda Stegmeir	March 10	Dorothy Kane	March 26
Shirley Amundsen	March 10	Geoff Lowe	March 27
Lisa Sellie	March 11	Dean Willar	March 29
Sherry Tiffany	March 11	Dorothy Hobbick	March 29
Shelley Ross	March 13	Elizabeth Hummel	March 29
Donna Ammermann	March 15	Jeanie Snell	March 30
Bryan Miller	March 15	Lonnie Rangel	March 30
Joel Kalle	March 16	Nancy Gerhardson	March 30
Gerald Hilliard	March 18	Gabriella Atud	March 30
Nancy Glasenapp	March 20	Jerry Parrott	March 31
Glenn Wetz	March 20		