

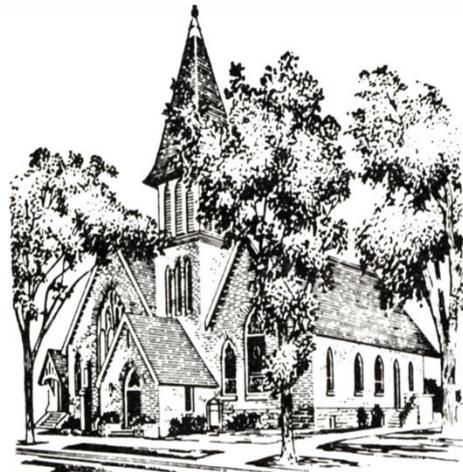
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March 2020



Wednesday
Lenten Services

There will be worship services at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday during Lent,
except for Ash Wednesday, which is at 6:00 p.m.

February 26

Ash Wednesday

March 4

March 11

March 18

March 18

March 25

April 1



SERMON · SERIES

Sunday, March 1 — *Addiction*

Sunday, March 8 — *Change*

Sunday, March 15 — *Mental Illness/Suicide*

Sunday, March 22 — *Trauma*

Sunday, March 29 — *Rev. Marcia Thomas*

Sunday, April 5 • PALM SUNDAY — *Grief*

Thursday, April 9 • MAUNDY THURSDAY — *The Freedom Meal: Passover and Communion*

Friday, April 10 • GOOD FRIDAY — *Tenebrae Service*

Sunday, April 12 • EASTER — *Resurrection*



HOLY WEEK
WORSHIP
SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday • April 5 • 9:30 a.m.

Maundy Thursday • April 9

Supper 5:30 p.m. • *Service* 6:30 pm

Good Friday • April 10 • 5:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday • April 12 • 9:30 a.m.

Dear Friends,

Normally I would write about Lent in this month's newsletter, but today it seems more appropriate to write about the coronavirus, and yet... I have some of the same things to say about both.

Psalm 51 is often used at the beginning of Lent. It is the psalm that is said to be written by David after he had been confronted by the prophet Nathan regarding his adulterous affair with Bathsheba (whom he later married after sending her husband Uriah to be killed in battle). David had done terrible wrongs—to his general Uriah, to Bathsheba, to his own soul, and to the trust the nation had in him. He had sinned. And once Nathan confronted him, he realized the depth of his sin. And he prayed: "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Purge me with hyssop, and bleach me whiter than white."

Lent is a time when many of us try to get our hearts and priorities more aligned with God. We seek a clean heart and the renewal of a right spirit. And we do this by slowing down, perhaps, and taking more time for prayer, for spiritual reading, for silence. We give money to causes we believe in. We abstain from practices that distract us from the priorities that align our lives with God's purpose, whether those practices are things like drinking, eating indulgent foods, or swearing and gossiping, or shopping too much and ignoring the effect of our habits on the earth. We try to clean up our lives. We don't wallow in guilt, we take practical steps to align our lives with what we understand to be our higher purpose and our higher power—God, as we understand God.

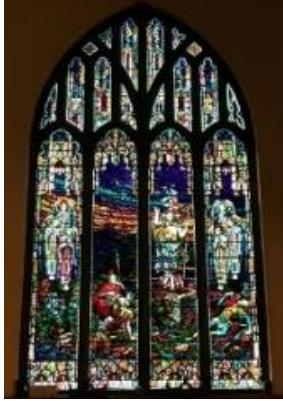
And interestingly, as we confront the coronavirus, some of these same ideas are in order. We don't wallow in fear. As I said to the kids in the children's moment on Sunday, we don't need to be afraid, we need to be careful. And it's not because of our belief in God that we don't need to be afraid—people who believe in God get sick as often as people who don't. *It's because we believe in science.* There are good practices that we can undertake to minimize our risk of illness, and chief among these is washing our hands thoroughly and frequently. Washing for at least 20 seconds (one verse of "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star" or the "ABC Song" sung at a relaxed pace) after using the washroom, using public accommodations such as handrails, doorknobs, and grocery carts, or touching our faces. In general, touch our faces less, and sneeze or cough into a disposable tissue (better than into our elbow where germs can remain for up to a week).

I'm asking the cleaning service to pay particular attention to doorknobs, handrails, faucets, etc. and I'm putting some germ-killing DōTerra hand soap in both upstairs bathrooms (pricey, but it is my gift to you all during this period).

Now, all that said, how does our faith in God help us during such a crisis? We can trust that God is indeed leading us, through the science and the collective wisdom of people who study disease. We can trust that we are not alone, that God is with us and for us, and will give us each the wisdom we need if we seek that wisdom and make space in our lives to know God more and learn to recognize God's voice in our hearts. And we have each other—to ease our fears, to help encourage us to align with our hopes instead of our fears, and to share these challenging times.

With so much love,

Window on the Session



The Session met on Tuesday, February 25 and opened with prayer. The docket was approved and the consent agenda was accepted.

Cris Harris gave the Treasurer's Report and also had explored the cost of postage for sending the Post each month. After much discussion, it was decided to experiment with an email format for the Post, with Rev. Susan continuing to send her weekly letter, and the Post being published less frequently. We will keep members informed as we try different options and those who would like a paper copy can still get it, by picking up a copy at church or requesting it to be mailed. It was felt this would save a great deal of postage as well as paper, setting a good example of our status as a "green" congregation.

Rev. Susan reported that a new local news source is soon to be coming on line with local news. It is called "The Point Current." We decided to support this effort to bring local news back to Stevens Point by becoming a contact member, which means a group member. It will allow us to post our activities on the site and let the community know what we're doing. We will support this effort at \$25 a month and revisit this decision in 6 months to assess how it's going.

We discussed having a capital campaign to fund the remodel of the kitchen and various other improvement projects that we've identified as needed. We have estimated that \$200,000 will be needed. Three years ago, member Ruth Salzmann left the church a substantial sum and it was discussed and decided to use her gift for 1/3, and our general endowment for 1/3 of this amount. The rest will be asked of our members and friends of Frame who use our building. Some donations have already come in from Rev. Susan's Discretionary Fund, and Mary Ann Schneider's family in her memory. A subcommittee will compose a letter to all, suggesting a three-year commitment to fund the improvements. Hopefully the kitchen remodel will happen this summer.

We will continue to listen carefully to our members regarding our vision of the future of Frame. Your opinions are important to us. All of our committees could use extra help. This is a perfect way to express your opinion. Please feel free to join a committee that interests you from the following committees: Worship, Mission, Green Team, Building and Grounds, Christian Education, Fellowship. Questions? Ask Rev. Susan or any Session member.

*Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Breitner*

One Great Hour of Sharing

On March 26, 1949 major networks and many independent stations broadcast an appeal aimed at supporting the separate mission campaigns of American churches. This entertaining broadcast was called "One Great Hour" and closed with a request that listeners attend their local church the following morning and make a sacrificial contribution. This came out of the original effort of the Episcopal church to help with relief and reconstruction after World War II, where Bishop Henry Knox Sherrill challenged members to raise "one million dollars in one hour". In 1950, the title "One Great Hour of Sharing" was used for the first time.

From the beginning this offering has been an ecumenical effort. Currently, the One Great Hour of Sharing committee officially comprises eight Christian denominations. In various ways, all work in cooperation with Church World Service, the relief, development and refugee assistance arm of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.

Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations. The offering provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need. In fact, OGHS is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world.

One Great Hour of Sharing, received during the season of Lent, makes a difference in the world through three impactful programs:

- Presbyterian Disaster Assistance—receives 32% of funds—works within communities as they recover and find hope after the devastation of natural or human caused disasters
- Presbyterian Hunger Program—receives 36% of funds—takes action to alleviate hunger and its systemic causes and helps create access for entire communities to sufficient and healthy food
- Self-Development of People—Receives 32% of funds—Partners with people and communities, leveraging development and education to alleviate poverty, oppression, and injustice.

Envelopes for this special offering are in the pews or you may indicate OGHS on your check. Please give generously! For more information on One Great Hour of Sharing and our other special offerings, visit <http://specialofferings.pcusa.org/>.



SPECIAL OFFERINGS
ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Deacon's Corner

*We offer a warm welcome to our newest members of Frame:
Lauren Hewitt, Fanni Bartnik, and Laura Venturino.*



We would like to introduce you to Buddy, our honorary Deacon. Buddy joins James and Kathy Lueptow on visits to our Frame members who are homebound. He brings our good thoughts and receives many warm welcomes! Thank you Buddy (and James and Kathy).



Our food drives for The Cupboard at UWSP and Operation Bootstrap are going well. A reminder that we collect for The Cupboard on the *first* Sunday of the month and Bootstrap on the *remaining* Sundays. An article in *Edible Door* magazine suggests the **Food Drive 5** for pantry donors:

- high-protein eats like nuts, canned seafood/poultry
- vegetable soups
- fruit - canned (in natural juices) or dried fruit
- whole wheat pasta, cereal, rice
- canned vegetables/beans/tomatoes

Remember – Operation Bootstrap can always use extra paper bags!

Next Deacons' Meeting: April 5, 2020 • 10:45 a.m.

2020 Board of Deacons:

Pat Blakely, Carol Colby, Susan DeMuth, Annette Huston, Adrienne Kaster, Jo Lewis, Jen Lindsey, Kathy and Jim Lueptow, Judy Mabie, Leslie McClain, Nancy Page

March Frame Feeds

Please support our next Frame Feeds at the Place of Peace, located at the downtown Mission Church, 1948 Church Street, on the second Thursday of March.

Date: Thursday, March 12, 2020
Menu: Tater Tot Casserole
Macaroni and Cheese
Green Salad
Fresh Fruit
Cookies and Bars



**The Tater Tot Casserole recipe is located below our sign-up sheet on the door next to the main office. Baking pans are located in the kitchen.*

There are three ways you can help make Frame Feeds a success in March:

1. **Help Serve**—please be at Place of Peace by 4:00 p.m. (meals are served at 5:00 p.m.).
2. **Buy or Prepare Food**—please sign up on the sign-up outside the church office. You may drop off labeled food items at Frame by 12:00 noon on Thursday, March 12 (on the back kitchen counter or in the back refrigerator). We will return your containers to the back counter in the kitchen after our service. Please remember to pick them up.
3. **Donate Money**—if you would like to donate money for food items, please contact the church office OR put your donation in an envelope in the church offering plate on Sundays (please label *Frame Feeds*). We would be happy to purchase items for you.

PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE SHEET OUTSIDE THE MAIN OFFICE.
PLACE ITEMS ON THE BACK COUNTER IN THE KITCHEN OR IN THE BACK REFRIGERATOR.
PLEASE LABEL YOUR ITEMS "FRAME FEEDS."

Thank you for your generous donations!

Questions: please contact Liz Kammer or Kim Marshall

Upcoming: No Frame Feeds in April • May 14 (*Baked Spaghetti*)



March



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30 am - Worship 10:30 am - Fellowship 11:00 am - Deacons Meeting	2	3 4:30 pm - Membership Committee 6:30 pm - Mission Committee	4 3:15 pm - Youth Group 6:00 pm - Lenten Worship 7:00 pm - Choir Practice	5 9:30 am - Presbyterian Women 3:00 pm - Habitat for Humanity	6	7
8 9:30 am - Worship 10:30 am - Fellowship DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS	9 FULL MOON	10	11 3:15 pm - Youth Group 6:00 pm - Lenten Worship 7:00 pm - Choir Practice	12 4:00 pm - Frame Feeds	13	14 9:00 am - 5:00 pm - Presbytery Session Records Review
15 9:30 am - Worship 10:30 am - Fellowship	16	17 5:30 - 7:30 pm - Supper Club ST. PATRICK'S DAY	18 PRESBYTERIAN POST SUBMISSIONS DUE 6:00 pm - Lenten Worship 7:00 pm - Choir Practice NO YOUTH GROUP SPRING BREAK	19 1:30 pm - Stephen Ministry	20 SPRING EQUINOX	21
22 9:30 am - Worship 10:30 am - Fourth Sunday Fellowship	23	24 6:00 pm - Session Meeting NEW MOON	25 3:15 pm - Youth Group 6:00 pm - Lenten Worship 7:00 pm - Choir Practice	26 9:00 am - Over-the-Speed-Limit Breakfast Park Ridge Family Restaurant	27	28
29 9:30 am - Worship 10:30 am - Fellowship 1:00 pm - Wisconsin Master Chorale Spring Concert	30	31	<u>Notes:</u>			



April



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Happy
Birthday!



Easter Flowers

A variety of Easter plants will decorate our chancel during the Easter Worship Service.
If you would like to purchase a plant, please fill out the form below.

The cost of a plant is \$15.00

We will not place orders for specific plants.
A variety of tulips, daffodils, hyacinths, and mums will be ordered.
Following the Easter Service, you may select a plant to take home.

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Your Name: _____

I/We would like the plant in memory of: _____

I/We would like the plant in honor of: _____

Please indicate *Easter Flowers* on the memo line of your check.
Please place this slip in the offering plate or leave it in the church office.

The final date to order is Tuesday, March 10, 2020.

Green Team



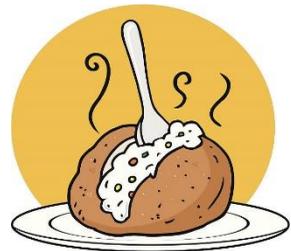
Over the next few months there are many ways Frame members can learn about climate change, recycling, tree planting, and local food!



If you listen closely at 11 o'clock on the 11th day of each month, you will hear the Frame church bell ringing 11 times. Frame is participating in a national initiative led by Interfaith Power and Light to raise awareness that we are currently in the "11th hour" of our opportunity to take action on climate change. Then on the fourth Thursday of each month, you can join Green Team members and others at the "Climate Talks" in the Pinery Room at the Portage County Public Library. The Frame Green Team is happy to be a co-sponsor of these events and plans to have a table at each sharing who we are. The presentation on March 26 at 6:00 will be entitled "Farmers' Challenges: Climate and More."



Ever wonder where the eyeglasses we recycle in the box near the door to the sanctuary end up? The Green Team is organizing a trip to the Wisconsin Lions Foundation eyeglass recycling center in Rosholt, Wisconsin on March 28th to see where they process over 800,000 pairs of donated glasses every year! Meet at Frame at 10:15 a.m. to carpool to the facility, participate in the tour, and come back to Frame for a simple lunch and discussion. Or just meet us at the Wisconsin Lions Foundation at 11:00 a.m. for the tour. Open to all Frame members and friends.



Baked Potato Bar

And just a sneak preview for April... the Green Team will host the annual Earth Day celebration and baked potato lunch after worship on April 26.



Youth Group

THANK YOU!

Once again, thanks to your generosity, the youth have completed another successful year of stock sales! Didn't get the chance to "invest" in the group? It's not too late! Talk to Susan Barrett or Sondra Reynolds for more information.



WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE SUMMER YOUTH MISSION TRIP?

The teens will be traveling to Detroit, Michigan to work with the ministry of *Motown Missions*. *Motown Mission* is an urban work mission destination for Christian youth, college, and adult groups interested in economic disaster recovery work in the name of Jesus Christ. They partner with home repair agencies in the Joy-Southfield, Brightmoor, and Wyoming-Plymouth neighborhoods of Detroit, Michigan. They also partner with organizations that including "feeding" and "greening" ministries like the *NOAH Project*, *Michigan Urban Farming Initiative*, and more!



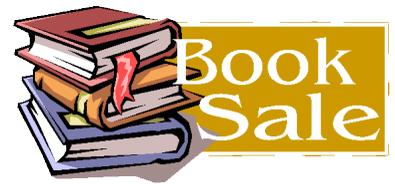
HELP US FEED THESE HUNGRY STUDENTS!

Between 18-25 youth attend youth group each week. We are seeking volunteers to provide a meal for these growing teens. They're not picky and are always grateful! Let Susan or Sondra know if you have questions or can help out. Thanks!



CLEAN YOUR BOOKSHELVES!

We're gearing up for another *Youth Group Book Sale* and we need your help! We did some cleaning out last year and are now on the hunt for "new" used books. Bring them anytime between now and the sale in late April. 100% of the proceeds go directly to support the youth mission trip to Detroit. Thanks for your continued support!



SAVE THE DATE

The Youth Group Book Sale will be held on April 26 and May 3 in the main hallway. All freewill donations are appreciated!



Thanks for your continued support of our outstanding youth!

Sondra Reynolds and Susan Barrett

Presbyterian Women – March 6



Presbyterian Women will meet on Thursday, March 5 at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall to discuss Lesson 7 of our Bible Study. Our Bible Study this year is "Love Carved in Stone," a fresh look at the Ten Commandments by Eugenia Anne Gamble. Devotions, a business meeting and coffee and cookies will follow. Please also mark your calendars for our April meeting, at the same time on Thursday, April 2. *All women of Frame are welcome.*

Supper Club – March 17



Rising Sand Organics group is offering a free community meal at Frame Church on the *third Tuesday* of each month. In March, the meal will be on Tuesday the 17th. These meals offer a chance to meet new people and enjoy a free dinner. They are wonderful offering to our community. *Please come and support this worthy event!*

Fourth Sunday Fellowship – March 22



Do you have a favorite bread, muffin, scone or roll? Whether you make a stop at the bakery or pull out your recipes, the Fellowship Committee invites you to bring a loaf or pan of your favorite for our March Fourth Sunday Fellowship after worship on March 22. Feel free to think outside the (bread) box—gluten-free or low-carb options, flatbreads, bagels... so many delicious possibilities! *Please come and enjoy the food and fellowship.*

Over the Speed Limit – March 26



Over the Speed Limit (for seniors) will meet for breakfast at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 26 at the *Park Ridge Family Restaurant* (at the Blue Top). All those who are free at this time are welcome to join. Please sign up on the sheet outside of the church office so that we know how many places to reserve. *We hope to see you there!*

Monthly Events

THE SESSION

Rev. Dr. Susan Gilbert Zencka (Moderator);
Vicky Billings (Clerk of Session); Cris Harris (Treasurer)

Class of 2020

Brenda Breitner
Dale Quick
Marsha Sowle
Jon Reynolds

Class of 2021

Lance Broecker
Dan Dieterich
Cathy Scheder
Tate Bruckhart

Class of 2022

Vicky Billings
Kendra Liddicoat
Scott Page

BOARD OF DEACONS

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Carol Colby
Judy Mabie
Leslie McClain
Nancy Page

Class of 2021

Jo Lewis
Jen Lindsey
James Lueptow
Kathy Lueptow

Class of 2022

Pat Blakey
Susan DeMuth
Annette Huston
Adrienne Kaster

MISSION STATEMENT

We, the congregation of Frame Memorial Presbyterian Church of Stevens Point, Wisconsin welcome all who believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior to join us in worship and celebration—center of our faith community. We deny no one full participation in the life and leadership of the church on the basis of race, ethnic origin, worldly condition, age, gender, gender orientation, or any other particular of his or her humanity. We believe the errors of society which have resulted in oppression and despair are not the ways of God. And we seek not to judge our sisters and brothers in our journey of faith. Instead we seek enlightenment about the ways in which we can offer our support and our love to all children of God.

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