



Kenmore
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THE CROSSROADS

MARCH 2019

*He knows the way that I take;
when he has tested me, I shall come out like gold.
My foot has held fast to his steps;
I have kept his way and have not turned aside.
- Job 23:10-11*

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GREETINGS!

REV. REBECCA CHAFFEE, INTERIM PASTOR

Greetings! I'm Pastor Rebecca Chaffee, the new Interim Pastor at Kenmore. Transitions can be challenging times, including feelings of grief, loss, and, sometimes, relief or anger. As we face a change in leadership, we notice other changes that have happened incrementally over the past decades. The neighborhood may look different. The membership has aged, as new people come and longtime members go. Our budgets look different, and the way we've always done things doesn't always fit our new reality. We land back at the existential questions we faced as adolescents, and again at each stage of our growth when we face questions of vocation and calling. Who am I? What is my purpose? Where am I headed? What's the best way to get there?

For all its challenges, transitional ministry is an exciting time. We look back at the many achievements of the past. We face squarely the realities of our current position. And we share visions of who we may become, as we seek first the kingdom of God. I look forward to our work together in God's service here at Kenmore Presbyterian Church.

As Interim Pastor, I'll provide the usual pastoral support: worship leadership and preaching, pastoral care, work with the session to provide for the life and ministry of the congregation, and staff and administrative support. In addition, "an Interim/Transitional Pastor leads a congregation during the transition time after an installed pastor has departed, helping the congregation prepare to welcome the leadership of a new installed pastor," according to our PC(USA) web site.

I'm looking forward to getting to know you all. As a part-time pastor, you can find me at the church on Sundays, Mondays, and by appointment on another day of the week. You can reach out to me through email or cell phone: RevRebeccaChaffee@gmail.com or 315-317-6140. The last week of February (2/25–3/1) I'm headed to Pittsburgh Seminary to attend a conference on Interim/Transitional ministry.

In addition to our Sunday worship, I invite you to our **Ash Wednesday** service on **March 6th at 7:00 p.m.**, where we mark the season of Lent and solemnly recommit to a deepening of our faith. See you in church!

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING 2019

WARREN GLOVER

God asks us "to share our bread with the hungry, shelter the homeless and to cover the naked" (Isaiah 58).

This year marks the 70th anniversary of this special annual offering. Sponsored under the auspices of the Presbyterian Church USA, this offering plays a critical role in defining what it means to be a connectional church. It is such with an ecumenical intent, emphasizing our church's diversity to focus and take faith-based actions on the shared concerns on meeting the necessities of life for the hungry poor no matter who they are or where that poverty exists. This offering allows opportunities for partnership, learning profoundly reflecting on the life and mission of the church as a collective source to express God's love in manifesting that discipleship.

These responsibilities of our church are revealed through three great programs:



The Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Program (PDA) receives 32% of funds created. This effort works alongside communities as they recover and find hope after the devastation of natural or human-made disasters, supporting refugees driven away by bringing in time sensitive clean food, water and temporary shelter until the restoration of the urban or rural infrastructure and a more normal way of life is resumed. PDA has established a 3 year 11 million dollar budget to assist Texas, Florida, Puerto Rico and Haiti to support disaster assistance aid, distributing human assistance survival materials, loading in building reconstruction materials needed to recover from hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Marie over the past two years, trying to restore life activities in areas of complete destruction. Many mainland churches of all denominations have sent volunteers to assist in the rebuilding, whether skilled or not, they give of their time, talents and care; their living expenses met by the national church.



The Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP) using 36% of monetary income, takes action in short or long term emergency situations to alleviate hunger not only with direct aid, but using agricultural reform methods, especially in third world rural regions such as the Congo and Kenya in Africa, in tools, animals and pooled funds to increase crop output and provide employment in the jobs forthcoming. In Central Africa, increased planting of the moringa tree

forms many resources from this versatile tree, including nutritious food from its roots, building insulation from its elephant leaves and medicines from its bark.



Self-Development of Peoples (SDOP) receives 32% of the financial assistance brought in to relieve communities experiencing governmental oppression, creating poverty and injustice and to educate the world about how such issues infuse economic sustainability, not only in the countries of origin, but in surrounding nations. These cases affect our own nation as well, causing us to have to remediate legal abuse and the injustice resulting wherever found, via

advocacy, youth-led initiatives, skills development, on the job vocational training, promote the rights of unskilled farm workers, as well as improving their living conditions, being vaccinated and capacity-building of living space to get family member additions resettled and similarly protected under an equalizing legal system.

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"ONE GREAT HOUR" CONTINUED

What may you do? The final collection date for this offering is Easter Sunday, April 21, 2019. During the previous two Sundays we will have Minutes for OGHS to embellish the information in this article and during that time, you will find OGHS envelopes in the nearest pew pocket. Remove one and fill it with cash or a personal check made out to "Kenmore Presbyterian Church" with "OGHS donation" on the memo line in whatever amount you may afford, then place the completed envelope in an offering plate when one is passed to you by an usher during that dedicated part of the Sunday service. Envelopes may also be dropped off in the church office on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday between the hours of 9 AM and 1 PM. Or you may text "OGHS to 20222" to give \$10. The online work address is: presbyterianmission.org/give-oghs.

Be informed, this is one of two special offerings not returning a portion of funds raised to the mainly church sources. Soft or administrative expenses are kept to a minimum and the rest is well directed.

However you respond, your gifts and support are appreciated and as you have read are forwarded to compose life-changing assistance to ease otherwise great tragedies in the lives of the less advantaged.

A MESSAGE OF THANKS

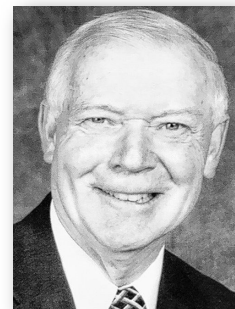
JOANN DIXON

I can't find words to express my gratitude for all the help and concern I received when my Tom passed so suddenly.

Thanks to Kevin Schoener, Julie Jaap, Gene and Marilyn, David Randall, David, Emma, and the wonderful women in my circle.

You all helped make the service memorable. The lunch was perfect. Everyone commented on how lovely it was. My entire family thanks you. We will never forget your kindness at this trying time. This will help me to cope in the days ahead.

Bless you all!

**FOOD PANTRY: MARCH MADNESS**

BY: JULIE JAPP

Okay congregation! The Deacons challenge you to "March Madness" each Sunday of March by bringing in these items (or others) to make a "slam dunk" for our food pantry:

- March 3rd:** Shampoo and Conditioner
- March 10th:** Toothpaste and Toothbrush
- March 17th:** Deodorant
- March 24th:** Bars of Soap
- March 31st:** Razors (men and women)



Thank you so much for your continued support in this amazing church ministry!

THE LORD'S PRAYER DURING LENT

WORSHIP MINISTRY TEAM

The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.*

This is a familiar prayer, however the words themselves may be a bit different from what you are used to. For the upcoming season of Lent, we have decided to use this version of the Lord's Prayer (you can find it on page 11 of the *Glory to God* hymnal) in our services. We'd like to use this as an opportunity to really think about the meaning of this prayer for us as individuals and as a congregation. Changing the version used can help us to carefully meditate on what we are praying rather than just recite words we are so used to saying each Sunday during worship.

We are hoping to also use our worship services, beginning on Ash Wednesday (March 6th at 7pm) to focus on the themes found in this prayer. KPC will be offering group study of the Lord's Prayer during Life After Church, which will present a great opportunity to meet our new interim pastor Rev. Rebecca Chaffee. Please stay tuned for details!

We also encourage all members of the congregation to participate in a prayer partnership (please see additional article for more details). And finally, during our pot luck supper (6:15pm on April 18th) before the Maundy Thursday service we are going to ask each table to discuss one part of the prayer and come up with an image or symbol that depicts that part of the prayer so we can take each of those pictures and put together a banner that will represent what the Lord's Prayer means to our lives.

Our hope is that this will be a time of spiritual renewal as we prepare our hearts to celebrate Easter Sunday on April 21st. We look forward to your participation and input in the growth of our congregation!

DEACONS' DISPATCH

BY: GLEN BURGSTAHLE

As a deacon, Jean Ross was my prayer partner whom I visited many times over the past several years. Even though she wasn't very aware during much of this time, I enjoyed our time together and will miss visiting her. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

As of now our scholarship and basket auction date is May 5th with the menu not totally decided on. Think about a basket you can donate and be prepared for a fun filled day.

Remember your Tops cards. The proceeds are for a great cause!

*Be strong and courageous.
Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the Lord your God who goes with you.
He will not leave you or forsake you.
- Deuteronomy 31:6*

PRAYER PARTNERS 2019

WORSHIP MINISTRY TEAM

Nothing is more beautiful a gift than praying for one another. Since "The Lord's Prayer" will be our theme for the 2019 Lenten Season at Kenmore Presbyterian Church, your Worship Ministry Team would like to invite you to pray for each other. Many of you already pray for our home-bound members, our staff and our leadership teams, but now we are asking if more of you would consider choosing a special person to be Prayer Partners with. Is there a person:

- In choir?
- On Session?
- A Deacon?
- Across the aisle from you?
- younger/older than you?
- Someone you haven't seen in church for a while?

Contact that person you would like to get to know better and ask them to be your Prayer Partner just for the 6 weeks of Lent. It means you will be:

- Thinking about them often
- Writing a note or sending a card
- Occasionally chatting on the phone
- Looking for them in church
- AND remembering them in your prayers.

THEN, write your name AND theirs on the slip of paper below, and place it in the offering plate Sunday morning. WE think it will make Easter Sunday especially joyful AND your life will be enriched because you have loved one another.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CIRCLE 10

BY: ELAINE LACLAIR, MODERATOR, CIRCLE 10



Presbyterian Women Circle 10 will meet on **Monday, March 11th** at 7:00 p.m. Our hostess will be Gail Janiga, who lives at 124 Wingate Avenue in Kenmore. Our co-hostess will be Ruth Woodworth. Marilyn Plache will lead Bible Study #7 and Mary Rey will offer devotions.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

3—James Balsdon
4—Ruth Woodworth
4—Phillip Thomas
11—Andrew Barton
12—Janet Giola
17—Earl Arnold
17—Betty Fix
17—Katie Nicholas

17—Jennifer Anderson
23—Brian Arnold
24—Carter Burgstahler
27—Bob deGuehery
28—Donna Cottrell
28—Helen Laird
31—Kelly Thomas

FISCAL FACTS - January 2019

RECEIPTS:	BUDGET	JAN. ACTUAL	JAN. VARIANCE
Membership Pledges	\$13,750	\$35,142	
Open Plate Offering	\$250	\$115	
Fundraisers	\$110	-	
Special Offerings	\$85	\$118	
Per Capita	\$85	\$503	
Trf from Reserves	-	-	
Other Receipts	\$875	\$513	
Total Receipts	\$15,155	\$36,391	
DISBURSEMENTS:	BUDGET	JAN. ACTUAL	JAN. VARIANCE
Administration (Support)	\$13,251	\$7,672	
Discipleship	\$100	\$31	
Worship	\$612	\$995	
Flowers	\$108	-	
Nominating	\$10	\$44	
Fundraisers	-	-	
Witness	\$83	-	
Fellowship	\$40	\$36	
Building & Grounds	\$13,050	\$13,848	
Office Expense	\$900	\$1,152	
Session Expenses	\$165	\$100	
Per Capita	\$300	\$300	
Transfer to Mission	\$130	-	
Debt Repayment - PILP	\$471	\$397	
Debt Repayment - Line of Credit	\$217	\$75	
Total Disbursements	\$29,436	\$772	
Total Inflow/Outflow	\$(14,281)	\$35,619	\$(49,901)

MARCH 2019

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
Legend 22 = Room 22 C = Chapel FH = Fellowship Hall WW = Windows on the World L = Library MR = Music Room S = Sanctuary K = Kitchen						
3 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:15 a.m. Coffee Hour (FH) 2:00 p.m. Creative Memories (22) 8:30 p.m. AA (FH)	4 6:00 p.m. Staff Meeting (22) 6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (FH) 7:00 p.m. Ministry Teams	5 6:30 p.m. Brownie Scouts (22) 7:00 p.m. Gamblers Anonymous (FH)	6 Ash Wednesday 10:00 a.m. Music with Mar (22) 7:00 p.m. Worship (S)	7 5:00 p.m. 2Gt Singers (WW) 6:15 p.m. Joyous Bells (MR) 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts (TBD) 7:00 p.m. Meditation Group (L) 7:00 p.m. Girl Scouts (22) 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir (MR)	1 5:00 p.m. Dance (FH)	2 Communion Set-up (K) 4:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Dinner (FH)
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31 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:15 a.m. Coffee Hour (FH) 8:30 p.m. AA (FH)	For your information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Church Office is open Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays 9am to 1pm. The deadline for the weekly bulletin is Monday before 12 noon. The deadline for the March CROSSROADS is Monday, February 18th before 12 noon. 					



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