



Teachers Touch Eternity One Heart at a Time

Suppose you wanted to send a message into the future, far into the future. Suppose you wanted that message delivered decades after you are already in eternity. How would you go about it?

One option might be to prepare a time capsule. The International Time Capsule Society (ITCS)—yes, that organization does actually exist—provides advice about what to do and what not to do in creating a time capsule.

The ITCS notes that time capsules are often lost due to thievery, secrecy, or poor planning. So if you bury your time capsule, don't bury it too deep. It will be harder to find 20, 30, 50, or 100 years from now. You may want to include the site's GPS coordinates in your will. Otherwise, no one will remember that it exists or know where to look for it. That would be poor planning!

So if we want to send a message into the future, far into the future, a time capsule may not be the best idea. In fact, there's a much better way to send a message into the future—and if you've ever shared your faith with another person, you're already doing it!

The goal and main purpose of the leaders in Christian Education is to share their faith with others. Their students and peers receive and carry that message, they will go where you and I never will. They will talk with people we will never meet. They will influence a future we will never see. Teachers touch eternity—one heart, one child, one teen, one person at a time.

As time capsule enthusiasts curate the objects they want to send forward in time, they often choose items like the front page of a newspaper, a list of popular slang terms with definitions, or a recent technological gadget. Thirty years ago, they might have chosen floppy computer discs. Forty years ago, 8-track cartridges. Interesting, perhaps. But more or less trivial. Certainly, forgettable.

But as those who teach the faith, we send the most meaningful message of all into the future. The Holy Spirit hides it in the hearts of those we teach. There's no chance it will be stolen or rusted or corroded. It's the message of sin and grace, of guilt and forgiveness, of Jesus Christ crucified, risen, and living—for us! That message will never grow old. It will never be trivial. It never gets outdated. It will never become a dusty relic on the heap of history. That message is life—eternal life—right now and forever to all who believe! That life is found in our Savior, Jesus Christ and only in him.

Every lesson you teach, every conversation you have, every word of peace and encouragement you share sends a message into the future, far into the future. Decades after you are already in eternity, that message will still be at work. It will still be inviting repentance. It will still be bringing peace. It will still be creating and sustaining life—eternal life. What a privilege!

The next time you see one of these leaders in Christian Education, please thank and remind them that they are touching eternity.

Christian Education Committee: Nancy Couch, Chuck Nydam and Dan Carpenter
PreK – 3rd grade Sunday School: Brenda Carpenter, Dan Carpenter
6th – 12th Grade Sunday School: MJ and Chuck Uttech
Substitutes: Darcy Riggs, Julie Cooper, Mary Hicks, Evan Carpenter
Nursery Care: Julie Cooper
Bible Study Leader: Gretchen Young

“Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, serving as overseers – not because you must, but because you are willing, as Go wants you to be; not greedy for money, but eager to serve; not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.” 1 Peter 5:2-4

Blessings,
Brenda Carpenter
Chair Christian Education





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Go to <http://www.drydenpres.com>; click on "Listen to
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Federal privacy regulations prevent hospitals
from giving out the names of people who have
been admitted. That means that the Pastor
may not be aware that someone in our church
family is in the hospital and would like a visit.
Please call the church office (844-8321) and let
us know if a church member or friend been
hospitalized.



We proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ, feed the hungry, welcome the
stranger and love our neighbors as ourselves.




HOLY WEEK

April 14th Palm Sunday



April 18th Maundy Thursday

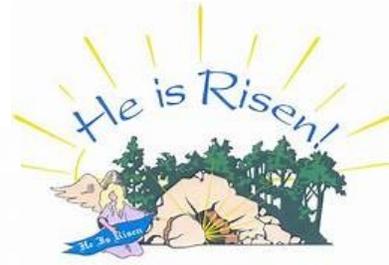
MAUNDY
Thursday

April 19th Good Friday

Good Friday



April 21st Easter



Why do you look for the living among the dead?
He is not here,
but has risen.
Luke 24:5

Helping Hands



The Caring Corner

...is the place to bring donations. Use the baskets for things for W.E.B., the Dryden Clothing Shed and Kitchen Cupboard. Please find the caring corner in the fellowship hall.

Are you planning to weed out old spring and summer clothing? Remember to set aside any seasonal apparel that the folks who use the Clothing Shed could use.

If you would like to volunteer hanging and folding clothes please contact Nancy Hicks.



Sponsor a Prayer Shawl

Our Prayer Shawls have become a ministry of love and comfort to many people who are experiencing surgery, illness or the loss of a loved one. Dozens have been given and we now have a regular prayer shawl knitting/crocheting group that meets the first and third Thursdays of each month at 1:00 p.m.

Yarn for a prayer shawl costs from \$16 to \$25. If you do not knit or crochet but would like to support this wonderful ministry, please make out a check to Dryden Presbyterian Church, marked "Prayer Shawls."

WEB –Weekend Backpack Program

Your donations are making a difference in the lives of Dryden's neediest youngsters. Food is sent home each Friday in their backpacks for the week-end. These children otherwise might not have anything to eat until Monday at school.

In April we are collecting boxes of macaroni and cheese.

Donations can be left in the administrative wing, in the box marked WEB.

Kitchen Cupboard

If you know of anyone that needs help getting food on the table please let them know about the Kitchen Cupboard.

Kitchen Cupboard is open Monday and Friday 11-12 and Wednesday 5-6. Also, they are open the last Saturday of the month from 11-12pm. Donations are accepted and can be placed in the Caring Corner or the designated box in the administrative wing.

Finance and Facilities

January through February Operating Results					
	2018 Actual	2019 vs 2018	2019 Actual	Actual vs Budget	2019 Budget
Income	\$ 29,213	\$ (9,641)	\$ 19,573	\$ (4,808)	\$ 24,381
Operating Expenses	18,219	4,836	23,055	(3,047)	26,102
Non-Budgeted Expenses	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Cash Flow	10,994	(14,477)	(3,482)	(1,761)	(1,721)
Net Draw from Reserve Accounts	<u>(570)</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>(566)</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>(567)</u>
Balance	<u>\$ 10,424</u>	\$ (14,473)	<u>\$ (4,048)</u>	\$ (1,761)	<u>\$ (2,287)</u>

Operating Results

Contributions through the end of February are \$9,610 below the same period for 2018. Approximately \$2,000 of this difference is due to timing as several members prepaid part or all of their 2019 pledges in 2018 (\$13,765 in total). Those prepayments will not affect year-end income as they are being amortized over 2019. About \$550 is due to the loss of several pledges this year which will total \$5,000 by year-end. This also is reflected in the budget. Non-pledge contributions are down by \$3,000 for the first 2 months. While part of this was anticipated in the budget, the year could end up \$5,000-to-\$8,000 below budget. Plate is currently 69% behind last year. At the current rate, this will result in a \$2,300 shortfall from budget. In summary, if all pledges are received, contribution income for the year could be approximately \$7,000-to-\$10,000 below budget.

The stipends for our staff were paid in February. As noted last month, Preaching the Word expenses are higher than 2018 as a result of the dissolution agreement payments relating to Pastor Virginia's resignation. The primary reason that expenses appear to be lower than the Budget is that the quarterly Per-Capita Assessment and the February Board of Pensions bill were not paid until March.

Facilities

The annual fire alarm test and building inspection were conducted in February. The inspectors noted that three emergency lights were not working and that we need to install carbon monoxide detectors in the Fellowship Hall outside the kitchen and in the hall outside the Kitchen Cupboard. Dave Gross replaced batteries/lights and we are checking with the Code Enforcement Officer to ascertain what type CO detectors should be installed.

Spring Clean-Up

Save the Date! Saturday, May 4th has been designated for Spring Clean-Up. Rain date will be May 11th. We'll start at 9:00. Bring tarps & tools. The Village truck has been reserved and Dave Parsons will bring his "toys" (loader, etc.). If you can't make it that day, feel free to chip in some other day before the 4th. There will be a list of projects in the Fellowship Hall.

Pastor Search Committee

The Session has appointed an Interim Pastor Search Committee. The committee members are Chuck Uttech, Al Macomber, Jack Scott and Joyce Day. They will be working with Rev. Dave Johnson of the Cortland Presbyterian Church to find an interim pastor. If you have any suggestions or questions please contact one of the committee members.



Christian Education

If you know of a college or high school graduate, please let Brenda Carpenter know, so they can plan for proper recognition at Christian Education Sunday in June.



Christian Education April 2019

Our **Talking With God At Home** for April is Contentment. Contentment is described as a state of happiness or satisfaction, without wanting more than you have now. This reminds me of a quote I once heard from Oprah Winfrey “If you look at what you have in life, you'll always have more. If you look at what you don't have in life, you'll never have enough.”

I had to think about this and let it sink in ... if you only think about the things you don't have in life (which are the things missing, the nothing) then you have nothing. I believe people who dwell on what they don't have can learn from the scripture in this lesson:

“I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content.”-- Philippians 4:11b

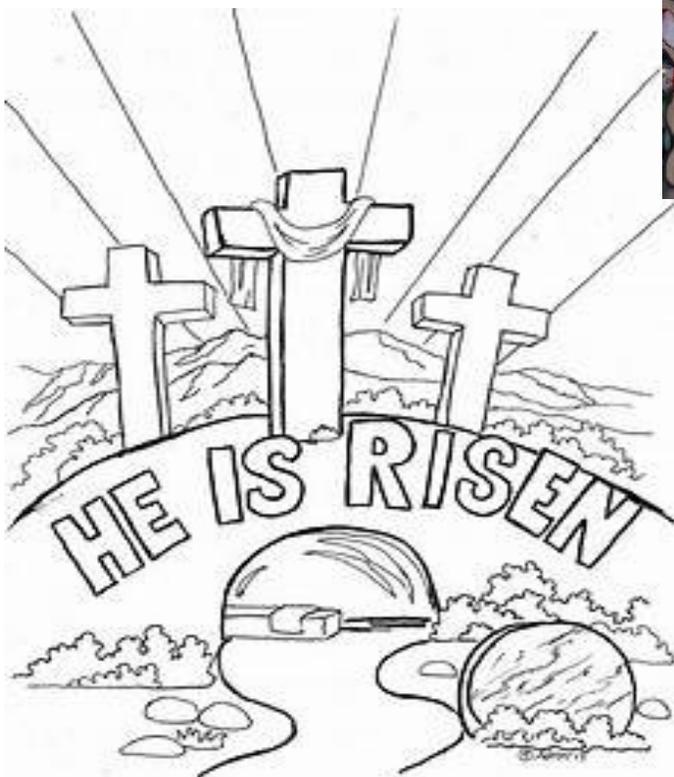
This month, help your children be content with whatever their situation is – maybe a new toy that they want, to go to McDonalds (again), watch more tv, an extra dessert ... help them to pray to God to help them be content in whatever situation they are in.

Upcoming Program Dates:

April 14: Easter Egg Hunt during Sunday School time

April 21: Celebrate Resurrection Sunday; no Sunday School

May 5: Christian Education Meeting after church





THIS WEEK'S DISCUSSION:
What is CONTENTMENT?



Contentment:
a state of happiness or satisfaction, without wanting more than you have now.

Scripture

...I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content.

-- Philippians 4:11b

Quote

He who is not contented with what he has, would not be contented with what he would like to have. --Socrates

Discussion #1:

Think of some of your favorite Christmas toys. How did you feel about them the following June or July? (Matthew 6:19-21) Have you ever seen someone's old and broken-down toys in the trash can? They used to be new and shiny in a box. What eventually happens to all things on this earth? (Matthew 13:22)

Discussion #2:

Many Christians believe that a lot of money only distracts people from God. Think of examples in your own life where possessions or a sense of power made you forget about God for a while. What are some of the downsides of having a lot of money? What are some of the benefits of contentment? (1 Timothy 6:10)

Cut-outs for lunchboxes, refrigerator posts, jacket pockets and mirrors!

Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content.
Philippians 4:11

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Washington Day Dinner 2019

TICKET SALES:

Frank Brackin
Kinney Drugs
Jay Engels
David Gross
Arlene Krebs

SETUP:

Chris Baurle
Ed Couch
Nancy Couch
David Gross
Chuck Nydam
Chuck Uttech

PIE BAKERS:

Sue Bahny*
Marilyn Baurle
Dan Carpenter
Natalie Carpenter
Karen Cotterill
Nancy Couch
Joyce Day
Kathlene Gross
Mary Hicks
Nancy Hicks
Jan Hollenbeck
Tena McHerron
Jana & Alex Lamey
Johanna Mesmer
Linda Nydam
Darcy Riggs
Jeanine Scott
Jeanine Scott
Frances Sincerbeaux
Dottie Slocum
Phyllis Smith
Marsha Smith*
Millie Tull
M J Uttech*
Connie Walker
Gretchen Young
*-made pumpkin pies
at the church.

COOKS:

Piers Brahman
Ed Couch
Dave Gross
Chuck Nydam-Dressing
Dave Parsons

PIE CUTTER:

Laura Krebs

WAITERS:

Sue Bahny
Chris Baurle
Nancy Couch
Dave Gross
Kathlene Gross
Jan Hollenbeck
Peggy Johnson
Cheryl Palmer
Dave Parsons
MJ Uttech
10 William George Agency
Volunteers

DISH WASHERS:

Nancy Couch
Bib Slocum
6 William George Agency
Volunteers

LATE CLEANUP:

Brenda Carpenter
Dan Carpenter
Josiah Carpenter
Joyce Day
David Gross



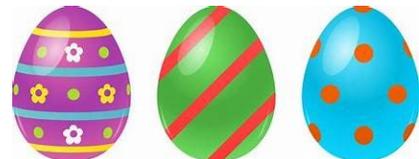
This Washington Day dinner was our 121st event and together we did a great job. The dinner grossed \$1,986, with 118 people attending the first seating and 106 attending the second seating. Usually, we have over 50 people working on the take-outs, but, this year we had 38. That means a total of 252 came to the dinner. The food bill was \$907.19 and *The Shopper* ads were \$75.50. The total profit was \$1003.31.

We cooked for 300 and when we have a smaller attendance we then sell the extra pies to help make-up the difference. We also gave some of the leftovers to the Kitchen Cupboard. If we had more radio ads and other poster displays we could have had a higher attendance.

The dinner was a success because the whole church worked together to make the dinner come off smoothly. The William George Agency also sent 12 people to help us serve and clean-up. The cooks and others spent between 6 to 8 hours or more working to make this event perfect.

I would like to thank each of you for all you did to pull off this very special event.

- - - Dave Gross





Thank you

Thank you to those who have recently made donations to the Deacon fund. If you can help, please make checks out to Dryden Presbyterian Church marked "Deacon Fund."



One Great HOUR OF SHARING

The Heifer International support from our church in February resulted in a special offering amount of \$2182. Furthermore, as Heifer had a matching donation going on, by submitting the donation in March, our support was doubled! Thanks to all who contributed to this result, including the Youth Group with their soup luncheon fund raiser.

A gift to *One Great Hour of Sharing* enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed. Giving envelopes will be in the March 31, April 7 and 14 bulletins.

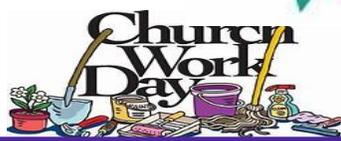
On Earth Day April 22, 2019, enjoy the tonic of fresh air, contact with the soil, and companionship with nature! Walk through the woods in search of emerging wildflowers and green moss. Go outside, no matter the weather!



Christian Women's Retreat: The LYFE Women's Conference is a popular non-denominational Christian women's conference held in Clarks Summit, PA, on the weekend of May 31st to June 1st. This year the vocal group is Selah ("You Raise Me Up"). Price is very reasonable: If you register before April 16th, leaving Thursday evening and --returning Saturday afternoon, the cost is \$165. The price includes lodging and all meals. Website is ClarksSummitU.edu/lyfe for more information. If interested in going, please contact MJ Uttech.



Looking Ahead...



Please mark your calendar for Spring Clean-up Day on Saturday, May 4, 2019. Rain date is Saturday, May 11th. We will start around 9:00am and should finish before noon. Coffee and donuts will be available. The Village truck will be on site that weekend to carry away the leaves and brush that have accumulated since last fall's Blue Jeans Sunday. Please bring rakes, tarps, cleaning tools, etc. If you can't make it on the May 4th, you can sign up on a list of to-dos available in the Fellowship Hall. Pick a job to help out sometime around a date that you choose.

Church Photo Directory



Session has approved having a new picture directory compiled. Life Touch will provide the service. Each person/family will receive a fee 8x10 picture and a free directory. A date will be determined for the middle of May to have the pictures taken. More information to follow in April.



Nancy Hicks 1
 Linda Nydam 5
 Connie Walker 6
 Carol Singbusch 7
 Mike Shay 10
 Kyle White 13
 Al Macomber 22
 Lily Singbusch 25
 Trisha Morgan 25
 Sue Bahny 27
 Maeve Riggs 27



Mark and Jeannine Dodds
 April 1, 2000



Locking Up!

If you are ushering and you are not going to be the last person to leave the church, please ask the person who will be last to check the doors and lock-up before they leave. There are seven doors that need to be checked: the three doors that open on to Main Street, the door leading out from the choir loft, the main entrance door, the door in the corridor connecting the two buildings, and the door to the administration wing.

When Dogwoods Bloom

When dogwoods bloom and robins sing,
 You know you're in the arms of Spring,
 Caressed by breezes gently blown
 In private moments all your own.
 Lilacs embrace the morning sun
 While tulips smile at everyone.
 Redbirds sing from high above
 And tell the world that, "God is love!"
 When dogwoods bloom in bright array,
 Your cares just seem to melt away,
 Lost in the twilight's fading sun,
 As peace descends on everyone.
 The meadow's filled with butterflies-
 Flying colors in azure skies!
 Each day's a living work of art
 Inscribed upon the human heart.
 Broken lives are once more whole
 As Spring resurrects the soul.
 You know you're safe beneath His wings
 When dogwoods bloom and robins sing.

Clay Harrison

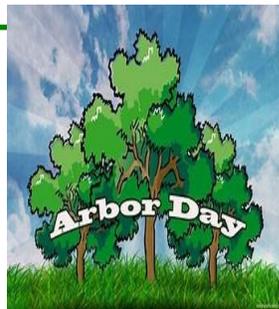


Presbyterian Youth Triennium 2019 July 16-20, 2019 Purdue University

Get ready for the 2019 Presbyterian Youth Triennium-a gathering held every three years for Presbyterian high-school age students. Youth from Presbyterian churches all over the world come together for this life-changing, life-giving, faith-growing gathering. Triennium will again be held on the campus of Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana. Don't miss this powerful week of worship, small groups, recreation, and fellowship with thousands of Presbyterian youth from all over the world.
 Registration: SVRegistrar1@gmail.com
 Please see the church office for more information.



Arbor Day was founded in 1872 by J. Sterling Morton in Nebraska City, Nebraska. By the 1920s, each state in the United States had passed public laws that stipulated a certain day to be Arbor Day or Arbor and Bird Day observance. National Arbor Day is celebrated every year on the last Friday in April. The customary observance is to plant a tree. On the first Arbor Day, April 10, 1872, an estimated one million trees were planted. This year on April 26th, plant a tree!



Prayers and thoughts for
 Jay and Carol Engels.
 Karen's uncle
 William Gredel passed
 away March 18th at age
 86.

Thank-you to Dave Gross
 for hanging new emergency
 lights.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 FCM 2-4 KC 11-12	2	3 Bulletin items due KC 5-6	4 Bible Study 10:00 Prayer Shawl Knitters 1:00 Choir 7:00	5 Church office closed KC 11-12	6
7 Sunday Sch. Children and Adult 9:30 Worship 10:30 5th Sunday in Lent <i>One Great Hour of Sharing</i>	8 KC 11-12	9 Quilters 10:00 Finance 7:00	10 Bulletin items due KC 5-6 Boy Scout Council 7:00-9:00	11 Bible Study 10:00 WEB Choir 7:00	12 Church office closed KC 11-12	13
14 Sunday Sch. Children and Adult 9:30 Worship 10:30  Palm Sunday <i>One Great Hour of Sharing</i>	15 KC 11-12	16 Deacons 6:00 Session 7:00	17 Bulletin items due KC 5-6	18 Bible Study 10:00 Prayer Shawl Knitters 1:00 Maundy Thursday Choir 7:00	19 Church office closed  Good Friday KC 11-12	20
21 <i>Worship 10:30</i> Easter 	22 KC 11-12  EARTH DAY May newsletter information due	23 Quilters 10:00	24 Bulletin items due KC 5-6	25 Bible Study 10:00 Choir 7:00	26 Church office closed Arbor Day  KC 11-12	27 KC 11-12
28 Sunday Sch. Children and Adult 9:30 Worship 10:30	29 KC 11-12	30				



KC= Kitchen Cupboard FCM= Family Counseling Ministry

