Dryden Presbyterian Church
Newsletter
March 2020

Lenten Poem by Ann Weems

Lent is a time to take time to let the power

of our faith story take hold of us, a time to let the events get up

and walk around in us,

a time to intensify our living unto Christ,

a time to hover over the thoughts of our hearts,

a time to place our feet in the streets of

Jerusalem or to walk along the sea and

listen to his Word,

a time to touch his robe

and feel the healing surge through us,

a time to ponder and a time to wonder....Lent is a time to allow

a fresh new taste of God!

Perhaps we're afraid to have time to think,

for thoughts come unbidden.

Perhaps we're afraid to face our future

knowing our past.

Give us courage, O God,

to hear your Word

and to read our living into it.

Give us the trust to know we're forgiven

and give us the faith

to take up our lives and walk.

Ann Weems is a Presbyterian elder, a lecturer, and a popular **poet**. She is the author of Family Faith Stories, Reaching for Rainbows, Searching for Shalom, Kneeling in Bethlehem, Kneeling in Jerusalem, Psalms of Lament, and Putting the Amazing Back in Grace, all available from WJK.

Information

Mission Statement

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

Church Contacts

The church office is open Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to noon.
Dale Francis, Interim Pastor
814-739-9537 (farm) or dale@jencliff.com

Clerk of Session: John Scott (844-9206)

The Church Office Administrator is Arlene Krebs; she can be reached at 844-8321 or email: drydenpresoffice@gmail.com

Sermons on the DPC web site: Thanks to Chuck Uttech and Jack Scott, you can listen to sermons on our website. Go to http://www.drydenpres.com; click on "Listen to Worship."

HIPAA
Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act

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.

Website Update

* With new sound system enhancements, the process of recording and loading the service to the website is faster. The service should be available Monday morning. Listen at Drydenpres.com

* If you have pictures for the website, please send jpeg files attached to an email. Please do not embed them in the body of the email.

* If you have a graphic announcement please send those jpeg files or create a PowerPoint slide to the church office at drydenpresoffice@gmail.com.

. Please contact Arlene Krebs, if you would like something placed on the web-site.

If you would like to receive the newsletter by email, please contact: drydenpresoffice@gmail.

If you are receiving this newsletter by e-mail or mail and would like to be removed from the list, please call the church office.

MARCH

At-A-Glance

March 1 Communion
First Sunday in Lent

March 6 World Day of Prayer

March 8 Gifts of Women Sunday
Second Sunday in Lent
Daylight Saving Time

March 15 Third Sunday in Lent

March 17 St. Patrick's Day

March 20 First Day of Spring

March 22 Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 29 Fifth Sunday in Lent
One Great Hour of Sharing

One Great HOUR OF SHARING

The season of Lent is a time of prayer, fasting and self-examination in preparation for the celebration of the resurrection of the Lord at Easter. It is a period of 40 days — like the flood of Genesis, Moses' sojourn at Mount Sinai, Elijah's journey to Mount Horeb, Jonah's call to Ninevah to repent and Jesus' time of testing in the wilderness.

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent is on February 26th. Please arrive at 6:00 p.m. for a simple dinner of soup, salad and bread served in the fellowship hall. At 7:00 p.m. a brief Ash Wednesday service will be held. The Dryden Methodist Church have been cordially invited to join us.

Finance and Facilities

January Operating Results

	2019 Actual	2020 vs 2019	2020 Actual	Actual vs Budget	2020 Budget
Income	**$ 10,014**	$ (3,071)	**$ 6,943**	$ (3,290)	**$ 10,233**
Operating Expenses	**17,674**	(7,603)	**10,071**	(2,059)	**12,130**
Net Cash Flow	**(7,660)**	4,532	**(3,128)**	(1,232)	**(1,897)**
Net Draw from Reserve Accounts	**-**	2,407	**2,407**	2,707	**(300)**
Balance	**$ (7,660)**	$ 6,939	**$ (721)**	$ 1,475	**$ (2,197)**

Operating Results…

Pledge and non-pledge receipts for January were a little low but not alarming. Expenses were lower than last year when dissolution costs were incurred. Facility Repairs & Maintenance expenses appear high because of the payment made in January for 2019 mortar repairs. Funds reserved from the 2019 surplus were used to cover that expense. Overall, Net Income was in line with the budget.

Security Issue…

In an effort to identify who was tampering with the lights on the parking lot, Dave Parsons installed two cameras on the back of the administrative building and has been monitoring the entrance since early February. He reported that someone was caught on video making "adjustments" to the lights, once on 2/5/20 at 2:53am and once on 2/10/20 at 10:09pm. The Dryden Police identified the individual from the videos. When approached by the police, he immediately confessed, was exceedingly remorseful, and offered to remove the paint. He told the police that he is having medical treatments and the light bothered his eyes. While that may be the case, obviously that was not the way to solve the problem. Early in March, the police will be talking with the individual about restitution for the Church and Willowbrook, which was also affected. Thanks Dave for all of your work on this issue. Finance & Facilities are considering changes to the parking lot lighting to keep it safe for everybody and more comfortable for our neighbor.

If you would like to order a lily for the April 12th Easter Sunday service, please fill out this form and put it in the offering plate or return it to the church office no later than ***Sunday March 15th.*** Regretfully, **late orders cannot be processed**.
Remember to include payment in cash or a check made out to **Dryden Agway**.

Please Print All Names

Given by:_____

Please order _____plants at **8.99 each** (for a 6 -inch pot).

Amount enclosed $_____

Given in Memory of _____

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Given in Honor of_____

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Foodbank of the Southern Tier
Volunteers Needed

Mobile Food Pantry
3rd Thursday Every Month 5-6p.m.
Help set-up & distribute food
Contact us or just show up between 4 and 4:30pm
(607) 844-3000
Location: Reach Out for Christ Church
318 Johnson Road, Freeville

Do you have old medication and don't know where to dispose of it?

There is a prescription medication drop box in the lobby of the Village Hall. This is a safe and secure location in which you can dispose of any no longer needed or outdated prescription drugs. Sharps, Mercury and a few other items are not allowed. For more information go to :
www.healthyyouth.org/medication-disposal.php

In 2020, on Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday, March 8th, we honor women of faith, those who may have felt their faith falter at times and those who held fast to faith. We give thanks for their persistence—their witness, their words, their actions. We know we stand on their shoulders.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

THIS WEEK'S DISCUSSION:

What does MODERATION mean?

Moderation:

creating healthy balances in your life between fun and work, rest and effort.

Scripture

All things are lawful for me, but not all things are helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be enslaved by anything. — 1 Corinthians 6:12

Quote

Throw moderation to the winds, and the greatest pleasures bring the greatest pains. -- Democritus

Discussion #1:

To have moderation means to not do things to excess. What are some things Americans do to excess? What are some ways that you can stay out of those traps? (Proverbs 23:20-21)

Discussion #2:

We should do even good things in moderation, such as studying in school. Have you ever studied too much or spent too much time on one assignment? Did you neglect other subjects? Did you get a low grade anyway? Why is resting your mind important? (Proverbs 25:16) *What are some ways you can rest your mind each day?*

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

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ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING GIFTS CONTINUE LONG-TERM RECOVERY FROM HURRICANE MARIA

Who could forget the devastation after Hurricane Maria swept across Puerto Rico in 2017? Certainly not Mimita Nieves. Eighteen months later she was still living without electricity.Mimita did the best she could. She got along on canned food and powdered milk, and fresh vegetables when she could get them. She cooked on a small propane stove and lit her home with solar lights that she charged during the day. A friend lent her a battery-powered radio that served as her main source of information. The hurricane wrecked the electrical grid across Puerto Rico.

Complicating things for Mimita, the storm also destroyed her home's electrical wiring. Mimita lives on Vieques [vee-ek-es], a small island eight miles east of the Puerto Rico mainland. No highway connects the mainland and Vieques, so most transportation for both people and cargo to the island is via ferry boat or airplane. Due to its lack of accessibility, Vieques lagged behind in the restoration of housing, infrastructure and basic services. Her situation did not change until the day Presbyterian volunteers knocked on her door. The volunteers replaced her electrical system with one much safer and more durable, built her a new fence and hauled away storm debris that had been in her yard for months. One Great Hour of Sharing gifts provided the materials they used to make the repairs. As a senior citizen with limited income, Mimita never would have been able to afford a contractor to do the work and feels blessed for the help she received. When her lights came on, Nieves was overcome with gratitude for Presbyterians. "I cried," she says. "I got down on my knees and I cried."Mimita's house also got a much-needed roof installed by an organization called Hope Builders, an organization which will now be able to rebuild more roofs in Vieques using gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing.

One Great Hour of Sharing gifts are also are at work in impoverished communities in San Juan, Puerto Rico's capital and largest city, helping organizations like the G-8, a community-based nonprofit group. The G-8, has rebuilt more than 100 roofs in eight communities near the Martín Peña Channel. A sister organization to the G-8, the Martin Peña Channel Land Trust, has taken even more steps to protect the residents. The land trust acquired the property and residents are applying for surface-rights deeds to their houses. The programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing—Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Self-Development of People and the Presbyterian Hunger Program—unite us in caring for the hungry, the weak and the vulnerable. Together, we work to become as Isaiah said, "repairers of the breach, restorers of streets to live in"—for as we always say, if we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.

Recognizing that prayer and action go hand-in-hand is what World Day of Prayer is all about. Planning for World Day of Prayer at both the national and global levels is in full swing. The next WDP is March 6th, 2020. This very special day is celebrated on the first Friday in March each year. This is a worldwide movement of Christian women that began in the U.S. and Canada in the 19th century and became worldwide in 1927. The continuing motto for this very special day is "Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action."

This day is no longer celebrated only by women; many men and children participate, too. Each year on this day, Christians of many cultures, traditions, and races in over 170 countries around the world unite in prayer. Of course, all people are always welcome and encouraged to participate.

One Great Hour of Sharing

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 bulletins on March 29 and April 5th.

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."

The Dryden Clothing Shed

Spring should soon be here! Please check your closets for those light-weight coats and sweaters that you never wear. You can easily donate them here. You can leave them inside by the administrative door. The shed is open during the same time as the Kitchen Cupboard. If you would like to volunteer hanging and folding clothes please contact Nancy Hicks.

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.

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 March we are collecting soup, (Chicken noodle, tomato or vegetable.)**
Donations can be left in the administrative wing, in the box marked WEB.

QUILTING GROUP

Quilters meet here twice a month the second and fourth Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. All are welcome!

The next time you enter the Church, be sure to enjoy the new arrangement of memorial plaques that have been moved from the Bell Tower entrance to the Fellowship Hall where they can be better seen. Also take note of the addition of the beautiful new bronze plaque honoring Pastor Dave and Carol Robinson. Thanks Dave Smith for coordinating the design and purchase of the new plaque. And thanks Chuck Uttech for hanging all of them. We will be celebrating with a dedication service later in the spring or early summer. If you would like to contribute toward the cost of Dave's plaque, please mark "Robinson Plaque" in the memo section of your check.

"Crock" the piglet came to visit us during our Children's Time. We are learning about Heifer International and how pigs can help families earn an income. The teens sponsored a soup and sandwich lunch after church – all donations went to purchasing pigs through Heifer International.

Dryden Presbyterian youth are learning about helping others through Heifer International. Thank you, Dr. Chuck Nydam for teaching us about raising bees and for the honey straws.

Mark Dodds	1
Betsey Van Sickle	2
Ashley Engels	4
Dave Robinson	4
Phyllis Byrn	5
Evan Carpenter	8
Dawson Greene	8
Doug Cotterill	11
Brad Perkins	11
Marsha Smith	11
Phyllis Smith	12
Dawn Horner	19
Mahlon Perkins	29
Quinn Dodds	31

Daylight saving time, or daylight time and summer time, is the practice of advancing clocks during warmer months so that darkness falls later each day according to the clock.

Remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour on March 8th!

Kathlene and Dave Gross
March 29th

The Birdsong

Upon a stone-laid fountain
Perched a bird of red
Singing, sweetly singing,
Just as the sun had set.

It held no book of music
And read no penned notes,
But to the glorious Springtime
It sang a perfect ode.

Man writes great compositions,
But I've heard none thus far
As lovely as the birdsong
God wrote in that bird's heart.

Loise Pinkerton Fritz

The PNC continues to meet regularly and is in the process of interviewing potential candidates to be our new pastor. Please keep the committee and our search in your prayers that we can soon find a pastor who can enthusiastically lead and grow our congregation.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 **First Sunday of Lent** Sunday School-adult. 9:30 **Worship 10:30** Christian Education Meeting 11:30 **Communion**	2 KC 11-12	3	4 Exercise Class 10:00 a.m. Bulletin items due Boy Scout Committee Meeting 7:00	5 Bible Study 10:00 Prayer Shawl Knitters 1:00 Choir 7:00	6 Church office closed KC 11-12 **World Day of Prayer**	7
8 **Second Sunday of Lent** Sunday School-adult. 9:30 **Worship 10:30** **Gifts of Women** Daylight Saving Time begins.	9 KC 11-12	10 Quilters 10:00 Finance 6:00 (by e-mail)	11 Exercise Class 10:00 a.m. Bulletin items due KC 5-6 Boy Scout Roundtable 7:00	12 Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Choir 7:00	13 Church office closed KC 11-12	14
15 Sunday School-adult. 9:30 **Worship 10:30** **Third Sunday of Lent**	16	17 Session 6:30 Deacons 7:00 **St. Patrick's Day** 	18 Exercise Class 10:00 a.m. Bulletin Items due KC 5-6	19 Bible Study 10:00 Prayer Shawl Knitters 1:00 WEB (2-5) Choir 7:00	20 Church office closed KC 11-12 **First Day of Spring**	21
22 Sunday School-adult. 9:30 **Worship 10:30** **Fourth Sunday of Lent**	23 **April Newsletter Items Due** KC 11-12	24 Quilters 10:00	25 Exercise Class 10:00 a.m. Bulletin items due	26 Bible Study 10:00 Choir 7:00	27 Church office closed KC 11-12	28 KC 11-12
29 Sunday School-adult. 9:30 **Worship 10:30** **Fifth Sunday of Lent** **One Great Hour of sharing**	30					

KC: Kitchen Cupboard