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**Sunnyside
 Presbyterian Church
 THE VISITOR**

February Worship at Sunnyside...

Sunday, February 5

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 AM Worship

Scripture Focus:

Mark 1:29-39

Isaiah 40:21-31

—Running, walking and not weary!

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated

Chancel Choir singing

Scout Sunday



Sunday, February 19

Transfiguration Sunday

9:30 AM Worship

Scripture Focus:

2 Kings 2:1-12

Mark 9:2-9

—Jesus is transfigured

Chancel Choir singing

Bell Choir playing



Sunday, February 12

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 AM Worship

Scripture Focus:

2 Kings 5:1-14

Mark 9:2-9

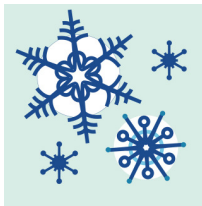
— Jesus Cleanses a Leper

Chancel Choir singing

Angelic Voices singing

Annual Meeting Following Worship

Lunch served by Fellowship Committee



Ash Wednesday, February 22

6:00 PM Soup and Bread meal served in the Fellowship Hall

6:30 PM Ash Wednesday

Worship in The Gathering Place with imposition of ashes



Sunday, February 27

First Sunday in Lent

9:30 AM Worship

Sermon Series Begins: Covenants For Life!

Scripture Focus:

Mark 1:9-15

Genesis 9:8-17

—The covenant with Noah

Chancel Choir singing

Sunnyside Sisters singing



Wednesdays During Lent

Wednesday, February 29

6:00 Light dinner served in the Fellowship Hall

6:30 Vespers Worship in the Gathering Place

Join us each Wednesday evening during Lent for a light soup and bread meal in the Fellowship Hall and contemplative worship together in the Gathering Place.



Bible Journeys

Women of the New Testament – The Woman with the Alabaster Jar; The Woman at the Well, Mary and Martha and the Story of the Widow’s Mite.

This month the children will learn the stories of five famous women of the Gospels. While most of these women do not have names their stories have been told for thousands of years as examples of faithfulness and discipleship. Each week they will meet a new woman, learn her story and how she sets an example for us today.

Art – The Woman with the Alabaster Jar: They will explore this story of the anointing of Jesus immediately before Holy Week. This women’s faithfulness show her understanding of who Jesus was and how he would be sacrificed. The children will create their own jar to symbolize the gifts that we offer to Jesus.

Geography – The Woman at the Well: Children will read of the Samaritan Women that Jesus meets on his journey home to Galilee. They will talk about what it meant to be a Samaritan and look together at modern and Bible maps to try to understand where Jesus lived and the places he traveled during his ministry.

Archaeology – The Story of the Widow’s Mite: Jesus points out the faithfulness of the widow as she makes her meager offering at the temple, giving generously from her limited resources. Children will have the chance to look at some authentic ancient coins, learn more about archaeology and talk about how they can be generous in their giving like the widow.

Games – Mary and Martha: Children will watch a brief movie that retells the stories of Mary and Martha, from Jesus’ visit to their home to the death and resurrection of their brother Lazarus. Jesus commends Mary for her desire to be a student and to listen to him teach. Children will learn how we are also called to study and to set aside time to grow in our knowledge and faith. They will compare the different stories of these women as they are told in the different Gospels and then play games to help improve their Bible skills.

Youth Calendar for February

Junior Highs

February 5 – Super Bowl Party 6:00 p.m. to Halftime

Junior Highs will gather at the Rodeberg’s home (directions to come in the mail) to watch the first half of the Super Bowl together. Please bring a snack/finger food to share. Parents should plan to pick up during half-time.

February 12 – Ice Skating Howard Park Rink 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Youth should be dropped off and picked up directly at the rink off of Jefferson. Costs for entrance and rental will be covered by the church. Please be sure to dress appropriately for the weather.

February 19 – President’s Day weekend NO YOUTH GROUP

February 26- Youth Fellowship 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

We will gather for our regular afternoon of fellowship together. We will end the evening with dinner with the Senior Highs

Senior Highs

February 12 & 26 – Youth Fellowship 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

We will continue with our fellowship time together talking about what we believe, and debating hot topics that interest the group. We will start each evening with dinner.

February 5 & 19– No Youth Group



Souper Bowl of Caring



Super Bowl Sunday, February 5, the Social Ministries Committee and Youth Groups will be collecting food donations to be used to support our Sunnyside Food Pantry, including cereal, pasta and sauce, soup, canned fruits veggies, peanut butter and jelly, mac & cheese, and tuna. They will also be collecting cash donations for our meat fund for the Northeast Neighborhood Center. They are the only pantry in our neighborhood who is able to provide fresh meat from their pantry. These donations will help us supply them with meat throughout 2012.

SUNNYSIDE FLOAT IN THE ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE MARCH 17:

The Outreach committee is planning to have a float and a welcome event at Sunnyside following the Parade. Help is needed and appreciated. We need help with building the float, serving snacks, and hosting tours for our building. Sign up to help in the Gathering Place.



Hands-On Mission – Opportunities in Our Community....



Sunnyside Food Pantry:

Our Food Pantry stocks: any kind of meat helper, canned stew, Beef-a-roni, ravioli, chili, hearty canned

soups, rice, dried beans, canned broth, boxed cornbread, creamed corn, canned fruits and vegetables, powdered milk, mac and cheese. You may also contribute to the food pantry by giving money that will be used to buy food at the Northern Indiana Food Bank. You may put the money in an envelope and mark it food pantry or mark on the memo of your check food pantry. **Volunteers are needed to help pass out food to our guests on Monday and Thursday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30.** Please call Abbe Golden, 233-2460 to volunteer.

Items especially needed are: Tuna, Tuna Helper, Mac&Cheese, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Spaghetti, Fruit Cocktail, Cereal, Spaghetti Sauce

Hope Ministries Dinners:



The next Hope Ministries dinner is Saturday, February 18. Other 2012 dates are: Saturday, March 24; Sunday, April 22; Wednesday, May 23; Saturday, July 21; Sunday, September 23; Saturday, October 20; and

Sunday, November 11. Please call Joan O'Neill, 784-8481, if you can help. Three cooks and three servers are needed for each dinner. The meal is prepared in our Sunnyside kitchen, then transported to Hope by the servers.

Yarn Needed:

You may have read the article in the South Bend Tribune about the wonderful Yarn Crafters group that meets each week



at the RSVP office. The Yarn Crafters are always in need of yarn to knit and crochet items that go to needy people through local agencies. If you would like to donate yarn or money to purchase yarn, please contact RSVP

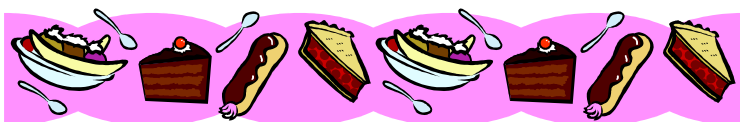
Annual Meeting of the Congregation/Corporation— Sunday, February 12

The Session of Sunnyside Presbyterian Church has called for the Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation following worship on Sunday, February 12.

Business to be conducted at the meeting:

- Reviewing and approving minutes and receiving reports
- Reviewing the 2012 Budget
- Approving the adequacy of the Pastors' compensation
- Electing At-Large members of the Church Officer Nominating Committee
- Conducting any other business which is properly brought before the Assembly

The Fellowship Committee will serve lunch following the meeting. You are invited to bring a dessert to share.



Presbyterian Per Capita

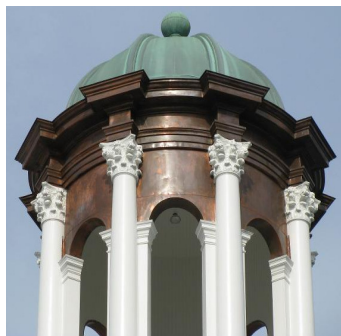
As Presbyterians we celebrate being a "connectional church in which congregations share in mission and ministry at the regional (Presbytery), multi-state (Synod), and national (General Assembly) levels. We support this mission and ministry in two ways—through the "per capita apportionment" and "shared mission."



The per capita apportionment is set each year by the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly. Sunnyside's Stewardship and Finance Committees ask that you give prayerful thought to making an additional contribution to cover your own per capita apportionment.

For 2012, the per capita amount is \$36.24 per active member. As an example, if you are part of a two-parent, two-child household, and both of your children are confirmed members, your total per capita would be \$144.96. Please consider making your per capita apportionment today. Blue per capita envelopes can be found in your offering envelope box. There is one in January and one in April in your box.

Church Officer Suggestion Form



The Church Officer Nominating Committee is seeking persons to nominate to the offices of Ruling Elder and Deacon, Class of 2015. Criteria for selecting nominees includes:

- Christian living in daily life – within the family, at work, in the community.
- Personal characteristics and skills – cooperative, willing to learn, ability to follow through on tasks, openness to new ideas, maturity of judgment.
- Church involvement – regular attendance at worship, participation in church activities, previous service in the ministries of the church.

Are you available to serve as an officer of the church? If you are willing to be considered for office of Elder or Deacon, please write your name and check the office you would consider serving:

Name _____ Ruling Elder _____ Deacon _____

If you are not interested in serving, could you suggest the name of another who might be available?

I suggest the name of _____ for nomination to the office of Ruling Elder _____
Deacon _____

You need not ask the person whose name you suggest; that is the task of the Church Officer Nominating Committee. Any active communicant member is eligible to serve. The committee will prayerfully and carefully select people who have special qualities needed for leadership.

Please return this form to the church office at your convenience or place it in the offering plate by **Sunday, February 26**. Thank you!

SMALL GROUPS



Monday Women's Bible Study: Will meet February 6 and 20, at 10:30 a.m. They are continuing a study on 1 Samuel.

Tuesday Women's Bible Study: Will meet February 7 and 21, at 9:30 a.m. They are starting a new study on *The Bible from Scratch, The Old Testament for Beginners*.

Mothers Circle: Will meet Thursday, February 9 and 23 at 9:30 a.m. They are finishing the book *Back to the Well*.

Shalom Circle: Will meet, Ash Wednesday, February 22 at 7:00 p.m. at Sunnyside, in the Library. Bonnie Asbury will be leading the lesson from the book *Gift of Years* chapters on Freedom and Success

Wednesday Men's Bible Study: Will meet February 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 at 7:00 a.m. They are continuing a study on Genesis

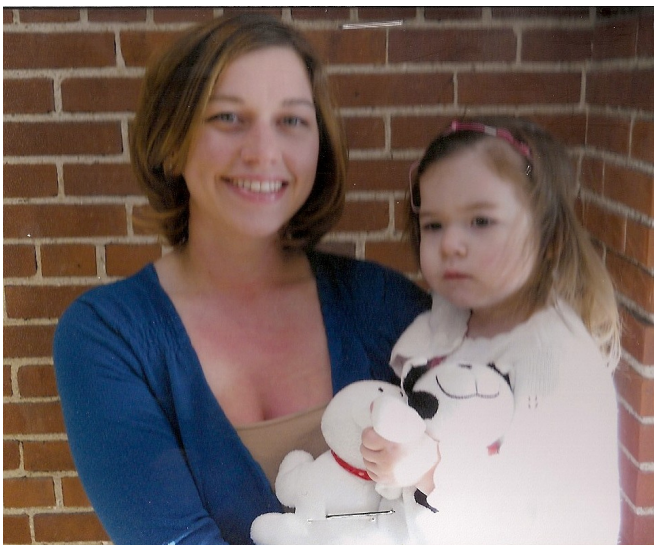
First Friday Movie Group: Will meet Friday, February 3rd at 7:00 p.m. they will watch *MIDNIGHT IN PARIS* starring Owen Wilson, Rachel McAdams and Kathy Bates. Written and directed by Woody Allen this romantic comedy is about a family traveling to the French capital for business. Gil and Inez travel to Paris as a tag-along vacation on her parents' business trip. Gil, a successful Hollywood writer is struggling with his first novel. He falls in love with the city but Inez does not share his romantic notions. When Inez goes off dancing with her friends, Gil takes a walk at midnight and discovers what could be the ultimate inspiration for his writing. Gil's nightly walks at midnight take him closer to the heart of the city but further from the woman he's about to marry.

The feature film on March 2 will be *THE WAY*.

Hooked on Books: Will meet Sunday, February 12 at 7:00 p.m. at the Martin's at Heritage Square. They will read and discuss *The Paris Wife* by Paula McLain.

Fiber Arts and Fellowship: Will meet on Sunday, February 19, at 4:00 p.m. If you would like up dates on what this group is doing, please contact Mary Cory 273-4198 or marycory@cheerful.com

Welcome Recent Member



Ericka Ducret
1215 Whitehall Drive
South Bend, 46615
520-1536

Ericka Ducret joined Sunnyside Church on March 27, 2011. She came to us by Profession of Faith. Ericka is married to Ermilo and has two children: TJ who is six and Emilia who is 3. She found Sunnyside Church on an internet search and says that she found the church warm and friendly and felt welcomed. Welcome Ericka!



Rebecca's Reflections...

Dear Sunnysiders,

One of my favorite things about the liturgical calendar is the repetitive nature of the yearly cycles. No matter what else happens in the world, in our personal lives or the life of the church, Christmas always comes. While some may not look as forward to it as they do to Christmas, I always look forward to the beginning of the season of Lent.

No matter how much we think we have figured things out, Lent always comes around to call us into a time of intentionality: a time of prayer, of studying scripture, of fasting, of taking on spiritual disciplines, and of song.

This will be the ninth year that we will gather on Wednesday nights in the season of Lent for a time of worship, music and prayer with one another. I know that there are some Sunnysiders who like me, anticipate this time together. I also know that there are some among us who dread the season of Lent, because of its maudlin themes and open endedness.

Lent can and should be a very personal time of spiritual growth, and we are each called to find the best way to mark the season as we prepare our individual hearts for Holy Week and Easter Sunday. The thing that I appreciate about

our Wednesday night worship is how it can take on an element of communal spiritual growth as well.

This is most evident to me in our times of silence during those services. As the person who most often keeps the time during that silence, my thoughts are often on other elements besides prayer. Each week though the thought does cross my mind that for those minutes of silence (really for that whole time of worship together) 60 to 100 people have decided that being together is the most important place to be at that moment. That there is no meeting to attend, no sports practice to run to, no work to be done, no television that needs to be watched, no email to be returned, no text message to send.

To practice Lent, is to practice opening a space for God in your life. It is to practice finding silence in the noise of the world. It is to practice prayer instead of panic. It is to practice finding wisdom in scripture inside this age of information.

I hope that you find time to practice with us this season of Lent.
Peace,

Pastor Rebecca

Report of the Session....

The Session of Sunnyside Presbyterian Church met for its regular meeting on Monday night, January 16, 2012. Fourteen elders were in attendance. Four were excused. The Opening Devotion was a Bible Study on Matthew 7:24-27—The house built on solid rock. Pastor Jamie opened the meeting with prayer. Clerk of Session Paula Horvath took the minutes.

Minutes of the December 19 meeting were approved with minor changes. One baptism and two weddings were approved. One death was recorded.

Bev Bettner reported for the Board of Deacons. All responsibilities are covered and up to date. Food Pantry is running well. Generous giving, fundraising and grants have provided sufficient funds to keep the pantry open and stocked. Planning for the Easter Breakfast will begin soon.

Mel Delgado and Todd Rodeberg volunteered to represent the Session on the Church Officer Nominating Committee. The next Presbytery Assembly is February 28. The Session called for the Annual Meeting of the congregation and corporation on February 12. Business to be conducted includes: receiving reports, approving the adequacy of the pastors' compensation, electing at-large members of the Church Officer Nominating Committee and conducting any other business which is properly brought before the meeting.

The Christian Education Committee reported that they are continuing to develop a discipline policy. They also reported on the Martin Luther King Jr. Day program for children as well as the planned Lent program which will provide cleanup buckets for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

The Fellowship Committee reported on plans for our next pot-luck, Annual Meeting lunch, Movie Night, Hacienda Night fundraiser, Summer Picnic, Graduation and Confirmation Receptions, Coffee volunteers and the Christmas Brunch. They will also host a Card Night at the Klanke's in March.

The Finance Committee reported on continuing work on heating controls and thermostats. Snow Removal contract is complete. Laven Insurance will continue to be our insurance agent. The Committee is continuing to work on issues around the Otis contract and bills. Custodian Seng Ly is on vacation for 4 weeks. Rich Reth is serving as the Vacation Custodian.

The Outreach Committee is considering participation in the St. Patrick's Day Parade on Jefferson Street.

The remainder of the Session meeting was spent examining and discussing the New Form of Government which replaces the previous Form of Government in the Book of Order. The "NFog" is less restrictive which provides local churches more flexibility in designing their own organization for ministry. Each congregation will need to develop its own Manual of Operations. Other major changes include grouping the foundations of Presbyterian polity in a new section subtitled: Foundations, use of the term "ordered ministry," for the offices of the church as well as reclaiming the titles "ruling elder" for Session members and "teaching elder," for pastors. In addition the term "councils" replaces governing bodies and a new chapter on the church and civil authority has been added which groups together the topics of incorporation, trustee's and property.

Pastor Rebecca closed the meeting with prayer.

Our Sunnyside Family...



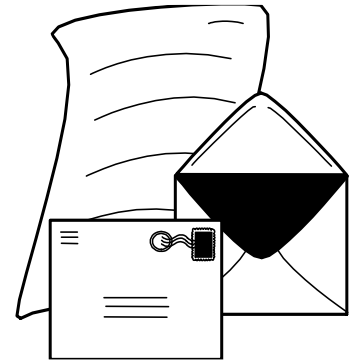
Sympathies: Sunnyside's sympathy is extended on the death of:
 December 15 Charlie Gruner, husband of Joan Gruner
 December 30 Irene Siberell, mother of Don and Jim
 January 17 Lucille Stohler, mother of Don Stohler.

Congratulations:

- To Steve and Ellie (Gallagher) Norton on the birth of their son Zachary.
- To Dan and Jenica Cory on the birth of their son Henry Daniel Cory on December 23rd.
- Megan Linnen, daughter of Linda Linnen, who graduated from Western Michigan University in Aviation Flight Science & Administration on December 17, 2011.
- To Steve Cox, South Bend's new Fire Chief.

Thank You Notes

- Hayley Sesterhenn and I, on behalf of the Social Ministries Committee, would like to offer a big Thank You to everyone who helped with Jubilee Christmas this year. It couldn't be done at all with out everyone who bakes cookies, donates wrappings and clothes, helps set up, purchases gifts and hosts our guests. It makes such a difference to the families we are able to reach. THANK YOU, Bonnie Herreman
- Thank you Sunnysiders for your thoughts and prayers while my mother, Ellen Ransbottom was hospitalized. A special thank you to Pastor Jamie, Pastor Rebecca and Pastoral Care Director Barb for your visits to her room, you lifted her spirits and we are so grateful! —Mary Dix
- Dear Sunnysiders, Harry and I want to thank all of you who sent cards and expressed your sympathy on the death of my Dad, Rex Brown. Your notes and thoughts mean so much to us. We are thankful for our Sunnyside family. Thank you. Patty Dees
- Thank you so much for your kindness and thank you Deacons for your thoughtfulness in bringing me a lovely Christmas bag– I appreciate all that you do for so many. My best to all of you. — Marie Trammell
- Dear Sunnysiders, Hank and I thank you so much for all the support given to us through my surgery and recovery. The cards, calls, meals and prayers have eased the time surrounded us with caring caring family at a time when my family's limits were very stretched! Once again it brings home what a special place Sunnyside is. — Bonnie Herreman
- Dear Sunnyside, Thanks for the very pretty bouquet of red and green flowers brought to me after church. They look very pretty in my Bay Window. I appreciate your kindness— Blessings to all, Beverly Heater
- Sunnyside, A great big Thank You! From a shut in who was so happy to receive greeting cards and notes of inspiration, and other calls and such. I enjoyed the Christmas Gift Bag, and had not had a Tootsie Roll in 40 years, it was fun! — God Bless All, Helen Peek
- I want to thank everyone who has sent notes of visited since I have been in Plymouth. I miss being a part of Sunnyside, but your cards and visits help keep in touch. — Thank you, Phyllis Combs, 222 Parkview St. #1



Kenyon College Chamber Choir

Host Families Needed Concert—Thursday evening, March 8,

Host families needed to house 2-3 students overnight and return them back to Sunnyside Friday morning. This will be the third time we have hosted this wonderful choir.

Please contact the church office to volunteer a bedroom or two 287-1524 or Office@SunnysideChurch.org

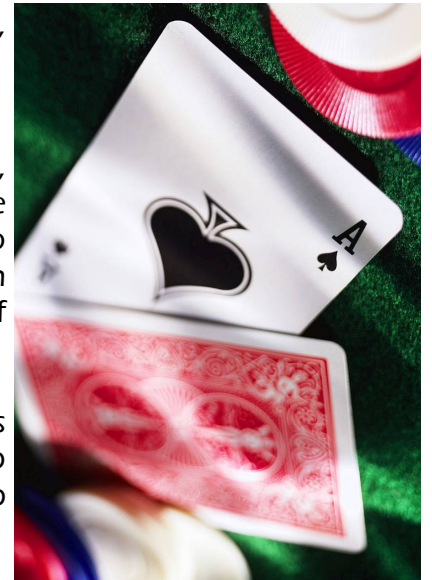


CASINO NITE MARCH 2

WHERE: The Klanke's House: 50616 Canyon Ln, Granger.

WHEN: Friday, March 2nd from 7:00-9:30 PM.

WHAT: Classic games (Michigan Rummy, Blackjack, Poker, Roulette) in a round robin format...we periodically shuffle the playing groups as we move to the next game. Bring 200 pennies as 'chips' – person with most pennies at end of night wins a prize! Of course, we have a booby prize too....



Come on out and join us in a fun night of adult fellowship – space is limited to first 24 persons. It's a great time and a terrific small group activity. Please bring a snack or dessert to share – the Fellowship Committee will provide beverages.

Yes, I would like a chance to become "king (or queen) of the house".

Name: _____

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