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Happy Birthday!

March Birthdays

March 1

Walt Geist
Beth Brick
McGee Ng

March 2

Neil Johnson
Keith Westphal

March 3

David Goodwin

March 4

Chelsea Houghton

March 5

Grace Iglehart

March 6

Ruth Hadad

Lenten Schedule

On Sunday mornings during Lent, we are focusing on Jesus' journey to Jerusalem from the Gospel according to Luke.

March 3rd. Third Sunday in Lent. 8:15 and 10:30 Worship.

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

"The Real Prodigal"

On Sunday, March 3, 2013 at 3 pm., the Grosse Ile Chorale will present J. S. Bach's "Cantata 147" including the famous chorale "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring." It will be performed by the Grosse Ile Chorale, a group of area singers, four soloists and a Chamber Orchestra, and will be directed by James Parker.

Also performing on the concert will be the Grosse Ile Children's Choir and the Grosse Ile Presbyterian Church Adult Choir. A freewill offering will be taken and reception will follow the concert in GIPC's Fellowship Hall.

On Sunday from 5:00 to 6:00 pm.,

we meet in Fellowship Hall for Celtic Evensong, an intimate, quiet service in the Celtic tradition with discussion of the scriptures and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Theologian in Residence Weekend

Saturday, March 9th and Sunday, March 10th

At 8:30 am. in Fellowship Hall, breakfast will be served followed by the program starting at 9:00 during which time we will explore how our belief in God is neither delusional nor fanatical, but it does make a real difference to our lives and to the life of the world. Topics to be discussed: "Why do we believe in God?", "Who is the God We Believe In?", "How Does Believing in God Help the World?" The program will conclude at 1 pm.

Please sign up at the Crossroads

March 7

Ed Sickafus
John Stremsterfer
Lacy Jane
VanDenberghe

March 8

Elizabeth McGowan

March 9

Andrew Alford

March 10

Rick Poston

March 12

Mary Hunter

Joseph Chambers

March 13

Lydia Mans

March 14

Nancy McCallum

Karl Charlson

Jon Morris

Brad Rito

March 15

Ryker Falster

March 16

Bill Fleming

March 17

Don Krieg

Kara Mans

Kendra MacMackin

Michael Cantley

March 19

John Colina

March 20

John Chambers

March 21

Barbara Holbeck

Judy Treadway

Nicholas Ranka

March 22

Patricia Nordstrom

Michael Iglehart

Allyson Sykes

Justin Sykes

March 23

Adam Widger

March 24

Emily O'Farrell

March 26

Mary Adair

March 27

Art MacNee

March 28

Karen Myrand

Meghan Dubois

Jonathan Duffett

March 29

Ronald Morris

Cooper Lauscher

March 30**March 10th. Fourth Sunday in Lent. 8:15 and 10:30 Worship.**

Theologian in Residence

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia Rigby will preach at both services as well as lead the 9:30 Education class.

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York Connection

Tips For Seniors

A young Indian boy and his wise and aged grandfather were crouched beside a stream, observing the movement of a large school of fish when the young brave suddenly exclaimed, "Grandfather, let's jump into the water and catch a fish!" Hesitating for a moment, the wise, old man turned slowly to the boy and whispered: "Little Brave, It is better to move slowly, like the great blue heron, and catch them all." (Chief Runamuck)

Which of the following myths about senior citizens are true?

- 1.Older workers are less capable than younger ones.
- 2.You cannot teach an old dog new tricks.
- 3.After age 65, health and activity go downhill.
- 4.Most older people are neglected by their families.

Answers:

- 1.Studies have shown older workers are more loyal, take fewer days off, can learn computers just as fast and are more committed than younger workers.
- 2.Older persons can learn a new trick, if they are convinced the new trick is better than the old one.
- 3.People age at different rates and in different ways. Aging doesn't necessarily mean "going downhill."
- 4.Although there are some exceptions, most older adults are cared for by their adult children, when they require assistance.

Game Day - Wednesdays, 4-6 pm

Meet in the west side of the Fellowship Hall to play Euchre, Canasta, Mahjong, Dominoes, or bring your own game. Guests are always welcome.

One Great Hour of Sharing

Do you know how the **One Great Hour of Sharing** Offering began? Immediately following World War II, Protestant

John Myrand
 Rochelle O'Brien
March 31
 Diane Ledbetter
 Ed Mann
 Erin Murphy

Stephen Ministry



March 3 *Isaiah 55:9*

For as the heavens
 are higher than the
 earth, so are my
 ways higher than
 your ways and my
 thoughts than your
 thoughts.

March 10 *Psalms 32:1*

Happy are those
 whose transgression
 is forgiven, whose sin
 is covered.

GIPC is a Stephen
 Ministry
 congregation.
 Contact a pastor or
[Julie Gloor](#) for more
 information about
 this ministry.

GIPC Connections

Our Website:

churches in the United States made appeals for the relief and reconstruction of areas devastated by the war, primarily in Europe and Asia. In 1949, the leaders of several denominations formed a committee to organize an appeal to support their churches' separate campaigns.

A program called "**One Great Hour**" was broadcast on March 26, 1949, over major networks and many independent stations. The broadcast closed with a request that listeners attend their local church the following morning and make a sacrificial contribution. No exact measure of receipts was possible, but it was estimated that more than 75,000 churches participated.

By giving to **One Great Hour of Sharing** you make a conscious decision to bring the joy and love of Christ to the most vulnerable and desperate places and people around the world. Envelopes are located in the pew racks. Please note: **OGHS** in the memo line of your check. Your gifts and prayers are most gratefully received and appreciated.

ChristNet Fundraiser

Saturday, March 16th
From 11:30 am. to 1:30 pm.

CARRABBAS ITALIAN GRILL
1405 Toledo-Dix
Southgate

\$15 for adults
\$5 for kids ages 5 - 10
Children under 4 - FREE

Menu
Chicken Marsala
Penne Pomodoro
Soup
Bread
Non-Alcoholic Beverage

Contact Jo-Anne Gronlund for tickets at 734 676-0046

Adult Nurture Classes

Sundays, 9:30 -10:20 am., Fellowship Hall
Christian Art at the DIA

Led by Addie Firnschild and Lea Schelke, this class continues through March 3rd followed by the March 17th tour of the

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DIA paintings and sculptures that tell the Christian stories and transmit spiritual lessons to viewers. Details at the Crossroads.

**Sundays, March 10-April 28
9:30-10:20 am.**

"Living the Questions"

Join us for this video series and discussion class led by Stefanie Cobb.

**Wednesday Nights March 6-20 and April 4-28
6:45-8:00 pm.**

Ron Case will lead the study of James Cone's book **"The Cross and the Lynching Tree"**. Sign up at the crossroads or email Jan Holmes at jholmes@gipc.org to register. Books will be available in class for \$12.



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