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## Help is Needed to Update our Elevator

**New Safety Regulations:** Last year the Building and Grounds Committee learned that our elevator must meet new safety provisions in the State of Michigan building code for a Door Lock Monitoring system. This system prevents the elevator door from opening unless the cab is in place, avoiding the danger of someone falling into an open elevator shaft. System installation is quite expensive, with bids coming in at approximately \$27,000. We have some funds available in our capital project account, but do not wish to completely drain that account. Therefore, our committee is seeking contributions from the congregation to support the new safety requirements.

**Significance of the Elevator:** Our older members increasingly rely on the elevator for access to church services and meetings. It is also crucial to the operations of the food pantry. Furthermore, the elevator helps when we host activities and meals in the fellowship hall. Furniture, supplies and equipment frequently move between floors via the elevator. Our elevator has become a basic necessity for church operations, so we need to keep it in working order and in compliance with the building code.

**How to Contribute:** Checks or cash donations can be dropped off or mailed to the church office or simply placed in the collection plate on Sunday. Please label your contribution "Elevator Update." Donations of any size, large or small, will be greatly appreciated. Assuming the availability of funds, installation of the required safety system is planned for the latter part of 2026. We will schedule the work around services and meetings to minimize disruption of church operations. Thanks for your consideration and support of this important project,

**Questions?** Call Mary Ann Heidemann, Building Committee Chair, 989-351-9700

Greetings in Christ!

There's nothing quite like a good old-fashioned Northern Michigan winter, is there? We're sure getting one this year, with lots of snow, lots of wind, lots of cold, and very little sunshine. At the same time, there's nothing quite like seeing the landscape around us blanketed in fresh snow; everything seems so pure, so peaceful, so very serene. OK, it's a hassle to have to clear snow from driveways and sidewalks, and it can be tough getting around when the roads are slippery, but the tradeoff is seeing the hand of God at work transforming the world into a winter wonderland, watching birds jockey for position at the bird feeders, and seeing and hearing the delight of youngsters sledding or building snowmen. We love the seasons we enjoy Up North!

January has come and gone, and now we welcome February, a month with a couple of "big deal" days to celebrate. Of primary importance is Ash Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, when we will gather in worship at 5:00 pm for a special service to begin the holy season of Lent; ashes will be imposed on the foreheads (or back of hands) of worshippers as a symbol of penitence. This is such an important season for we who believe, as it calls us into a time of sharp focus on preparation for the most important event in human history, the Passion of Christ Jesus leading to his Resurrection. We invite you to join us at this moving service, and we encourage you to take full advantage of the Lenten season to examine your faith life and make those adjustments that you deem necessary to bring you closer to God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit; it's time well-spent.

Of course, February also includes Valentine's Day, a non-church holiday based on a real-life saint from the Third Century. Valentine's Day is all about love, wrapped up in greeting cards and boxes of candy, and there's nothing in the world wrong with celebrating love at every opportunity!

We want to thank (in advance) Mary Ann Heidemann and Gene LaPointe for leading worship while we're away on a bucket-list vacation; it's wonderful to have talented and dedicated church members willing to take on challenging tasks! And we welcome our newest Deacons, Maggie Morely and Gene LaPointe to active service of the church!

We still have some wearable items commemorating our 100th Anniversary available for purchase, as are copies of Mark Thompson's book.

We are continuing to post our written worship service via email, to live-stream our services on Facebook at Westminster Presbyterian Church of Rogers City, and to send out our Midweek Update. Please let us know if you aren't receiving these so that we can correct our distribution list. If you aren't able to be with us in the sanctuary, please consider joining us online!

May God bless you and keep you, and all whom you love, and all whom you are called to love, safe and well.

Rev. Karen, Toby, and Dr. Greg

# What's happening in February??

## Let's take a look!

**Worship-** 11 a.m. on Sundays. **Communion**, the first Sunday of the month. **Note: No communion in February.**

**Deacon's-** No meeting in February, next meeting is March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Choir Practice-** Tuesday's at 11 a.m.

**Worship & Music Committee-** Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 10 a.m. in the library.

**Sessions-** No meeting in February, next meeting is March 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Sunrise Side Drive Up Pantry-** Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup> from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

**AA meetings-** Mondays and Fridays at 7:00 p.m.

**Westminster Sings!!-** Tuesdays at 2 p.m. at The Brook.

**Seeking Liturgists**, greeters, and coffee hour hosts. Also looking for people to lead the children's moment. Sign-up sheets on the bulletin board. Training provided.

***Carl D. Bradley, His Stone Church, and the Golden Days of Rogers City Books*** for sale for \$20. (Profits are being donated to the church.) **Church wearables** are also available for sale.

**Sermon on the Mount** a six-week bible study begins on Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3 pm in the library.

**One Great Hour of Sharing Special offering** starts Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Fellowship Committee** is hosting a special Valentines coffee hour on Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup> after worship. Come wearing your Valentine's best 😊

### *Presbytery Monthly Newsletter Link*

#### **2026 Per Capita**

Presbytery of Mackinac portion \$27.34

General Assembly portion \$11.26

Synod of the Covenant portion \$3.40

***Total 2026 Per Capita \$42.00***



From the Desk of

**TOBY THE CHURCH DOG**

February 2026

Hello dear friends!

Can you believe that it's February already??? Two very loving things happen in February; and as you know, I am a lover of love! In the season of Lent we take time to prepare our hearts and minds to fully receive the gift we are given on Easter; the unrestrained grace of our Lord. There is no greater gift of love and sacrifice in all the world than this! Beginning on Ash Wednesday we become extra mindful about of how each of us belongs to God for all time, and we make plans for how we wish to give back to him by helping his people. I love to help people, and so this is one of my favorite times of the year!

February also brings Valentine's Day—a holiday of love and treats! While this is not a Christian holiday, nothing is more Christ-like than sharing acts of love with others. I hope my family is extra loving this year and shares treats with me! While my hypoallergenic treats are okay, I'd be much happier if my parents became a little messy and dropped a few crumbs (or chunks) of food in my presence. A boy can hope!

And so in honor of February and all it brings to us; I ask you, "Where do you wear your heart?" Is it on your sleeve, or is it hidden away where only a few can see it? Is it present in your words and actions, or is it held tightly in your mind? Who is your heart for? Your dearest love? Close friends and family? Your community? The world? Strangers? Only yourself? Will your heart in action inspire others to share love too?

I wear my heart in my dewy eyes, on my kissing snout, in my wagging tail, in my pouncing paws, and in my peaceful presence. When I see you, dear friends, my heart overflows with joy.

***Wishing you a Valentine's Day and a Lenten season filled with love.***



Your Church Dog,

***TobY***

**My command is this: "Love each other as I have loved you." John 15:12**

## *Those Serving*

### *February 1<sup>st</sup>*

*Greeters:*

*Preservice Music:* Beth Getzinger

*Liturgist:* Beach Hall

*Coffee Hour:* Marvelle & Faye McCutcheon

*Flowers:*

### *February 8<sup>th</sup>*

*Greeters:* Sue & John Viegelahn

*Preservice Music:* Beth Getzinger

*Liturgist:* Beth Getzinger

*Coffee Hour:* Sue & John Viegelahn

*Flowers:* Lois Allum

### *February 15<sup>th</sup>*

*Greeters:*

*Preservice Music:* Beth Getzinger

*Liturgist:* Beach Hall

*Coffee Hour:* Fellowship Committee

*Flowers:* Myriam Goodwin

### *February 22<sup>nd</sup>*

*Greeters:*

*Preservice Music:* Beth Getzinger

*Liturgist:* Gene LaPointe

*Coffee Hour:*

*Flowers:*



## February Birthdays

Lois Allum-2/09

Joyce Lewis-2/22

Kathy Hogan-2/23

Karen Maher-2/27

Marvelle McCutcheon-2/28



“In Lent, God is  
inviting us to  
draw closer to  
Him with our  
whole  
hearts.” – **Matthe  
w Kelly**



Use this in your prayer time for our Westminster family and loved ones.  
If you want the prayer changed, added or removed, please let the church office know at  
989-734-3929 or email us at [rcwestminster@gmail.com](mailto:rcwestminster@gmail.com)

### **Westminster prays for:**

**Pat Erfurdt**, for healing.

**Michelle Kamyszek's unborn granddaughter**, who may have an aneurism in her heart, and for her family, for God's guidance for her medical team and strength and peace for her family.

**Anita, Ed Knaebe's sister**, who is now receiving Hospice care.

**Lois Allum's family** for safe travels and a successful study abroad for her grandson.

**Beth Getzinger**, for healing following eye surgery.

**Russ Brege**, for healing and guidance of his medical team as he seeks answers for the healing of his heart.

**Moya Newman**, granddaughter of Myriam Goodwin, for healing.

**Veronica Frost**, for continued healing.

**Joan Downs**, Jeanette Long's sister, for healing from the flu and pneumonia,

**Jackie Polk**, for healing after a fall.

**Dr. Bob Case**, for healing of a blood infection and regained strength as he continues his return to health in rehab.

**Sue Brown**, for healing.

**Myriam Goodwin**, for healing following pacemaker surgery

**Jeanette Long**, pray for God's perfect healing.

**Lori Storms Hilla**, David Storms' daughter, for healing following surgery to remove cancerous tumors.

**Geri Andrzejewski**, for healing.

**Knox**, great grandson of Veronica Frost, for healing following surgery.

**Roger Faust and his caregiver, wife.**

**Marci Schefke**, who seems to be struggling of medical issues, for God's perfect care.

### **We pray for those in the Military**

#### **We pray for those mourning:**

**We hold in prayer the family of Vonnie Gleason**, who joined the Church Triumphant on December 26<sup>th</sup>. A Celebration of Life will take place in the spring or summer.

**We hold in prayer Julie and Pete Tsangaris** and family, upon the passing of Julie's father.

#### **We celebrate and thank God for:**

**Marcia Schleben's** relief from back pain.

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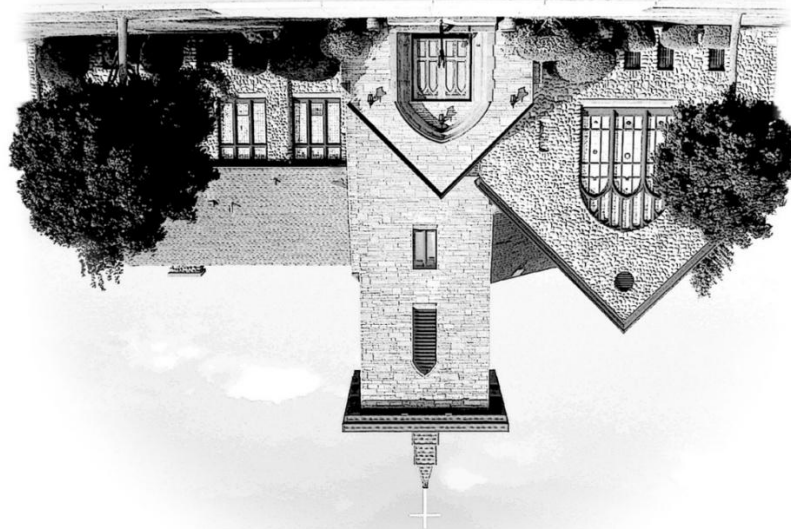
Pastor Emeritus      Reverend William C. Koch                    Honorably Retired

**ELDERS**

Priscilla Jaeger	Clerk of Session
Beach Hall	Treasurer
Myriam Goodwin	Music & Worship
Don McLennan	Personnel
	Christian Education
Mary Ann Heidemann	Building & Grounds/Nominations
Judy Fisher	Membership/Fellowship/Outreach
Beach Hall	Missions
Beach Hall	Stewardship/Finance

**DEACONS**

Deacon Class of 2026	Deacon Class of 2027	Deacons Class of 2028
Gail Stoutenburg	Shelby Carrier	Maggie Morley
Lois Allum	Cliff Fisher	Gene LaPointe



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