

# THE KIRK KONNECTION

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WHERE was the last EGG?!!?

We *had* to find that egg. Until it was located, none of us would be allowed to open our Easter baskets, which we had already found. I wasn't so concerned with my siblings' hauls, but I knew that somewhere deep within the tangled mass of Easter grass and marshmallow peeps I would find a couple packs of baseball cards in my basket that I simply couldn't wait to open.



But it wasn't just about the baseball cards. Every Easter Sunday morning, after we found our baskets (not so hard to find) and all of the colored and plastic eggs (a little bit more challenging) that my parents had hidden throughout the house, we got to tear into those baskets and see just what sort of tooth-destroying treasures awaited our eager, preteen taste buds. There were the annual staples that we knew we'd find: the Cadbury eggs, the standard Brach's jelly beans, Robin Eggs and oversized malted milk balls, mini Hershey candies. But in the constantly shifting landscape that was and is the world of candy, we kids were the big winners. Easter was a gold mine for manufacturers, so anything marketed as bigger, better, newer or BUN-NY would sell. Therefore we knew that in addition to the traditional treats we would also encounter new items: little chocolate Reese's bunnies filled with that delicious substance that laughably masquerades as peanut butter....Jelly Belly beans....and the centerpiece of the Easter basket. Would the magnificent rabbit be milk chocolate? White chocolate? 1 foot tall, or 2?

Easter was truly a memorable day. It was a colorful combination of Halloween and Christmas; we got a ton of candy but also a few little presents. The anticipation of ripping into that basket began the night before and reached its pinnacle during the search for the eggs. There were a bunch of Beckman children, so it was always a competition to see who would find the most. But beyond the (somewhat) friendly competition there was the knowledge that with every egg found we were one step closer to uncovering our Easter treasures.

My outlook on this festival and holiday has changed, but the searching, anticipation and joy that I experience before and during Easter have not.

I am still searching, but no longer is it for hard-boiled or plastic eggs. Rather, I am looking in all the nooks and crannies of this world for Christ. Sometimes it's not so easy to find Jesus in a world stricken with tragedy, a world filled with heartache and pain. But just like that plastic egg that Mom and Dad would hide in plain sight for the baby of the family, so is Jesus for all of God's children: he's here in plain view, if we just take a look and open our eyes.

And, despite my unwavering appreciation for chocolate bunnies, my anticipation leading up to Easter is no longer for the candy or earthly treasures I once held so dear. Rather, I giddily look forward to the moment that I get to share the joy of the risen Savior with my brothers and sisters in Christ on Easter morning. I anticipate the moment we announce the one place that Jesus CANNOT be found: within the tomb. He is not there, for the living cannot be found among the dead.

May the chocolate bunnies of the world never distract you, friends, from our truest source of joy: Christ our Savior has triumphed over the grave and through Him our sins have been forgiven. May you take joy in this today, tomorrow, on Easter Sunday and every single day of your lives.

*Pastor Mike*

## March 2016 Daily Lectionary

*These Scripture readings are from the two-year daily lectionary of the Presbyterian Book of Common Worship (Westminster John Knox Press, 1993). The readings from the three-year Revised Common Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals are not included in this document.*

### **March**

Tuesday, March 1

Morning: Pss. 34; 146

Evening: Pss. 25; 91

Gen. 45:1–15

1 Cor. 7:32–40

Mark 6:1–13

Wednesday, March 2

Morning: Pss. 5; 147:1–11

Evening: Pss. 27; 51

Gen. 45:16–28

1 Cor. 8:1–13

Mark 6:13–29

Thursday, March 3

Morning: Pss. 27;

147:12–20

Evening: Pss. 126; 102

Gen. 46:1–7, 28–34

1 Cor. 9:1–15

Mark 6:30–46

Friday, March 4

Morning: Pss. 22; 148

Evening: Pss. 105; 130

Gen. 47:1–26

1 Cor. 9:16–27

Mark 6:47–56

Saturday, March 5

Morning: Pss. 43; 149

Evening: Pss. 31; 143

Gen. 47:27–48:7

1 Cor. 10:1–13

Mark 7:1–23

Sunday, March 6

4th Sunday in Lent

Morning: Pss. 84; 150

Evening: Pss. 42; 32

Gen. 48:8–22

Rom. 8:11–25

John 6:27–40

Monday, March 7

Morning: Pss. 119:73–80;  
145

Evening: Pss. 121; 6

Gen. 49:1–28

1 Cor. 10:14–11:1

Mark 7:24–37

Tuesday, March 8

Morning: Pss. 34; 146

Evening: Pss. 25; 91

Gen. 49:29–50:14

1 Cor. 11:2–34

Mark 8:1–10

Wednesday, March 9

Morning: Pss. 5; 147:1–11

Evening: Pss. 27; 51

Gen. 50:15–26

1 Cor. 12:1–11

Mark 8:11–26

Thursday, March 10

Morning: Pss. 27;

147:12–20

Evening: Pss. 126; 102

Exod. 1:6–22

1 Cor. 12:12–26

Mark 8:27–9:1

Friday, March 11

Morning: Pss. 22; 148

Evening: Pss. 105; 130

Exod. 2:1–22

1 Cor. 12:27–13:3

Mark 9:2–13

Saturday, March 12

Morning: Pss. 43; 149

Evening: Pss. 31; 143

Exod. 2:23–3:15

1 Cor. 13:1–13

Mark 9:14–29

Sunday, March 13

5th Sunday in Lent

Morning: Pss. 84; 150

Evening: Pss. 42; 32

Exod. 3:16–4:12

Rom. 12:1–21

John 8:46–59

Monday, March 14

Morning: Pss. 119:73–80;  
145

Evening: Pss. 121; 6

Exod. 4:10–20 (21–26)  
27–31

1 Cor. 14:1–19

Mark 9:30–41

Tuesday, March 15

Morning: Pss. 34; 146

Evening: Pss. 25; 91

Exod. 5:1–6:1

1 Cor. 14:20–33a, 39–40

Mark 9:42–50

Wednesday, March 16  
Morning: Pss. 5; 147:1–11  
Evening: Pss. 27; 51  
Exod. 7:8–24  
2 Cor. 2:14–3:6  
Mark 10:1–16

Thursday, March 17  
Morning: Pss. 27;  
147:12–20  
Evening: Pss. 126; 102  
Exod. 7:25–8:19  
2 Cor. 3:7–18  
Mark 10:17–31

Friday, March 18  
Morning: Pss. 22; 148  
Evening: Pss. 105; 130  
Exod. 9:13–35  
2 Cor. 4:1–12  
Mark 10:32–45

Saturday, March 19  
Morning: Pss. 43; 149  
Evening: Pss. 31; 143  
Exod. 10:21–11:8  
2 Cor. 4:13–18  
Mark 10:46–52

Sunday, March 20  
Passion/Palm Sunday  
Morning: Pss. 84; 150  
Evening: Pss. 42; 32  
Zech. 9:9–12  
1 Tim. 6:12–16 *or* Zech.  
12:9–11; 13:1, 7–9  
Luke 19:41–48

Monday, March 21  
Monday of Holy Week  
Morning: Pss. 119:73–80;  
145  
Evening: Pss. 121; 6  
Lam. 1:1–2, 6–12  
2 Cor. 1:1–7  
Mark 11:12–25

Tuesday, March 22  
Tuesday of Holy Week  
Morning: Pss. 34; 146  
Evening: Pss. 25; 91  
Lam. 1:17–22  
2 Cor. 1:8–22  
Mark 11:27–33

Wednesday, March 23  
Wednesday of Holy Week  
Morning: Pss. 5; 147:1–11  
Evening: Pss. 27; 51  
Lam. 2:1–9  
2 Cor. 1:23–2:11  
Mark 12:1–11

Thursday, March 24  
Maundy Thursday  
Morning: Pss. 27;  
147:12–20  
Evening: Pss. 126; 102  
Lam. 2:10–18  
1 Cor. 10:14–17; 11:27–32  
Mark 14:12–25

Friday, March 25  
Good Friday  
Morning: Pss. 22; 148  
Evening: Pss. 105; 130  
Lam. 3:1–9, 19–33  
1 Peter 1:10–20  
John 13:36–38 *or* John  
19:38–42

Saturday, March 26  
Holy Saturday/Great Vigil  
of Easter  
Morning: Pss. 43; 149  
Evening: Pss. 31; 143  
Lam. 3:37–58  
Heb. 4:1–16  
Rom. 8:1–11

Sunday, March 27  
Resurrection of the  
Lord/Easter  
Morning: Pss. 93; 150  
Evening: Pss. 136; 117  
Exod. 12:1–14  
John 1:1–18  
*or* Isa. 51:9–11  
Luke 24:13–35 *or* John  
20:19–23

Monday, March 28  
Morning: Pss. 97; 145  
Evening: Pss. 124; 115  
Exod. 12:14–27  
1 Cor. 15:1–11  
Mark 16:1–8

Tuesday, March 29  
Morning: Pss. 98; 146  
Evening: Pss. 66; 116  
Exod. 12:28–39  
1 Cor. 15:12–28  
Mark 16:9–20

Wednesday, March 30  
Morning: Pss. 99;  
147:1–11  
Evening: Pss. 9; 118  
Exod. 12:40–51  
1 Cor. 15:(29) 30–41  
Matt. 28:1–16

Thursday, March 31  
Morning: Pss. 47;  
147:12–20  
Evening: Pss. 68; 113  
Exod. 13:3–10  
1 Cor. 15:41–50  
Matt. 28:16–20

# March 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> 7-10pm Harmony Town Chorus	2 6:30-9:30 NA 6-9pm Toastmasters	3	4 7:45-9:30pm Alanon	5 9:45am Choir Practice
6 <b>Communion</b>	7 7:30-9pm Bi-Polar Depression Support Group	8 7-10pm Harmony Town Chorus	9 6:30-9:30 NA 6-9pm Toastmasters	10	11 7:45-9:30pm Alanon	12 9:45am Choir Practice
13 <b>Deacon Bake            Sale            Session</b>	14 7:30-9pm Bi-Polar Depression Support Group  6:30-9:30pm Hope for Healing Hearts	15 7-10pm Harmony Town Chorus	16 6:30-9:30 NA 6-9pm Toastmasters	17	18 7:45-9:30pm Alanon	19 9:45am Choir Practice
20 <b>Palm Sunday</b>	21 <b>Monday of            Holy Week</b>  7:30-9pm Bi-Polar Depression Support Group	22 <b>Tuesday of            Holy Week</b>  7-10pm Harmony Town Chorus	23 <b>Wednesday of            Holy Week</b>  6:30-9:30 NA 6-9pm Toastmasters	24 <b>Maundy            Thursday</b>  6pm <b>WORSHIP</b>	25 <b>Good Friday</b> 7:45-9:30pm Alanon  6pm <b>WORSHIP</b>	26 <b>Great Vigil of            Easter</b>  9:45am <b>Choir            Practice</b>
27 <b>Easter            8-10am-Easter            Breakfast            Deacons</b>	28 7:30-9pm Bi-Polar Depression Support Group  6:30-9:30pm Hope for Healing Hearts	29 7-10pm Harmony Town Chorus	30 11:30- <b>Classy            Lassies and            Grazers Lunch</b> 6:30-9:30 NA  6-9pm Toastmasters	31		

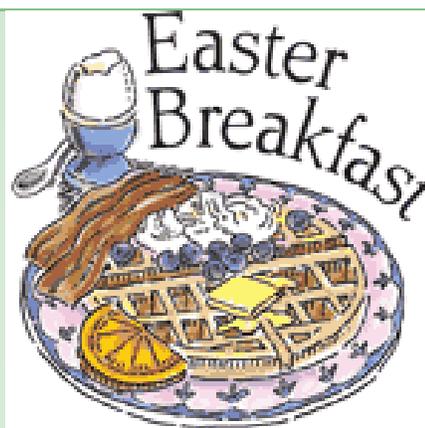


Gale Shrewsbury will play Evilina in the upcoming musical *Enchanted Sleeping Beauty* at Inspire Theater in Westland.

The king and queen of Never Nod have a new baby, Princess Briar Rose. The witch Evilina, who lives with a giant spider, sets a terrible curse on the poor young princess. Sixteen years later, it's up to Prince Alexander to come to Briar-Rose's rescue and the court's too... for they are all asleep! The prince must fight a Wall of Thorns, a False Princess, and, most frightening of all, the exalted Dark Knight!

**March 17, 18, 19, 7:00 PM**  
**March 19, 20, 2:00 PM**

**TICKETS: \$15 - General Seating**



The Deacons will be hosting the annual Easter Breakfast on Easter Sunday

March 27

8:00am-10:00am

Tickets: \$10 for a family

\$4 for a single adult

See a deacon to get your tickets in advance.

Tickets will also be available at the door.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

8	Daniel Donner
18	Cindy Handford
18	Jenny Root
24	John Jennings
24	Marjorie Grubbs



**NAME TAGS  
 NOW FOUND  
 ON THE  
 WALL!**

Thanks to some generous session members, we now have a permanent place for our name tags! They are located on the bulletin board just inside the door by the top of the stairs. You are invited to wear yours every Sunday!

WHO DOESN'T  
 LOVE  
 FREE STUFF?

Check out the freebie table in the lounge. Items that have been on the table for longer than 2 months have been removed and donated to a local thrift store. Feel free to bring in items you no longer use or need. Feel free to take anything that you can use.

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# LENTEN SCHEDULE

## Palm Sunday

March 20

10:30 a.m.

## Maundy Thursday

March 24

Worship 6:00 p.m.

## Good Friday

March 25

Worship 6:00 p.m.

## Easter Sunday

March 27

## **Easter Breakfast**

8:00am-10:00 a.m.

## **Worship**

10:30 a.m.

### WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Madeline Carpenter, Chairman and Elder

Bonnie Hilberer, Elder

Audrey Conner, Deacon

### FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

Sharon Garcia, Chairman and Elder

Cindy Handford, Deacon

### CHILDREN & YOUTH

Jenny Root, Chairman and Elder

June Jennings, Deacon

### MISSION/OUTREACH

Judy Curtis, Chairman and Elder

Michelle Shrewsbury, Elder

Lorraine Scott, Deacon

Lois Hanley, Deacon

### FOUNDATION

Leslie Holland, Chairman and Elder

David Garcia, Elder

Nancy Pride, Deacon

Patrick Frobe, Deacon

John Jennings, Deacon

**TREASURER:** Fred Kirk

### **GAS CARD MINISTRY**



The Kirk continues to give \$25 gas cards to those who might need them. A person can only receive 2 per calendar year and must live in Wayne, Westland, Garden City or Inkster. A record is kept in the office of all who receive our help.

## OUR ADOPTED TEACHER- MS. NEVILLE

In February, the Kirk gave Ms. Neville 25 books with audio cassette tapes. Some of the titles included were:

*Curious George Goes to the Chocolate Factory,*  
*Timothy Goes to School,* and *I Can Read About Dinosaurs.*

In March, the class received 6 basketballs, 6 utility balls, a football, a tire pump, a tug of war rope, a parachute, hopscotch squares, a Frisbee toss, 12 juggling scarves, 12 ribbon sticks, 50 ping pong balls, 24 Nerf balls, 3 game books, 4 yo-yos, 4 plastic balls, 4 bubble wands, extra bubbles, 12 magnifier glasses, 12 jump ropes, 6 hula hoops, 8 foam dice, and 1 measuring tape. All were presented with 2 new tote boxes.



## Friendship

If I but touched your hand  
And looked into your eyes,  
I'd feel the quiet comfort  
That only friendship buys.

More valuable than gold –  
As sturdy as a rock –  
Yet fragile as a flower  
And guarded with a lock.

For Friendship is so precious  
Like the air we breathe.  
Without it we'd be stifled,  
Without it we would grieve.

So treasure every friend –  
Nurture them with love.  
You'll glory in the harvest  
That you reap from Heaven above.

By Edna T. Burch ©  
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Mother of Bonnie Hilberer



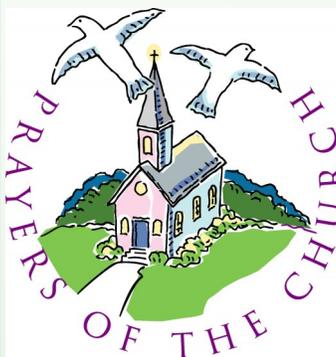


**Financial Report as of 1/31/2016**

	January	Year to Date	Budget
<b>Income</b>	8,197	8,197	8,795
<b>Expenses</b>	11,600	11,600	8,930
<b>Net Income or Loss</b>	-3,403	-3,403	-135
<b>Liquid Assets*</b>	88,946	88,946	

\* equals the total for Kirk checking, savings, and mutual funds.  
Does not include Thank God 4 Christian Parents Fund.

January was a slow start for 2016 with several unusual expenses including double catchup payments for the pastor's pension, etc., replacement of color ink in the office copier, and restocking the Kirk's supply of bank checks. These totaled approximately \$2M. The remaining balance was also impacted by the drop of value for the Mutual Funds of \$1.5M.



Now that you have finished reading the newsletter, please take a moment to pray for...

**NEEDING PRAYERS:**

Willow Creek's preschool teacher, Darlene Taig, has an 11-year old granddaughter with Kleefstra Syndrome

Audrey Conner requests prayers for Anne Snyder, sister in law, who is undergoing therapy at a rehab facility after having a stroke



June Jennings' brother, Bruce Hickmott, passed away Saturday, February 20.

**Called Home to Heaven**

*The mission of the Kirk of Our Savior is to glorify God, nurture new and existing relationships, and bear witness to our faith and divine calling through worship, service, stewardship and prayer.*

*It is the vision of this church to become a living example of God's love, called to show Christ to those within the church community by offering ourselves in service to those in need and inviting all to share in this vision.*