

THE KIRK KONNECTION

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I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord;
No tender voice like thine can peace afford.

(Refrain)

I need thee, O I need thee;
Every hour I need thee;
O bless me now, my Savior,
I come to thee.

2. I need thee every hour, stay thou nearby;
Temptations lose their power when thou art nigh.

3. I need thee every hour, in joy or pain;
Come quickly and abide, or life is vain.

4. I need thee every hour; teach me thy will;
And thy rich promises in me fulfill.

5. I need thee every hour, most Holy One;
O make me thine indeed, thou blessed Son.

Yesterday we closed morning worship with this hymn, penned in 1872 by Annie Hawks. As I sang the words I could not help but think about our annual discussion and commemoration of Jesus' journey through the wilderness, a journey that we want to understand; a journey upon which we have expressed a desire to accompany our Savior. We have discussed during sermon time the need to seize this opportunity (as we always should) to grow closer to Jesus in this time as Jesus draws nearer to the Cross.

What struck me during our hymn, though, was the dissonance between our sung words and our actions. We claim – and rightfully so – that we need Jesus “every hour.” But do we truly seek Him every waking hour? Do we walk with Him when we’re driving, or out at the grocery store, or at our children’s extracurricular events?

During each refrain of our hymn I wondered if even I personally behave as though I need Jesus every hour. And, sadly, I was forced to guiltily conclude that I take breaks from my walk with my Savior.

I find that even I personally, as a pastor, occasionally take what could only be called a “vacation” from this supposed need that I so boldly proclaim in song. I get more upset than I should with bad drivers, I foster a ridiculous code of personal etiquette when it comes to restaurant, grocery or other store behavior, and I even silently judge others on a beautiful day at the park when they are violating my code. I can promise you that there is no Jesus in any of this, and thus I must confess that I am most certainly not acting as though I want to be with Him “every hour.”

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As I had these thoughts, however, the truth was made ever clearer to me that I do indeed NEED my gracious Lord every hour, even when my actions make it obvious that the all-too-human part of me does not necessarily *want* Jesus there.

Why is this? Why would I want Jesus to stay home while I go out on the town for a little while? Maybe I subconsciously believe that if I put Christ to the side for a few hours here or there I won't feel so guilty if I silently (or not so silently) judge the behavior of others. Maybe I give myself a free pass for saying or doing something that deep down I know is wrong. If I cut off that connection to Jesus - for just a little while - then I can just relax and give in to the sin that is always on my doorstep, beckoning me to come out and play. ...and, when I've gotten it out of my system and am ready to behave like a Christian once more, I open up that connection once more, as though I'm removing a cloak that somehow hides my sin. "See, Lord, I'm here! Reporting for Christian duty, Sir!"

Thus I NEED Jesus every hour, ere my muscles for sinning are stretched and oiled and raring to go out and do their worst. The more hours we spend away from our Savior, the farther we will wander from His loving, sheltering arms: arms that save us from ourselves, arms that save us from our sin.

Jesus never takes a vacation from us. Why, even for an hour, would we take a vacation from Him when the danger of sin threatens to overtake us if we do?

In this season, may the dissonance between our actions and our words cease to exist. As our mouths proclaim that we need Jesus *every* hour, may our conduct become consistent with our comprehension of and belief in this truth...even when it's conduct that cannot be outwardly seen. What we say and do in our hearts may be hidden from others, but the Lord sees it all.

As we march through the wilderness, as we journey toward the Cross and as we walk with Jesus let us prove to Him that we know our sinful selves need him every hour of our lives. But I say let's do more than that. May our words and our actions - today and always - prove to Christ that we do not just *need* Him present with us every hour. May our lives be living proof that we *want* Him there.

Pastor Mike



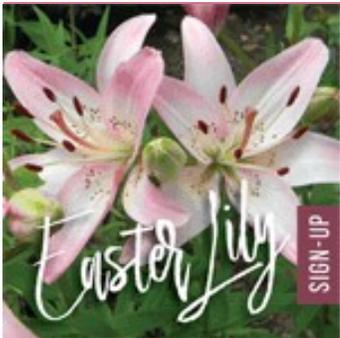
**First Week
of May
Dates to
Remember**

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 7-9pm Harmony Town Board Meeting-Lounge	3 7:45-9:30pm Alanon-Lounge	4 9:30am-Choir Practice

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.

Some of our seniors met with Allison Gidley of John Glenn High School to discuss a Seniors For Seniors program Allison would like to begin.



Easter Flower Sign-Ups

You may start ordering Easter flowers now. You will find Easter Lily envelopes in the pews. If there is not one in your pew, please check nearby. We are offering Easter Lilies and Hyacinths this year for \$8 each. The flowers will adorn the sanctuary on Easter. You may then take your flower(s) home with you after the Easter service. Please place your donation in the marked envelope along with your name and which flower(s) you want and how many then place the envelope in the offering plate as it comes around.



Pastor Mike met teachers at John Glenn High School in March when he delivered donuts.



PALM SUNDAY

April 14 10:30am

MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 18 6:00pm

GOOD FRIDAY

April 19 6:00pm

EASTER BREAKFAST

April 21 8:00am

EASTER

April 21 10:30am

Middelburg Care Village Update

Kirk of Our Savior has supported Middelburg Care Village (Middelburg, Mpumalanga, South Africa), since late 2017. It has been difficult to maintain regular communication with the village, but the children want the Kirk to know that they are aware of who we are and are thankful for all that we've contributed in order to make their lives better. As MCV grows and thrives we are optimistic that, under God's direction, our relationship with the village can do the same.

To see the video of the children thanking the Kirk, visit our Facebook page.

GAME OFF!



There will not be a Family Fun Night in April due to the 3rd Friday being Good Friday.

PLEA FOR HELP FROM YOUR CHURCH FOUNDATION TEAM

We are looking for anyone interesting in helping with a couple of carpentry projects—basic skills required, comfortable using a chop saw—and in doing some painting. If you are interested in helping with either or both, please contact Jenny Root at (734) 744-6316. Thank you.



All were encouraged to wear green and/or orange to enjoy corned beef and cabbage at the March Family Fun Night.

Financial Report as of 2/28/2019

	February	Year to Date	Budget
Income	11,151	22,685	19,503
Expenses	11,361	21,298	20,434
Net Income or Loss	-210	1,387	-931
Liquid Assets*	100,327	100,327	

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

February was near breakeven but assisted by a gain on Kirk mutual funds of \$1,000. A January snowplowing bill of \$2,100 was paid during the month. WCCP resumed paying rent during February as well. We began to replenish capital reserves with a transfer from savings of \$1,500 but there will be other transfers as current projects estimate a near term cost of \$2,600.



Classy Lassies and Grazers

April 24

Classy Lassies and Grazers will next come together for their monthly lunch date on Wednesday, March 27. All are welcome! Come alone or bring a friend.

Meet at 11:30am in the church lounge.



The Per Capita amount for 2019 for the Presbytery of Detroit will be \$29 per person.

The Presbytery has increased the amount of Per Capita that is due from each member in 2019. Per Capita provides administrative support to the mission of the Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly. Among other things Per Capita provides office and clerical needs, accounting services for mission, and support to helping congregations find new pastors as well as assist candidates to prepare for the ministry. The Per Capita charge that the Kirk recommends is based on that assessed by the Presbytery. For 2019 the amount will increase to \$29 a member, a two-dollar increase over the past year. Please pay this amount at your convenience during the early part of 2019 using the envelope provided in your pledge envelope box or any other envelope that you mark as Per Capita. Thank you.



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WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Madeline Carpenter (2021), Chairman and Elder

Bonnie Hilberer (2022) Elder

Colleen Williamson (2022) Deacon

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

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Andrea Alicea (2022) Deacon

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Patrick Frobe (2020) Elder

Rob Otte (2020) Deacon

Judy Walker (2021) Deacon and Deacon Moderator

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CLERK: Jenny Root

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 6:30-8 Girl Scouts- Fellowship 7:30-9pm Bi-Polar Depression Support Group-Lounge	2 7-10pm Harmony Town Chorus- Fellowship Hall	3	4 7-9pm Harmony Town Board Meeting- Lounge	5 7:45-9:30pm Alanon-Lounge	6 9:30am-Choir Practice
7 10:30am-Worship in Sanctuary	8 6:30-8:30pm Hope 4 Healing Hearts- Fellowship Hall 7:30-9pm Bi-Polar Depression Support Group-Lounge	9 7-10pm Harmony Town Chorus- Fellowship Hall	10	11 6-9pm-WCCP Open House	12 7:45-9:30pm Alanon-Lounge	13 9:30am-Choir Practice Noon-Painting- Restrooms/Kitchen
14 PALM SUNDAY 10:30am-Worship in Sanctuary Session-Fellowship	15 6:30-8 Girl Scouts- Fellowship 7:30-9pm Bi-Polar Depression Support Group-Lounge	16 7-10pm Harmony Town Chorus- Fellowship Hall	17	18 6pm Maundy Thursday worship	19 6pm-Good Friday worship 7:45-9:30pm Alanon-Lounge	20 9:30am-Choir Practice
21 EASTER 8am Easter Breakfast 10:30am-Worship in Sanctuary	22 6:30-8:30pm Hope 4 Healing Hearts- Fellowship Hall 7:30-9pm Bi-Polar Depression Support Group-Lounge	23 7-10pm Harmony Town Chorus- Fellowship Hall	24 11:30 am Classy Lassies and Grazers Lunch	25	26 7:45-9:30pm Alanon-Lounge	27 9:30am-Choir Practice
28 10:30am-Worship in Sanctuary Deacons-Sanctuary	29 7:30-9pm Bi-Polar Depression Support Group-Lounge	30 7-10pm Harmony Town Chorus- Fellowship Hall				

April 2019 Daily Lectionary

These Scripture readings are from the two-year daily lectionary of the Presbyterian Book of Common Worship (Westminster John Knox Press 2018). The readings from the three-year Revised Common Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals are not included in this document.

Year 1

APRIL

Monday, April 1

Morning: Pss. 119:73–80;
145

Evening: Pss. 121; 6
Jer. 16:(1–9) 10–21
Rom. 7:1–12
John 6:1–15

Tuesday, April 2

Morning: Pss. 34; 146
Evening: Pss. 25; 91
Jer. 17:19–27
Rom. 7:13–25
John 6:16–27

Wednesday, April 3

Morning: Pss. 5; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 27; 51
Jer. 18:1–11
Rom. 8:1–11
John 6:27–40

Thursday, April 4

Morning: Pss. 27; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 126; 102
Jer. 22:13–23
Rom. 8:12–27
John 6:41–51

Friday, April 5

Morning: Pss. 22; 148
Evening: Pss. 105; 130
Jer. 23:1–8
Rom. 8:28–39
John 6:52–59

Saturday, April 6

Morning: Pss. 43; 149
Evening: Pss. 31; 143
Jer. 23:9–15
Rom. 9:1–18
John 6:60–71

Sunday, April 7

5th Sunday in Lent
Morning: Pss. 84; 150
Evening: Pss. 42; 32
Jer. 23:16–32
1 Cor. 9:19–27
Mark 8:31–9:1

Monday, April 8

Morning: Pss. 119:73–80;
145
Evening: Pss. 121; 6
Jer. 24:1–10
Rom. 9:19–33
John 9:1–17

Tuesday, April 9

Morning: Pss. 34; 146
Evening: Pss. 25; 91
Jer. 25:8–17
Rom. 10:1–13
John 9:18–41

Wednesday, April 10

Morning: Pss. 5; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 27; 51
Jer. 25:30–38
Rom. 10:14–21
John 10:1–18

Thursday, April 11

Morning: Pss. 27; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 126; 102
Jer. 26:1–16 (17–24)
Rom. 11:1–12
John 10:19–42

Friday, April 12

Morning: Pss. 22; 148
Evening: Pss. 105; 130
Jer. 29:1 (2–3) 4–14
Rom. 11:13–24
John 11:1–27
or John 12:1–10

Saturday, April 13

Morning: Pss. 43; 149
Evening: Pss. 31; 143
Jer. 31:27–34
Rom. 11:25–36
John 11:28–44
or John 12:37–50

Sunday, April 14

Palm/Passion 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
Matt. 21:12–17

Monday, April 15

Monday of Holy Week

Morning: Pss. 119:73–80;
145
Evening: Pss. 121; 6
Jer. 11:18–20; 12:1–16 (17)
Phil. 3:1–14
John 12:9–19

Tuesday, April 16

Tuesday of Holy Week

Morning: Pss. 34; 146
Evening: Pss. 25; 91
Jer. 15:10–21
Phil. 3:15–21
John 12:20–26

Wednesday, April 17
Wednesday of Holy Week
Morning: Pss. 5; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 27; 51
Jer. 17:5–10, 14–17 (18)
Phil. 4:1–13
John 12:27–36

Thursday, April 18
Maundy Thursday
Morning: Pss. 27; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 126; 102
Jer. 20:7–11 (12–13) 14–18
1 Cor. 10:14–17; 11:27–32
John 17:1–11 (12–26)

Friday, April 19
Good Friday
Morning: Pss. 22; 148
Evening: Pss. 105; 130
Gen. 22:1–14
1 Peter 1:10–20
John 13:36–38
or John 19:38–42

Saturday, April 20
Holy Saturday
Morning: Pss. 43; 149
Evening: Pss. 31; 143
Job 19:21–27a
Heb. 4:1–16
Rom. 8:1–11

Sunday, April 21
Resurrection of the Lord /
Easter Sunday
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, April 22
Morning: Pss. 97; 145
Evening: Pss. 124; 115
Jonah 2:1–10
Acts 2:14, 22–32
John 14:1–14

Tuesday, April 23
Morning: Pss. 98; 146
Evening: Pss. 66; 116
Isa. 30:18–26
Acts 2:36–41 (42–47)
John 14:15–31

Wednesday, April 24
Morning: Pss. 99; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 9; 118
Micah 7:7–15
Acts 3:1–10
John 15:1–11

Thursday, April 25
Morning: Pss. 47; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 68; 113
Ezek. 37:1–14
Acts 3:11–26
John 15:12–27

Friday, April 26
Morning: Pss. 96; 148
Evening: Pss. 49; 138
Dan. 12:1–4, 13
Acts 4:1–12
John 16:1–15

Saturday, April 27
Morning: Pss. 92; 149
Evening: Pss. 23; 114
Isa. 25:1–9
Acts 4:13–21 (22–31)
John 16:16–33

Sunday, April 28
2nd Sunday of Easter
Morning: Pss. 93; 150
Evening: Pss. 136; 117
Isa. 43:8–13
1 Peter 2:2–10
John 14:1–7

Monday, April 29
Morning: Pss. 97; 145
Evening: Pss. 124; 115
Dan. 1:1–21
1 John 1:1–10
John 17:1–11

Tuesday, April 30
Morning: Pss. 98; 146
Evening: Pss. 66; 116
Dan. 2:1–16
1 John 2:1–11
John 17:12–19