

## Glad Tidings

*“For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.” ~ Colossians 1: 19-20*

### The National Day of Prayer

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The National Day of Prayer is May 1st and a Ceremony will be held at noon on the steps of the Bradford County Courthouse. The National Day of Prayer calls on all people of different faiths in the United States to pray for the nation and its leaders. It is held on the first Thursday of May each year.

In 1775 the Continental Congress allocated a time for prayer in forming a new nation. Over the years, there have been calls for a day of prayer, including from President Abraham Lincoln in 1863. On April 17, 1952, President Harry Truman signed a bill proclaiming the National Day of Prayer into law in the United States. President Reagan amended the law in 1988, designating the first Thursday of May each year as the National Day of Prayer.

The National Prayer Committee was formed in the United States in 1972. It went on to create the National Day of Prayer Task Force, with the intended purpose of coordinating events for the National Day of Prayer. According to the Legal Information Institute, the President shall issue each year a proclamation designating the first Thursday in May as a National Day of Prayer on which the people of the United States may turn to God in prayer and meditation at churches, in groups, and as individuals.

### Happy Mother's Day!!! - May 11th

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His Mother - by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Even He that died for us upon the cross, in the last hour, in the unutterable agony of death, was mindful of His mother, as if to teach us that this holy love should be our last worldly thought - the last point of earth from which the soul should take its flight for heaven.



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## Camp Lackawanna

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2014 Camp Lackawanna Summer Program begins with staff training on June 15th–20th with the first camp program beginning on June 22nd. Registration forms for Camp Lackawanna are now available in the front and rear vestibules. A list of the 2014 summer program can be found on the bulletin board in the rear vestibule. For more information on the programs and pricing, visit [www.presbycamplackawanna.org](http://www.presbycamplackawanna.org).

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## May Mission for TACO

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For the month of May, we will be collecting baby items. This includes food, wipes, powder, lotions, shampoo, etc... Please leave your donations in the shopping cart in the rear vestibule.

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## Sewing Society

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We had a wonderful crowd for our Tuesday dinner and a lot of compliments. Thanks to all who prepared dishes and to all who worked. We couldn't do it without all of you.

We were able to contribute \$1,000 to the church general fund this month.

The air conditions/heater are installed and ready for use. Many thanks to Ron and Kim Barnes.

Happy 90th birthday to Betty Cook. We had the honor of helping with her party. Everyone had a great time.

Glad to have Pam Williams home from Florida. Trust she had a good winter.

Hope to see you in May when we will be serving Swiss steak.

*God humbled Himself and found an earthly family so one day we may join a heavenly one.*

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## Standing Stone Community Vesper Church

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The Standing Stone Community Vesper Church begins their season on Sunday, May 4th at 7 P.M. The teaching services are designed to encourage Christians on their spiritual journey. All are welcome!



## Prayer Circle

We have studied the first fifteen chapters of Exodus. The families of Joseph were forced into slavery. God prepared Moses to be their leader and to deliver them out of Egypt. There were many different signs, and plagues; however God had promised that he would always be with them. Many, many times Moses begged Pharaoh to let his people go, but God hardened Pharaoh's heart and the people are still in bondage.

We are happy to have Pam Williams back with us again from the sunny south. We are also pleased to hear that Evelyn Wilson is doing much better after her surgery. We miss Marion Lent, and Betty Cook, but we are thankful that they are happy and doing well at their new home.

We meet every Wednesday morning at 9:30 in the conference room. We have wonderful Bible study, have meaningful prayer, and sign many cards for those in need of comfort. We invite you to join us, you are always welcome.

### The following were remembered on our Prayer List

March 19th thru April 16th

#### Prayer Circle Listing

##### Angel List

Makayla Evans  
Mason Barto  
Ashely Weed  
Marisa Ivey  
Betty Miller  
Nancy Irvine  
Andrew Pardoe  
Deb Mathers  
Shawn Mastrantonio  
Abbriella Brown  
Caiden Irvine  
Carolyn Russell  
Clara Weaver

##### Current List

Whitney Rockwell  
Danny Schmeckenbecher  
Marion Lent  
Robert Allen  
Otto Brown  
Gladys Derr  
Colleen Close  
Jim Allen  
Tom Jennings  
Cynthia Sims  
Rowena McCarthy  
Linda Hartzell  
Wilbur Beers

Diane Place  
Richard Hollenback  
Our Nation  
Frank Lindsey  
Michelle Lamphere  
Shirley Strohl  
Barb Bailey  
Emily Woodcock  
Robert Perry  
Janie Wallace  
Rev. Dwight Albers  
Jeremiah Nickerson  
Mavis Rose Pugh

Evelyn Wilson  
Tom Neilson  
Drew Faulkerson  
Families of Flight 370  
Jim Wygrala Family  
Suzanne Brown  
Clara Weaver Family  
Arthur Blow Family  
Kadence Kingsley  
Prudence Wilson

## Session Minutes

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### WYSOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION MEETING      MARCH 10, 2014

The regular meeting of the Session of the Wysox Presbyterian Church was called to order by Pastor Jira Albers on March 10, 2014 at 7:05 PM at the Wysox Presbyterian Church.

**Opening devotions and prayer** led by Elder Dave Blascak

**Elders Present:** Kim Barnes, Dave Blascak, Lori Blascak, Mary Bruce, Vaughn Hollenback, Michelle Irvine, Ronald Irvine Jr., Deborah King, Loretta Stevens and Shelly VanDerMark

**Elders Excused:** Julie Palmer and Dody Savercool

**Elders Absent:** None

**Guests Present:** None

#### ORDER OF THE DAY:

1. The Docket for the meeting was approved on a motion by Elder L. Blascak and seconded by Elder M. Irvine.
2. On a motion by Elder Bruce and second by Elder L. Blascak the minutes of the Session Meeting on 03.10.14 were approved.

#### CORRESPONDENCE:

- Notice of Presbytery Worship Leader training
- Various thank you cards and letters of appreciation

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Music & Worship: Elder Savercool reported:
  - a. Palm Sunday services are set for April 13<sup>th</sup>, with "Breakfast Casserole" brunch following service
  - b. Easter Sunday services set for April 20<sup>th</sup>
2. Membership & Evangelism: Elder Stevens reported:
  - a. Still exploring the possibility of perhaps hosting a women's conference here
  - b. Review of Membership Directory will be undertaken
1. Christian Education: Elder King reported:
  - a. Youth Group will conduct service on May 4<sup>th</sup> for "Compassion Sunday"; this will also be the final week of Sunday School for the year.
  - b. Unless a new group volunteers to take charge of Mother/Daughter banquet, the banquet will not be held this year
1. Mission: Elder M. Irvine reported:
  - a. Spring cleaning supplies will be collected for TACO during March/April

- b. \$100 from the Mission budget line item will go to the "5<sup>th</sup> Quarter" ecumenical effort
  - c. Also socks are still needed and still being collected
2. Memorial:
  - a. It was noted that an annuity account was missed during the annual audit and follow up take place
3. Property: Elder Ron Irvine - none
4. Personnel: Elder Ron Irvine - none
5. Finance & Investments: Elder Lori Blascak:
  - a. Presented and reviewed the report prepared by finance committee.
6. Recognition: Elder Mary Bruce
  - a. 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration for Betty Cook to be held on April 5<sup>th</sup>

### **SPECIAL REPORTS**

1. **Treasurer's Report:** Presented and reviewed the report submitted by Lora Schmieg
  - a. It was noted that Session is appreciative of the narrative summary that is now being provided by Treasurer Schmieg to go along with her report.
  - b. The monthly financial report was unanimously accepted on a motion by Elder Bruce, seconded by Elder King.
  - c. On a motion by Elder King and seconded by Elder D. Blascak, it was agreed to set up automatic on-line bill paying for the payment of reoccurring monthly bills (electric, phone, etc).
2. **Pastor's Report:** Pastor Albers shared his report of activities for the past month.
3. **Lackawanna Presbytery:** upcoming events include the following: April 27<sup>th</sup> - Cluster meeting being held in Wyalusing; May 13<sup>th</sup> - Stated meeting; and June 9<sup>th</sup> - Camp Lackawanna event.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. On a motion by Elder R. Irvine and seconded by Elder VanDerMark, the adoption of Child Protection Policy as provided by Presbytery was approved.
2. On a motion by Elder Barnes and seconded by Elder R. Irvine, the adoption of the Sexual Offender Response Policy as drafted was approved.
3. On a motion by Elder Stevens and seconded by Elder L. Blascak, it was agreed to spend up to \$2,000 of memorial funds to update our office computer and software, based on recommendation made by Rick Schmieg.
4. The members of the Finance Committee will be requested to inventory items that are currently in the safe deposit box.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. None

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm. . Closing Prayer lead by Pastor Jira Albers

**Next Session Meeting: April 14, 2014 @ 7:00pm**

Respectfully recorded and submitted: Kim D Barnes