

John Knox Presbytery "Region 5" Prayers

Each week we will be remembering in our prayers clergy and churches in our area of John Knox Presbytery. During this next week we lift in prayer the *Rev. David King* who is honorably retired and resides in Mauston.

Following Worship

Deacons Meeting will be in Westminster Center
Discipleship Committee Meeting will be in Dining Room

"Come And See" @ PPC

"Come and See" are opportunities that the Session provides for those who may like to know more about the Portage Presbyterian Church or who may have interest in becoming a member here. There are no "strings attached" with these times. It is truly a "Come and See" time which is designed around the interests, questions and ideas of those who come to participate. We will be offering **2 Opportunities** to "Come and See" in March - **Sunday, March 12 after worship** or **Tuesday, March 21 beginning @ 6:30 p.m.** If you would like to "Come and See" or would like more information, please contact the Church Office.

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ PPC

Monday, March 6

1:00 p.m. Bible Study, Dining Room
3:30 p.m. Administration & Corporate Affairs, WC
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir, Parry Hall

Wednesday, March 7

5:00 p.m. Light Snack
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5:30 p.m. Lord's Lambs/PEACE
6:05 p.m. Worship – Tour of Jerusalem at Passover
6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir, Dining Room
6:30 p.m. "Tour" Practice, Sanctuary
7:30 p.m. Worship "Jam", Sanctuary

Thursday, March 9

6:00 p.m. Session Meeting, Westminster Center

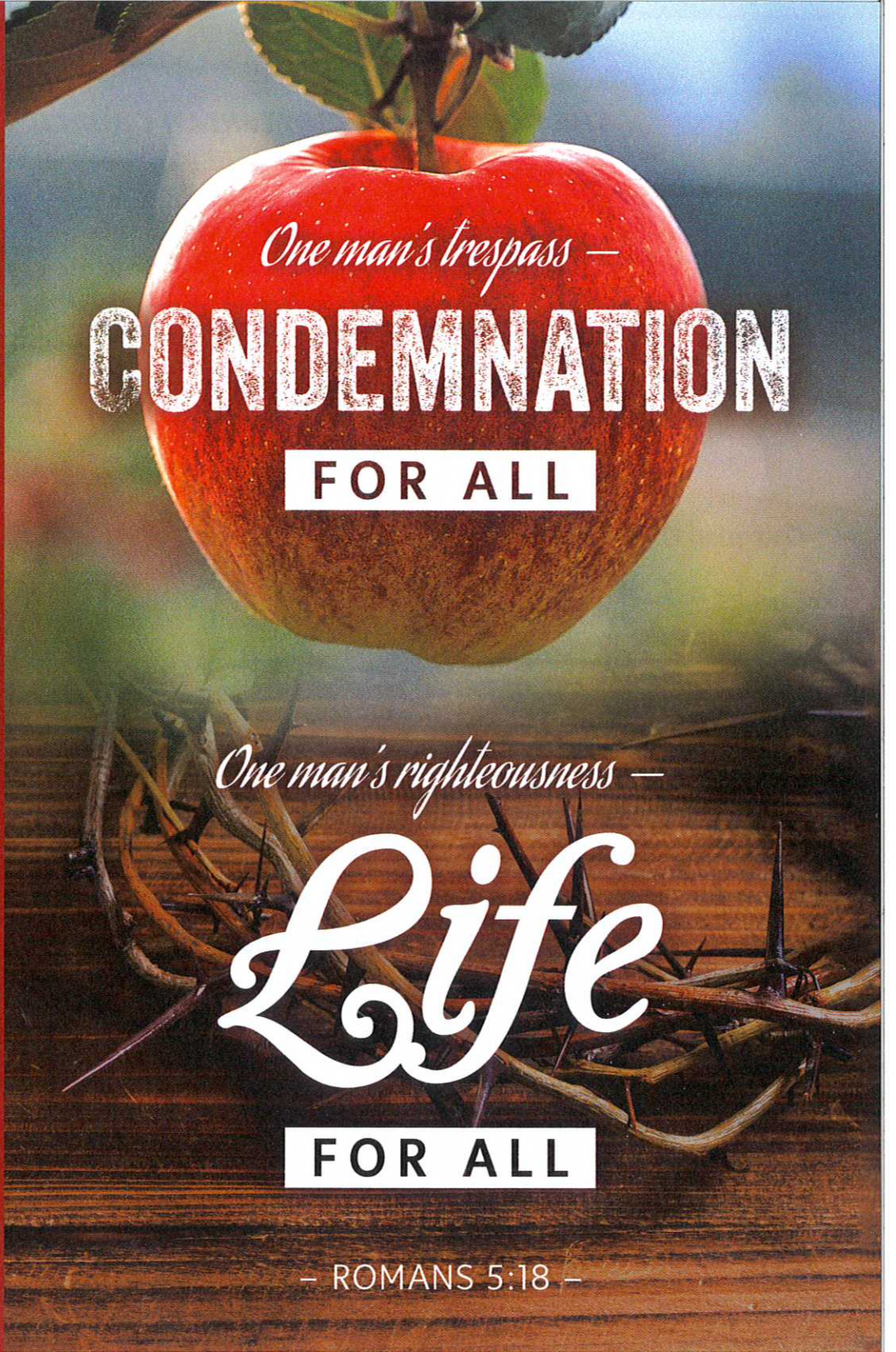
Saturday, March 11

9:00 a.m. Presbyterian Women Cleaning Kitchen

Sunday, March 12

9:30 a.m. Sunday Class
10:05 a.m. Traditional
Worship
After Worship "Come &
See" Gathering
Produce /Bake Sale Day

Our 2017 bulletin covers are donated by Howard Schneiter in memory of his wife, Jean.



One man's trespass —
CONDEMNATION
FOR ALL

One man's righteousness —
Life
FOR ALL

— ROMANS 5:18 —

Welcome to
THE PORTAGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Sunday, March 5, 2017 – 10:05 a.m. First Sunday In Lent

We are people of God who know
the goodness, joy, love and hope of Jesus Christ.
We are called to a new way of life That serves others
and Celebrates God's vision for his creation

** Stand, if you are comfortable standing.*

The Gathering

Gathering Of The People

Chimes

Welcome And Announcements

Call To Worship

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness. Come into God's presence with singing!

For the Lord is a gracious God, whose mercy is everlasting; and whose faithfulness endures to all generations.

Then let us worship God.

*Hymn # 515 *"Since Jesus Came Into My Heart"* (Red Hymnbook)

*Prayer Of Confession

Before God, and with you, my sisters and brothers

I confess my brokenness:

To the ways I wound my life,

The lives of others

And the life of the world.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name: Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Prayer Response # 49 *"Lead Me Lord"*

Giving Thanks With Our Offering

Offertory

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above Ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Offering Prayer

The Sending

*Hymn # 505 *"Love Lifted Me"* (Red Hymnbook)

*Benediction

*Congregational Response *"Spirit Of The Living God"*

Spirit of the Living God fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the Living God fall afresh on me.

Melt me, Mold me, Fill me, Use me.

Spirit of the Living God fall afresh on me.

*Postlude

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Serving You Today

Pastor

Rev. David J. Hankins

Organist/Pianist

Cordelia Connor

Chancel Choir Director

Judy Taylor

Greeter

Marcia Van Natta

**May God forgive you**  
**Christ renew you**  
**And the Holy Spirit enable you to grow in love.**  
Amen.

**Before God, and with you, my sisters and brothers**  
**I confess my brokenness:**  
**To the ways I wound my life,**  
**The lives of others**  
**And the life of the world.**

May God forgive you  
Christ renew you  
And the Holy Spirit enable you to grow in love.  
*Amen.*

### An Opportunity for Silent and Personal Prayer

#### \*Assurance Of God's Grace

Great is God's faithfulness. God makes a path when none was there before. God leads us back when we are hopelessly lost. God makes room for us when we have walked away, time and again. God loves us even when we are less than perfect. There is always room for us at the table of Christ, in the presence of God. WE are forgiven, WE are loved, WE are restored and re-created and reclaimed by God in and through Jesus Christ.

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

May we know that we are forgiven and be at peace.

*All: Amen.*

#### \*Acclamation Of Praise # 623 "Gloria Patri"

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.  
World without end. Amen. Amen.

*The Word*

Scripture Lesson

*Psalm 103:8-14*

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Chancel Choir Selection

Scripture Lesson

*Matthew 18:21-35*

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A Time With The Young People

This Morning's Message

A Time Of Silent Reflection

### *The Thanksgiving*

\*Hymn # 504

*"He Touched Me"*

(Red Hymnbook)

\*AFFIRMING OUR FAITH

*from "The Brief Statement of Faith"*

In life and in death we belong to God. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the broken hearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving His life for the sins of the world.

God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating His sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

With believers in every time and place, we can rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen

Sharing The Joys And Concerns Of The Church Community

Prayer Song # 2193 *"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"*

Silent And Personal Prayers

Pastoral Prayers