

# THE KIRK KONNECTION

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Many people know that Jack Roosevelt Robinson broke major league baseball's "color barrier" in 1947, becoming the first black man to play modern major league baseball. It is also fairly common knowledge that he fought hard against inequality his entire adult life. Far less chronicled, however, are Jackie's efforts to level life's playing field even as a child.

During the children's sermon this past Sunday, I spoke about young Jackie and his habit to pick all of the smallest and frailest neighborhood children to be on his team during pickup games of team sports. This was a habit, I should add, that supposedly never led to his teams losing. The point I want to make is not that Jackie teamed up with all of the too-small and talentless kids and won against insurmountable odds. The point is that he teamed

up with all of the children that everybody else *thought* were too small and talentless and won because he was able to uncover all that they *did* have to offer.

We are living in a world that, unfortunately, does not implement Jackie's tactics. Even sadder for Christians in America, this is happening right in our very own country under leadership that publicly proclaims Christianity (a "Christianity" seemingly devoid of both Christ and love). Systematic racism, classism, sexism, etc. were certainly in place long before the presidential baton was passed to its current occupant. But in the years since that took place, we have not moved forward in our ability to treat one another equally as fellow human beings, let alone to love one another as sisters and brothers. We have instead turned and run steadily in the other direction as leadership has done its best to avoid picking the smallest or weakest neighborhood children.

The aforementioned tactics were not just Jackie's. They were also the tactics of Jesus. Jesus didn't waltz into town and select Galilee's biggest names to play on his team. Sure, He had at least one heavy hitter in Matthew, who as a tax collector would have been an educated and wealthy man. But even Matthew, in his profession that often oppressed poorer people, was likely despised by many. In fact, if the disciple Simon really was a Zealot, he would have essentially been an enemy of Matthew and the tax collectors (perhaps here we encounter an instance of Jesus bringing folks from all sides to work together in ministry). And while we don't know a ton about the histories of the other disciples, we do know a good handful of them were fishermen. This was a reasonable profession in that time, but folks like Peter and John – who Acts 4:13 refers to as "uneducated and ordinary men" – would not have been rubbing elbows with the elite of their day.

So there are two things I would like us to note: First, in the selection of his twelve disciples, we see that Jesus looked past what other people would have seen in these men. Even *beyond* the Twelve, in the other disciples and apostles of Jesus, there were both women and those with humble backgrounds as well as highly educated and powerful people (think Joseph of Arimathea and Saul of Tarsus/Paul the Apostle, among many others). Second, we see that Jesus did not discriminate in any way in His collection of followers and those He chose for ministry.

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This should be a lesson to us in both our treatment and evaluation of everyone with whom we come into contact. As stated in the sermon this past week, no matter what news or leadership in our own country tell us, we are ALL God's children. We all have something to contribute – in whatever form it might be – and we have a responsibility both to share what we have and also to welcome in our brothers and sisters and empower them to do exactly the same.

If we collect for our side only those who appear to be the biggest and the brightest, we will lose. Not only are we holding down the majority of God's children, but we are preventing them from using their own God-given gifts for the good of *everyone* (and that includes us). But if we pick those who have been mistreated, ignored, disrespected and disenfranchised and love them as we have long loved ourselves, we will undoubtedly unearth the same goodness Jackie found in the small children of his neighborhood and Jesus found in those who followed Him.

Only then can we hope to win.

*Pastor Mike*

## 2019 Annual Congregational Meeting and Potluck



***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.***

Kirk of Our Savior Annual Congregational Meeting  
January 27, 2019

The Clerk of Session verified that there was a quorum present (33 members), so the meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Mike at 12:25 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

It was MOVED by Betty Hesselgrave, SECONDED, and CARRIED to approve the agenda as presented. It was noted that the minutes of the 2018 annual congregational meeting are first in the agenda, and that they were approved at the February, 2018, Session meeting. NOTE – the Clerk made the minutes available to the membership in the monthly newsletter and asked to be notified if any corrections needed to be made. None were requested. It was MOVED by Betty Hesselgrave, SECONDED, and CARRIED to accept the minutes as written.

The following reports were presented for approval:

Board of Deacons	Worship
Clerk of Session	Music Department
Children & Youth	Treasurer's:
Church Foundation	a) 2018 Audit
Fellowship	b) Statement of Benevolence
Outreach/Mission	c) Balance Sheet
Pastor's	d) Income Statement

After the opportunity for comments, questions, and discussion, it was MOVED by Carolyn Gates, SECONDED, and CARRIED to receive these reports as presented.

After the opportunity for discussion, it was MOVED by Betty Hesselgrave, SECONDED, and CARRIED to approve the 2019 Terms of Call for Rev. Michael Beckman, which are printed in full at the end of these minutes.

The Treasurer presented, for information only, the 2019 Operating Budget.

The following elections took place:

OFFICERS

For Deacons, class of 2022: Andrea Alicea, Colleen Williamson, and Peggy Flacks

For Elders, class of 2022: Bonnie Hilberer, Cindy Handford, and Jenny Root

It was MOVED by Judy Walker, SECONDED, and CARRIED to close the nominations and direct the Clerk to cast one ballot for the slate. It was MOVED by Betty Hesselgrave, SECONDED, and CARRIED to elect the above-named people.

AUDIT COMMITTEE, 2019

John Rose and Joan Nystrom placed themselves into nomination; it was MOVED by Chad Childers, SECONDED, and CARRIED to elect John and Joan to the Audit Committee.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE, 2019

After an explanation of what this entails, the following people placed themselves into nomination: Chad Childers, Mieke Beckman, and David Garcia. It was MOVED by Betty Hesselgrave, SECONDED, and CARRIED to elect them to the Nominating Committee.

The Moderator temporarily recessed the meeting at 1:02 p.m. in order to handle the business of the Corporation.

Kirk of Our Savior **Annual Meeting of the Corporation**  
January 27, 2019

President Judy Curtis called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

It was MOVED by Sharon Garcia, SECONDED, and CARRIED to remove Mark Gallaher and Leslie from the Board of Trustees and elect Cindy Handford and Jenny Root to the Board.

It was MOVED by Betty Hesselgrave, SECONDED, and CARRIED to close the meeting at 1:04 p.m.

The **meeting of the congregation** was resumed by the Moderator at 1:04 p.m.

It was MOVED by Jenny Root, SECONDED, and CARRIED to waive the reading of the minutes and allow the Session to approve them at the regularly scheduled meeting in February. The minutes will be printed in full in the next monthly newsletter.

It was MOVED by Judy Walker, SECONDED, and CARRIED to adjourn the meeting with prayer by Pastor Mike and song at 1:05 p.m.

**TERMS OF CALL** for Rev. Michael Beckman, 2019:

EFFECTIVE SALARY	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Salary	26,063	23,764
Housing Allowance	<u>19,365</u>	<u>18,495</u>
TOTAL:	45,428	42,259
PAID BENEFITS		
Major Medical	11,357	11,000
Pension	4,997	4,648
Death Benefit	454	423
Social Security	3,475	3,233
REIMBURSED EXPENSES		
Study Allowance	1,000	1,000
Professional Expenses	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,500</u>
TOTAL COMPENSATION:	68,211	64,063

Mike receives 4 weeks Personal Leave and 2 weeks Study Leave

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Jenny M. Root, Clerk of Session

**If you have any questions or feel a correction needs to be made, please contact Jenny Root.**

# February 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><sup>3</sup> <b>10:30am-Worship in Sanctuary</b></p>	<p><sup>4</sup> 6:30-8 Girl Scouts-Fellowship 7:30-9pm Bi-Polar Depression Support Group-Lounge</p>	<p><sup>5</sup> 7-10pm Harmony Town Chorus-Fellowship Hall</p>	<p><sup>6</sup></p>	<p><sup>7</sup> 6-9pm WCCP Maintenance  7-9pm Harmony Town Board Meeting-Lounge</p>	<p><sup>1</sup> 7:45-9:30pm Alanon-Lounge</p>	<p><sup>2</sup> <b>9:30am-Choir Practice</b></p>
<p><sup>10</sup> <b>10:30am-Worship in Sanctuary Session-Fellowship</b></p>	<p><sup>11</sup> 6:30-8:30pm Hope 4 Healing Hearts-Fellowship Hall 7:30-9pm Bi-Polar Depression Support Group-Lounge</p>	<p><sup>12</sup> 6:30-9:30pm WCCP Board Meeting-Class  7-10pm Harmony Town Chorus-Fellowship Hall</p>	<p><sup>13</sup> 11am-12:30pm WCCP 4-yr Valentine Party-Fellowship</p>	<p><sup>14</sup> 11am-12:30pm WCCP 3-yr Valentine Party-Fellowship</p>	<p><sup>15</sup> <b>6pm-Family Fun Night</b> 7:45-9:30pm Alanon-Lounge</p>	<p><sup>16</sup> <b>9:30am-Choir Practice</b></p>
<p><sup>17</sup> <b>10:30am-Worship in Sanctuary Ordination/Installation of Elders and Deacons</b></p>	<p><sup>18</sup> 6:30-8 Girl Scouts-Fellowship 7:30-9pm Bi-Polar Depression Support Group-Lounge</p>	<p><sup>19</sup> 2pm Psalms and Parables Bible Study-Lounge 7-10pm Harmony Town Chorus-Fellowship Hall</p>	<p><sup>20</sup></p>	<p><sup>21</sup></p>	<p><sup>22</sup> 7:45-9:30pm Alanon-Lounge</p>	<p><sup>23</sup> <b>9:30am-Choir Practice</b></p>
<p><sup>24</sup> <b>10:30am-Worship in Sanctuary Deacons-Sanctuary</b></p>	<p><sup>25</sup> 6:30-8:30pm Hope 4 Healing Hearts-Fellowship Hall 7:30-9pm Bi-Polar Depression Support Group-Lounge</p>	<p><sup>26</sup> 7-10pm Harmony Town Chorus-Fellowship Hall</p>	<p><sup>27</sup> <b>11:30 am Classy Lassies and Grazers Lunch</b> 6:30-9:30pm-WCCP gen membership mtg-Fellowship</p>	<p><sup>28</sup> 6-9pm WCCP Maintenance</p>		



## Classy Lassies and Grazers

February 27

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

Meet at 11:30am in the church lounge.



3	Nancy Pride
15	Brian Shrewsbury
24	Judy Curtis

PER CAPITA  
2019



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.



Friday, February 15

6:00 pm

Join us for our first Family Fun Night of 2019. We will be serving chili for dinner before we clean up and enjoy time together playing games. Come get to know other members of the church you might only see on Sunday. Put down the phone, get out of the house and have some Friday night fun.



Work is coming along on the women's restroom in the basement. The old doorway has been closed up with wall bricks. A new doorway (above) has been made to accommodate a handicap-accessible stall which will be coming soon.

## February 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

#### FEBRUARY

##### **Friday, February 1**

Morning: Pss. 88; 148  
Evening: Pss. 6; 20  
Isa. 50:1–11  
Gal. 3:15–22  
Mark 6:47–56

##### **Saturday, February 2**

Morning: Pss. 122; 149  
Evening: Pss. 100; 63  
Isa. 51:1–8  
Gal. 3:23–29  
Mark 7:1–23

##### **Sunday, February 3**

Morning: Pss. 108; 150  
Evening: Pss. 66; 23  
Isa. 51:9–16  
Heb. 11:8–16  
John 7:14–31

##### **Monday, February 4**

Morning: Pss. 62; 145  
Evening: Pss. 73; 9  
Isa. 51:17–23  
Gal. 4:1–11  
Mark 7:24–37

##### **Tuesday, February 5**

Morning: Pss. 12; 146  
Evening: Pss. 36; 7  
Isa. 52:1–12  
Gal. 4:12–20  
Mark 8:1–10

##### **Wednesday, February 6**

Morning: Pss. 96; 147:1–11  
Evening: Pss. 132; 134  
Isa. 52:13–53:12  
Gal. 4:21–31  
Mark 8:11–26

##### **Thursday, February 7**

Morning: Pss. 116;  
147:12–20  
Evening: Pss. 26; 130  
Isa. 54:1–10 (11–17)  
Gal. 5:1–15  
Mark 8:27–9:1

##### **Friday, February 8**

Morning: Pss. 84; 148  
Evening: Pss. 25; 40  
Isa. 55:1–13  
Gal. 5:16–24  
Mark 9:2–13

##### **Saturday, February 9**

Morning: Pss. 63; 149  
Evening: Pss. 125; 90  
Isa. 56:1–8  
Gal. 5:25–6:10  
Mark 9:14–29

##### **Sunday, February 10**

Morning: Pss. 103; 150  
Evening: Pss. 117; 139  
Isa. 57:1–13  
Heb. 12:1–6  
John 7:37–46

##### **Monday, February 11**

Morning: Pss. 5; 145  
Evening: Pss. 82; 29  
Isa. 57:14–21  
Gal. 6:11–18  
Mark 9:30–41

##### **Tuesday, February 12**

Morning: Pss. 42; 146  
Evening: Pss. 102; 133  
Isa. 58:1–12  
2 Tim. 1:1–14  
Mark 9:42–50

##### **Wednesday, February 13**

Morning: Pss. 89:1–18;  
147:1–11  
Evening: Pss. 1; 33  
Isa. 59:1–21  
2 Tim. 1:15–2:13  
Mark 10:1–16

##### **Thursday, February 14**

Morning: Pss. 97; 147:12–20  
Evening: Pss. 16; 62  
Isa. 60:1–22  
2 Tim. 2:14–26  
Mark 10:17–31

##### **Friday, February 15**

Morning: Pss. 51; 148  
Evening: Pss. 142; 65  
Isa. 61:1–9  
2 Tim. 3:1–17  
Mark 10:32–45

##### **Saturday, February 16**

Morning: Pss. 104; 149  
Evening: Pss. 138; 98  
Isa. 61:10–62:5  
2 Tim. 4:1–8  
Mark 10:46–52

##### **Sunday, February 17**

Morning: Pss. 19; 150  
Evening: Pss. 81; 113  
Isa. 62:6–12  
1 John 2:3–11  
John 8:12–19

**Monday, February 18**

Morning: Pss. 135; 145  
Evening: Pss. 97; 112  
Isa. 63:1–6  
1 Tim. 1:1–17  
Mark 11:1–11

**Tuesday, February 19**

Morning: Pss. 123; 146  
Evening: Pss. 30; 86  
Isa. 63:7–14  
1 Tim. 1:18–2:8 (9–15)  
Mark 11:12–26

**Wednesday, February 20**

Morning: Pss. 15; 147:1–11  
Evening: Pss. 48; 4  
Isa. 63:15–64:9  
1 Tim. 3:1–16  
Mark 11:27–12:12

**Thursday, February 21**

Morning: Pss. 36; 147:12–20  
Evening: Pss. 80; 27  
Isa. 65:1–12  
1 Tim. 4:1–16  
Mark 12:13–27

**Friday, February 22**

Morning: Pss. 130; 148  
Evening: Pss. 32; 139  
Isa. 65:17–25  
1 Tim. 5:(1–16) 17–22  
(23–25)  
Mark 12:28–34

**Saturday, February 23**

Morning: Pss. 56; 149  
Evening: Pss. 118; 111  
Isa. 66:1–6  
1 Tim. 6:(1–5) 6–21  
Mark 12:35–44

**Sunday, February 24**

Morning: Pss. 67; 150  
Evening: Pss. 46; 93  
Isa. 66:7–14  
1 John 3:4–10  
John 10:7–16

**Monday, February 25**

Morning: Pss. 57; 145  
Evening: Pss. 85; 47  
Ruth 1:1–14  
2 Cor. 1:1–11  
Matt. 5:1–12

**Tuesday, February 26**

Morning: Pss. 54; 146  
Evening: Pss. 28; 99  
Ruth 1:15–22  
2 Cor. 1:12–22  
Matt. 5:13–20

**Wednesday, February 27**

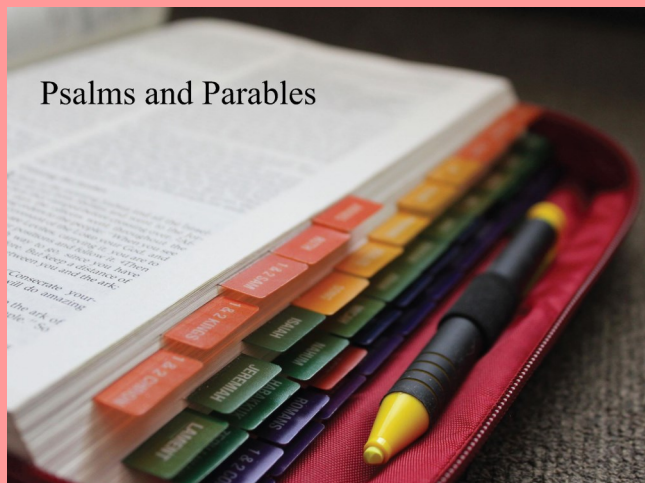
Morning: Pss. 65; 147:1–11  
Evening: Pss. 125; 91  
Ruth 2:1–13  
2 Cor. 1:23–2:17  
Matt. 5:21–26

**Thursday, February 28**

Morning: Pss. 143;  
147:12–20  
Evening: Pss. 81; 116  
Ruth 2:14–23  
2 Cor. 3:1–18  
Matt. 5:27–37



Kirk of Our Savior is collaborating with St. Andrew's Presbyterian, Cherry Hill Presbyterian and Garden City Presbyterian for a 4 week "Psalms and Parables" Bible Study series!



There are 4 meetings, all on Tuesdays at 2:00 PM, one at each location. The schedule is as follows:

Feb. 5 at Cherry Hill Presbyterian  
24110 Cherry Hill, Dearborn

Feb. 12 at St Andrew's  
26701 Joy Rd. Dearborn Heights

Feb. 19 here at the Kirk

Feb. 26 at Garden City  
1841 Middlebelt Rd, Garden City

Nothing but a Bible is required, and all are welcome and invited to attend!



## **WORSHIP COMMITTEE**

Madeline Carpenter (2021), Chairman and Elder

Bonnie Hilberer (2019) Elder

Irene Gaylord (2020) Deacon

## **FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE**

Mark Gallaher (2019) Chairman and Elder

Cindy Handford (2019) Deacon

Lynn King (2020) Deacon

## **CHILDREN & YOUTH**

Dorothy Albright, (2020) Chairman and Elder

Bill Partaka (2021) Deacon

## **MISSION/OUTREACH**

Judy Curtis (2021) Chairman and Elder

Nancy Pride (2020), Elder

Lorraine Scott (2019) Deacon

Audrey Conner (2019) Deacon

## **FOUNDATION**

Leslie Holland (2019) Chairman and Elder

Patrick Frobe (2020) Elder

Rob Otte (2020) Deacon

Judy Walker (2021) Deacon and Deacon Moderator

**TREASURER:** Fred Kirk

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