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## Parson's Perspective

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It was reported recently that a number of new words have been officially recognized as entering the English language in the last year. Some are indeed new in the last twelve months and others have been around about the dictionary gestapo have been loathe to admit them to the inner sanctum of the OED (Oxford English Dictionary.).

How about these words:

- *Defriend*, a variation of "unfriend" or remove from one's social media connections.
- *Selfie*, that intentional or unintentional picture taken of one's self with a cell phone camera app.
- *Flash mob*, an organized group activity that seems to appear spontaneously and unannounced to do a performance, such as music, in a public venue not normally given to public performances.
- *Sequestration*, a term adopted by Congress to describe a fiscal policy process that automatically reduces the federal budget across most departments and agencies.

Then there are all those fifty and seventy-five cent words the doctors use that we haven't got a clue about. Every discipline has its arcane argot (obscure slang). As the president of my college was want to say, "Eschew Obfuscation," that is, say it simple and clearly.

Like it or not, our language is a living organism, sometimes used and sometimes much abused. Think of all the words that have come into our parlance in the last decade or last five decades which are common words today and we don't think twice about them.

Our lives are like that. We deal with situations in our lives and the lives of those around us that we would never have given any thought to twenty or forty years ago. We still use the same 26 letters to spell words. That hasn't changed, but the words have. I get a daily email that features words, some simple, some complex, often unknown, obsolete, or rarely used. Some words are like the things we find in the back of our closets. We forgot we had them.

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# THIS MONTH IN THE CHURCH

**Sunday, February 2 - 9:30 a.m.**

"Fresh Air" (Ezekiel) Walter Vonderohe, Leader

**Wednesday, February 5—1:30 p.m.**

Circle Meetings: **Esther Circle** at the Resident's Cottage-Hostess: Irene Noble and Study Leader: Karen Henderson

**Martha Mary Circle** at the home of Betsy Hall-Study Leader: Elaine Zingg

**Sunday, February 9 - 9:30 a.m.**

"Fresh Air" (Jesus) Walter Vonderohe, Leader

**Thursday, February 13 - 9:30 a.m.**

Stewardship Meeting

1:30 p.m. Fellowship Meeting

4:00 p.m. Worship Committee Mtg.

**Sunday, February 16 - 9:30 a.m.**

"Fresh Air" (Peter) Elaine Zingg Leader

**Monday, February 17 6:00 p.m.**

Annual Meal with Congregational Mtg. following (See special article in this newsletter about the meal)

**Presidents' Day—Church Closed**

**Tuesday, February 18 - 3:30 p.m.**

Presbytery Mtg. at Columbus Broad St. Church

**Thursday, February 20 - 10:30 a.m.**

Communion at Bristol Health Care

**Saturday, February 22 - 9:30 a.m.**

PW Winter Gathering at the Covenant Church-Cols.

**Sunday, February 23 - 9:30 a.m.**

**New Adult Class TBA**

**Sunday, February 23 Communion  
(Deacons' Offering)**

**Monday, February 24 - 7:00 p.m.**  
Session Meeting

**Wednesday, February 26 1:30 p.m.**  
P.W.C.T. Mtg. at the Glenn Center

## February Birthdays

February 1 - Richard Hays

Jane Williams

5 - Barbara Patterson

8 - Amy Schutte

15 - David Boyer

Walter Vonderohe

18 - Hal Demus

20 - Elmer Smith

23 - Shirley Melinger



## February Wedding Anniversaries:

February 11 - Jean and Tom Frank

**Thank You** to everyone who contributed to our Mitten Tree during the holidays. We received 1 pair of shoes, 12 hats, 28 pairs of gloves and mittens, 1 scarf and 9 Beanie Babies. These items have been given to Pike County Welfare House for the needy.

## OUR PER CAPITA ASSESSMENT: SYNOD LEVEL

In January, the *Courier* included an article about the Per Capita assessment of \$31.75 per member that we send in to the Scioto Valley Presbytery as our share in funding overhead expenses in carrying out the functions of our tri-level representational governmental structure. That article focused on the Presbytery's \$21.48 share of the funds we send in. This month we will focus on the use of \$3.25 per member that the Presbytery forwards to the Synod. This amount is less than that kept by the Presbytery, but the Synod has payments from many more congregations to draw upon.

Our Presbytery is one of the eleven Presbyteries located in Ohio and Michigan that make up the Synod of the Covenant. Our Synod offices are located at 1911 Indian Wood Circle, Suite B, Maumee, Ohio 43537. There are 142,090 members that make up the 758 congregations in this Synod. In addition to maintaining this office, our Per Capita helps pay the salaries of the Synod of the Covenant's paid staff: Synod Executive, the Rev. Raafat Zaki from Egypt; Stated Clerk and Treasurer, the Rev. David Bartley; Program Coordinator, Doris Evans; Bookkeeper, Melany Shoop; and executive assistant, Janet Fehlin.

As with the Presbytery, much of the work of the synod happens in committees whose leaders and personnel are volunteers. The Synod's program committees are Multi-cultural, Racial Ethnic and Justice; Covenants and Connections; Ministries in Higher Education, and Mission to the USA. The Ministries in Higher Education relates to three Presbyterian related colleges: Alma College in Michigan, the College of Wooster, and Muskingham College, both located in Ohio. The Mission to the USA committee brings church leaders from other parts of the world to minister to and learn from living and working with local congregations in Ohio and Michigan. This year the participants were from South Africa; next year they hope to bring in Christians from the Middle East.

There is also a Cabinet on Ethnic Church Affairs in the Synod of the Covenant with Black, Asian, Middle Eastern, and Latino Caucasus. A permanent Judicial Committee that deals with contested issues is located in the Synod, and there is also a Synod level committee on the Presbyterian Women program.

In the month since the article on the Per Capita and the Presbytery appeared, members of our church have paid in \$1,101.25 of our \$3,620.00 assessment.

## FELLOWSHIP NOTES

Thank you for sharing your favorite holiday "finger sized" appetizers when we gathered to celebrate Epiphany on January 5. Ann Oyer decorated the tables so beautifully with camels, kings, and star-laden trees. Barbara Patterson came up with the white dove ornaments at each place. Louise, Wanda, Nancy, Jean, and numerous others, helped at the serving tables.

A look around the kitchen, after a very quick clean-up, revealed spotless counter tops and only one orphaned serving dish! Thank you VERY much for remembering to take your leftover food and serving pieces home with you! Isn't it nice to have uncluttered work areas and refrigerator space when it's your turn to help with kitchen work?

### **ANNUAL MEETING MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17 KFC PRECEDING THE MEETING**

Mmmmm...who doesn't like Kentucky Fried Chicken? It will be serve-yourself buffet with a free-will offering basket. But, AGAIN, we need an approximate head count. Watch for bulletin inserts very soon. Just fill in your name and number of people and drop it in the offering plate. Or call Barb in the church office to make your reservations. We don't want to run out of food, but we don't want to over-buy either.

The dinner is at 6:00 p.m., with annual congregational meeting following.

## OTHER COMING EVENTS

If you wonder what ever happened to plain old pot luck, you'll be pleased to know that on March 30, when we host a dance team from Thailand during worship time, we'll have a traditional "down-home-style" pot luck lunch afterward. They get plenty of rice at home and they enjoy sampling American dishes.

The group will also perform later that evening at the Glenn Center. It will be an entertaining program for the Waverly/Pike County community.




Then, there's talk of a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on March 4 and, on April 20, Easter Breakfast. Watch for details in upcoming newsletters.

### **THANK YOU COFFEE HOUR HOSTS**

December and January hosts were: The Nobles, Nancy Seward and Betsy Hall, Vonderohes, Stricklands, Roberts and Bakers. We all appreciate your time and effort.

Hosting need not be difficult or demanding. Step up to the kiosk, pick up a "*Hints for Coffee Hour Hosts*" flyer (if you need help) and sign up. It's fun and rewarding! A wonderful time for fellowship and catching up.

**NEXT FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE  
MEETING: THURSDAY, FEB. 13  
1:30 P.M.**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>February 2014</h1> 						
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2 9:30 a.m. Adult Class  10:45 a.m. Worship	3	4	5 8:00 a.m. Sleeve-Tugg.  1:30 p.m. Circle Mtgs.  7 p.m. Choir	6	7	8
9 9:30 a.m. Adult Class  10:45 a.m. Worship	10	11	12 8:00 a.m. Sleeve-Tugg  7:00 p.m. Choir	13 9:30 a.m. Stewardship 1:30 p.m. Fellowship  4:00 p.m. Worship	14 	15
16 9:30 a.m. Adult Class  10:45 a.m. Worship	17 6 p.m. Annual Meal 7 p.m. Annual Cong. Mtg. <b>Presidents' Day Church Closed</b>	18 Presbytery Mtg. 3:30 p.m. Cols. Broad St. Church	19 Sleeve-Tugg 8:00 a.m.  7:00 p.m. Choir	20 10:30 a.m. Communion at Bristol Health Care 	21	22 9:30 a.m. PW Winter Gathering Covenant Church Cols.
23 9:30 a.m. Adult Class  10:45 a.m. Worship Communion Deacons' Off.	24 7:00 p.m. Session Mtg.	25	26 8:00 a.m. Sleeve-Tugg.  1:30 p.m. P.W.C.T. Mtg  7 p.m. Choir	27	28	



## Stewardship: A New Way to Witness

Stewardship is more than being fiscally generous and responsible. God asks us to be stewards of all our resources: our time, our energy, and all of our gifts. Starting Sunday, February 2nd, you can witness in a new way. In your bulletin on Sunday morning you will find a response card like the one shown below. It provides a concrete way to witness before God how you will demonstrate your faith during the coming week. Just fill out the card and place it in the offering plate. There is no need to sign it; it is your private covenant with God.

### *Worship and Witness through Giving*

In gratitude to God for grace and countless blessings, I regularly support the ministry of First Presbyterian Church with my contributions. Please accept this card today as my act of worship and witness.

During the coming week I will also witness through

Personal Prayer     9:30 Adult Class     Presbyterian Women  
 Committee Work     Other \_\_\_\_\_

### Scripture Texts for Sunday Worship, February 2014

February 2	Fourth Sunday after Epiphany Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; <b>Matthew 5:1-12</b> Pastor Rick: "God's People Have Character"
February 12	Fifth Sunday after Epiphany Isaiah 58:1-12; Psalm 112; 1 Corinthians 2:1-16; <b>Matthew 5:13-20</b> Pastor Rick: "God's People Are Engaged"
February 19	Sixth Sunday after Epiphany Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 119:1-8; 1 Corinthians 3:1-9; <b>Matthew 5:21-37</b> Pastor Rick: "God's People Play Fair"
February 26	Seventh Sunday after Epiphany Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18; Psalm 119:33-40; 1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23; <b>Matthew 5:38-48</b> Pastor Rick: "God's People Surprise the World"

## Visitors

### December 29,

Tom and Doreen Nelson, daughter and son-in-law of Ruth Karner  
Kevin, Chaco, Len and Meg Tysen, Dublin, OH, son and family of Audrey and Calvin Tysen  
Lisa Tysen, husband John Hugg and Christopher, Philadelphia. daughter and family of Audrey and Calvin Tysen  
Dean Baker, Orient, OH,  
Ryan Baker, Rocky Point, NC, Son and grandson of Gareth and Evelyn Baker  
Lynette, Tom, Michael, Justin Grimaldi, Dacula, GA, daughter and family of Gareth and Evelyn Baker

### January 5, 2014

Charles Van Person and Kathy Will, Waverly  
Marj Lacey, San Diego, CA, sister of Wanda Stratton

### January 12

Charles VanPerson and Kathy Will, Waverly  
Rex and Karen Berney, Bristol Village  
Paul Oyer, Waverly. Husband of Ann Oyer  
Charles Cole, Bristol Village  
Joyce Alderson, Bristol Village  
Glenn Peterson, Bristol Village  
Michele Schiemann Nunez, daughter of Pat Schiemann

### January 19

Michele Schiemann Nunez, daughter of Pat Schiemann  
Charles VanPerson and Kathy Will, Waverly

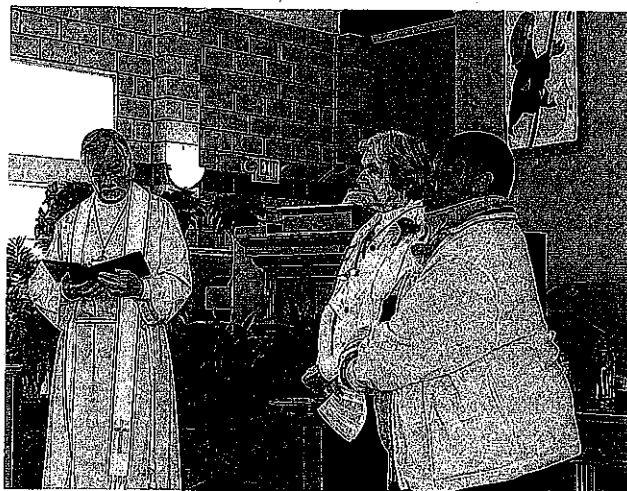
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### MARK YOUR CALENDAR1

Memorial Service for Betty Benefiel will be Saturday, March 15. Time will be announced.

Memorial Service for Joseph Hodder will be Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

**Congratulations to: Sharon Weaver and Ruth Karner who were received as new members on January 5<sup>th</sup>.**



Everyone had a good time at our Epiphany Lunch following worship on January 5<sup>th</sup> and there were many choices of food.



**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN FEBRUARY EVENTS**

Wed., Feb. 5

Martha Mary Circle at home of Betsy Hall; study leader will be Elaine Zingg

Esther Circle at Bristol Village Residents Cottage with hostess Irene Noble; study leader will be Karen Henderson

Wed., Feb. 19 - PW Coordinating Team meeting at Glenn Center club room, Bristol Village.

***Our PW Winter Gathering will be held at the Covenant Church in Columbus on Feb. 22 from 9:30-2:00.***

***The focus of this Gathering is on Justice and Peace. Carol Winkler, from our national PW organization, will give an overview of the justice concerns of women in the PC(USA).***

***Two workshops will also be given. One focuses on domestic violence in our state. The other will address social justice concerns of women around the globe.***

If anyone would like to purchase a Bible Study book "An Abiding Hope," there is one left. See Audrey Tysen.

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Thanks to all who gave gifts at our Alternative Christmas. The blessings will go to our families and friends, as well as many others.

The amounts given are:

- \$25.00 Presbyterian Hunger Fund
- \$1,170.00 Presbyterian Disaster Fund
- \$1,850.00 Pike County Outreach
- \$325.00 Pike Co. Outreach-Food
- \$20.00 Pike Co. Recovery Council
- \$275.00 Bridgehaven
- \$65.00 Pike Co. Welfare House
- \$355.00 Living Water and Presby Women ("Christmas Legacy" CD's)

Total: \$4,085.00

**"SOUP-ER BOWL SUNDAY"**

Super Bowl XLVIII is almost here! On Sunday, February 2, the winners of the playoffs for the AFL and NFL national championships will meet at Metcalf Stadium in Newark, New Jersey for the 48<sup>th</sup> edition of the Super Bowl Football Championship, one of the most most-watched and expensive television spectacles of the year.

About 25 years ago, a seminary intern in a Presbyterian Church introduced the idea of collecting non-perishable items for the poor on Super Bowl Sunday. Now it is one of the most widely supported efforts nationally among churches for food assistance to the poor.

Jesus saw poverty as a failure of human society, and the poor continue to be a special concern. Both Judaism and Christianity, for centuries, have fostered special concerns for the welfare of the poor. "Souper Sunday" is just one expression-- though a very popular and visible one--of this concern.

Last year our congregation donated 244 cans of soup on Souper Bowl Sunday. This year, let's see which team will have the most cans of soup donated in their honor. The soup will be given to the Food Pantry of Pike County. Just remember, no matter, who wins, the real winners will be the poor and the hungry.



# MEMBERS IN MINISTRY

**JANUARY 23, 2014**

## Ministers for Community: Every Member

Co-Pastors: Richard Hays and Robert Getty

Secretary Barbara Patterson

Clerk of Session: Audrey Tysen

Choir Director: Karen Henderson

Organist: Patricia Penrose

Treasurer: Ralph Strickland

## Ministers for Vision and Mission: Session

### Class of 2013

Evelyn Baker

Oscar Marsh

Ralph Strickland

Elaine Zingg

### Class of 2014

Karen Henderson

Paula Hays

Audrey Tysen

Kay Weir

### Class of 2015

Juliet Getty

Betsy Hall

Marian Odell

Dick Roberts

## Ministers for Member Care: Deacons

Irene Noble

Robert Neely

Gerald Barnes

## Ministers Serving In Other Places

Pike County Outreach Council of Churches

Pike County Welfare House

Mark, Jenny, Keila Rosa & Anika Estela Hare – Papay, Haiti

Dendamrongsaat Church – Chiangrai, Thailand

## Ministers Serving from Home

### At Bristol Health Care

444 Cherry St., Waverly OH 45690

Bob Penrose-311A

Maryanna Cassady-304-A

Patricia Dixon-28

Anna Dodge-111

Ed Dodge-103

Virginia Hartwell-102

Dorothy Headley-5-A

Agnes Nash-5-B

Ben Lane-118

Jay Yetter-1

### The Gardens

Betty and David Jenkins-202

### At Home

Virginia Dixon

### In the Waverly Area

## February Worship Assistants:

February 2 - Glenn Noble

9 - Nel Huck

16 -

23 - Marty Miller

## February Greeters:

February 2 - Wanda and Lew Stratton

9 - Helen and Allen

Heinmiller

16 - Jackie and Gerald

Barnes

23 - Juliet and Alexandra

Getty

## February Ushers:

February 2 - Bob Neely, Kitty Neely,  
David Bell, Barratt Banta

9 - Ann Oyer, Marian Odell,  
Lois Hardy, Wanda

Stratton

16 - Barbara Early, Jay Early,  
Bud Hobday

23 - Ralph Strickland, Tom  
Frank, Dimitry Sergay,

Gerald Barnes

## February Flowers:

February 2 - Jeanne Barron

9 - Jean and Tom Frank

16 -

23 -

## February Coffee Hour Hosts:

February 2 -

9 -

16 - Patty and Ralph  
Strickland

23 - Karen and Bruce  
Henderson

## February Counters:

February 2 - Mike Milam & Bob Neely

9 - Ted Bates & Kay Weir

16 - Betsy Hall & Nancy  
Seward

23 - David Bell & Anne Young

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## Amen Corner

For the Amen Corner space:

If you sleep on it — make it up.

If you wear it — hang it up.

If you drop it — pick it up.

If you eat out of it — wash it.

If you spill it — wipe it up.

If you turn it on — turn it off.

If you open it — close it.

If you move it — put it back.

If you like it — share it.

If you receive it — give thanks for it.

If you lost it — find it or replace it.

If you broke it — repair it.

If you empty it — fill it up.

If it rings — answer it.

If it howls — feed it.

If it cries — love it.

### *Parson's Perspective, continued*

The way in which people talk about God may change, the way in which people experience God may change, and the words we choose to describe what God is doing in the world may change. But God doesn't change. God's love doesn't change. God's grace doesn't change. God's justice doesn't change.

As we move through the coming months of 2014, may we be aware of new images, new words, new experiences of God in the lives of individuals in our community, our circle of friends, and, indeed, in our own lives. God is always doing something new to present in the ways the changeless and unchanging aspects of God that generations of believers have celebrated.

Thanks be to God.

*Pastor Rick*