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Parson's Perspective

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This January, as we remember Jesus' baptism, the righteous Son of God, we may ask if we were even worthy to be baptized? Of course we have no worthiness on our own. We can be satisfied with the realization that the Grace of God is the only way we could be considered to join the family of God in Christ Jesus. There are three important blessings of our baptism. First baptism sustains us in our walk with our Savior. Secondly, we begin to experience the loving Christian family. As we are blessed with the strength that we receive in remembering our baptism and the loving family that we are now a part of, we also have a call of kingdom service that was given to us with our baptism.

First, baptism sustains us in our Christian walk. Baptism clearly provides a rock or a foundation from which we can launch our journey and sustains us throughout our lives. The memory and the significance of our baptism sustains us through our life's trials as we keep looking back to this blessed event and keeps us strong in our individual walk.

Looking back on the baptism of Jesus, God the Father pronounced, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." The very sending of the Spirit was the answering love of the Son for the Father. Now, we are members of the family of love through Christ Jesus and enveloped within the love that exists within the three persons of the Trinity. This love of God is the model for showing love within the Christian family.

What should be our response to such an environment of love? We have a mandate to represent this love to those with whom we interact in our daily lives and to do the work of the kingdom. What a calling that was begun in us at our baptism! To think that we have a kingdom role in whatever we do and wherever we are.

What it boils down to is that doing the work of Christ in the world today is living our faith, showing the love of Christ to one another, showing his love to those around us, and sharing love with those in need. Or to put it another way – living our baptism!

Pastor Bob

THIS MONTH IN THE CHURCH

Wednesday, January 1 - New Year's Day
Church Office Closed

Thursday, January 2 - 1:30 p.m.
Fellowship Committee Meeting

Saturday, January 4 - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday Night Praise Service and Planning Mtg. for 2014

Sunday, January 5 9:30 a.m.
Adult Class—"Fresh Air" Daniel
Leader: Nel Huck
Epiphany Lunch following worship service (See Special article page 5)

Wednesday, January 8 1:30 p.m.
Esther Circle at the home of Karen Henderson, 347 Wendy Lane—Study
Leader: Pat Penrose

Martha Mary Circle at the Resident's Cottage—Juliet Getty Hosting -Study Leader TBA

Thursday, January 9—9:30 a.m.
Stewardship Meeting
4:00 p.m. Worship Committee Mtg.

Saturday, January 11 - 9:00 a.m.
PIE Classes for Church Officers
Logan First Presbyterian Church and
9:30 a.m. at Hillard Presbyterian Church
Elders & Deacons are encouraged to attend
See Barbara for a pamphlet
5:00 p.m. Saturday Night Praise Service

Sunday, January 12 - 9:30 a.m.
Adult Class "Fresh Air" - Simeon
Leader: Bob Getty
Communion (Deacons' Offering)

Thursday, January 16 - 10:30 a.m.
Communion at Bristol Health Care
1:30 p.m. Evangelism Com. Mtg.

Saturday, January 18 - 10:00 a.m.—noon
Circleville PC New Beginnings "Come and See" Event
5:00 p.m. Saturday Night Praise Service

Sunday, January 19 - 9:30 a.m.
Adult Class "Fresh Air" - Joel
Leader: Bob Getty

Monday, January 20 - 7:00 p.m.
Session Meeting

Saturday, January 25 - 9:00 a.m.
Presbyterian Orientation Class—Pastor Bob Getty
5:00 p.m. Praise Service

Sunday, January 26 - 9:30 a.m.
Adult Class "Fresh Air" - Chloe—Nel Huck

Wednesday, January 29 1:30 p.m.
PW Fifth Wednesday—Program will be on New Free Clinic that will be opening soon.
Speaker will be announced later
Refreshments following

January Birthdays

- January 2 - Glenn Noble
6 - Betty Jenkins
Judith Harrell
Grace Lewis
11 - Tom Mellinger
12 - Ruth Wonneil
13 - Linda Milam
Elinor Hodder
14 - Bruce Henderson
15 - Jay Yetter
Allen Heinmiller
Eric Melin
16 - Alexandra Getty
22 - Anna Dodge



January Wedding Anniversaries

- January 18 - Marlene & John Voorhes
January 31 - Barbara & Jay Early

THANK YOU

Paula and I thank you for each kind thought, card, plate of cookies, gift, and special remembrance received during December and throughout the year. It is an honor to serve God along side of you and I am humbled to be a part of what God is doing here.

Pastor Rick

VISITORS IN WORSHIP

November 24

Yvonne Hardin, Bristol Village
Donna Keyse, Bristol Village

December 1

Bob and Carla Early and daughter Ava, TX.
Son and family of Jay and Barbara
Early

Yvonne Hardin, Bristol Village
Kevin and Chaco Tysen and son Len,
Dublin, OH. Son and family of
Audrey and Calvin Tysen

December 15

Donna Keyse, Bristol Village
Linda Wilde, Richmond, VA,
daughter of Donna Keys

December 22

Elizabeth and Eric Melin and
daughter Tabitha, Greenbelt,
Md., daughter and family of
Pastor Rick and Paula Hays
Teresa Getty, Madison, WI, daughter of
Pastor Bob and Juliet Getty.
Kathy Will and Charles VanPerson,
Waverly

FIFTH WEDNESDAY CONVERSATIONS January 29 at 1:30 PM

Everyone is invited to hear a speaker about the new Free Health Clinic that will be opening in Waverly soon. This is an attempt to serve non emergency needs of people without health care so that they do not need to go to the hospitals for treatment. The clinic is being sponsored by area churches.

PW is the sponsor of this event.
Refreshments will be served.

CHURCH WEB SITE

www.firstpresbyterianwaverly.com

Betsy Hall has volunteered to manage our church web site. This is a time consuming job and although our pastors have been doing the major work on this, a manager will free them to do other things. We are so pleased to have Betsy do this for us. Shortly after the first of the year she will learn about the work and begin this task.

Along with the web site the church has a facebook page. It would be wonderful if any of our members on facebook would "like" the church and send the information on to any on their site, near and far.

To get on the facebook page bring up the website and in the border at the top is an "f". Click on that and the facebook page will appear. In this way we will be able to communicate with the younger generations and to make the ministry of our church known to others.

THANK YOU BETSY



In Memory

Zerelda Young - December 18, 2013

OUR PER CAPITA ASSESSMENT: PRESBYTERY LEVEL

The second envelope in your box of offering envelopes is titled, "Per Capita" Per Capita is a set assessment per member that each congregation pays to share in funding overhead expenses in carrying out the functions of our tri-level representational governmental structure: Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly. We believe in a tri-level governmental structure because it connects us to all of the Presbyterian Churches in the United States. In this, and the following two months, we will explain how the Per Capita supports each of these three governmental structures. This month we will focus on the Presbytery.

As a congregation, we support these governmental structures in two ways. Through our operating budget, we contribute \$1,690.00 towards the Presbytery of Scioto Valley's missions. Through the Per Capita we help finance the overhead expenses that make it possible for the Presbytery to provide services to its member churches and to support its missions.

This year the Per Capita rate is \$31.75 per member, which means, with 114 members, we will contribute \$3,620.00 as our share. We encourage active members to pay their own Per Capita share. In 2013 active members paid \$1,580.00 of our \$3,534 assessment. We have about a dozen members who are in the Bristol Health units who do not pay their Per Capita, so the church pays their share, and any other unpaid Per Capita, as part of our general operating fund.

Our congregation is one of the 104 congregations with 19,865 members in the Scioto Valley Presbytery which extends from Marion in the north to Ironton in the south and encompasses 21 Ohio counties. The \$21.48 of your Per Capita will help finance the costs associated with its offices at 6230 Busch Boulevard, Suite 250, Columbus, Ohio 43229-1866, and salaries of its four paid staff: Transitional Executive Presbyter, Jeannie Harch; Transitional Stated Clerk/Treasurer, Richard Hays; Business Manager, Brenda Oliver; and Office Manager, Dagmar Romage.

The work of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley is also carried out by a number of unpaid positions including Moderator, Vice-Moderator, and chairs and members of the following commissions: Commission for Church Professionals, Commission for Presbytery Operations, Commission for Nurture and Outreach, Commission for Congregational Life.

In drawing up an operational budget for 2014 we set a goal of \$1,800.00 for individual member Per Capita payments. Please help us meet that goal.

Stewardship Report-

We have now received 44 Pledges for a total of \$141,696.00.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>January 2014</h1>						
			1 New Year's Day Church Closed	2 Fellowship Committee Meeting 1:30 p.m.	3	4 Sat. Night Praise Serv. & Planning Mtg. for 2014 5:00 p.m.
5 Adult Class 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m. Epiphany Lunch	6	7	8 Circle Mtgs. 1:30 p.m. Sleeve-Tuggers 8 a.m. Choir 7 p.m.	9 Stewardship Mtg. 9:30 a.m. Worship 4 p.m.	10	11 9 a.m. PIE Class for Officers(See This Month) 5 p.m. Sat. Night Praise
12 Adult Class 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m. Communion (Deacons' Offering)	13	14	15 Sleeve-Tuggers 8 a.m. Choir 7:00 p.m.	16 Communion 10:30 a.m. Bristol Health Care Evangelism Mg. 1:30 p.m.	17	18 10 a.m.-noon Circleville PC New Beginnings 5 p.m. Sat. Night Praise
19 Adult Class 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m.	20 Session Mtg. 7:00 p.m.	21	22 Sleeve-Tuggers 8:00 a.m. Choir 7:00 p.m.	23	24	25 Presbyterian Orientation Class 9 a.m.-12 noon Sat. Night Praise 5 p.m.
26 Adult Class 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m.	27	28	29 8 a.m. Sleeve Tuggers 1:30 p.m. PW Fifth Wed. Program 7:00 p.m. Choir	30	31	

Winter Weather Advisory

It's always hard to tell what winter weather will do. People wonder, "Is there church?" Unless the safety authorities order a level 2 or 3 snow emergency (which shuts down all but essential activities), we probably will have church.

People should consider their own safety first.

- *Is it too cold, too windy for me to be out?*
- *Am I too unsure about my breathing, walking, or driving?*
- *Am I putting my own safety and the safety of others at risk by going out?*

If you can answer "YES" to any of those questions, you probably should stay home. We'll miss you, but we will be relieved to know that you are safe and well, and will be ready to attend another service soon.

And remember, audio cassette tapes of weekly services and printed copies of sermons are part of the work of the Deacons' Ministry. Just call the church office, 947-2905, to receive either or both for a specific service or for every week.

Sermons also appear on the church website (www.firstpresbyterianwaverly.com) shortly after their presentation. Pastor Rick's sermons may be followed at www.pastorrickhays.blogspot.com.

Sermons can also be emailed to you for a particular Sunday or on a regular schedule. Just email the church at bpattersonpresbychurch@yahoo.com with your request.

Scripture Texts for Sunday Worship, January 2014

January 5	Second Sunday after Christmas Day – Epiphany Sunday Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12 ; Matthew 2:1-12 Pastor Rick: "The First Stewardship Sermon of 2014"
January 12	Baptism of the Lord – First Sunday after Epiphany Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-43 ; Matthew 3:13-17 Pastor Rick: "Solemn Testimony"
January 19	Second Sunday after Epiphany Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-11; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 ; John 1:29-42 Pastor Rick: "Called to Partnership"
January 26	Third Sunday after Epiphany Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 4-9; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23 Pastor Rick: "The Church – A Work in Progress"

**TIDBITS FROM THE
FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE**

**SHARING YOUR SPECIALTIES
SUNDAY, JAN. 5
FINGER FOOD LUNCHEON
FOLLOWING WORSHIP**

With the holidays behind us let's relax and enjoy a light, but delicious, meal together after church on the first Sunday in January.

Bring your special appetizer, hors d'oeuvre, canapy (whatever you choose to call it) and we'll share one of our favorite traditions—the annual "Finger Food" luncheon.

The Fellowship Committee will provide coffee and cold punch. There will be plates and flatware so you can sample everything and not actually eat with your fingers! Tables will be festively decorated in the Epiphany theme. We're celebrating the coming of the Wisemen...star, camels, and Kings.

Please bring your "offering" ready to serve on your own plate or tray, **AND DON'T FORGET TO TAKE IT HOME WITH YOU AFTER THE PARTY.**

We do need to know about how many to plan for, so please fill in the "save me a place" insert in the Sunday bulletin Dec. 22 or 29.

**NEW YEAR
NEW SIGN-UP CHART**

Don't miss the opportunity to host a coffee hour in the New Year!

Check out the vacant places on the 2014 sign up sheet on the kiosk in the foyer. **HELPFUL HINTS FOR COFFEE HOUR HOSTS** offers some tips that are helpful if you're unsure of how to go about hosting.

For starters, get someone to sign-up with you and share the fun!

LOOKING AHEAD

**Feb.17 –Annual Meeting and
Congregational Dinner**

**March 30 – Dancers from
Thailand will be our
guests at worship, with
lunch following.**

**FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE
Thurs. Jan 2, at 1:30**

EVANGELISM & MISSION

by Audrey Tysen

I remember as a child hearing from missionaries who were bringing the gospel to people all over the world. Whereas I had visions of them preaching and teaching all day long, much of their lives were spent in everyday tasks. As I am now older (and wiser), I am interested in seeing that our missionaries are "evangelists" and still harbor the opinion that if you change people's hearts, their lives would also change – eliminating evils such as poverty and injustice. But, I now understand that people's actions speak louder than their words, as the saying goes, and missionaries must "speak" by helping the poor, teach the uneducated, provide food to the hungry, etc. By demonstrating the love of Christ, they will earn a chance to tell others the reason for the hope (and actions) in them. The following synopsis is from an article by Robyn Davis Sekula in "Mission Crossroads," which shows how the PCUSA is "Taking the Word around the World."

For a missionary working in a sensitive location, the word "evangelism" carries unwelcome connotations. Perhaps because it is associated with proselytism and insensitivity. Yet, two-thirds of the world's people have never heard the good news of God's love in Christ in a way that makes sense to them in their language and culture. This quote from Hunter Farrell, Director of World Mission, continues with him noting that "evangelism is the duty of Christians, ...and should be done in a way that is appropriate, holistic, involves partnerships with those who know the people and culture best, and helps give a voice to those who are working against hostile forces that may wish to constrain their expressions of faith."

And so, the philosophy of meeting people where they are is at the core of the World Mission's evangelism initiative: Train pastors in community transformation. such as in practical skills to extend service to those around them, and this would be a "touchpoint" to draw people to Christ. For instance, a teacher, nurse, or agricultural worker would be able to share their faith as it comes as a topic of conversation. Also, most congregations in third-world countries are unable to support a full-time pastor, and having a second vocation and second income would allow a pastor to serve a "struggling" church in a developing nation.

There are many examples of how this "global Initiative" is taking place among Presbyterian missionaries, so let's listen and learn. We also can be missionaries and evangelists, with this same kind of approach.

[Reference: "Critical Global Initiatives: Poverty Alleviation" in *Mission Crossroads* of the Presbyterian Mission Agency, Fall 2013. Much of the article contains information from addresses given at the "Big Tent Meeting"]

MEMBERS IN MINISTRY

DECEMBER 26, 2013

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

Maryanna Cassady-101

Patricia Dixon-28

Ed Dodge-103

Dorothy Headley-5-A

Jay Yetter-1

Anna Dodge-111

Virginia Hartwell-102

Agnes Nash-5-B

Ben Lane-118

The Gardens

Betty and David Jenkins-202

At Home

Virginia Dixon

In the Waverly Area

In Other Places

Kitty McCollam, Max Russell

In Military Service

Sarah Kolb, Kacie Lee, Aaron McCord

January Worship Assistants:

January 5 - Jean Sydow

12 - Cal Tysen

19 - Audrey Tysen

26 -

January Greeters:

January 5 - Ruth Karner & Marian Odell

12 - Kitty & Bob Neely

19 - Linda & Michael Milam

26 - Ruth Wonnell & Ann Oyer

January Ushers:

January 5 - Bob Neely, Kitty Neely, David Bell, Barratt Banta

12 - Ann Oyer, Marian Odell, Wanda Stratton,

19 - Earl Todt, Barbara Early, Jay Early, Bud Hobday

26 - Ralph Strickland, Tom Frank, Dimitry Sergay, Gerald Barnes

January Flowers:

The 2014 Flower Chart has been posted in the lobby.

January Coffee Hour Hosts:

January 5 - Epiphany Lunch

12 - Communion

19 - Cay and Dick Roberts

26 - Evelyn and Gary Baker

**February "Courier" Deadline is Monday,
January 20, 2014.**

Orientation to the Presbyterian Church

On Saturday January 25, from 9 am to noon, there will be an orientation session for those who are new to the Presbyterian Church and those who would like a refresher. We have ordered the 3rd edition of *Welcome to the Presbyterian Church*, a publication of the Presbyterian Church (USA). This guide will be reviewed during the session and is available from the church office. Call the office if you plan to attend to be sure we have enough of these guides. Lunch will be provided for those attending. If you have further questions contact Pastor Bob.

AMEN CORNER

The call baptism issues is a simple invitation: "Follow me." "Follow me." Jesus beckoned his first disciples with the same words, and the invitation was so compelling it did not need elaboration. . . . They missed their friends and family; they murmured against their leader. But again and again, Jesus issued the invitation: "Follow me." . . . Looking at the life of Peter, we find that the words "Follow me" inaugurate his journey of discipleship as he looks up from his nets on the Sea of Galilee (Mk 1:16-20). And a resurrected Jesus speaks these same words to Peter after the First Breakfast: "Follow me" (Jn 21:22). . . . Clearly we latter-day disciples move forward only by moving back. If we dwell in Christ's body, we will need to hear these words again and again. . . . We circle back to baptism, certain we will find there the direction we need. . . . Baptized into the death of Jesus, we rest assured that we are also baptized into his resurrection. . . .

Through baptism God claims us as "children," and God also claims us for the world of the kingdom. We receive an inheritance as joint heirs with Christ, and our work as members of this new family is to carry on in the family business. To put it crassly, baptism entrusts us with the franchise for the God business. We don't just pick up where Jesus left off; we become Christ's body in the world, the ongoing presence of the incarnation. Baptism allows us to dwell in that body, so that we become the crucified and resurrected body at work in the world today. Martha Ellen Stortz, "Indwelling Christ, indwelling Christians: living as marked" in *Currents in Theology and Mission* 34:3, 2007. p 175-176.