



First Presbyterian Church

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MEMBERS IN MINISTRY

January 29, 2023

MINISTERS FOR THE COMMUNITY: EVERY MEMBER

Pastor: Jane B. Johnson

Secretary: Bobbie Hall

Clerk of Session: Elaine Zingg

Choir Director: Audrey Tysen

Organist: Patricia Penrose

Pianist: Keats Rivas

Treasurer: Michael Milam

MINISTERS FOR VISION AND MISSION: SESSION:

Class of 2023

Tom Hlasten

Susan Thomas

Joyce Holben

Class of 2024

John Mikelson

Barbara Pettit

Elaine Zingg

Class of 2025

Pat Mikelson

Jewell McCliment

Barbara Taphorn

MINISTERS FOR MEMBER CARE: DEACONS

Bob Penrose Irene Clark Barbara Patterson

COMMITTEES:

Discipleship and Worship: Pastor Jane

Evangelism & Mission: Pat Mikelson

Fellowship: Barbara Taphorn

Finance & Stewardship: Susan Thomas

Member Care: Pastor Jane

Nominating: Pat Mikelson

Personnel: Glenn Rudie

Presbytery: Barbara Pettit

Presbyterian Women: Barbara Taphorn

Property: Barbara Pettit

Technology/Communication: John Mikelson

MEMBERS SERVING IN OTHER PLACES:

- Allen Wollenberg, Pike County Outreach Council of Churches
- Mark, Jenny, Kella Rosa, and Aika Estela Hare
Papay-Costa Rica
- Jim McGill, *Sudan*

We are open for worship in the church at 10:15 am. Masks are optional, but recommended. Fellowship Hour after worship has resumed. We continue to have worship on line each Sunday morning at 10:15 am. You can tune in by your computer or telephone.

If you are using a computer to connect: Open your computer browser (Internet Explorer, Chrome or Safari) Enter <https://zoom.us> 542 773 5626 in the address bar. Follow screen instructions. Password: 6NgnrH

If you are using a phone to connect, dial 312-626-6799 and then enter ID:

542 773 5626#.

When prompted for a password enter 355142#.



OUR SESSION AT WORK - JANUARY

ELAINE OSER ZINGG

At our January Session meeting, a motion was made to discontinue the packaged communion elements and return to the way we celebrated communion before the COVID lockdown with two trays being passed down the rows of congregants by 4 servers. One tray contained individual little pieces of bread, and the other tray held little glasses of grape juice. In the ensuing discussion, some elders thought that we should begin with a transitional change where we would pick up pre-packaged little glasses of grape juice on our way into the sanctuary and take the bread from the trays being passed down the rows of congregants. In the course of our discussion, the issue of who can serve communion by passing the trays according to Presbyterian understanding was raised. After the Session meeting I checked the Presbyterian Book of Order Section W – 3.0413 that reads, in part, “Ordinarily ruling elders, deacons, and ministers of the Word and Sacrament serve the bread and cup; the Session may authorize other

church members to do so.” This rule does not require the ruling elders and deacons to be actively serving on Session at the time, nor do the ministers of Word and Sacrament have to be actively serving a church at that time. Our church By-Laws do not address this issue.

At our Session and Called Congregation meetings in December, our 2023 church officers were elected. One ruling elder on the Class of 2022, Glenn Rudie, successfully completed his three-year commitment to be Moderator of the Personnel Committee. We appreciate all the time he put into leading that committee and understand that he has agreed to continue as a member when another Ruling Elder becomes Moderator. This will help provide this important committee with continuity. Two newer members of our church were elected to serve on Session. Joyce Holben will be filling a one-year vacancy in the Class of 2023, and Jewell McCliment will serve on the Class of 2025.

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OUR SESSION AT WORK - JANUARY (continued)

Two Session committees are looking for a few extra members to join them. Barbara Taphorn's Fellowship Committee is responsible for having refreshments after church on Sundays when we aren't celebrating Communion, providing refreshments for funeral services and light lunches for pastor's retreats, and trying to have some type of fellowship

activity each month. Babsy Pettit's Property Committee needs additional members and volunteers to help set up/reset sanctuary for special services or events, to do small odd jobs, and to help with landscape and plant care. If you are willing to help either committee, please contact Barbara Taphorn or Babsy Pettit.



Left to right: Elaine Zingg (Chair), Barbara Taphorn, Babsy Pettit, Joyce Holben (new, class of 2023), Rev Jane Johnson, Jewell McCliment (new, class of 2025), John Mikelson, Pat Mikelson. Not pictured: Tom Hlasten, Sue Thomas

OUR SESSION AT WORK - DECEMBER

ELAINE OSER ZINGG

Our church held two important ecclesiastical meetings in December: a Called Congregational Meeting on December 18, 2022 and a Session meeting on December 21, 2022. At the first meeting, the Congregation elected a slate of officers for 2023 recruited by the Nominating Committee and approved by Session at its November meeting. Almost all of the people on that list were continuing to hold positions they were holding at that time. There were three changes, and I thought I would provide a little background on these three.

Ruling Elder Glenn Rudie has been serving as Moderator of the Personnel Committee for the last three years as part of the Class of 2022. He has successfully completed his commitment to this position, and did not request permission to do a special 3-year extension of his leadership responsibility. Glenn moved from Chillicothe to Bristol Village in 2017 and volunteered to help our church in various ways before he transferred his membership here from First Presbyterian Church in Chillicothe in 2019. Like all members he will be free to volunteer in various ways in the future.

Joyce Holben moved to Bristol Village and transferred her church membership here from the Newlandsburg Presbyterian Church in Murrysville, Pennsylvania in June of 2020. Joyce was ordained a Ruling Elder on January 16, 1983 by the Clinton United Presbyterian church. She will be filling the one remaining open slot created when Tom Patterson resigned from the Class of 2023. It is not clear what Committee Joyce will be leading.

Jewell McCliment moved to Bristol Village from Harrisburg, Pennsylvania in 2021 and joined our church by Letter of Transfer from the Locust Grove United Church of Christ in York, Pennsylvania. Our church will ordain her a Ruling Elder before she becomes a Moderator of one of our Session's Committees.

Our Annual Congregational meeting will be held January 22, 2023 prior to which a booklet of annual reports will be available to give you a fuller picture of what has been happening here during the last year.

SIGHT & SOUND REPORT

JOHN MIKELSON

My learning curve has been very steep in 2022 and appears that it will continue to be so in 2023.

The most important part of a committee are the PEOPLE. On our committee we have myself, Dave Tallman, and Pat with Betsy and Bobbie (I hope I spelled it right this time) Hall trained enough to step in when necessary.

I wrote an article in the **Courier** informing the Congregation of the **RIDE ALONG PROGRAM** and had only two congregants interested in seeing what was involved in presenting **SIGHT & SOUND** to the church: Doug Holben and alas, Evelyn Baker. Evelyn was going to be our camera operator the Sunday after her death. I feel very strongly that Doug's ride along left him with appreciation for our equipment and the ability to, with guidance, step in and help. The **RIDE ALONG PROGRAM** is still up and running. If you are interested you will be welcomed with open arms.

I would like to thank the congregation for Your patience with me during your training month of "How to Hold a Microphone." I am so proud of each and every one of You. I have been to other church services and

meetings at Bristol Village and watched in horror as people abuse the microphone by not speaking into it and not being heard. You all get a great big **ATTABOY!**

I have initiated a **LET ME COME SHOW YOU HOW PROGRAM** on Sunday mornings. After I get the microphones up and running, the weekly gremlins worked out of the system, I say a prayer and turn over the service to Dave and Pat. I then go to your neighbor's house or maybe your own house and we push buttons, move mouses, click on drop down boxes, etc. etc. etc. and (prayerfully) enhance your ZOOM Church Service experience.

Since I have taken leadership of this committee I have learned the intimate spaces of the Church: crawl spaces, false ceilings (almost fell through one ceiling but the sheetrock held), behind all the desks/bookshelves/credenzas/etc, and the roofs. We have approximately 1000 feet of new "cat 6" wire run throughout the church with another 200 feet yet to be run.

We now own an incredible sound board, two awesome microphones, ~100 ft of microphone cable, a microphone stand, and a karaoke machine. I will be presenting a request to the Session for two more microphones, another cable and two microphone stands.

SIGHT & SOUND REPORT (continued)

I hope you don't mind, but with much consultation with Pastor Jane & several of our retired ministers, I rearranged the chancel (I think that's what the Rev Dr Doug Holben called it). As You are sitting in your seat the left side of the chancel was crowded: pulpit, piano, organ, trip hazard from

microphone wire. Also, the piano was being played inches from the Pastor's head. With the pulpit on the congregations right, the camera back drop is clean, the trip hazards from the microphone cords are minimized and the handrail is easier to access.

FINANCE REPORT

Our income for December was \$13,358.39 (12-year average is \$15,657). Our expenses for December were \$14,234.18 (12-year average is \$14,472). This leaves us with a loss of \$875.79 for the month. We ended the year at \$10,859.98 in the red for our Operating Budget.

There were no unusual expenses during the month.

According to our detailed financial

analysis, for our Five-Year Plan, we anticipated deficits in each of these five years. A realistic guess was that we would have a deficit this year of between \$5,000 and \$10,000 in our Operating Budget.

In addition to the deficit of \$10,859.98 in our budgeted expenses, we also had a deficit of \$10,047.00 for non-budgeted church/manse expenses for a total \$20,906.98 in 2022 of expenses above income. We have financial resources to cover these deficits.



Lorenzo D'Alessandro: Five Apostles

VOLUNTEERING WITH THE WAVERLY INTERMEDIATE 4-H AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

FPC volunteers are working monthly with 3rd to 5th graders in the Waverly school 4-H program. This program was created for kids who do not have opportunities to join a regular 4-H group. No animals are involved. Instead, the activity projects range from making butter and cheese to learning about flight and tying knots. The kids selected their project for the year. Each project has a workbook and a volunteer teacher.

Our volunteers are involved as follows: **John Mikelson** works with one student learning the art of tying knots.



John Mikelson teaches knot tying.

Charlene Keefer and **Joyce Holben** work with a young girl learning about quilting and creating designs. **Otto Zingg** works with two students on flight and airplanes. **Pat Mikelson** and **Cay Roberts** help a group of ten kids learning about nutrition, cooking and making healthy snacks.

This program runs Sept thru May. This year it meets the first Tuesday of the month for one hour after school. That is it! If anyone is interested in volunteering next school year, please reach out to any of these volunteers to learn more about their experience – it might be just the thing for you!



Otto Zingg works with kids on flight activities.

VOLUNTEERING WITH 4-H (continued)



*Sherlene Keefer
helps her student
create quilt
designs,*



*Pat Mikelson
works with
students learning
kitchen tools and
making a snack.*

BIRTHDAY CARD MINISTRY

OTTO ZINGG

For the last couple of years, six couples or individuals have been helping with a birthday card project as part of our partnership with the COPE program at the Waverly Schools. Many of the students in that program come from impoverished or dysfunctional homes where there often is little or no recognition of birthdays possible. We have been purchasing cards, writing notes of support and encouragement on them, and getting

them to the students via the COPE office.

We are presently in need of one or two individuals or couples who would be willing to assist with this ministry. It will normally mean preparing two to three cards a month. If you are able to help out or have questions, please talk with Otto Zingg 740-941-0846.

DONATION ITEMS FOR COPE

**Deodorant
Shampoo
Conditioner**

**Body Wash
Hair Brushes
Bottled Water**



Please place in the COPE box right inside the front door.



SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY IS FEBRUARY 12



Bring a can of soup or canned good to church that day and place it on the table identified for your team. Bring as many cans as you wish. Each can is counted as one vote and the winning team will be announced at the end of the service.



**PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN**

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PAT PENROSE

February 1, 1:30 pm at the church

Lesson 5 of Celebrating Sabbath, "Sabbath
and Servitude

Study Leader will be Elaine Zingg

Hostesses will be Karen Henderson and
Barbara Taphorn

If you have any questions call Joyce Holben,
724-493-1217

A BIT OF HUMOR

A priest and a taxi driver both died and went to heaven. St. Peter was at the Pearly gates waiting for them.

'Come with me', said St. Peter to the taxi driver.

The taxi driver did as he was told and followed St. Peter to a mansion. It had anything you could imagine from a bowling alley to an olympic size pool.

'Wow, thank you', said the taxi driver.

Next, St. Peter led the priest to a rugged old shack with a bunk bed and a little old television set.

'Wait, I think you are a little mixed up', said the priest. 'Shouldn't I be the one who gets the mansion? After all I was a priest, went to church every day, and preached God's word.'

'Yes, that's true. But during your sermons people slept. When the taxi driver drove, everyone prayed.'

A BIT MORE HUMOR

It seems that there was a little old church out in the countryside: painted white and with a high steeple.

One Sunday, the pastor noticed that his church needed painting. He checked out the Sunday ads and found a paint sale. The next day, he went into town and bought a gallon of white paint. He went back out to the church and began the job.

He got done with the first side. It was looking great. But he noticed he had already used a half gallon. He didn't want to run back in town and being the creative person that he was, he found a gallon of thinner in the shed out

back, and began to thin his paint.

It worked out great. He finished the remaining three sides with that last half gallon of paint.

That night, it rained; it rained hard. The next morning when he stepped outside of the parsonage to admire his work, he saw that the first side was looking great, but that the paint on the other three sides had washed away.

The pastor looked up in sky in anguish and cried out, "What shall I do?"

A voice came back from the heavens saying, "Repaint, and thin no more!"

GREETERS

January Glenn Rudie
 Sherlene Keefer
 Barbara Taphorn

February Gary Baker
 Melissa Stinnett
 Barbara Taphorn

LITURGISTS

February Karen Henderson
March Glenn Rudie



FEBRUARY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Presbyterian Women 1:30 pm <hr/> Bible Study 4 pm	2 Worship & Discipleship 1:30 pm	3	4
5	6 Property Committee 10 am	7	8 Finance 10 am <hr/> M&E 2:30 pm <hr/> Bible Study 4 pm	9 Clergy Breakfast 9 am	10	11
12	13 Fellowship 1 pm	14 VALENTINE'S DAY	15 Session 1:30 pm <hr/> Bible Study 4 pm	16 Newsletter Deadline	17	18
19	20 PRESIDENTS DAY	21 SHROVE TUESDAY pancake supper 5 pm	22 ASH WEDNESDAY service 7 pm	23 Prime Time Gardening 5:30 pm	24	25
26	27	28				



Remember in Prayer:

Maurice Bailey
Gary Baker
Marilyn Beilstein
Dan Beilstein
Jim Clark
John Dawson
Jerry Hall
George Hartwell
Bud Hobday
Janet Marsh
Marty Miller
Don Netzley
Ann Oyer

Barbara Patterson
Tom Patterson
Martha & Ed Pool
Cay Roberts
Jeff & Nancy Sapienza
Dimitry Sergay
Lew Stratton
Angie Strewsbery
Julia & Kara Washington
Sharon Weaver
Judy Wollenberg
Elaine Zingg

Bristol Health Care:

George Hartwell - 105
Bud Hobday - 125
Janet Marsh - Fast Track
Don Netzley - 108
Dimitry Sergay - 114
Judy Wollenberg - 312

Birthdays:

Barbara Patterson - 5
David Boyer - 15

Anniversary:

Bobbie Hall & Dave Tallman
- 16



Icon mosaic Baptism of the Lord, Epiphany

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The Amen Corner

