



First Presbyterian Church

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MEMBERS IN MINISTRY

February 26, 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 follows after worship. 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

ELAINE OSER ZINGG

At our February Session Meeting we spent a period of time discussing plans for Pastor Jane to apply to the Board of Pensions to approve her going on Temporary Disability leave from March 6th to May 1st. Some time earlier, Pastor Jane had notified Session members that after a long consultation with Orthopedic Surgeon Dr. Hannaliah from Orthopedic One in Columbus, she had agreed to undergo spinal laminectomy surgery to correct the severe spinal stenosis from which she has been suffering for months. That surgery will be done on March 6th and the recovery period will run for eight weeks, ending on May 1, 2023. Our church will be responsible for Jane's full salary for the first two weeks. After that, the Disability Insurance Provider pays $\frac{2}{3}$ of Jane's salary and at the Session meeting we voted to pay the salary not covered by the Temporary Disability Insurance. DURING THE 8 WEEKS THAT SHE IS ON DISABILITY JANE IS RESTRICTED FROM ALL FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WORK. This means she

CANNOT take work calls, attend meetings (including Zoom meetings), preach, or spend any time in her office. If she breaches these rules, she may lose any disability benefits now, or in the future! In the meantime, Jane is making arrangements for others to cover all her responsibilities for the period when she will be out.

Jeanne Conrad, who moved to Bristol Village from Ostrander, Ohio in 2022 has been attending our services for a while and she contacted Pastor Jane about becoming an active member of our church. Jeanne had shared her spiritual journey with one of our Ruling Elders and attended a church membership class with Jane. At its February meeting the Session voted to accept and welcome Jeanne Conrad as a new active member during the February 19, 2023 Sunday worship service.

As part of his financial report to Session in February, Mike Milam reported that the church had received a \$4,300.29

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OUR SESSION AT WORK - JANUARY (continued)

settlement check from Genworth Life and Annuity Insurance Company. Longtime active church member Florence Vonderohe, who died in November of 2021, had taken out a \$50,000 life insurance policy with Genworth naming our church as sole beneficiary. We had already received the full \$50,000. As it turned out, in 2019 Genworth had

increased the premiums it was charging policy holders considerably more than was legally allowable; and 13,400 policy owners had filed a successful class action law suit against Genworth in the Eastern District of Virginia that resulted in a \$25 million judgment. The \$4,300.39 check we received was the church's share of that amount.

MUSIC TO FEED THE HUMAN SPIRIT

On *Thursday, March 30*, at 7:30 pm, our church musicians **Keats Rivas** and **Edy Panjaitan** will be joined by **Nathan Berkley**, a graduate assistant in the viola at Ohio University for a concert of classical and church music at Briston Village. We will hear the cello, piano, and viola in a mix of solos, duos, and trios. Join us at the Glenn Center for an evening of fine music. All are welcome!





PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

JOYCE HOLBEN

Presbyterian Women will meet Wednesday, March 1, at 1:30 pm. The study leader is Kay Weir and we will study together Lesson 6, Sabbath and Hospitality. The study is based on Exodus 20:8-11 and Deuteronomy 5:12-15, and anyone attending the Soup and Study are invited to join in our time together! Karen Henderson and Barbara Taphorn are our hostesses. We will share our snack first and the study and business meeting will follow. Last month 14 ladies were able to join us, and we look forward to meeting together again.

MEMBER CARE

JOYCE HOLBEN

In this season of healing and loss, let's remember that we are Christ's Body. Our task is to offer solace and mercy to those among us who are hurting and to those among us who are rejoicing at each little bit of progress in their lives. Reach out to those for whom we pray each Sunday during our service: pray daily for them,

create an opportunity to listen to them by telephone or in person, and minister to them through some simple gift that might ease their sadness or support their joy. We are a small congregation, so member care must come in many forms and it must come from each of us! Be the surrounding arms of Christ with His Love!



SUNDAY, MARCH 12:

FELLOWSHIP HOUR WITH A MISSION!

Following the worship service, after you have had a chance to get some refreshments, the director of Bridgehaven Homeless Shelter, Sherre' Kinnison, will give us a brief overview of their ministry and how they assist homeless clients to find

work, housing, as well as proper schooling for their children. In December the Mission and Evangelism Committee granted the Shelter our Matthew 25 grant to support their work with homeless children. We regard their work as an extension of our mission in Pike County.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS THIS MONTH

CEREAL!

Oatmeal
Cheerios
Rice Krispies
Wheat Chex
Raisin Bran
Your favorite
Cereal!



Looking for meaningful volunteer work a couple of hours a week? **HELP!**
Volunteers Needed. Read on.....

FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS

For years this congregation has supported the work of the Pike County Food Pantry both financially and with volunteer work. Each week the Pantry serves 250 different households/600+ individuals who are considered food insecure. Because of increased need for food support, the Pantry can use more volunteers who can give a half day a week to help with checking people in, selecting food for each household, organizing food storage, or picking up food donations from local stores. The Pantry is also looking for

help with a new Fundraising Committee to work on financing the operations of the Food Pantry and Bridgehaven.

If you would be willing to volunteer or need more information, talk with Otto Zingg or call the director, Techia Potter, at 740-947-7151. Call her at this number during Food Pantry hours, Mondays 9 am to 3 pm, Tuesdays 12 pm to 6 pm, Wednesdays 9 am to 3 pm, and Fridays 9 am to 3 pm.

BRIDGEHAVEN HOMELESS SHELTER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Bridgehaven, also part of Pike County Outreach Council of Churches, is located at 109 West Second Street. Bridgehaven provides a place to stay and social services for up to 16 homeless individuals or family units with children. They also can use some volunteer help: spending an hour or two a week, simply chatting residents, playing cards or games, showing that someone cares;

offering to read and reflect on scripture together; answering phones/taking detailed messages; receiving/sorting/logging in/putting away donations; making copies; teaching residents how to cook and clean; or simply sharing some personal interest.

If you would be willing to be even a small part of this important service call the Shelter director, Sherré Kinnison at 740-941-4348 during the weekdays.



"Board Officers"

- President: Val Francis,
First Baptist Church
- Vice-President: Kim Riffle
Calvary Baptist Church
- Treasurer: Leah Steele,
Vanguard Ministries
- Secretary: Jeri Lagnese
St. Mary's Catholic Church

Pike Outreach Staff

- Techia Potter,
Executive Director
740-947-7151
- Sherre Kinnison,
Shelter Coordinator
740-941-4348

There is always a need for **Volunteers** at both the Food Pantry and the Shelter.

In the month of December the Pantry fed 2636 households which is equivalent to giving out 56403 meals.

Bridgehaven provided shelter to 20 people in the month of December

NEW PANTRY HOURS

**Monday-Wednesday-
Friday 9A-3P**

Tuesday 12P-6P

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT

We want to thank everyone in the Community who has come forward during this past Holiday Season and brought in donations or sent in financial support. As the numbers of those who are struggling to make ends meet increases, we are seeing a greater demand on our resources. To list you all would risk missing someone but please know we do appreciate all of you. From the food drives, coat collecting, donating turkeys or hams for the Holidays, dropping off clean used bags, monetary donations that keep help keep the lights and the heat on, to coming in and volunteering your precious gift of time at the Food Pantry and Bridgehaven Shelter. You are all a blessing to the mission of Pike Outreach and we wouldn't be able to serve the Pike County residents without you. As the New Year begins we want to thank everyone for your ongoing support. May God bless you abundantly in the New Year.



Boy Scouts



Jasper and Piketon School



Goodwill

Atomic Credit Union



Leos Club



Rural King DC



Fluor -BWXT

Craft Show Organizers

A NOTE FROM PASTOR JANE

Lent is a season of reflection and renewal and during the next two months, I will have plenty of time to do just that. Most of you know that I have been wrestling with back problems that surfaced after Lent last year. I never knew that back problems could affect my legs and ability to walk, but I have learned that is a misnomer on my part.

Each morning when I wake, I have to ease myself up on my elbows and slide my legs off the side of the bed as pain shoots down the back of my legs, making it almost unbearable to stand. Once standing, I hold on to the night stand and then grab the doorknob to shuffle myself forward—I do a lot of shuffling in the morning. Eventually it subsides, but often the pain resurfaces throughout the day.

Finally, Ron and I decided that it was time for me to properly care for myself, if I am going to continue to care for my congregation. After shots in my SI joints, a failed embazon and numerous meds, we have determined that surgery is the best route for me. On March 6th, I will have a spinal fusion and laminectomy to deal with the severe spinal canal stenosis and degenerative disc disease that has been plaguing me.

My last day in the pulpit will be March 5th. I will be on temporary disability

until May 1st. Our pulpit is being filled by the new Presbytery executive, **Rev. Kathy Nice**, the presbytery moderator, **Rev. Emily Krause Corzine** and our retired ministers. As planned, *the Lenten Lunch and Study will go on, as well as Maundy Thursday Worship and our Good Friday Service. We will not have an Easter Sunrise Service.*

I will miss being with you for Lent and Easter, but when I return hopefully you will have a new and improved Jane Johnson. During temporary disability I am not allowed to make pastoral calls or do church work, but you will certainly be in my prayers. I certainly covet yours.

Love, In Christ,

Pastor Jane

LITURGISTS

March	Babsy Petit
April	Sherry Sapienza
May	Emma Edgington

GREETERS

March	Melissa Stinnett Barbara Taphorn
April	Bobbie Hall Betsy Hall Barbara Taphorn

MARCH

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Presbyterian Women 1:30 pm Lenten Soup & Study 12 PM	2 Worship & Discipleship 1:30 pm	3	4
5	6 Pastor Jane's surgery	7	8 Finance 10 am M&E Speaker David King 2:30 pm Lenten Soup & Study 12 PM	9 Clergy Breakfast 9 am	10	11
12 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS M&E hosts Fellowship Hour with speaker, Sherré from Bridgehaven	13 Property Committee 10 am Fellowship 1 pm	14		16 Newsletter Deadline	17 ST PATRICKS DAY	18
	19	20 SPRING BEGINS	22 Lenten Lunch & Study 12 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
Jane Johnson
Janet Marsh
Marty Miller
Ann Oyer

Barbara Patterson
Tom Patterson
Bob Penrose
Martha & Ed Pool
Jeff & Nancy Sapienza
Dimitry Sergay
Lew Stratton
Angie Strewsbery
Julia & Kara Washington
Allen Wollenberg
Judy Wollenberg
Elaine Zingg

Bristol Health Care:

George Hartwell - 105
Bud Hobday - 125
Bill Johnson - 114
Janet Marsh - Fast Track
Judy Wollenberg - 312

Birthdays:

Bob Penrose - 8
Kay Weir - 15
Barbara Taphorn - 16
Marilyn Beilstein - 17
Mack Earnhardt - 20
Tammy Niebling - 27
George Hartwell - 29



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The Amen Corner

