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MEMBERS IN MINISTRY

February 4, 2023

MINISTERS FOR THE COMMUNITY: EVERY MEMBER

Pastor: Jane B. Johnson **Secretary:** Bobbie Hall

Clerk of Session: Elaine Zingg Choir Director: Edy Panjaitan Organist: Patricia Penrose Pianist: Edy Panjaitan Treasurer: Michael Milam

MINISTERS FOR VISION AND MISSION: SESSION:

Class of 2024 Class of 2025
John Mikelson Pat Mikelson

Barbara Pettit Jewell McCliment Elaine Zingg Barbara Taphorn

MINISTERS FOR MEMBER CARE: DEACONS

Tom Hlasten Barbara Patterson

COMMITTEES:

Discipleship and Worship: Pastor Jane **Evangelism & Mission:** Pat Mikelson

Fellowship: Barbara Taphorn

Finance & Stewardship: Mike Milam

Nominating: Pat Mikelson Personnel: Pat Mikelson Presbytery: Barbara Pettit

Presbyterian Women: Pat Penrose

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 O'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#.

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LENT — A SEASON OF REPENTANCE AND RENEWAL

PASTOR JANE

On Ash Wednesday, we enter the season of Lent - a time for repentance and renewal, where we examine our lives in light of the sufferings of Jesus Christ and renew our commitment to him. It is a season for conversation with God, reflection, forgiveness and turning away from harmful actions and habits that can be destructive to us and to the church.

This Lent, our worship series is entitled "Wandering Heart." We are focusing on the life and faith of one of Jesus' most famous disciples - Peter. In Peter, we see a person who is both steadfast and unsteady, a dear friend and a betrayer, a follower and a wanderer. In Peter, we often see ourselves. By following Peter's journey, we watch the story of Jesus unfold through the eyes of a very normal human trying to figure it all out—just like us.

As we reflect on Peters story, I encourage you to see yourself in the stepping stones of his story, and reflect on the stages of your own faith journey as well as who and what has shaped us along the way. As we wander, let us tune our hearts to sing God's grace. May we rest in streams of mercy, never ceasing.

We begin our Lenten journey with the Ash Wednesday Service on Wednesday, February 14th at 12 PM. During this Lenten season, we will once again have our Lenten Lunch and Study from noon to 1 PM beginning on Wednesday, February 21 through Wednesday, March 20th. We will also have Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services, March 28th and 29th, each at 5:30 PM. Also, join us for our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 13th at 5PM.

My prayer is that our Lord will meet each of you in a special way throughout the Lenten Season.

In Christ's Service, Pastor Jane

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OUR SESSION AT WORK

ELAINE OSER ZINGG

Session held its first 2024 meeting on January 17th, and, as often happens, part of our time was spent on structural and personnel changes. One of them involved following through on a decision made last November (we did not meet in December) when Personnel Committee drew up a proposed Church Custodian Job Description. That proposal provided that the church hire an independent contractor to work 12 hours per week to be paid \$16 to \$17 per hour, and to incorporate the duties of the then current position of cleaner, be supervised by Pastor Jane, and begin effective January 1, 2024. In November Session approved the proposal which authorized Personnel to proceed with trying to find and hire the best applicant for the position.

At the January 17th Session meeting, Personnel reported on how they had advertised the position, considered all applicants, and decided that Judi Whitt, our long-time church cleaner, was the best applicant. Session approved Pat Mikelson's motion to hire Judi Whitt as an independent contractor Church Custodian effective January 18th. Judi will open and close the church on Sunday mornings, and follow directions on work sheets she receives from Pastor Jane, her supervisor, to make spaces ready for meetings and special events using the church's facilities. All requests for

such custodial assistance are to go through Pastor Jane.

Another change formally approved at January's Session is that some Bee Hives will be included in the Church's Pollinator Garden; and that OSU Extension Agent Dirk Dempsey's request to schedule quarterly meetings of the bee hive grower's group at this church on Fridays from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. on February 9th, May 10th, August 9th, and November 9th has Session approval.

The 3 Ruling Elders in the Class of 2023 completed their Session membership obligations as of the January 21, 2024 Annual Congregational meeting. We appreciate all the work they have done for the church while serving on Session, and as active and involved church members. As of 2024 the number of Ruling Elders serving on Session has been reduced from 9 to 6. The last time the number of Ruling Elders serving on Session was reduced was in 2015 - 2016. At its August 2015 meeting Session approved reducing its size from 12 to 9 members by attrition over the next 3 vears. To do this, a revision to the Church By-Laws was prepared, presented, and passed at the February 22, 2016 Annual Congregational meeting.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Presbyterian Women will meet on Wednesday,
February 7, 2024 at the church at 1:30 pm. Lessons of Sacred Encounters, "A Person With Leprosy Encounters Jesus" will be taught by Study Leader,



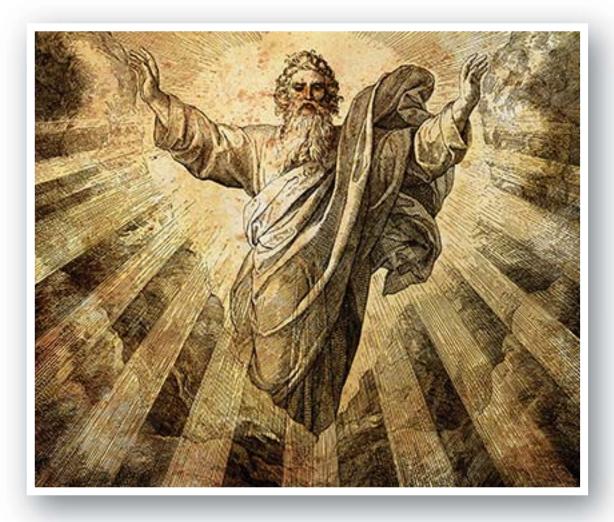
Karen Henderson. Hostesses will be **Marilyn Beilstein** and **Martha Whitehouse**.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting and remember, you are encouraged to bring a new member with you.

ADULT EDUCATION

Midweek luncheons on Wednesdays with discussion will begin February 21 and will continue until Holy Week which begins with Palm Sunday,

March 24. If you are interested please sign-up to let us know about meal preparations and study materials.



God creating the world, published in The Holy Bible, St. Vojtech Publishing, Trnava, Slovakia, 1937.

PC USA ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

In a world of disaster, hunger, and oppression millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity.

The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian

Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

LOCAL MISSIONS

In January the Mission Committee supported, through McCluggage funds:



\$1,000 to the Pike County 4-H program for their day long workshop for kids (mainly 5th – 7th graders) who are working on non-animal projects. 30% of all 4-H kids do not have a supportive parent or guardian to assist them, and 25-30% of all kids do non-animal products only. 4-H will reach out to kids who do not have parent involvement and will use part of these funds to ensure that any child who does not have financial

resources for fees or other program costs will be covered.



\$400 to Tammy Jones, OSU Pike County Extension Educator, who provides classes and programs in all Pike County in programs in making healthy snacks, managing money, managing stress, creating resumes, and many other topics as requested by the schools. Tammy reaches several hundred students through these classes. These funds will help Tammy purchase supplies for healthy snacks.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

The food pantry needs these products which are in great demand!



MACARONI PASTA

(Most requested – more so than spaghetti!)

MAC AND CHEESE MIXES

RAMEN NOODLES - ANY KIND

Thank you very much!



FEBRUARY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 W&D 1:30 pm	2	3
Adult Studies 9:15 am Worship 10:15 am	5	6	Presbyterian Women 1:30	Clergy Breakfast 9 am Finance 10 am	9	10
Pastor Jane on Vacation						
Adult Studies 9:15 am Worship 10:15 am	12 Fellowship Committee 1 pm	13 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 5 pm	14 Ash Wednesday Service 12 pm	Courier Articles due Session Reports due	16	17
18 Worship 10:15 am	19 PRESIDENTS DAY Office Closed	20	21 Session 1:30 pm Lenton Lunch & Study 12-1 pm	Prime Thyme Gardening 5:30 pm	23	24
25 Worship 10:15 am	26	27	28 Lenton Lunch & Study 12-1 pm	29		



Remember in Prayer:

Maurice Bailey
Gary Baker
Marilyn Beilstein
Dan Beilstein
Irene & Jim Clark
Jeanne Conrad

John Dawson Monica Dawson Jean Earnhardt Glenn Franklin Jerry Hall

George Hartwell Bruce Henderson Elinor Hodder Sherlene Keefer

Liv M.

Jewell McCliment

Pat Mikelson Marty Miller

Barbara Patterson Tom Patterson Pat Penrose Babsy Pettit

Steve Rhoades

Jeff & Nancy Sapienza

Rosann Severding Nancy Seward Lew Stratton

Angie Strewsbery David Stinnett

Melissa Stinnett

Martha Whitehouse Allen Wollenberg Judy Wollenberg Elaine Zingg Diane Zwick

Bristol Health Care:

George Hartwell - 105 Bill Johnson - 113 Nancy Seward - 205 Judy Wollenberg - 312

Birthdays:

Barbara Patterson - 5 David Boyer - 15

Anniversaries:

Bobbie Hall & Dave Tallman - 16

GREETERS

February

Karen & Bruce Henderson Barbara Taphorn

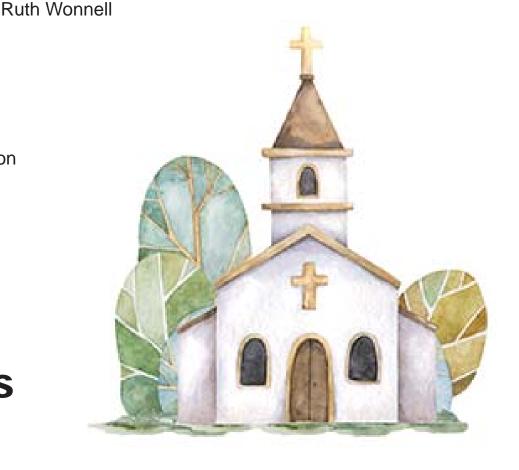
March

Sue Thomas Rosann Severding Kitty Neely Barbara Taphorn

LITURGISTS

January

Betsy Hall





The Amen Corner

