



January Special Offering and Food Collection

Food Collection: Local Presbyterian Women Mission

Special offering: Soup

Lost & Found

There are a few items in the Lost & Found area which is located on (and under) the table in the coat room. Please try to remember to check that area the next time you are in the building to see if anything there belongs to you.

January

Team Leader– Judy Libbey

Liturgist–

Forward Communion

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Ushers

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Our Community of Faith In Nursing Homes

Linda Clark @ St Lukes; Jane Mills @ St Lukes; Dorothy Morrow @ St Lukes; Sarah Smith @ Community Care Center (Alliance)

Homebound

Louise Clark, Mary Francis, Bruce & Ardella Geiger, Harvey & Bernice Geiger, Bob & JoAnn Kohl, Margene Krall, Kathryn Tarbet, Marilyn Tarbet, Carl Schmidt

We Need your Help!

We need your help updating the church directory. The directory has become hopelessly out of date; with much of the information no longer relevant.

If you could, please take a brief moment to pick up one of the directory update-forms from the narthex table, and fill it out and place it in the box. A form has also been included on the opposite page. Feel free to cut it out, fill it in and mail it to the church

We need addresses, phone numbers (cell numbers), email addresses, full birthdates, and any new additions you may have had to your family since the last edition of the directory!

Thanks so much for your help in this matter!

Brunch

Bring your favorite dish and join us on January 20th for our monthly potluck brunch.

Thank You!

Dan and Nancy Callahan would like to thank everyone for the Christmas cards and gifts they've received. We wish all of you a Blessed New Year!

Senior Center Dinner

Presbyterians meet the third Thursday of each month at the Senior Center for dinner. The cost of the meal is \$6; payment to be made at the dinner. If you are interested, there is a sign-up sheet in the narthex so that we can let them know how many to expect.

2019 Giving Envelopes Ready

The offering envelopes for the 2019 year are ready to be picked up (in the narthex). If you give weekly or monthly, envelopes will be labeled and ready for your use. If there are no envelopes labeled for you but you do wish to receive them, please notify Gary Borland or the church office and some will be made available for you.

A reminder: if you would like to contribute to help defray the offering envelope cost, there will be an "initial offering" envelope in the box.

End of Year Reminder

All committee chairs need to have their year-end reports turned in by Friday January 4th. This is to ensure they can be incorporated into the annual report which will be made available on Sunday January 20th (in advance of the congregational meeting on Sunday, January 27th). Thank you.

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Church Directory Update Form

Name:

Address:

Phone #:

Cell #:

Email:

Birthdate:

Additional Names:

Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women met November 28, 2018, in the church lounge at 1:00 P.M.

Eight ladies present: Julie Conrad, Cathie Butterworth, Linda Fry, Alberta Danner, Virginia Birks, Mary Wolf, Judy Libbey, and Mary Ann Borland (Thank you Cathie Butterworth for providing the delicious cookies for dessert).

Julie opened meeting with prayer at 1:00 P.M.

Discussed the very successful Days for Girls sew-a-thon we hosted in October 2018. Will plan to host another DfG sew-a-thon next year.

Read a thank you note from the Smith Family, on behalf of the Lykins Family (ladies prepared nutritious meals once a week while Lesley was deployed). The Smith Family was very generous with a contribution in appreciation.

Shawn Kelly was presented with a Prayer shawl as he is receiving cancer treatment. Next on the list to receive a prayer shawl is Lois Willison.

We will bag cookies for Community meals on December 16, 2018.

Judy Libbey moved motion that \$200.00 be donated to Salvation Army in December. Alberta Danner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

We tagged 37 hand knit scarves that will be given to anyone who needs one. The scarves will be tied in plastic bags and to lamp post on Market St. downtown Minerva prior to the Christmas Parade. We have a 100% chance of rain for the parade day.

Virginia Birks is checking on donating to the devastating fire relief in Paradise, CA.

Julie presented the lesson.

Next meeting will be February 28, 2019, in the church lounge at 1:00 P.M. with Judy Libbey providing dessert.

We hope to see you there—we don't have an age limit.



The Church office will be closed New Year's Day.

Pastor Dan's Availability

Pastor Dan is available for emergencies 24/7 by calling 724-814-1540.

In addition to Sunday mornings he is available on Monday, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9-4:30.

He is also available, by appointment only, on Monday evenings from 6-8.

It would be best if you called first to make an appointment, as he will not always be in the office, but may be out on visitations.

Thank You!

Thank you for the Christmas gifts. I wish you all a Blessed New Year.

Jennie Armbruster

Session Material Inclusion Deadline

All items to be included for the January session packet is due by noon on Friday, Jan 11th. Please send all information to Pastor Dan at revdtdc1@comcast.net.

Thank you!

Article Deadline

The deadline for articles to be submitted for inclusion in the February edition of the Presby Press is Monday January 21st. Please try to have all material to the Church office by then.

January Dates

January 6

Epiphany
Ordination/Installation

January 10

Budget & Finance Meeting:
5:30pm

January 13

John Lane Preaching

January 16

Session Meeting: 7pm

January 17

Sr. Center Dinner: 5pm

January 20

Potluck Brunch: 10:45am

January 27

Annual Congregational
Meeting

“COFFEE with the PASTOR”

January 2019

Now that the Christmas season is just about over and the New Year has begun, it is time once again to be thinking about the future of the F.P.C. I believe that the P.N.C. has been working hard and leaving “no stone unturned” in their search for your new pastor. I suspect that they have reviewed a number of résumés and have considered the qualifications of all of the applicants. So, what credentials should your new pastor be expected to have? I’d like to share with you a résumé from a pastor who has “been around the block a few times.”

Dear Members of the Pastor Nominating Committee:

I understand that your church is in the process of seeking a new pastor to fill your pulpit; I would like to submit my application for that position. Although I once was a non-believer for a very long period of time, and very set in my ways, I have been convinced through extraordinary circumstances that Jesus is the Son of God and has personally called me to the ministry.

I must also share with you the fact that my ministry has not been an easy one. I have seldom stayed in any one location for a long time, and in some situations, I have been forced to leave. Looking back, I admit that part of the reason for my being forced to leave was the divisiveness I caused among the people. For some reason, controversy has always followed me, and I have been both loved and hated by many. In fact, there have been several people who have attempted to cause me great physical harm! I have caused of a number of community businessmen to turn on me, charges have been brought against me by local political figures and I have been incarcerated on several occasions.

Although I have had a number of successful evangelistic ministries, I have also had a number of attempts at evangelism that have failed. My reputation has preceded me and I have been rejected, in one form or another, and in danger just about everywhere I have gone. I have been homeless a number of times, I know what it is like to be starving, and I have not been “properly dressed” in public. (Actually I was not dressed at all).

Some folks have heard me brag a little, as I have performed a few exorcisms and have brought back to life a couple of people who had died, although many people said they were just sleeping. I have caused a few ecumenical arguments in some towns, and most people do not find me very attractive, due to my baldness and my physical problem that is always with me.

However, I can read and understand both Greek and Hebrew, and I have had a very good education. But above all God has blessed my ministry, in spite of myself, and I would like a chance to meet with you and have you hear me preach.

I can promise you, if you extend a call to me as your next pastor, that I will do my best for the church and I will not compromise God’s Word. References: Luke 6:37.

Sincerely,

The Apostle Paul

Now obviously you recognized the fact that this was not an actual application, but was written only to have you think about the qualifications of your next pastor. **Every** pastor has his or her faults - **none** are perfect. And with that in mind, I would encourage everyone to be open minded about who the Pastor Nominating Committee may be recommending to you to extend a call.

I don’t know about you, but I’d love to have a resume such as Paul’s. No ministry is easy, and we pastors know that we cannot please all the people, all the time. However, given the chance, the candidate whom your PNC will recommend can and, with God’s help, will be a wonderful pastor for you and for this community. I am certain that they will have been thoroughly vetted (I love that word) and that the members of the PNC have prayed and sought God’s leading. Any preconceived ideas of how he or she should dress, or their appearance, or their style of preaching, or their theology (provided it is reformed and Biblically based), or even the make-up of his or her family, should be placed “on hold” until your new pastor has been in place for several months...and even then, look past their faults (we all have some), and work with them as one **whom God has chosen** to minister to you.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Dan

January 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 New Year's Day 8:00 pm A.A.	2 6:00 pm Yoga	3 2:00 pm Delay the Disease-Parkinsons Exercise Class	4	5 9:00 am Yoga
6 Epiphany 9:30 am Worship 10:00 am Installation/Ordination	7 6:00 pm TOPS	8 7:00 am Bible Study 1:00 pm Knitting Group 8:00 pm AA & AI Anon	9 6:00 pm Yoga	10 2:00 pm Delay the Disease-Parkinsons Exercise Class 5:30 pm Budget & Finance Meeting	11 Session Material Inclusion Deadline	12 9:00 am Yoga
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