

PRESBY PRESS

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March

Team Leader— Mary Ann Borland

Liturgist— Group Effort

Forward Communion

1. Mary Ann Borland
2. Gary Borland
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Ushers

1. Debbie Smith
2. John Smith
- 3.
- 4.

Our Community of Faith In Nursing Homes

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

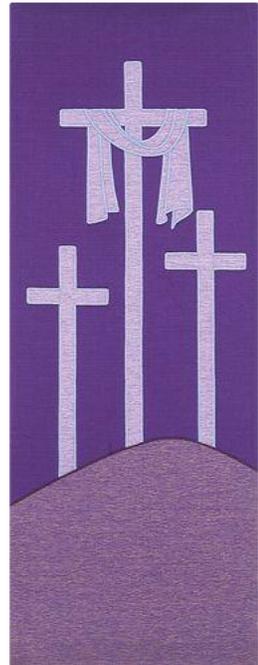
Homebound

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

Soup Supper

We will be having a soup supper on March 6th in the church social hall at 6pm. There will be an Ash Wednesday service (with the traditional imposition of ashes) following the soup supper—also in the social hall.

Any and all are welcome to attend both the supper and the service.



Mission Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Mission committee on March 6th at 5pm (before the soup supper and Ash Wednesday service). If you volunteered for this committee led by Jenny Greco, please try to attend.

Brunch

Bring your favorite dish and join us on March 17th for our monthly potluck brunch in the social hall following worship.

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.



Senior Center Dinner

Presbyterians meet one 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.

March 21st's Menu

Beef Roast

Mashed potatoes and gravy

Plentiful P's salad

Cake.



Got a case of the winter doldrums? Consider taking part in the 7am Tuesday morning bible-study group, or the Knitting group that meets on Tuesdays at 1pm. Both meet in the church lounge. There's also room for volunteers on our new Ministry Team committees. Sign-up sheets are on the narthex table

February Session Notes

Session met Wednesday, February 20, 2019, in the church social hall at 7:00 P.M. with Interim Pastor Dan Callahan, Moderator.

Members present: Laura Exline, Jenny Greco, Charles Stoller, and Joy Yacklin. Excused: Beth Gray and Sondra Jenkins.

Guest: Pastor of First Presbyterian Church Uhrichsville, Ohio, Mark Unruh. Pastor Mark is the newly elected Chair of Parish Elders at MVP, formerly Committee on Ministry.

Clerk report - Communion was served to 37 on February 2, 2019.

Ministry Team Reports:

Christian Education—Laura Exline-Pastor Mark talked about a summer camp for youth, at Perdue, which is held every three years.

Fellowship—Sondra Jenkins- no report

Mission-Jenny—Greco- Committee will meet March 6, 2019.

Outreach—Joy Yacklin-will invite community to soup supper on Ash Wednesday.

Building and Grounds—Charles Stoller - mowing for summer? Checking on filling holes in parking lot across the street. Checking on more outside lights.

Worship and Music-Beth Gray—A soup supper will be held March 6, 2019, at 6:00 P.M. in the church social hall, following at 7:00 P.M. an Ash Wednesday Service will be held.

Old business—General Presbyter Matt Skolnik will be in the pulpit March 17, 2019, filling in for Pastor Dan, this week was a vacation week for Pastor Dan, but he will be in the office, because of missing a week prior to the passing of his Mother-in-law. A discussion was held on vision/purpose of the church.

Commissioner of Presbytery meeting at First United Presbyterian Church in Alliance, was Joy Yacklin. The meeting was February 9, 2019, in the new church building. Joy reported what was discussed at the meeting.

New business—Pastor Unruh explained some of the things happening at Presbytery.

Next stated meeting March 20, 2019, in the church social hall at 7:00 P.M.

Jenny Greco moved motion to close meeting with prayer at 8:40 P.M.

New Ministry Team Structure for 2019

Christian Education: Laura Exline, Facilitator

Mission: Jenny Greco, Facilitator

Fellowship: Sondra Jenkins, Facilitator

Worship and Music: Beth Gray, Facilitator

Building & Grounds/Trustee: Charles Stoller, Facilitator

Outreach: Joy Yacklin, Facilitator

We need your participation on these Ministry Teams. Sign-up sheets are on the narthex table.

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.

March Special Offering and Food Collection

Food Collection: One Great Hour of Sharing

Special Offering: Cereal

Session Material Inclusion Deadline

All items to be included for the March session packet is due by noon on Friday, Mar 15th. 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 April edition of the Presby Press is Monday March 25th. Please try to have all material to the Church office by then.

March Dates

March 6

Mission Meeting: 5pm

Soup Supper: 6pm in the Social Hall

Ash Wednesday Services:
7pm in the Social Hall

March 17

Potluck Brunch: 10:45am

March 20

Session Meeting: 7pm

March 22

Food Distribution @ St. Paul's: 8:30am

“Coffee With the Pastor”

March, 2019

“In like a lion, out like a lamb.” That’s what they say about winter moving into March, isn’t it? My response is “I HOPE NOT!” Lions are dangerous, lambs are sweet and gentle... give me the latter.

I want to begin by expressing my and Nancy’s gratitude for all the cards, thoughts and especially the prayers that have been offered on the passing of Nancy’s mother. She was a sweet, gracious woman and we will miss her. I know that death is a part of life - for all things, but death is also the beginning for something new, for those who trust in Christ. Nancy and I take great solace in the knowledge that her mother loved the Lord and, although we miss her, we wouldn’t wish her back for anything. The harshness of winter always leads to the beauty of new life and so it is with life itself. I write this just 3 days after mother’s passing, and on this third day, we received a call from our youngest son announcing the birth of our newest grandson. All I can say is God has blessed us, God is good!

God is also in the process of blessing this congregation with a new pastor. Who that might be, or when they might be arriving is still unknown, but to God alone; however we know that God’s plan is being unfolded and His will shall be done. And, without even knowing the details of God’s plan, we can still rejoice and declare: “God has blessed us.” What an exciting time this is! Oh, I suspect the PNC has been frustrated from time to time, and that the work they have been called to do on your behalf has been tedious and time-consuming. But I never cease to be amazed at how God can take a group of people with different backgrounds, education and opinions, and use those folks to help fulfil His plan!

The same is true for the congregation at large. Those, who sit in the pew on Sunday mornings have a role to play in the ministry of this church. It doesn’t matter how young, or how old we are, or whether we hold a PHD or a GED, or no degree, all that matters is that we allow God to use us and submit to His will. Simply praying daily of the PNC and any perspective candidate is an enormous role in bringing God’s will to fruition. Supporting the PNC, and one another, as we await the next pastor is a monumental role in the search process. And continuing to minister to one another and those in the community is something in which everyone can participate.

Winter is coming to an end. New life is about to spring forth, and as we continue to wait on the Lord the blessings are innumerable; we only need to look under the snow to see the new life emerging. Yes, we as humans sometimes become impatient, but rest assured that behind the scenes, God is at work. In God’s time, and in accordance with God’s plan, we will look back and say “Ah, now I understand the process. Now I understand what my role was.”

May the Lord bless you as grow in the Lord...

Grace and peace,
Pastor Dan

March 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 St. David's Day	2 9:00 am Yoga
3 9:30 am Worship 10:45 am Sunday School	4 6:00 pm TOPS 6:00 pm PNC Meeting	5 Shrove Tuesday/ Mardi Gras 7:00 am Bible Study 1:00 pm Knitting Group 8:00 pm AA & Al Anon	6 Ash Wednesday 5:00 pm Mission Committee Meeting 6:00 pm Soup Supper 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service	7 2:00 pm Delay the Disease-Parkinson's Exercise Class	8	9 9:00 am Yoga
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