

# The Chimes



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## POST IT NOW! Classifieds

<p><b>HELP WANTED!</b> The Chancel Guild needs your help. See Judy Iverson to sign up for a team.</p>	<p><b>VAN DRIVER NEEDED!</b> We are in need of a fill-in driver for Sundays. See Pastor Ann or Janice Kain.</p>
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Sign-up sheets are in the Lounge.  
**Plug In** it's YOUR church  
Sign up Today!

**Need a ride?** Rides to and from worship services can be provided. Please contact the church office.

### FPC Meetings

- Mar. 1 ..... 12:00 PM ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE  
..... 6:00 PM ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE
- Mar. 6 ..... 5:00 PM Gatherers Group Meeting  
..... 5:30 PM Facilities Team Meeting  
..... 6:30 PM Adventures in Worship Meeting
- Mar. 7 ..... 6:00 PM Deacons
- Mar. 8 ..... 6:00 PM Worship Team Meeting  
..... 5:30 PM Lenten Devotional/Supper
- Mar. 9 ..... 3:30 PM Stephen Ministry Meeting
- Mar. 12 ..... DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS
- Mar. 13 ..... 5:30 PM CE/Outreach Team Meeting  
..... 6:30 PM Finance Ministry Meeting
- Mar. 14 ..... 5:30 PM Personnel Team Meeting
- Mar. 15 ..... 5:30 PM Lenten Devotional/Supper
- Mar. 21 ..... 6:30 PM Session
- Mar. 22 ..... 5:30 PM Lenten Devotional/Supper
- Mar. 24 ..... CHIMES DEADLINE
- Mar. 29 ..... 5:30 PM Lenten Devotional/Supper

### MARCH 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 Transfiguration of the Lord 8:30 AM Choir Practice 9:15 AM Worship 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM Blood Drive/gym 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Coffee Hour 11:00 AM CCS Class 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM Volleyball 5:30 PM Youth Group	27 5:00 PM Gatherers Meeting 5:30 PM Facilities Meeting 6:30 PM AIW Meeting	28 12:30 PM Knit Wifs 1:00 PM PDG	1 Ash Wednesday 12:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service 6:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 PM Spirit & Truth Practice 7:30 PM Choir Practice	2 9:30 AM Rachel Circle 3:30 PM Stephen Ministry Meeting	3 World Day of Prayer 12:00 PM Neighborhood Association Workshop 5:30 PM Variety Show Practice	4 7:00 AM - 2:00 PM Neighborhood Association Workshop 7:30 AM Men's Group/Charlotte's 5:00 PM Casual Contemporary Worship 6:00 PM College Age Bible Study
5 1st Sunday of Lent COMMUNION SUNDAY 8:30 AM Choir Practice 9:15 AM Worship 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Coffee Hour 11:00 AM CCS Class 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM Volleyball 5:30 PM Youth Group	6 5:00 PM Gatherers Meeting 5:30 PM Facilities Meeting 6:30 PM AIW Meeting	7 12:30 PM Knit Wifs 1:00 PM PDG 6:00 PM Deacons	8 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Lenten Devotions/Supper 6:00 PM Worship Team Meeting 7:00 PM Spirit & Truth Practice 7:30 PM Choir Practice	9 9:30 AM Rachel Circle 3:30 PM Stephen Ministry Meeting	10 9:30 AM Primethiners 5:30 PM Variety Show Practice	11 5:00 PM Casual Contemporary Worship 6:00 PM College Age Bible Study
12 2nd Sunday of Lent Daylight Savings Time Begins 8:30 AM Choir Practice 9:15 AM Worship 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Coffee Hour/Youth Serving Soup 11:00 AM CCS Class 11:00 AM Shining Stars 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM Volleyball 5:30 PM Youth Group	13 5:30 PM CE/Outreach Team Meeting 6:30 PM Finance Team Meeting	14 10:00 AM Ruth Circle 1:00 PM PDG 5:30 PM Personnel Team Meeting	15 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Lenten Devotions/Supper 7:00 PM Spirit & Truth Practice 7:30 PM Choir Practice	16 Pastor Ann - out of office	17 9:30 AM Primethiners 5:30 PM Variety Show Practice	18 3:00 PM Variety Show/set-up/practice 5:00 PM Casual Contemporary Worship 6:00 PM College Age Bible Study/Retreat
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Dear Friends,

Truth be told, I am a creature of habit. Unless I've had a sleepless night, I get up at the same time every morning, and the first thing I do is make hot tea and read the newspaper headlines and obituaries. I rarely vary my route to the church or the path I walk my dog. I need time at the end of each day to read. I write lists before going to the grocery store. My spices are alphabetized. Most of us find great comfort and security in routine.

Despite a preference for my usual patterns and behaviors, I look forward to Lent as a time to vary my spiritual practices and stretch myself. The season is a finite period, only 40 days, which is both long enough to incorporate a new habit into my life but not so prolonged that I cannot see the end.

Some folks choose to give up a favorite food or beverage as a kind of sacrifice. Another idea is to give up an attitude or behavior that is not Christ-like (see the list in the next column, 19 Things to Give Up for Lent That Aren't Chocolate). Rather than giving up something for Lent, I often adopt a new practice, which is more of a challenge for me. Making the time is always the biggest obstacle, but—as I remind myself—surely I can do it as an expression of my commitment to Christ.

I read a book awhile ago titled 365 Thank You's about a man who, in an effort to cultivate a spirit of gratitude and break his habit of self-pity, wrote a thank you note every day for a year to a stranger, friend, family member, colleague, store clerk—anyone who had touched his life for the better. By the end of the year, he felt himself changed by the practice. It's a great idea!

So how will you observe Lent this year? Why not try something new: a short period of daily prayer, Bible study, or spiritual reading? A walk with others in the church gym on Wednesdays at 5:30?

Because the support of others can help as we attempt new practices, I will lead a weekly Spirituality and Supper gathering, during which we will have Lenten devotions and discuss spiritual practices, including prayer, silence, self-examination, honoring your body, creation care, and creative expression.

Whatever observance you choose, use this time to step beyond your comfortable confines, and do it in a spirit of honoring the One whose sacrificial love is the basis for this Lenten journey. May this season be a time of encouragement and fellowship—and maybe even transformation—as you experience the grace and presence of God more fully.

Peace,  
Pastor Ann

19 Things to Give Up for Lent That Aren't Chocolate

Adapted from the original by Monsignor Keith Derouen

- 1. Fear: God is on my side. I have no need to be afraid.
2. The need to please everyone: I can't please everyone anyway. There is only one I need to strive to please.
3. Envy: I am blessed. My value is not found in my possessions, but in my relationship with my God.
4. Impatience: God's timing is the perfect timing.
5. Sense of entitlement: The world does not owe me anything. God does not owe me anything. I live in humility and grace.
6. Bitterness and resentment: The only person I am hurting by holding onto these is myself.
7. Blame: I am not going to pass the buck. I will take responsibility for my actions.
8. Gossip and negativity: I will speak well of others. I will also minimize my contact with people who are negative and toxic and bring other people down.
9. Comparison: I have my own unique contribution to make, and there is no one else like me.
10. Fear of failure: I cannot succeed without experiencing failure. I just need to make sure I fall forward.
11. A spirit of poverty: I will believe with God that there is always more than enough and never a lack.
12. Feelings of unworthiness: I am fearfully and wonderfully made by my creator (Psalm 139).
13. Doubt: I will trust that what God desires for me is beyond anything I can imagine.
14. Self-pity: God comforts me in my sorrow so that I can comfort others.
15. Retirement: As long as I am still breathing, I am here to share Christ with others. That does not come to an end until the day I die.
16. Excuses: A wise man once said, if you need an excuse, any excuse will do.
17. Lack of counsel: Wise decisions are rarely made in a vacuum. I will ask for help.
18. Pride: Blessed are the humble.
19. Worry: God is in control and worrying will not help.

This Food Pantry is a BLESSING . . . Thanks to you who donate. Many families are being fed. We have found that there are quite a few new families requesting food because, when they get their check and pay their power bill and buy gas to get back and forth to work, they have no money left for food. Your donations of food are touching the lives of many people. Meats & Toiletries such as Bath Soap, Shampoo, Toilet Paper, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, etc. are needed every week. The Deacons wish to thank you for your generosity.



Mar. 5 ..... Meat/Vegetables/Boxed Meals With Meat
Mar. 12 ..... Fruit/Meat/Pancakes/Syrup/Velveeta Cheese
Mar. 19 ..... Boxed Cereal/Oatmeal/Spaghetti/Sauce/Meat
Mar. 26 ..... Meat/Boxed Meals With Meat/Beans/Rice

Circle Meetings

Thursday, March 9 ~ Rachel Circle will meet in the Boardroom at 9:30 AM.

Tuesday, March 14 ~ Ruth Circle will meet at 10:30 AM at the church.

Thursday, March 23 ~ Lydia Circle will meet on Thursday, March 23, at the home of Lois Stevenson, 1420 Sherman. Mary Thompson will give the devotions. Virginia Stewart will lead the study, Lesson 3 of the Horizons study guide, Who is Jesus?

Greeters

- Mar. 5 ..... Jim & Linda Anderson
Mar. 12 ..... Rosie Newton & Janice Kain
Mar. 19 ..... Jean Quick & Jennifer Debenham
Mar. 26 ..... Jean Land & Meghan Verkler

Meals on Wheels

- Mar. 3 ..... Mary Hardy & Carol McLinden
Mar. 10 ..... Nancy Boesdorfer & Joyce DeBoer
Mar. 17 ..... OPEN
Mar. 24 ..... OPEN
Mar. 31 ..... OPEN

Cookies

- Mar. 5 ..... Nancy Boesdorfer & Eva Cornwell
Mar. 12 ..... Amy Iverson & Mary Thompson
Mar. 19 ..... Myanne Compton
Mar. 26 ..... Margaret Crabb

Coffee Hour

- Mar. 5 ..... Nancy Boesdorfer & Eva Cornwell
Mar. 12 ..... Myanne Compton & Nancy Grimes
Mar. 19 ..... OPEN
Mar. 26 ..... OPEN

Flowers

- Mar. 5 .....
Mar. 12 .....
Mar. 19 .....
Mar. 26 .....

Flowers to Shut-Ins

- Mar. 6-10 ..... Nancy Boesdorfer
Mar. 13-17 ..... OPEN
Mar. 20-24 ..... Myanne Compton
Mar. 27-31 ..... OPEN

Liturgists

- Mar. 5 ..... Rick Welchans
Mar. 12 ..... Bev Royce
Mar. 19 ..... Eva Cornwell
Mar. 26 ..... OPEN

Ushers ~ Team #3

Allan Harvey, Captain; Jay Cline; Jim Gilliland; Marjorie Gilliland; Joyce Schmitt; Glee Cumbow.

Chancel Guild

March - Marj Gilliland, Captain; Jim Gilliland; Roger & Eva Cornwell

REMEMBER TO PUT OUT YOUR YELLOW EASTER SIGNS!

It is time to put out your church Easter signs in your front yard, businesses, etc., to invite our community residents to our Easter service, which this year is Sunday, April 16. Need a new sign or ground stand for your sign? We have plenty here at the church office!

# Rachel Riggle's Ordination - Congratulations Rev. Rachel!



## Devotional Materials

Packets of devotional materials for Lent will be available for each household as the season begins. Age-appropriate readings and activities for children, youth, and adults are included. Pick up your envelope in the sanctuary after worship on **February 26**. Those that are left will be mailed.

## Ash Wednesday

*Then I turned to the Lord God, to seek an answer by prayer and supplication with fasting and sackcloth and ashes. I prayed to the Lord my God and made confession.—Daniel 9:3*

Throughout the Old Testament, we read stories like Daniel's—of people putting on sackcloth and sitting in ashes as a gesture of repentance. This act was considered a way of saying to God, "I am sorry," and expressing the desire to turn one's life around.

Even today, the Church connects with that ancient practice on Ash Wednesday, when we have our foreheads marked with ashes in the sign of the cross. In doing so, we publicly acknowledge our need and desire to repent. The ashes are a sign of humility before God and of our sorrow at the death that our individual and collective sin brings into the world.

The gift of the Lenten season, and the reminder of Ash Wednesday, is that we can start again. The Lenten season begins on Ash Wednesday, **March 1**. There will be a worship service in the chapel at **noon**. That evening, there will be a soup supper (prepared by Joyce DeBoer) at **5:30** in the gym, with worship in the chapel at **6:00**. Both services will include the imposition of ashes.

## Spirituality and Supper

Because the season of Lent calls us to prepare our hearts and minds for the sacred observance of Christ's death on Good Friday, many Christians devote special time to the study and practice of spiritual disciplines. You will have such an opportunity on Wednesday nights from **March 8 to April 12**. We will gather in the chapel at 5:30 for a brief time of devotions and discussion on spiritual practices, followed by a simple supper. All are invited. Please sign up on the Lent clipboard if you will attend and if you would be willing to contribute food for one or more of the meals. *If you need childcare, please notify the church office ASAP.*

## Lenten Wreath Devotional Readers Needed

During the Lenten season, we will extinguish candles each week during worship (both services), using the beautiful candle holder that Jim Gilliland made. Please see Pastor Ann or call the office to sign up and receive the readings.

## Ash Wednesday and Lent Q & A

- Q: What is Ash Wednesday?**  
A: Ash Wednesday is the day Lent begins. It derives its name from the early church custom of putting ashes on the heads of believers on that day as a sign of penitence. The purpose of Ash Wednesday is to move us intentionally into the Lenten season, which is why the mood and liturgy of an Ash Wednesday worship service are more serious and solemn than usual.
- Q: What does Lent mean for the church?**  
A: Lent is a season in the Christian calendar. In ancient Christianity, Lent was the period of preparation for baptism for new believers. Later it was recognized as a time of public penance. Finally it became a 40-day devotional preparation for the annual celebration of Jesus' resurrection.
- Q: What does Lent mean for me?**  
A: Personally, Lent is a period for increased religious reflection and contemplation. It is a time for us to acknowledge the sin, evil, and injustice we participate in both individually and collectively. During Lent, we seek God's mercy and to extend mercy to others. We examine our lives and symbolically "burn" away what is not working so new life and hope can grow. Lent leads to Easter hope.
- Q: What about fasting? Is it required?**  
A: Many Christians find that fasting is a meaningful discipline during this season, because it helps them focus more clearly on Jesus' journey to the cross. One can fast from occasional meals, activities that are distracting, or behaviors and attitudes that are not consistent with Jesus' teachings. As long as the fasting is done in a spirit of faithfulness to God, it can be a powerful way of experiencing the divine.
- Q: If Lent is supposed to last 40 days, why are there 46 days between Ash Wednesday and Easter?**  
A: Sundays are not counted as days of the Lenten season. Sunday always is a celebration of Jesus' resurrection—a "little Easter." We might refer to Sundays *during* Lent rather than Sundays *of* Lent.
- Q: Why do we have our foreheads marked with a cross?**  
A: In the Bible, a mark on the forehead is a symbol of the one to whom a person belongs. By having our foreheads marked with the sign of the cross, we symbolize that we belong to Jesus Christ, who died on the cross. Christ loves us from ashes (birth) to ashes (death).
- Q: Why is the sign of the cross made with ashes?**  
A: Ashes are a biblical symbol of mourning and penance. In ancient times, believers were supposed to fast, wear sackcloth, sit in dust and ashes, and put dust and ashes on their heads. While we no longer wear sackcloth or sit in dust and ashes, we do recognize the customs of fasting and putting ashes on our foreheads as signs of mourning and penance.

**Q: What else do the ashes signify?**

A: Ashes symbolize purity and purification. They also symbolize death and so remind us of our mortality. Often the pastor uses the words, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return," God's words to Adam in Genesis 3:19. Ashes are a reminder of our mortality and of our need to repent in this life, before we die.

**Q: Where do the ashes come from?**

A: They are typically made by burning palm branches that have been saved from Palm Sunday of the previous year.

**Q: Why are the ashes from the Palm Sunday palms used?**

A: On Palm Sunday we remember that the people rejoiced at Jesus' triumphal entrance into Jerusalem. They celebrated his arrival by waving palm branches, not realizing that he was coming to die on the cross. By using palms from Palm Sunday, we are reminded that we not only must rejoice in Jesus' coming but also regret the fact that human sin made it necessary for him to die.



**Worship Time Changes**

Over the past several months, the Worship committee has been in conversation about the two worship services. Using the Focus Team Report and considering the input of members who participated in the Called Session meeting in December, the Committee proposed a change to the Session at its February meeting, which the Session approved. Beginning in May, both services will be on Sunday morning. The traditional first service will be moved to 9:45, and the Casual and Contemporary second service will be at 11:30. The Session continues to work out the details about Sunday school times. Look to this space next month for more information.

**A Revival of Adventures in Worship (AIW)**

The group that brought you McJesus and other memorable skits and worship presentations has begun to meet again. Their debut will be at the Youth and College Variety Show on March 19. They are also planning to lead worship during Pastor Ann's study leave in May. If you would like to be a part of this creative group, join them on **March 6** at 6:30 p.m.

**Children in "Cry Room" Before Worship**

Parents are invited to take their children to the "cry room" on the south side of the sanctuary prior to start of the traditional worship service on Sunday mornings. Following the children's time in worship, the nursery attendant will take them to the nursery.

**Daylight Saving Time Begins**

As Daylight Saving Time begins, we lose an hour of sleep—but gain a whole lot more day-light. Change your clocks before bedtime on **March 12** as we "spring ahead."

**Transportation Available**

Janice Kain has offered to provide transportation in the church van for those who need a ride to worship. Please call Sheila during church office hours, Monday through Friday, 8:30-5:00, to schedule your ride.

**Sign Up to Donate Chancel Flowers**

The flowers that grace the Chancel Area each Sunday are donated by church members in memory of a loved one, or in honor of a birthday or anniversary.

**The 2017 flower chart is on the counter in the office. On Sundays, the flower chart is located on the buffet in the parlor.**

The cost is \$30 per bouquet and **must be paid for the Monday before or they will not be ordered.**

The bouquet may be taken for your own use after the service or it will be given to a shut-in.

For questions, please call Sheila in the church office, or Libby Milner at [libby99@comcast.net](mailto:libby99@comcast.net) or 474-9385.

*Adult Education*

**CCS Class**

This month the Contemporary Christian Studies class, which meets at 11:00 a.m. most Sundays, will begin studying climate change. Several newspaper articles and the book *Caring for Creation: The Evangelical's Guide to Climate Change and a Healthy Environment* will inform their conversation. If you are interested in learning more about what our faith and science say about the subject, please join us as we consider what it means for Christians—individually and as the church—to be good stewards of God's creation.

**FPC Congregation**

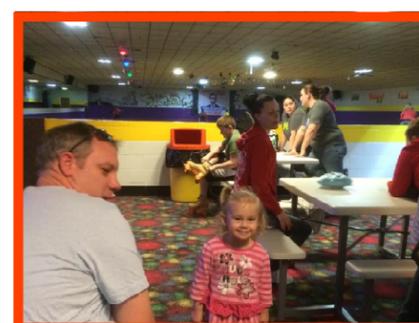
Last year your response was overwhelming when we collected clothing, toiletries, snacks, etc. for the patients at the VA Hospital. This year we hope to do a similar collection for the Day Spring emergency shelter for women and children at 213 N. Bowman Ave. This is a ministry of the Danville Rescue Mission who accept homeless men only. They saw that there is a great need for women and children who are also homeless, abused or abandoned. Day Spring receives no funds to assist them. This is a Christian organization. Only through donations of food, clothing and spiritual inspiration will they be able to help those in dire need. Items needed are the same as you use in your home on a daily basis. Such as: **Pajamas or sleepshirts; socks; slippers; towels; wash cloths; detergent; bath soaps; shampoo; conditioner; combs; brushes; toothpaste; toothbrushes; coloring books; crayons; non-perishable food items; cereals; financial gifts.** Thank you for your response to this great cause. We have set a goal of March 26 for collections. Boxes will be available in the Lounge for your donations. God Bless You for your generosity. Please contact Joyce Schmitt or Wendy Coe, Director of Day Spring.

**The Choir is Looking for New Members**

*Matthew 5:15-16 – No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket but on the lampstand and gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.*

Now would be a great time to join us as we prepare for Easter. We are performing an oratorio style piece for Good Friday, as well as new music for Palm Sunday and Easter.

The bell choir also needs bell ringers. If you can count to 4, you're hired! See Dotty de Torres to sign up. We will perform March 26, with rehearsals each Sunday after church and fellowship. Children's bell choir will rehearse on Palm Sunday to play on Easter.



**YOUTH ACTIVITIES**



### Session highlights for February 2017

Session meeting on February 21, 2017 opened at 6:35 p.m. with the lighting of the Christ candle and prayer. Aquorum was declared. The Rev. Ann Schwartz served as Moderator.

**Clerk's report** and minutes from previous meetings were approved. Session accepted the resignation of Rev. Rachel Riggle from our church roll; she is now a minister member in the John Knox Presbytery.

**Pastor's Report.** Pastor Ann presented a report of her activities last month. Before this meeting, she had been at the Danville City Council meeting to give the opening prayer and tell them a little about what has been going on at our church. Session discussed the article on "Serving as an Elder" that Pastor Ann had given out last month.

**Treasurer's and Financial Team report** was given by Jim Anderson. For the sake of clarity, the monthly finance report is now going to show endowment funds, restricted funds, and unrestricted funds. The monthly report will also now show the Deacons funds since they are such an important part of our church life and activities.

**Devotional.** Jim Gilliland read an article on getting messages from God, and how to listen to him.

**Team reports.** The monthly reports from the various ministry teams were accepted. Highlights that were discussed or approved by Session include:

- **Worship Team** – Session approved the proposal to change the times and days of worship beginning May 7. Traditional worship will begin at 9:45 .m. on Sunday. The Casual Contemporary worship will begin at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday. This change is being done to better serve church members. The Session also approved a Baptism for Haley Smiley on Sunday, March 19.
- **Facilities Team** – Judy Iverson reported on ongoing repairs and updates to the buildings heating system. The team is getting bids for possible changes in our insurance policy.
- **Personnel Team** – Session approved increasing the Nursery Attendants' compensation to \$8.75 per hour. Rita Torrey also asked Chairs of the various Ministry Teams for input on the evaluation process and how it could be improved. The Session meeting concluded with prayer. The next regular Session meeting will be Tuesday, March 21, 2017. Session was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully,

Bob Iverson, Vice Clerk of Session



### From the Desk of the Deacons

The Deacons have been busy, and we are so glad to have such happy reasons to stay busy! How often do we host two receptions on one day? First, we celebrated anniversaries (very appropriate for this month) on February 12, and then we celebrated Rachel Riggle's Ordination a few hours later. What an awesome and love-filled day for Rachel, especially since she was able to share it with family, church family, and friends. Having never attended an ordination before, let alone one for a former youth group member, I was especially impressed with the service, and the out-pouring of love from the congregation. We are definitely sending Rachel off to Grace Presbyterian Church in Winona, MN in style . . . Christian-style.

April 9th will be here before we know it, and Muriel Mullins has again agreed, with the Deacon's help, to coordinate the Palm Sunday brunch served on that day. The menu has been planned, the workers are practically in place, and we just need people with hearty appetites to fill the community room on that day.

As always, we thank you for your past help and ask for your continued help with many of our "projects," i.e., baking cookies, coffee hour helpers, flower delivery to hospital patients, Meals on Wheels, etc. Currently we are in need of a volunteer (2 volunteers make it more fun!) to deliver Meals on Wheels the third Friday each month. You would pick up the meals from CRIS Senior Services between 10:00 - 10:15 a.m. (time can vary, depending on your schedule), deliver them on the assigned route, and then return the coolers to CRIS. The entire route takes approximately 45 minutes. As a perk, Joyce DeBoer and I always treat ourselves to lunch after we deliver the meals. Please consider helping with this project. In Christ's Service,  
Nancy Boesdorfer



### Memorials

Nancy Voss - Lydia Circle

We grieve the deaths of three members and give thanks to God for their lives and witness.

Harriet Rauchbach  
Eleanor Fleming



### Healthy Living Class

If you have not yet attended the Healthy Living class, Lent might be the perfect time to make the commitment to care for yourself—body and spirit. Watch the calendar for meeting times.

Handouts on nutrition and healthy eating are available. The group is inviting all who are interested to walk in the gym at 5:30 on Wednesdays. They have purchased yoga DVDs for those who would like to try that discipline. For more information, talk to Joyce DeBoer, Jean Land, Diana Szaras, or Karen Schildt.



### Percussion Lessons

In gratitude for the space the church is providing for him to give percussion lessons, Josh Compton is offering those same lessons free to church members.

Contact Josh if you would like to know more.

### Men's Group Meeting

All men of the church are invited (and feel free to bring a guest!) to gather at 7:30 AM at Charlotte's for coffee, conversation on the topics or news events of the day, prayer, etc. Ideas for other men's church activities can also be discussed. The meeting for this month is Saturday, March 4.

### Primetimers

Primetimers will meet at the church at 9:30 on Friday, March 17 to tour the WorkSource Enterprises in Danville followed by lunch at a restaurant. Please let the office or Pat Tarr know if you would like to come.

### Youth Ministry

### Presbyterian Youth Fellowship Event Calendar for February

**March 4 – 6:00 PM** Youth/College will meet at the church for Ash Wednesday Service.

**March 5, 12, 26 – 6:00 PM** Youth Bible study

**March 17 – 5:30 PM** Youth meet at church for Variety Show practice

**March 18 – 3:00 PM** Youth/College will meet at the church to set up for Variety Show and practice

**March 19 – 3:00 PM** Variety Show day meet at the church

**March 22 – 5:00 PM** Youth movie/dinner at retreat site

### Confirmation Camp

To supplement the learnings of their confirmation class here at church, several of our youth will join other youth from throughout our Presbytery at a confirmation retreat, **March 31-April 2**, at Camp Carew. Pastors and elders from throughout Presbytery will lead them through lessons on the church, mission, Christian living, being Presbyterian, worship, and the sacraments. Thanks to the per capita payments, there is no cost to churches or youth. Pray that it will be a time of fun and learning for them!



### Youth Soup Sunday

Due to the great reception of the Youth Soup Sunday in February, they are planning to do it again in March—before it gets too warm to eat soup!

They will be serving in the lounge following worship on **March 5**. They will receive a free-will "love offering" toward the cost of the summer mission trip.

**Our Fair Share:  
Per Capita**



All congregations in our denomination fairly share in the cost of operating the larger church—the presbyteries, synods, and General Assembly—by providing a Per Capita payment every year, \$40 per member for 2017. The Session encourages every member (not children or un-confirmed youth) to make a \$40 Per Capita contribution, payable to the church. It's tax deductible like other contributions are.

We are blessed by the support we receive from the larger church, including a rich history of worship liturgy, hymnals, confessions, and responsible and scholarly biblical interpretation; educated and prepared pastors; shared mission work around the world; a terrific polity to help congregations live well; conflict resolution when churches need it; fellowship and support among pastors and elders; and a common witness in Washington D.C., the World Council of Churches, and other ecumenical organizations. Although the church has to pay the per capita bill soon, we will continue to receive your apportionments throughout the year.

**One Great Hour of Sharing Offering**

Jesus' ministry was among those who were most vulnerable. He preached good news to the poor and release to the captives. The One Great Hour of Sharing helps us share this same good news to those same vulnerable people in our world today: those who are hungry, who are suffering from disaster, who are dealing with oppression in society.

The gifts that Presbyterians give to the One Great Hour of Sharing make a difference to people who are experiencing need, whether because of natural disaster, conflict, neglect, or injustice. The ministries of OGHS—Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Self-Development of People, and the Presbyterian Hunger Program—provide a range of responses that quickly address the most immediate and urgent needs while working patiently, in partnership with those in need, to address the underlying causes of chronic problems.

Traditionally this special offering has been received on Easter, when we celebrate the miracle of the resurrection and Christ's victory over death. It is appropriate that on the most sacred day of the Christian calendar, we choose to share hope and light and life with brothers and sisters around the world. Please give to this special offering on Easter, **April 16.**

**Community Volunteer Opportunities**

The American Red Cross is offering two opportunities to serve the community. A Free Smoke Alarm Installation Event will be held on **Saturday, March 11**, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed to install free smoke alarms and share home fire preparedness information. Disaster Volunteer Training will be provided on **March 24-26** at the Vermilion County Emergency Management Agency, 2507 Georgetown Road, Danville. In just one weekend, participants will be prepared to serve as disaster volunteers. For more information or to register for either or both events, contact Laura Streid at (309) 662-0500, ext. 7428 or [Laura.Streid@redcross.org](mailto:Laura.Streid@redcross.org).

Stewardship Is...



Love in Action

<b>General Fund</b>		
<b>Income &amp; Expense MTD – January 2017</b>		
<b>Beginning Balance:</b>	\$3836.86	<b>\$3836.86</b>
*Current Income:	\$17032.76	
**Fund Transfers	\$11250.00 Endowment	
	\$13750.00 Unrestricted Funds	
<b>Total Income &amp; Fund Transfer:</b>		<b><u>\$42032.76</u></b>
Total General fund checking		<b><u>\$45869.62</u></b>
Total General fund Expenses	\$(44341.85)	<b><u>\$(44341.85)</u></b>
Total Restricted fund Expense	\$(139.65)	<b><u>\$(139.65)</u></b> altar flowers
Adjustments – Contribution Deposit	\$(120.00)	<b><u>\$(120.00)</u></b>
<b>Balance Forward:</b>	\$ 1508.12	<b>\$1508.12</b>

\*Current Income refers to money received during the month from pledges, loose offering, rents, income from outside trusts, and misc. donations.

\*\*Fund Transfers refers to budgeted money from the Endowment from earnings and allowable principle. This money is transferred only as needed, approximately quarterly during the year.

Welcome to the Mouse House

Come check us out!

**Mouse House**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

Jeff James	March 1
Nick dePlace	March 4
Jean Land	March 5
Marj Welchans	March 11
Seth McHone	March 12
Jay Tarr	March 13
Bob Fox	March 14
Joyce DeBoer	March 14
Bill Garrison	March 15
Jean Keefer	March 15
Alex Calton	March 17
Andrew Calton	March 17
Karen Spiralke	March 19
Kelly Aliakhan	March 22
Bob Boesdorfer	March 23
Jenifer Bender	March 24
Mary Boggess	March 27
Glee Cumbow	March 28
Niki Royce	March 30
Ruth Pancoast	March 31

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

Jon & Joyce Bruett ..... March 28

**Our Saturday & Sunday Schedule Is:**

Worship: (Sunday)	9:15 AM
Spirit & Truth Worship: (Saturday)	5:00 PM
Sunday School:	9:30 AM
Coffee Hour:	10:30 AM
Contemporary Christian Studies: (CCS)	11:00 AM



**This Week's Prayer Needs:** Grace Spotts (cancer); Jane King; Norma Burch; Nan Coppel (Eva Cornwell's mom); Bob Fox; Dale Ferrell; Jim Gilliland; Judy Laker; Bob Pyles (Ruth Pancoast's brother-in-law); Sierra Guge (family of the Curtises); Wayne Styck (Milners' family); Rossi Rennaker (Janet Martin's friend); Virginia Stewart; Ryan Quick (Milners' friend); Lois Stevenson; Slick Keith; Bob Kesler; Lisa Stewart (Virginia Stewart's daughter-in-law); John Homann (Deborah Huckelby's nephew); Shannon Bishop (Sheila's cousin-hospice). The families of Eleanor Fleming, Harriet Rauchbach.

**Ongoing:** Diane Bales; Kay Barrett (Ruth Pancoast's sister-cancer); Mary Carter (friend of the Milners); Roy Christison; Pastor Trent Cloin (bladder cancer – Lisa Cline); Carlene Coddington (friend of Muriel Mullins); Wayne Dawes (friend of Lisa & Jay Cline-waiting for heart transplant); Mary Dison; Carryl Fox; Ray Griffith; Carol Ingram (cousin of George Milner); Dora Jameson (friend of Libby & George Milner); Mary Jane Johnson (Ruth Pancoast's sister; heart problem & liver transplant); Deronda Kimberlin; Pat Kuhs; David & Sue Laker (David is Stephen Laker's brother, caregiver of Sue-Alzheimer's); Robbie Lewis; Jim Meharry (friend of Judy Laker-heart infection/surgery); Roberta McNeill (Janet Martin's mother-in-law/Bob's mother); Bob Miller (friend of Carol McLinden-cancer); Debbie Mullins; Nancy Orlea; Curt Palmer (Jennifer Debenham's friend); Jayne Robinson (Judy Laker's sister); Jake Ruder (brain tumor); Larry Schmitt (Parkinson's); Grover Seitzinger; Harlan Smith (advancing dementia); Wilma Thomas; Barbara Todd (friend of Judy Laker); Julie Tyndall (daughter of Jackie Bean-cancer); Tom Wagner; Gary Waller; Nancy Walser; Nancy & Charles Winchester; Debbie Wombles (Tobi Peck's friend); Marjorie Young; Military Personnel.

**FPC Candidate for the Ministry:** James Potts, M.Div.  
**Seminary Students:** Mary Hoss (Johnson University); Joseph Compton (Moody Bible Institute).

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