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A Service of Ordination for Rachel Riggle



Rachel Riggle will be ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament (Teaching Elder) on Sunday, February 12, at 4:00 PM in the sanctuary. All are invited to be a part of this special worship service and the reception that follows.

As most of you know, Rachel grew up in this church. She graduated from Danville High School in 2005, attended DACC and later MacMurray College, and then studied at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, where she graduated with a Master of Divinity degree in 2015. She has been employed since then as a Pastoral Intern at First Presbyterian Church in Columbia, Missouri. Throughout this period of formal education, she has traveled widely and

been engaged with mission work through Habitat for Humanity, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and numerous other local agencies and organizations.

Now Rachel has accepted a call as pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church in Winona, Minnesota, where she will move as soon as she has been ordained.

She was active in the life of this church during her childhood and youth. She sang solos in the choir and even served as the Youth Leader as a teenager. She led the Relay for Life teams and won the Best Dinner and Best Rap contest trophies, which remain in the church's trophy case. Rachel credits the influence of Pastors Katie and Jimmy Hopper with her going into ministry.

She says, "The single moment when I really knew that I was called to ministry was during my senior year of high school when I preached the sermon for Youth Sunday. In it, I said that I didn't know what the future would hold for me but the congregation knew. Pastor Katie and Pastor Jimmy and countless church family members came to me that afternoon and in the following days and told me that I was called to ministry. So I took their word for it."

Rachel is the daughter of Kolby and the late Pam Riggle, the granddaughter of Mid Riggle, the sister of Becky France, the aunt of Emma and Eliot, the niece of Lisa Taylor and Gayle Norton, the great niece of Jean Quick, and beloved child of First Presbyterian Church.

FEBRUARY 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 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	30 Shella - Vacation	31 Shella - Vacation 12:30 PM Knit Wits 1:00 PM PDG	1 Shella - Vacation 6:00 PM Worship Team Meeting 7:00 PM Spirit & Truth Practice 7:30 PM Choir Practice	2 Shella - Vacation 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM Girl Scout Cookies 9:30 AM Rachel Circle 3:30 PM Stephen Ministry Meeting	3 Shella - Vacation 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM Souper Bowl - Habitat for Humanity	4 7:30 AM Men's Group/Charlotte's 5:00 PM Casual 6:00 PM Youth/College Age prep for Church Souper Bowl
5 Congregational Meeting Souper Bowl 8:30 AM Choir Practice 8:45 AM Youth meet at church 9:15 AM Worship 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Youth Souper Bowl/Lounge 11:00 AM CCS Class 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM Volleyball	6 5:30 PM CE/Outreach Team Meeting 5:30 PM Facilities Meeting	7 12:30 PM Knit Wits 1:00 PM PDG 6:00 PM Deacons Meeting	8 7:00 PM Spirit & Truth Practice 7:30 PM Choir Practice	9 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM Girl Scout Cookies 9:30 AM Rachel Circle 3:30 PM Stephen Ministry Meeting	10 Shella - Vacation 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM Souper Bowl - Habitat for Humanity	11 5:00 PM Casual Contemporary Worship 6:00 PM Youth/College Age Bible Study/variety show practice
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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 11:00 AM Healthy Living Meeting 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM Volleyball 5:30 PM Youth Group	27	28 12:30 PM Knit Wits 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	3 World Day of Prayer 12:00 PM Neighborhood Association Workshop	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



With the ordination of Rachel Riggle on February 12, this church will have the unique opportunity to celebrate and bless God's presence and transformative power, not only in the life of this extraordinary young woman but in the life of the congregation as well.

When a child is baptized in the Presbyterian Church, the parents (or others) who present a child for the sacrament and the congregation promise to provide guidance and nurture in the Christian faith. The congregation does that through personal relationships, mentoring, and prayer. By providing programs for children and youth (nursery care, Sunday school, Shining Stars, VBS, youth group, mission trips, confirmation class), encouraging the presence and participation of children in the worship and work of the congregation, and creating a hospitable environment for children and their families, the church demonstrates its commitment to the spiritual formation of its youngest members.

That this church has two members, Rachel and James Potts, who have been supported and encouraged as they explored their sense of call to ministry in our denomination is significant. It says that as a congregation you affirmed the spiritual gifts that you saw in them. You have had pastors who encouraged their seeking. The Session has used the church's resources, financial and otherwise, to assist them in their theological educations. You have prayed for them. What a gift it will be to them and to the denomination as you rejoice in their ordinations and then send them out for service to the larger church.

God surely had a hand in all of this. Just as God called Rachel and James to ministry, so too did God lead and inspire you in loving and nurturing them on their unique journeys. I commend you for the care you have offered to them and to all the young ones entrusted to you over the years.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Ann

FPC Meetings

- Feb. 1 6:00 PM Worship Team Meeting
- Feb. 4 7:30 AM Men's Group
- Feb. 5 9:15 AM **ANNUAL MEETING**
- 10:30 AM Youth Group Souper Bowl
- Feb. 6 5:30 PM CE/Outreach Team Meeting
- 5:30 PM Facilities Team Meeting
- Feb. 7 6:00 PM Deacons Meeting
- Feb. 9 3:30 PM Stephen Ministry Meeting
- Feb. 13 6:30 PM Finance Ministry Team Meeting
- Feb. 14 6:00 PM Personnel Team Meeting
- Feb. 21 6:30 PM Session
- Feb. 20 **CHIMES DEADLINE**



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.**



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

Circle Meetings

Thursday, February 9 ~ Rachel Circle will meet in the boardroom at 9:30 AM.

Tuesday, February 14 ~ Ruth Circle will meet at 10:30 AM in the boardroom.

Thursday, February 23 ~ Lydia Circle will meet at 2 PM, at the church. Libby Milner is the hostess; Virginia Stewart will give the devotions. Mary Thompson will lead the study, Lesson 2, in the Study Guide.

Greeters

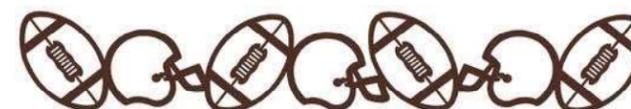
- Feb. 5 Sally Masters
- Feb. 12 James Potts
- Feb. 19 Ruth Pancoast
- Feb. 26 Alice Faulkner & Bobbie McHone

Cookies

- Feb. 5 Youth Group Souper Bowl
- Feb. 12 Mary Thompson & Eva Cornwell
- Feb. 19 Susie Townsley
- Feb. 26 Jean Land

Coffee Hour

- Feb. 5 Youth Group Souper Bowl
- Feb. 12 Nancy Boesdorfer & Eva Cornwell
- Feb. 19 Mary Thompson & Nancy Grimes
- Feb. 26 Jean Land



Liturgist

- Feb. 5 Bev Royce
- Feb. 12 Claudia Ferrell
- Feb. 19 Pat Tarr
- Feb. 26 Eva Cornwell

Flowers

- Feb. 5 OPEN
- Feb. 12 OPEN
- Feb. 19 OPEN
- Feb. 26 OPEN

Flowers to Shut-Ins

- Jan. 30 –Feb. 3 OPEN
- Feb. 6 –10 Jay Cline
- Feb. 13 –17 Nancy Boesdorfer
- Feb. 20–24 OPEN
- Feb. 27–Mar. 3 OPEN

Meals on Wheels

- Feb. 3 OPEN
- Feb. 10 Nancy Boesdorfer & Joyce DeBoer
- Feb. 17 Dale & Claudia Ferrell
- Feb. 24 OPEN

Ushers ~ Team #2

Sally Masters; Jerry Prideaux; Kathy Delzell; Bill Garrison; Linda Anderson; and Jim Anderson.

Chancel Guild

February – Team #1 - Captain, Muriel Mullins, Jay and Lisa Cline.





Remember in Prayer

This Week's Prayer Needs: 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); Harriet Rauchbach; Wayne Styck (Milners' family); Rossi Rennaker (Janet Martin's friend); Virginia Stewart; Ryan Quick (Milners' friend); Eleanor Fleming; 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).

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); Bob Crabb; 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); Jane King; 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 Candidates for the Ministry: Rachel Riggle, M.Div. (Intern at FPC, Columbia, MO); James Potts, M.Div.

Seminary Students: Mary Hoss (Johnson University); Joseph Compton (Moody Bible Institute).

Expectant Parents: Elizabeth & Jay Tarr (due in February).



Annual Meeting of the Congregation

The annual meeting of the congregation will be held on February 5 in the sanctuary, immediately following our morning worship service. We will take time to review the Annual Report together, remember 2016, and look ahead to our ministry in 2017. All members are encouraged to attend. Only active members may speak and vote at congregational meetings. The written Annual Report will be available by the end of January.

Join us as we stop and take an accounting of our journey and prepare to move ahead into a brand new year where we will continue to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

2017 Souper Bowl of Caring Offering

The Souper Bowl of Caring Offering began in 1989 with a simple prayer: "Lord, even as we enjoy this Super Bowl football game, let us be mindful of those who are without even a bowl of soup to eat" uttered by a seminary intern serving in a small Presbyterian Church in Columbia, S.C. First Presbyterian Church will participate in the Souper Bowl of Caring Offering during worship on Sunday, Feb. 5, during the Deacons Offering received following Communion. The proceeds will be given to the Deacons and the total will be reported to the national website.

The issue of hunger is not new to our region. According to sources, one in seven households will be "food insecure" this year.

TACKLE



HUNGER



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- Dotty deTorres Feb. 1
Pat de Place Feb. 1
Kristen Wolfinbarger Feb. 2
Lynne Ellis Feb. 2
Elizabeth Harvey Feb. 2
John Sant Feb. 8
Laura Bowler Feb. 8
John Mosser Feb. 12
Jamie Biggs Feb. 12
Ethan Albert Feb. 13
Garrett Albert Feb. 13
Scott Hardy Feb. 14
Helen Melzer Feb. 15
Meg Welchans Feb. 16
Logan Peaslee Feb. 17
Ashley Peaslee Feb. 19
Jack Thomas Feb. 19
Sarah McHone-Chase Feb. 20
Heather Keefer Feb. 24
Emily Adams Feb. 26
Donald Nicoson Feb. 27
John Jenkins, Jr. Feb. 27
Rosemary Curtis Feb. 28
Beverly Royce Feb. 28

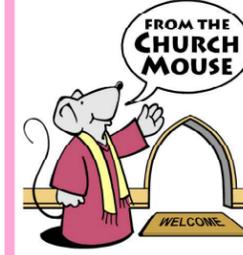


Church Office Hours ~ 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

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

FAITH LINE -- 444-5999 -- A Voice of Inspiration available 24 Hours



The Mouse House!

Is in need of more Jigsaw Puzzles.



All are Welcome to join the Healthy Living class for a program by Presence pharmacist Gina Morgan. As requested by a member in the class, she will be speaking to us about what we need to know

about dietary supplements: "A dietary supplement is a product intended for ingestion that contains a 'dietary ingredient' intended to add further nutritional value to (supplement) the diet. A 'dietary ingredient' may be one, or any combination, of the following substances: a vitamin, a mineral, an herb or other botanical."

Come and join us to learn more!

Presentation will be held at 11:00 AM in the Chapel on 2/26/17.

Gina graduated from St. Louis College of Pharmacy with a BSPHarm. in 1994. She has spent most of her career as a clinical pharmacist at Presence United Samaritans Medical Center. During the last seven years she has focused on oncology at the Bobbette Steely Hegeler Cancer Care Center there. She has also worked as a community pharmacist at CVS in Hoopeston, as well as for various independent area locally-owned pharmacies. She's been a member of First Presbyterian Church in Hoopeston since 1980. She is married to Matthew Morgan, and they have two children, Ryan and Ashley. Gina enjoys her family, her cats, yarn, and the beach--but not all at the same time!



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For several months, Dotty De Torres has been studying to be an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT). She just passed her final exam and hopes to begin working soon as a volunteer EMT.

She began the new year by marching in the Rose Parade in Pasadena, California, as a member of the Joint Forces Air Force Band.

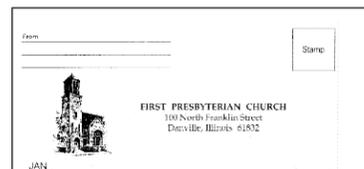
With Appreciation

Once again, Mary Thompson played an instrumental role in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration weekend. The dinner, parade, and worship services were powerful expressions of faith, hope, and community. Thanks to Mary and the Celebration Committee for helping to keep Dr. King's dream of justice and equality alive.



Catherine Ribbe:
Mrs. Helen Bury; Carolyn DePratt; Betty Linne; Lois Palfi

Dr. Robert Elghammer:
Mrs. Joanne Chacon



OFFERING ENVELOPES

All those who already have an envelope number will receive Weekly Offering Envelopes for the year 2017.

If you do not receive Offering Envelopes, but still want them, please check at the back of the Sanctuary, or contact Paula in the Office.



Social Media Ministry

FPC's online presence is expanding, which means that there are more ways for members and friends to connect with the church and more opportunities for others to become acquainted with who we are.

The public **Facebook** page features official announcements of church events, programs, and mission opportunities. Anyone can "friend" the page, but all posts have to be approved through an administrator. The **FPC Family Facebook** page is a social site on which members can share information and discuss church events, recommend books to read or businesses to support, and generally interact with others with access to the site. It is a closed group, meaning that members have to be approved by an administrator. No one outside the group can see posts.

The church **website** (www.fpcdanville.org) is the main online source of information about the church. Anyone with Internet access can visit the website. While it continues to be "under construction," the site currently includes the monthly Chimes and calendar, an introduction to church staff, a history of the church, copies of our denomination's constitution (Book of Confession and Book of Order) and the church's Focus Team Report. Anyone can now submit prayer requests, make an offering, and listen to (and view) sermons. Watch for more interior and exterior photos of the church.

The newest interactive tool is the church **app** (short for application), which is available on smart phones by downloading from the App Store (iPhones) or Google App (androids). There is no fee for the app. It provides quick access to calendars, information about closings, schedule changes, The Chimes, and weekly sermons.

Finally, if you are ill or traveling and unable to be here on a Saturday evening or Sunday morning, you can now find the worship services on YouTube, a video-sharing website. Simply search First Presbyterian Church of Danville and then view the video(s) you missed.

Administrators of the social media sites are Sheila Smiley, Anne Binette, and Josh Compton. Contact any of them if you would like assistance in accessing any of the sites or using them to their fullest potential. Under the direction of the Session, a Social Media subcommittee created guidelines for

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Greetings from your Deacons:



As we enter the new year the Deacons are extremely grateful for the financial and volunteer support from the congregation of our Christmas basket project and our upcoming program of work for the congregation in 2017. With your help we enter the year with sufficient resources to maintain our ministries of emergency medicines and food for the upcoming year together with the more pedestrian but equally important functions of church receptions and flowers to hospitalized and shut-in members of the congregation. As Nancy Boesdorfer said in last month's Chimes, may God continue to richly bless our church and church family in the year to come.

We would like to especially thank the collective women's circles of the church for their generous donation to our Christmas basket project from the proceeds of their cookie walk.

We are planning a reception on February 12 following the ordination in our church of Rachel Riggle (yay, Rachel!) Rachel is transitioning from a position as interim youth pastor in Columbia, MO to become the pastor of a church in Winona, MN in early March. Watch the upcoming Chimes and weekly bulletins for the time of service of ordination. The reception will be immediately following. Come help us celebrate this big event.

...and for your calendars:

- ◆ We will plan a congregational brunch for Palm Sunday, April 9. Watch this space for further details.
- ◆ The all-Church picnic will be held on September 10 at the Hideaway in Kennekuk County Park. In Christ's service, Bill Garrison



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, February 4.

Annual Wedding Anniversary Recognition



Sunday, February 12, there will be a recognition of all wedding anniversaries during the calendar year in our church family. Names will be listed in the bulletin on this special day with anniversary date. There will also be a list recognizing those who have been widowed and listing the number of years they would have been married if they had not lost their spouse. George Milner is assembling the list of names for each anniversary category and after the 9:15 AM worship service on February 12. Please contact the church office or George to make sure your name and anniversary date – be it one or eighty years or somewhere in between – are on the list!

Special Thanks to all and for your support of the MLK's 2-day celebration. Thanks again and God Bless, Mary Thompson

General Fund

Income & Expense MTD – December 2016
Beginning Balance: \$2115.16 **\$2115.16**

*Current Income: \$16796.63
**Fund Transfer: Endowment \$15000.00
Regular Contribution Correction \$600.00

Total Income & Transfers: **\$32396.63**

Total General fund checking **\$34511.79**
Total General fund Expenses(\$30614.93) **(\$30614.93)**
Total Restricted Fund Expense (\$60.00) **(\$60.00)**
Balance Forward: \$3836.86 **\$3836.86**

*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 principal. This money is transferred only as needed, approximately quarterly during the year.

the congregation and administrators, which were approved by Session at its January meeting. The purpose was to encourage a faithful public witness, fidelity to God, and right relationships with one another as we communicate in new ways. The guidelines for the administrators are the same as for the congregation but include additional standards for maintaining a safe and respectful online environment. If you have any questions, contact one of the administrators or Pastor Ann.



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- Do not identify or “tag” youth in photos on church sites without prior permission from the youths’ parent/guardian(s).
- All social media accounts are monitored regularly to ensure that questions/concerns are addressed in a timely fashion. Please notify administrators of any questionable materials or behaviors.
- Take a breath before posting. Ask yourself if your comment/response is helpful, kind, and necessary. Does it build up the body of Christ? Is your message consistent with the church’s message of hospitality, grace, and love?
- While your opinion matters, please be mindful of others’ opinions as well and remember that we can disagree without being disagreeable. Please remember that striking out at others, provoking such behavior, and intentionally hurting others’ feelings are prohibited on this site.
- Please refrain from posting copyrighted, hurtful, or offensive materials. Posts should be faithful to our Presbyterian faith perspective, our Reformed theology, and our Presbytery polity.
- This site is for helpful content, informational materials, general information, photos of events, and opportunities for service and involvement. Please refrain from excessive posting of unrelated information.



Presbyterian Youth Fellowship Event Calendar for February

February 4 – 6:00 PM Youth/College will meet to cook for Church Souper Bowl

February 5 – Youth/College meet at church 8:45 AM – NO YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

February 11, 18, 25 – 6:00 PM Youth/College practice for variety show

February 12 – 4:00 PM Confirmation for Rachel Riggle

February 19, 26 – 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM Youth Bible Study

February 20 – 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM Youth skating party at Illini Skate Land



What Does It Mean to Be Presbyterian?

Like many other Protestant denomination, the PCUSA recognizes two sacraments: baptism and the Lord’s Supper (also known as Communion and the Eucharist). We believe the sacraments are gifts from

God, given to the church by Jesus, to nurture faith. They are visible means of experiencing God’s invisible grace. Our church baptizes because Jesus commanded his disciples to baptize: “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” (Matthew 28:19). People of all ages can be baptized. Our tradition practices infant baptism, believing that God’s covenant of grace extends to believers and their children. In infant baptism, we acknowledge the primacy of God’s initiative in our lives—that God claims and calls us before we can respond in faith. We baptize only once, and we recognize all baptisms with water in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit that were administered in other Christian churches. We Presbyterians celebrate the Lord’s Supper in response to Jesus’ commanding his disciples to eat and drink “in remembrance of me” (1 Corinthians 11:24). We believe that when we gather for the joyful feast of the people of God, we join with Christians in every time and place, to be nourished and nurtured in faith. All the baptized faithful are welcome to the table, and none can be excluded because of age, gender, race, socioeconomic status, or other reason. A Presbyterian congregation can celebrate the Lord’s Supper as frequently as every Sunday if the Session so chooses.

Session highlights for January 2017

The Session meeting on January 17, 2017 was opened at 6:35 PM with the lighting of the Christ candle and prayer. A quorum was declared. The Rev. Ann Schwartz served as Moderator.

Clerk’s report was approved. There were minutes from the previous session meeting.

Pastor’s Report. Pastor Ann presented a report of her activities last month. She presented a new officer’s training on Sunday, January 8 after the church service. She reported that the Korean Church will no longer be using our Chapel because it is disbanding due to lack of members. Pastor Ann also presented proposed guidelines for Social Media safety for church children, youth, members, friends and media administrators. Those guidelines were approved by Session. They will be presented in the “Chimes” as well as posted on the Church website and Facebook page. Pastor Ann also shared an article on “Serving as an Elder.” The Session will examine and discuss this article at the next meeting.

Devotional. Rita Torrey read a prayer from a book that belonged to a woman that was like a Grandmother to her. It was based on 1 Peter 4:13-14.

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

Facilities Team – Judy Iverson and Nick DePlace reported on the steam heating system project. The Session approved the proposal to replace six steam zone control valve operator motors and replace six zone control thermostats in the building. The cost of this project is \$11,476, but it should result in an annual savings in natural gas of more than \$1,700. The update is designed to more efficiently heat the building, and allow for reducing room temperatures when the rooms are not being used. The project will be funded through undesignated funds in the investment account.

Judy also reported that the insurance for the church has gone up more than \$4,600. The Facilities Team is having other insurance companies review our church to see if a better price can be found. The Team also is going to seek bids on an updated fire alarm system for the church, as this might impact insurance costs.

Treasurer’s report and Finance Team report was given by Jim Anderson. He reviewed how the year ended financially. He also gave details on the proposed 2017 budget. There are fewer pledging units (church members) this year than in the past. The Finance Team has proposed using interest from the Endowment plus some of the Unrestricted Funds to create the budget. He said this is a nearly balanced budget of some \$422,000. A special called meeting of Session will be after church on Sunday (January 22, 2017) to vote on the budget.

Worship Team – Session approved the Team’s request to have Communion by Intinction at the Ordination ceremony for Rachel Riggle on Sunday, February 12, 2017. Lisa Taylor reported that a revised order of worship proposed by Pastor Ann has been approved. It will be divided into sections in order that the congregation may focus on the different parts of the service. The sections are: We Gather Together; We Hear God’s Word; We Respond; and We Depart to Serve.

Focus Team – Session earlier asked the Focus Team to develop several options for Worship times and Ministry Team meeting times. The Team presented four possible options for Session to consider. This could involve moving the Contemporary Service to Sunday and/or have some Team meetings and Session meeting on Sunday after church. The Session will examine the options and discuss it further at future meetings.

Personnel Team – There was a discussion of who is responsible for updating the Church Officers Manual. The Clerk and Pastor will review and update and then send it to Personnel and to other affected Teams.

The Session meeting was concluded with prayers. The next regular Session meeting will be Tuesday, February 21, 2017. Session was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully,

Bob Iverson. Vice Clerk of Session



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WEDNESDAY
SERVICE

will be held
FEBRUARY 1 at
NOON
and
6:00 PM

Come and let us prepare
for the Season of Lent!

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- Take a breath before posting. Ask yourself if your comment/response is helpful, kind, and necessary. Does it build up the body of Christ? Is your message consistent with the church’s message of hospitality, grace, and love?
- While your opinion matters, please be mindful of others’ opinions as well and remember that we can disagree without being disagreeable. Please remember that striking out at others, provoking such behavior, and intentionally hurting others’ feelings are prohibited on this site.
- Please refrain from posting copyrighted, hurtful, or offensive materials. Posts should be faithful to our Presbyterian faith perspective, our Reformed theology, and our Presbytery polity.
- This site is for helpful content, informational materials, general information, photos of events, and opportunities for service and involvement. Please refrain from excessive posting of unrelated information.



Presbyterian Youth Fellowship Event Calendar for February

February 4 – 6:00 PM Youth/College will meet to cook for Church Souper Bowl

February 5 – Youth/College meet at church 8:45 AM – NO YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

February 11, 18, 25 – 6:00 PM Youth/College practice for variety show

February 12 – 4:00 PM Confirmation for Rachel Riggle

February 19, 26 – 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM Youth Bible Study

February 20 – 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM Youth skating party at Illini Skate Land



What Does It Mean to Be Presbyterian?

Like many other Protestant denomination, the PCUSA recognizes two sacraments: baptism and the Lord’s Supper (also known as Communion and the Eucharist).

We believe the sacraments are gifts from

God, given to the church by Jesus, to nurture faith. They are visible means of experiencing God’s invisible grace. Our church baptizes because Jesus commanded his disciples to baptize: “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” (Matthew 28:19). People of all ages can be baptized. Our tradition practices infant baptism, believing that God’s covenant of grace extends to believers and their children. In infant baptism, we acknowledge the primacy of God’s initiative in our lives—that God claims and calls us before we can respond in faith. We baptize only once, and we recognize all baptisms with water in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit that were administered in other Christian churches. We Presbyterians celebrate the Lord’s Supper in response to Jesus’ commanding his disciples to eat and drink “in remembrance of me” (1 Corinthians 11:24). We believe that when we gather for the joyful feast of the people of God, we join with Christians in every time and place, to be nourished and nurtured in faith. All the baptized faithful are welcome to the table, and none can be excluded because of age, gender, race, socioeconomic status, or other reason. A Presbyterian congregation can celebrate the Lord’s Supper as frequently as every Sunday if the Session so chooses.

Session highlights for January 2017

The Session meeting on January 17, 2017 was opened at 6:35 PM with the lighting of the Christ candle and prayer. A quorum was declared. The Rev. Ann Schwartz served as Moderator.

Clerk’s report was approved. There were minutes from the previous session meeting.

Pastor’s Report. Pastor Ann presented a report of her activities last month. She presented a new officer’s training on Sunday, January 8 after the church service. She reported that the Korean Church will no longer be using our Chapel because it is disbanding due to lack of members. Pastor Ann also presented proposed guidelines for Social Media safety for church children, youth, members, friends and media administrators. Those guidelines were approved by Session. They will be presented in the “Chimes” as well as posted on the Church website and Facebook page. Pastor Ann also shared an article on “Serving as an Elder.” The Session will examine and discuss this article at the next meeting.

Devotional. Rita Torrey read a prayer from a book that belonged to a woman that was like a grandmother to her. It was based on 1 Peter 4:13-14.

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

Facilities Team – Judy Iverson and Nick DePlace reported on the steam heating system project. The Session approved the proposal to replace six steam zone control valve operator motors and replace six zone control thermostats in the building. The cost of this project is \$11,476, but it should result in an annual savings in natural gas of more than \$1,700. The update is designed to more efficiently heat the building, and allow for reducing room temperatures when the rooms are not being used. The project will be funded through undesignated funds in the investment account.

Judy also reported that the insurance for the church has gone up more than \$4,600. The Facilities Team is having other insurance companies review our church to see if a better price can be found. The Team also is going to seek bids on an updated fire alarm system for the church, as this might impact insurance costs.

Treasurer’s report and Finance Team report was given by Jim Anderson. He reviewed how the year ended financially. He also gave details on the proposed 2017 budget. There are fewer pledging units (church members) this year than in the past. The Finance Team has proposed using interest from the Endowment plus some of the Unrestricted Funds to create the budget. He said this is a nearly balanced budget of some \$422,000. A special called meeting of Session will be after church on Sunday (January 22, 2017) to vote on the budget.

Worship Team – Session approved the Team’s request to have Communion by Intinction at the Ordination ceremony for Rachel Riggle on Sunday, February 12, 2017. Lisa Taylor reported that a revised order of worship proposed by Pastor Ann has been approved. It will be divided into sections in order that the congregation may focus on the different parts of the service. The sections are: We Gather Together; We Hear God’s Word; We Respond; and We Depart to Serve.

Focus Team – Session earlier asked the Focus Team to develop several options for Worship times and Ministry Team meeting times. The Team presented four possible options for Session to consider. This could involve moving the Contemporary Service to Sunday and/or have some Team meetings and Session meeting on Sunday after church. The Session will examine the options and discuss it further at future meetings.

Personnel Team – There was a discussion of who is responsible for updating the Church Officers Manual. The Clerk and Pastor will review and update and then send it to Personnel and to other affected Teams.

The Session meeting was concluded with prayers. The next regular Session meeting will be Tuesday, February 21, 2017. Session was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully,

Bob Iverson, Vice Clerk of Session



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WEDNESDAY
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will be held
FEBRUARY 1 at
NOON
and
6:00 PM

Come and let us prepare
for the Season of Lent!