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Whoever does not carry the cross	and follow me cannot be m	ny disciple. For which of	you, intending to build	l a P

tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it?" - Luke 14:27-28

PASTOR'S PEN

Dear Friends,

The above quote from Jesus in the Gospel of Luke is about the cost of discipleship. Following Jesus has a cost we need to be willing to pay. Carrying the cross of Jesus is discipleship. Discipleship is willing to deny ourselves, make sacrifices and put Christ at the center of our daily lives. When we chose to follow Jesus, we likely measured the cost. Do I have the energy and passion to follow?

Last month in this very article, I posed the question, "Do we REALLY want to grow younger?" We all say we do. But are we willing to take risks, do the work, and pay the price necessary to attract and retain young people? In response, many of you have approached me with your ideas (many of which were VERY good) and have listened to and supported my own. Clearly, many of you have responded "Yes! I am

willing to pay the cost in order to get younger!"

But, before we answer the question as an entire congregation, I want to invite you all to study what it is we may have to do in order to make that change. After doing some research, I have found a couple of books that I have found helpful in understanding the national phenomenon of young people dropping out of church.

One of those books is called "You Lost Me: Why Young Christians Are Leaving Church . . . and Rethinking Faith" based on extensive research from the Barna Group. This book (which I admittedly haven't finished yet) is very helpful in understanding the mindset of the "Mosaic" generation (commonly known as millennials) and what motivated so many of them to leave the church. Hint – it wasn't just one reason.

The other book, "Growing Young" from Fuller Seminary is a more pragmatic look at what actually works in reaching this Mosaic generation and their children.

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MARK YOUR **CALENDARS**

11th- Valentine Day Dinner

22nd - Ash Wednesday Service

26th—Fish Fry

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They studied hundreds of congregations of all sizes, denominations and settings. These congregations had one thing in common, they were successfully engaging the current generation of 18-39 year olds. In their study, they identified six strategies that these congregations successfully utilized to help their congregation to successfully "grow younger."

This is the book that I feel we should all read together this upcoming Lenten season. It will help us understand the generation we are trying to reach, and help us identify the cost we may need to pay if we truly want to grow young. I am encouraging our leadership and staff to all read the book. Anyone else involved in the congregation (member or friend) is encouraged to read the book as well. There will also be weekly discussion groups in person and by zoom.

A sign up sheet will be coming soon if you wish to purchase a copy of the book and join me in examining what it takes to grow young. There is another

MEALS ON WHEELS

During this past month we served 340 meals. Our menu items included:

- Chicken Spaghetti
- Lentil Apple Stew with Smoked Sausage
- Macaroni and Cheese with Pork Loin
- Ham and Macaroni Casserole

article in this issue of PCW Connect with more information.

Blessings in Christ, Pastor Pat

Ash Wednesday

Mark your calendars! This year's Ash Wednesday service will be at 7pm in the sanctuary and available via livestream on February 22. The service will include celebrating The Lord's Supper and the imposition of ashes.

Souper Bowl of Caring

The last day to donate food for the First Methodist Food Pantry will be Sunday, 2/12 (the day of the big game!). You may also donate funds that day as well. Remember, the pantry is in particular need of Mac and Cheese, Ramen noodles, peanut butter and jelly. Let's help tackle hunger in our community!



	2/4	2/11	2/18	2/25
Cooks	Lifestream	Jolene Patterson & Bar- bara Mullins	Sarah Spear, Jane Bugele & Jean Week;ey	Beth Bonney & Francie Turnure
Packers	Lifestream	Angie & Ian McCracken	Debbie Bandy & Mauri Truesdell	The Gruber's
Drivers	Lifestream	The Kempf's, McCracken's, & Carpen- ter's	Val Baldwin, Vivian Marshall & Kathy Rogers	The Brehe's, Gruber's, & Anglin's

Amazon Smile program is going away soon...

In case you have not heard yet, the entire Amazon Smile program is ending soon on February 20th next month. Amazon has decided that the program has not made the impact it had hoped it would so they are cancelling it. We have been involved and registered as one of their many charities for two years now and we **THANK YOU**, all church members, family, friends and business associates that helped order anything via Smile. Amazon.com and helped to easily earn our church **\$183.39** so far! That was the total for us through the end of November 2022 and I know we have more funds coming through for us until February 20th, 2023. Again, many, many thanks to all that placed orders via Smile. Amazon and helped our church out. PLEASE check out our other church fundraisers, such as the Scrip Program to buy gift cards for any possible purchase you many need for every day items, gifts, Gretchen Farrell

Each year the Presbytery sends us a bill for Per Capita, each month the church contributes \$250 to a designated Per Capita account to help cover this bill at the end of the year. Members are encouraged to help the church cover their amounts. Anything helps, even if it is \$5.00!

2023 Per Capita is \$35.00/Person

Harvest Table event coming March 4, 2023

Our first Harvest Table event for the 2023 year is coming up in about one month on Saturday, March 4, and we are in need of 13 volunteers: two to arrive at 3pm and 11 peo-

ple to arrive at 4:30pm, everyone will be done by about 6:45pm or earlier, and we, as a group are FANTASTIC at cleaning up early! When you arrive at St. Peter's UCC to help with this meal, please park in the lot across Market St. from the main lot, close to the large trash bin area. You will choose from a duty as we all set-up, serve then clean-up. Easy and so much fun to be together in fellowship and volunteerism! This giant community meal is served every Saturday evening and the numbers have been climbing steadily, so there is a huge need for this event in our area for our neighbors. Please see the volunteer sign-up list on our church bulletin board for this event and thank you for helping out! Gretchen Farrell

February Birthdays 2/4 Kevin Carpenter **Joy Kopp Janet Henderson** Laura Conley Francie Turnure 2/15 Annette Bogdanor 2/15 Anne Farrell 2/15 Robbin Thayer 2/16 Pamela Schwarzen 2/17 Gerry Urban 2/18 Kay Hucke 2/19 Sam Farrell 2/19 Pamela Kellermann 2/19 Roland Schwarzen 2/20 Logan Straatmann



2/22 Peggy Otto

Clerk's Corner

Our church name tags were very impressive to our visitors at our November Presbytery Gathering hosted at Presbyterian Church of Washington. If you need a nametag, please call the church office at 636-239-3178 by February 15, 2023 and let Jaime know. Jaime has a list. As this was a Wish List item, the first name tag was purchased from donated funds. Replacement name tags will be \$ 5.

As Pastor Pat announced in the January 29 service, we are working hard to make our Telephone Chain call list up to date. It has been brought to our attention that many landlines appear on our list which are no longer in service. Please be sure your telephone contact is up to date with the best number to reach you. Please contact Nancy Sebastian at 314-497-6388 or nancylsebastian@gmail.com with any updates.

Kudos to our Church Life Committee on our recent Christmas Eve hot cocoa and coffee service. Beth Bonney and Jane Bugele did a great job coordinating this effort.

Speaking of Church Life, please remember to sign up to assist with the Fellowship Table which is a delightful treat each Sunday. Many thanks to Linda Booher and the Committee who coordinates this. It is about the fellowship and can be very simple. This is a great opportunity to use your Scrip card in the Walmart Bakery for goodies.



Liturgist:

David Brunworth

Ushers

2/5

Vivian Marshall & Kathy Rogers

2/12

Steve & Nancy Sebastian

2/19

Sarah Spear & Vivian Marshall

2/26

Christy Eckert & Michele Zumsteg

Sound

2/5

Kevin Carpenter

2/12

Kevin Brauer

2/19

Mark Thayer

2/26

Tom Ellenberger

New T-Shirts

New church polo shirts will be available to order all month long in February for \$25 apiece. The new shirts are a sharp sky-blue color with our new maroon and gold church logo. The shirts are available in men's and women's sizes small to XXXL. And, in youth sizes youth XS to youth XL. The shirts will be a wonderful way of identifying ourselves at events such as the book sale, harvest table, parades, the Easter Egg Hunt and other big events.

PCW Book Sale Committee meeting...

YES, our upcoming April Book Sale that has been going strong for about 13 years now, has been getting so big, we are starting a committee! Our Community Book Sale will be on Friday and Saturday, April 28 and 29, and our FIRST EVER planning meeting will be on Thursday, February 16 at 10am in the PCW Session room at the church and anyone will be able to Zoom into it. Just contact Gretchen Farrell and a Zoom link will be sent to you directly. We already have SIX inaugural committee members confirmed to be there and we welcome any more help. Come talk about ideas, give suggestions and sign up to help. We will have the heavy work load set to be done by some wonderful younger groups of people, so no worries Gretchen Farrell, 314-578-1730 there.

Lenten Study

Instead of a traditional Lenten study, this year Pastor Pat would like to invite everyone to join him in reading the book "Growing Young: 6 Essential Strategies to Help Young People Discover and Love Your Church" from Fuller Seminary. There will be two discussion groups to choose from each week, one during the day, and one in the evening for those who wish to go deeper. A signup sheet for books will be available very soon. Books are \$15 and eBooks are \$10. More details to come soon.

Thank you for the Christmas present it was deeply appreciated. Also; thank you for all the prayers for my wife Anna while she was a resident at Union Health Care for 100 days. thank

She came home on January 18th and is doing much better, just glad to be home!! Thanks again, Ken Roetheli

FISH FRY

Even Protestants like to eat fish during Lent! After worship on Sunday, February 26 (the first Sunday of Lent), everyone is invited into the fellowship hall for a complimentary fish fry luncheon! More details will be coming.

PRESBY SCRIP PROGRAM INFO

SCRIP GIFT CARD PUR-CHASES are EASY fundraising that helps our church immensely and immediately!

The Presby Scrip Program sells gift cards to you, and OUR church gets an immediate cash percentage just for selling those cards to you!

- 1. You purchase a gift card through the Scrip Program. (You buy a \$25 gift card and you GET
 - a \$25 gift card.)
- 2. All the merchants pay the National Scrip Program an incentive for each gift card purchased.
- 3. The National Scrip Program passes that incentive to our Church's Scrip Program.
- 4. YOU get a church contribution credit for the funds that your card purchase gives to OUR church as a rebate percent! (One \$25 card may have a 10% rebate, so that adds \$2.50 for that one gift card purchase to your church contribution statement. Does any other store purchase do THAT?!)
- 5. At the end of the year our Scrip Program donates this money to our Church Fundraiser Account.
- 6. Our Presby Scrip Program donates on average \$2000 each year!
- 7. We place a Scrip order on the first Sunday of each month (unless that Sunday falls on a holiday, then it will be the second Sunday).

PRESBY SCRIP PROGRAM

Our next monthly church Scrip order is scheduled for Sunday, February 5th.

Looking for some great ideas for Valentine's Day? Scrip has MANY! Check out any of the restaurants, local or all over the US! What about gift cards from Bath & BodyWorks, ULTA, See's Candies, Total Wine & More, Shari's Berries, The Cheesecake Factory, AirBnB, Yankee Candle, 1-800-Flowers, Harry & David, SpaFinder and many more!

- * You can bring your order form and payment to worship that Sunday and give to any of the Scrip Representatives that day, Kathy Froning or Katie Farrell, or call Gretchen Farrell, 314-578-1730.
- * Orders, along with your check, can be placed in the Scrip box located in the church office at any time of the month for the next order date.
- * Or you can place your order all ONLINE at www.raiseright.com<http://www.raiseright.com> (please note, new website

address) or through the RaiseRight app.

It is all quite easy, quick, and contactless and your order will be personally delivered to your doorstep at your convenience, if you would like.

Please check out all the merchants on our order form plus there are 800+ more merchants online!! These can be ordered on February 5th.

All the great rebates go directly and immediately to our church. Any questions? Please contact this month's Presby Scrip coordinator Gretchen Farrell or Kathy Froning.

February's featured LOCAL merchants are: The Pasta House (Fantastic family friendly Italian food and atmosphere! MANGIA BENE!) and The Creek Grill (Visit today for Authentic American Cuisine! Come as our guest, leave as our friend!).

Happy Valentine's Day from your PCW Scrip Program representatives!

MEMBERS WITH CONTINUING NEEDS

Scott McCracken, Heather Miller, Joy Kopp, Jan Eade, Jamie Tucker, Sid Thayer, Bill Kellermann, Barbara Hagan, Brian Hall, Ollie Whyte, Linda Booher, Jean Weekley, John Anglin,

<u>UNION CARE CENTER</u>: George Peters <u>GROUP HOMES</u>: Lisa Conrad, Laura Fenner

FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH REQUESTING PRAYERS:

McGurthy family (daughter and son-in-law of Ollie & Virginia Whyte)

Patricia Hucke (daughter of Kay Hucke)

Pam Evangelist (sister of Sharon Fenner)

Grady Thayer (Grandson of Mark & Robbin Thayer)

Phyllis Rocco (Lois Kempf's Sister-in-Law)

Loyd & Louise Gordy (Parents of Beth Brehe)

Jan (Sister-in-Law of Lois Kempf)

Samantha (Friend of Lois Kempf)

Betsy Hazel (Daughter in Law of Kay Hazel)

Jane Lohmyer (Sister of Barbara Hagan)

Michele (Virginia Boren's Great Niece)

Cherie Stormer (Friend of Lois Kempf)

Betty Buerk (Becky Vogt's Cousin)

Ida Greer (Dan's Mother)

Marjorie Hines (Ian and Miles McCracken's

Grand mother)

Lauren Kellermann (daughter of Bill and Pamela)

Dora Ficklin and Parents (Great Granddaugh ter of Gary and Beth Brehe)

Ken Jones (friend of Steve and Nancy Sebast ian)

Bob Turnure (husband of Francie Turnure)

Andrea Brown (Daughter-in-law of Dean and Aneeta)

Rick Tyler (Friend of Lois & Tom Kempf)

Marsha Roy (Friend of Lois & Tom Kempf)

Sarah Price (Friend of Lois & Tom Kempf)

Michael Fortner (friend of Marcy & Jeffrey

Su)

Michael Lacy (Friend of Francie & Bob)

Carol Perkins (Friend of Karen Ladd)

George Brehe (Brother of Gary)

George Miller (Heather's Husband)

Ralph (Nancy Thater's Father in Law)

Georgia Gealson (Linda Booher's G. Niece)

Anna Roetheli (Wife of Ken Roetheli)

Family of Wendy Dennison (friend of Rebecca

Brehe)

Peyton Valiquette (step-nephew of Pastor Pat)

JoAnne Schulz (aunt of Karen Gruber)

Stacy (Kathy Roger's Cousin) CJ (Friend of Jaime Brinkmann's) Charlie Ninness (Former Employee)



February 2023

Sun Mon		Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			5:30p Bells 6p Al-Anon 6:30 Choir	2 9a PFL 10a Book Club	3	4 Lifestream MOW
5 Scrip Order Due Communion 9:30a Choir Youth Group	6 11a Mission	7 9a Circle of Unity	8 5:30p Bells 6p Al-Anon 6:30 Choir	9 9a PFL 10a Book Club 6:30p Out- reach	10	11 MOW 10a Pickleball 6p V-Day Dinner
9:30a Choir 11:30a Property	13 12p Finance	9a Circle of Unity 9:30a Church Life 6p Personnel	5:30p Bells 6p Al-Anon 6:30 Choir	16 9a PFL 10a Book Club 7p Worship	17	18 MOW 10a Pickleball
19 9:30a Choir Youth Group	20	21 9a Circle of Unity 6p Christian Ed	22 6p Al-Anon 7p Ash Wed. Service	23 9a PFL 10a Book Club 7p Session	24	25 MOW 10a Pickleball
26 9:30a Choir 11:30a Fish Fry	27	9a Circle of Unity				

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CHRISTIAN ED FINANCE OUTREACH Meets the 2nd Monday at 12pm 3rd Tuesday at 7pm *Meets the 2nd Thursday at* 6:30pm Chair Ian McCracken Tom Farrell* Tom Farrell * Chair **Craig Matzes** Karen Ladd Ian McCracken Jocelyn VanBuskirk **Bruce Wiese Denise Brauer** Gerry Urban* **Co-Chair** Linda Booher* Katie Farrell Gary Brehe **Ed Bonney** Nancy Sebastian* **Heather Miller** Phyllis McElhinney **Heather Miller** Jolene Patterson* Elda Seener* Lois Kempf Kathy Rogers* Co-Chair **MISSION PROPERTY** Meets the 1st Monday at 11am **CHURCH LIFE** Meets the 2nd Sunday at 11:30am Jolene Patterson* Chair 2nd Tuesday at 9:30am Joe Hagan* Chair David Brunworth* Sarah Spear* Co-Chair John Bugele **Christy Eckert** Karen Ladd **Bob Eade** Gretchen Farrell Jean Weekley David Brunworth* Lois Kempf **Shirley Coulter** Roland Schwarzen **Debbie Bandy** Jan Hardin Steve Sebastian Sarah Spear* Sharon Wiese Mary Ellenberger Barbara Mullins Jan Eade Tom Kempf* Linda Booher* Co-Chair Barbara Schofield **WORSHIP Beth Bonney** Mike Mullins Meets the 3rd Thursday Jane Bugele Jim Glamann at 7pm **Barbara Mullins** Chair Tom Kempf* Francie Turnure Vivian Marshall John Bugele **PERSONNEL** Tom Ellenberger Meets the 2nd Tuesday at 6pm Kate Hall Mauri Truesdell* Chair Vivian Marshall Joe Hagan* Mike Becker Mary Ellenberger

Gretchen Farrell

Tim Urban

Elda Seener*

2023 Committee Members

PRESBY SCRIP PROGRAM

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CLOTHING/DEPT.STORES				•	Arby's \$10	8		
JCPenny \$25, \$100	5			l	Big Boy's Subs & Wings \$10	5		
Kohi's \$25, \$100	4				Bob Evans \$10	10		
Marshall's \$25, \$100	7			•	Burger King \$10	4		
Macy's \$25, \$100	10				Café Mosaic \$10	10		
Maurice's \$20	7				Colton's \$25	3		
Ross Dress for Less \$25	8				Cowan's \$25	5		
Sam's Club \$25, \$100, \$250	2.5				Dairy Delight \$10, \$20	5		
Shoe Carnival \$25	5				Dairy Queen \$10	3		
Target \$25, \$100	2.5				Domino's \$10	8		
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HOME IMPROVEMENTS				l 	Lion's Choice \$10	10		
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iTunes \$15, \$25	3				Papa John's \$10	8		
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SPECIALTY STORES		_			Pizza Hut \$10	8		
Bass Pro Shop \$25, \$100	10			l	Saucy's Pizzeria \$10, \$20	10		
Bath & Body Works \$10, \$25	12				Starbucks \$10, \$25	4.5		
Bed, Bath and Beyond \$25, \$100	7			_	Steak'n Shake \$10	8		
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