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Proverbs 29:18a*

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## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR



Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it." – Matthew 16:24-25

Dear Friends,

The month of February ushers in two very special Sunday nights: The Superbowl and the Academy Awards. I do love watching football, and I do plan on cheering on the Chiefs on Superbowl Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>. But, my love for football is dwarfed by my love of movies. So, I will be parked on my couch, letting calls go to voicemail, refusing to check text messages or e-mails, on Sunday night, February 9<sup>th</sup> during the Oscar telecast.

I have watched most of the nine movies nominated for best picture. And, of the ones I have seen, I would highly recommend

*Marriage Story*, *The Irishman*, *Ford v Ferrari* and particularly *1917* (currently my favorite movie of the year and February's "Reel Faith" movie). But, a movie that is not nominated for best picture, is a film that I think about very often, many weeks after I had originally seen it.

That film is *The Two Popes*. If you have a Netflix account, you can watch it now. Although not nominated for Best Picture, it is nominated for Best Actor (Jonathon Pryce), Best Supporting Actor (Anthony Hopkins) and Best Adapted Screenplay. The film captures the relationship between Pope Francis (Pryce) and Pope Benedict XVI (Hopkins) in the years following Pope John Paul II's death in 2005, Benedict's election as pope and Benedict's subsequent resignation of the papal seat, leading to Francis ascending in his place. It captures a tentative friendship between two very different men, who view the role of the church, their responsibility and sense of call very differently. The movie is touching, at times funny and always fascinating. I highly recommend you see it.

The best scenes in the movie are the conversations between the two popes. One scene in particular sheds an insightful light on the nature of "call."

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The two popes discuss their experience when they first heard the call to the priesthood. Benedict recalls feeling a great sense of peace when he realized he was being called to the priesthood. Francis had a very different experience when he first heard the call. Francis felt far from peaceful. Instead, he felt a great sense of anxiety.

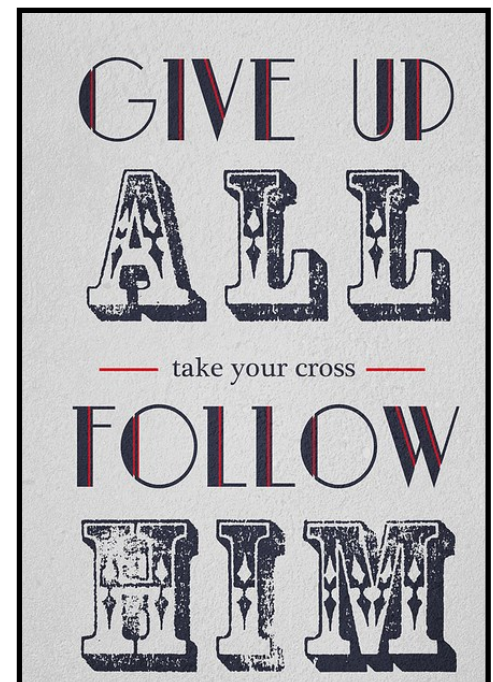
I identify much more with Francis in this instance. The call to discipleship, or as it reads in Matthew 16, to "take up your cross and follow me," is a call of weighty responsibility. The call to discipleship is a call we all hear, not just priests, popes or pastors. We are ALL called to follow Christ, and that means denying ourselves and taking up the great charge (or cross) upon our back. The call to follow Jesus is both wonderful and daunting. It brings us great

fulfillment and great stress at the same time.  
And, that is okay.

If you feel at peace with the call of Christ and following Jesus soothes your nerves, that is wonderful. If at times, the call seems stressful, then you are not alone. I feel much the same way. Taking up your cross, denying yourself, will not always be a rose garden. But Christ will be with you, your pastor will be with you and your church family will be with you.

Blessings in Christ,

Pastor Pat



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## OUR CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

*Jesus Christ calls us to:*

- ♦ *Enliven our spiritual lives by experiencing God among us,*
- ♦ *Grow in love for one another as children of God,*
- ♦ *Invite all to Share in our fellowship,*
- ♦ *Demonstrate God's love through service to others.*

## CHURCH ELDERS

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Personnel (Chair)

Worship (Chair)

Clerk of Session

Worship

Christian Education (Chair)

Church Life

Mission/Outreach

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Personnel

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## **2019 Committee Members**

Asterisk (\*) Donates Session Members

### ***Christian Education***

*Meets the 4th Monday at 6pm*

Ian McCracken\* - Chair  
Andy Wanager  
Jocelyn VanBuskirk  
Gerry Urban  
Gary Brehe  
Gretchen Farrell  
Heather Miller  
Jolene Patterson\*  
Rebecca Brehe

### ***Church Life***

*Meets the 2nd Tuesday 9:30am*

Nancy Sebastian\* - Chair  
Karen Ladd\*  
Jean Weekley\*  
Judy Bierbaum  
Shirley Coulter  
Jan Hardin  
Anna Mae Boehmer  
Sharon Wiese  
Jan Eade  
Linda Booher  
Heather Miller  
Sarah Spear  
Barbara Hagan

### ***Finance***

*Meets the 3rd Monday at 10am*

Bruce Wiese\* - Chair  
Karen Ladd\*  
Kay Hucke\*  
Bob Eade  
Becky Vogt  
Ed Bonney

### ***Mission/Outreach***

*Meets the second Monday @ 11am*

Jolene Patterson\* - Chair  
David Brunworth  
Jean Weekley\*  
Christy Eckert  
Kay Hucke\*  
Gretchen Farrell  
Lois Kempf  
Pam Schwarzen  
Debbie Bandy  
Kathy Rogers

### ***Personnel***

*Meets the 2nd Tuesday at 6pm*

Tim Urban\* - Chair  
Bruce Wiese\*  
Joe Hagan\*  
Mary Ellenberger  
Gretchen Farrell  
Roland Schwarzen

### ***Property***

*Meets the 3rd Sunday at 11:30am*

Joe Hagan\* - Chair  
John Bugele\*  
Bob Eade  
David Brunworth  
Roland Schwarzen  
Steve Sebastian  
Mary Ellenberger

### ***Worship***

*Meets the 3rd Monday at 7pm*

John Anglin* - Chair	Judy Bierbaum
Anna Mae Boehmer	Tom Kempf
Rebecca Brehe	Barbara Duemler*
Tom Ellenberger	John Bugele*

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## FEBRUARY COMMUNION LEADERS & SERVERS

### FEBRUARY 2

#### Preparer

Joe Hagan

#### Servers

Jean Weekley  
Bruce Wiese  
Barbara Duemler  
Tim Urban

## FEBRUARY USHERS

2/2 Kay Hucke &  
Linda Booher  
  
2/9 Steve & Nancy Sebastian  
  
2/16 Barbara Hagan &  
Roland Schwarzen  
  
2/23 Christy Eckert &  
Michele Zumsteg

## FEBRUARY SOUND TECHS

2/2 Ed Bonney  
  
2/9 Ian McCracken  
  
2/16 Joe Hagan  
  
2/23 Tom Ellenberger

## FEBRUARY GREETERS

2/2 Ed & Beth Bonney  
  
2/9 Tim & Gerry Urban  
  
2/16 Ollie & Virginia Whyte  
  
2/23 Bob & Jan Eade

## WORSHIP LEADER

Nancy Thater

## MEDIA SHOUT

Chris Brehe



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## Church Life Committee

Our PCW Church Life Committee is working hard to refresh and energize our wonderful Fellowship Table. Thank you to those of you who have helped us provide this opportunity for fellowship and companionship in our church family while enjoying some simple snacks. We hope you will consider signing up for a Sunday morning to help us continue to provide goodies.

The Jim Jackson family was most appreciative of the church support of food items for the service. Thank you for your help.

Anna Mae Boehmer makes her "Annamazing" delicious entrée for each of our monthly potluck dinners. Thank you Farrell family for the "Annamazing" description of Anna Mae's delicious food. Please consider bringing a side dish and joining this group for fun and fellowship

Our committee is currently planning some fun activities throughout the year. We will keep you posted!

Thank you to our wonderful Church Life Committee Members who truly make a difference in our church!

Church Life Committee:

Karen Ladd, Jean Weekley, Judy Bierbaum, Shirley Coulter, Jan Hardin, Anna Mae Boehmer, Sharon Wiese, Jan Eade, Linda Booher, Heather Miller, Sarah Spear, Barb Hagan and Nancy Sebastian

## Potluck

The next potluck dinner will be Wednesday, February 12th at 5:30 p.m. The main dish will be chicken breast.

Because of all the activities that are scheduled for Wednesday nights, we will not have a guest speaker for the next few potluck dinners. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board.



FEBRUARY 17

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## "Moment for Lent"

Ash Wednesday, February 26th is the beginning of six weeks of lent that lead up to the Crucifixion.

I ask myself, "How should Lent Be spent?"

To get in sync with God would Be good.

God replies,

"Be wise:

It's never too late

To prayerfully wait.

Jocelyn VanBuskirk

## Souper Bowl of Caring

Please join us on Sunday February 12th (next weekend) after church for a collection of delicious soups which you can help yourselves to for a small donation. We will be collecting canned goods for Loving Hearts and monetary donations that are earmarked to go to the Presbyterian Children's Home.

## Weekend Meals on Wheels for February

Meals will be delivered on Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup>. Team A will be preparing Pork Chops and Hash Brown Casserole. If you are interested in delivering meals that day, please contact the church office. And, if you would like to donate cookies, please leave donations in the fellowship hall freezer clearly marked "Meals on Wheels" or "MoW."

## Per Capita

The Presbytery set the Per Capital allocation for **2020 at \$32.00 per member.**

You can just use a "Welcome" envelope available in the sanctuary. Please designate "Per Capita" on the outside of your envelope.



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## Ash Wednesday Service

Ash Wednesday, February 26th, marks the beginning of our Lenten journey. The Lenten journey is a journey of meditation, penitence, and sacrifice. To honor this beginning of our journey together, we will hold a special worship service that evening at 7pm. This will be a quiet and meditative worship service along with the celebration of the Lord's Supper and the imposition of ashes.

## New Addition to PCW Staff

Please take time to welcome Charlie Ninness to our church staff! In January, Charlie was hired to be our Nursery Supervisor. She began her work with us on Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>. Charlie and her family live in Union where she runs an in-home daycare program. Charlie is married to a Wright City police officer and has three children. Welcome to PCW, Charlie!



Thank you for the Christmas gift. It is deeply appreciated. Happy New Year to you and your families.

Ken Roetheli

## Mark Your Calendars!

Maundy Thursday Service

April 9 at 7:00 p.m.

### Easter Sunday Services

Sunday, April 12

Outdoor service 8:00 a.m.

Easter Cantata 10:15 a.m.





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## **"Reel Faith" Movie Club**

February's "Reel Faith" movie is the recent World War I film, *1917*. The movie is rated R. *1917* follows two young British soldiers during the First World War who are given an impossible mission: deliver a message deep in enemy territory that will stop 1,600 men, and one of the soldiers' brothers, from walking straight into a deadly trap. *1917* is playing now in theaters. Watch *1917* sometime in February (if you haven't already done so) and join us for "Reel Faith" Movie Club gathering at 7pm on Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at the church.

## **Save the Date!**

Mark your calendars for  
our next Valentine Date  
Night!

**Friday, February 14,**  
**2020 (Valentine's Day)**

**Starting at 6:00 p.m.**

Everyone is welcome—  
single or couples! Plan to  
join us for some great food  
and entertainment.

Please watch for more  
information coming soon.

## **Youth Sunday – 2/16**

In what we hope becomes  
an annual tradition,  
Youth Sunday will be  
February 16, 2020, at  
10:15a.m. From the be-  
ginning to the end, the  
youth will lead the way,  
culminating in a sermon  
to remember, a musical  
entitled "God Made You  
Special." Please join the  
youth in celebrating the  
little things that make  
each of us special.



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### **Donation Baskets outside the Sanctuary**

It was decided by the Mission and Outreach Committee that donation baskets outside the sanctuary will be used to help meet the goals of the Giddings-Lovejoy Presbytery mission this year. The Presbytery mission this year is Matthew 25:31-46. The Presbytery is asking each Church to consider embracing one or more of the three areas of focus this year:

**Building congregational vitality** by challenging people and congregations to deepen their faith and get actively and joyfully engaged with their community and the world.

**Dismantling structural racism** by advocating and acting to break down the systems, practices and thinking that underlie discrimination, bias, prejudice and oppression of people of color.

**Eradicating systemic poverty** by working to change laws, policies, plans and structures in our society that perpetuate economic exploitation of people who are poor.

The Presbytery meets four (4) times a year and will be collecting specific items for each meeting. Donations from member Churches are brought to the meeting by representatives of each Church.

In January and February we are collecting non-perishable food items for the February 6, 2020 meeting at St. Mark Presbyterian Church.

Beginning in April we will start collecting personal hygiene products and diapers for the May 9, 2020 meeting at Grace Presbyterian Church.

In July and August we will collect socks and underwear for the August 27, 2020 meeting at Dardenne Presbyterian Church.

In October and November we will be collecting new infant items and children's and teen's books for the November 7, 2020 meeting at New Hope Presbyterian Church.

If anyone has any questions about the donations, please feel free to ask any member of the Mission / Outreach Committee. We are working with our pastor to thoughtfully consider our missions in 2020.

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## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

February 4

Kevin Carpenter

February 5

Joy Kopp

February 7

Janet Henderson

February 8

Francie Turnure

February 9

Laura Conley

Charlene Jackson

February 13

Elliot Ritchey

February 14

Danielle Tucker

February 15

Annette Bogdanor

Robbin Thayer

February 16

Pamela Schwarzen

February 17

Gerry Urban

February 18

Kay Huckle

Kenny Barnhart

February 19

Sam Farrell

Roland Schwarzen

Pamela Kellermann

February 22

Peggy Otto

February 24

Olivia Mahon

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## MEMBERS WITH CONTINUING NEEDS

Laura Fenner, Lisa Conrad, Scott McCracken, Heather Miller, Laura Evans, Jocelyn VanBuskirk, Al Leary, Kay Hazel, John Anglin, Kate Hall, Jan Eade, Jamie Tucker, Virginia Boren

**SOUTH POINTE:** George Peters

**CEDAR CREST:** Dorothy Mutert, Lorene Brunworth, Connie Conrad

## FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH REQUESTING PRAYERS:

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

Pam Evangelist (sister of Sharon Fenner)

Marjorie Hines (grandmother of Miles & Ian McCracken)

Vicki Turner (friend of Tom & Lois Kempf)

Mary Rinne (friend of the Fenners)

Emma Venginnit (client of Tom Kempf)

Lydia Disbro (great granddaughter of Laura Evans)

Kay Beckmann (friend of Lois Kempf)

Barb Roach (friend of Nancy Thater, Mauri Truesdell & Susan Benedict)

Diana Hayes (daughter of Barbara Schofield)

Tom Jett (cousin-in-law of Mauri Truesdell & Kathy Froning)

Greg Butler (son-in-law of the Kempfs)

Diana Brinker (niece of Anna Mae Boehmer)

David Gruendler (brother of Laura Lawson)

Arlene Moll (mother of Pam Kellermann)

Quinn Burton (daughter of Kelly Burton)

Mary Washabaugh (former member)

The Confirmation Class of 2020

Jane Kitt (aunt of Nancy Thater)

Shari Voepel (Emmaus Homes caregiver)

Gary & Sue Brauer (parents of Kevin Brauer & Scott Brauer)

Vicky Vogel (sister of Karla Becker)

Denise Gleeson (daughter of Anna Mae Boehmer)

Wendy Dennison (friend of Rebecca Brehe)

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## February 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 MOW Lifestream
2 Soup-Er Bowl of Caring Scout Sunday Confirmation Class 11:30a	3 Session 7pm	4 Yoga 5:30p Cub Scouts 6:15p Boy Scouts 7p	5 Book Study 10a Y/C Choir 6p Al-anon 6p Youth Open Gym 7p	6 Prayer for Life 9a Franklin Co Singles 7p	7 Bridge 7p	8
9 Soup Lunch 11:30a	10 Mission 11:15a	11 Church Life 9:30a Yoga 5:30p Personnel 6p Cub Scouts 6:15p Boy Scouts 7p	12 Potluck 5:30p Y/C Choir 6p Al-anon 6p	13 Prayer for Life 9a	14 Valentine Dinner 6p Bridge 7p	15 Meals on Wheels 8:30a
16 Youth Sunday Confirmation Class 11:30a Youth Mission 5p	17 Finance 10a Worship Committee 5p President's Day	18 Yoga 5:30p Cub Scouts 6:15p Boy Scouts 7p	19 Y/C Choir 5:30p Al-anon 6p	20 Prayer for Life 9a Circle 10a	21 Bridge 7p	22
23 Staff 11:30a	24 Knitters 5p Christian Ed 6p Movie Club 7p	25 Yoga 5:30p Cub Scouts 6:15p Boy Scouts 7p	26 Warblers 11a Y/C Choir 5:30p Al-anon 6p 	27 Prayer for Life 9a	28 Bridge 7p	29 



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Christ is all and in all.”  
Colossians 3:11

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