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“Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith.” – Hebrews 13:7

PRES-BITS NEWSLETTER

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Friends,

I have been blessed by quality spiritual leadership throughout my life; leaders who not only spoke the word of God to me (as the writer of Hebrews wrote above), but who also lived a life that inspired me to imitate their faith.

From my middle school years through graduation, my spiritual leader was actually my best friend Jeff. We met in a one-act play in 8th grade. His faith, and especially how he lived out his faith with integrity and authenticity, as well as with great joy and playfulness. I prayed that my life might emulate his faith.

I remember with great fondness Pastor Roger, Pastor Meg and Pastor Katie during my seminary years. These wonderful leaders are responsible for affirming my call and directing me specifically to the Presbyterian denomination. My faith grew in directions I didn't think possible under their guidance.

And, most recently, I have had the extreme pleasure of serving this Presbytery under the wonderful leadership of Rev. Dr. Craig Howard for the last five years. Craig has not only been a leader and informal mentor to me, he has been a friend. He helped Karen and I through Karen's breast cancer scare and surgery. I was blessed and honored to moderate his installation service where he transitioned from Temporary Presbytery Leader to official Presbytery Leader. We met regularly for coffee and breakfast during my three years as Moderator and Vice-Moderator, giving me great guid-

ance and support. And, he helped me tremendously during my own mental health crisis this summer. I am back where I am in large part due to Craig's presence.

Last month, Craig announced that he will be resigning his position as Presbytery Leader of Giddings-Lovejoy Presbytery. This month, the Presbytery will gather to accept his resignation and celebrate his legacy: one of bridge building and relationship making and generosity. I was saddened to receive his letter. And, it took me a few weeks to find the words to wish him well.

Special people come into our lives from time to time. These special leaders lead lives that inspire us to imitate. They are few and rare, but should be celebrated and thanks given to God for crossing our paths. Perhaps you have those leaders who inspired you to change your very way of living and believing. Perhaps those leaders are not longer with you. Perhaps they passed on to eternity, perhaps they relocated, perhaps life just led you apart as life often does.

Give thanks for those leaders, those individuals who inspired you. And, may the new year lead you to make some changes to emulate their lives.

Happy New Year,
 Pastor Pat

Worship this Winter

Late last month, the Presbytery recommended all churches cease in-person worship services for the time being due to the rising numbers of people infected and dying from COVID-19 in St Louis and the surrounding counties. So, the Session of PCW made the difficult decision to forgo in-person worship services until the first Sunday of Lent, February 21st. The Session agreed with the Presbytery that the risk of infection was too great compared to the benefit of hosting in person worship. We pray that everyone will understand and respect the Session's decision. It was not made in haste or in fear, but prayerfully and responsibly, with the interest of our most vulnerable members in mind. The session will revisit reopening the sanctuary in mid February. PCW@Home will continue to be live streamed every Sunday morning and will be available to watch anytime afterwards on our YouTube page.

Installation/Ordination Sunday

On Sunday, January 24th, our new elders will be ordained and/or installed during worship. Watch online and celebrate with Linda Booher as she is officially ordained as a Ruling Elder in the Presbyterian Church and installed to her ministry. John Anglin, Barbara Duemler, Tom Farrell, Ian McCracken and Mauri Truesdell (who have all been previously ordained) will also be installed that morning.

Annual Meeting

The Annual Congregational Meeting of PCW will be held online only this year via Zoom. We will gather together following worship on Sunday, January 31st at 11:30am. The link and passcode will be emailed out to all members the week prior to the meeting. Phone instructions will also be available for those without internet access. Annual reports will be made available by Sunday, January 24th. We will be emailing copies of the annual report that week. Please read the reports prior to the meeting. Hard copies of the report will also be available in the church office. If you are a committee chairperson, please submit an annual report to our Clerk of Session, Barbara Duemler by Monday, January 18th.



Mission / Outreach Committee 2020 Report

Mission / Outreach Committee's focus is external projects. Occasionally we have some cross-over with internal projects and try to help Church Life Committee whenever possible. This was especially true in 2020 as Churches and non-profit agencies were ravaged by the effects of COVID-19 both locally and internationally.

Mission

The Mission portion of our work involves local and international work. Locally, we support the PC USA Mission and the Giddings-Lovejoy Presbytery with Hunger Action projects and Matthew 25 projects.

Our Matthew 25 Collections this year included donations of 40 food items and 790 personal hygiene items through the generosity of our congregation.

Hunger Action projects include external programs, like Summer Backpack Program, Harvest Table, Loving Hearts (with Youth Ministry), and internal programs of Meals on Wheels and the Community Mission Garden.

The Summer Backpack Program collected 1,453 food items as well as 47 pounds of Yukon potatoes from our Community Garden. These items were donated to the Washington School District Program along with \$235 in cash that remained at the end of the summer from member donations. This project was coordinated by Debbie Bandy working with Cheryl Horn at Life Stream Church and Lyndsay Jasper in the Washington School District.

Loving Hearts receives a collection of canned goods from our youth. In 2020 that included 110 items. Additionally, we support Loving Hearts financially with \$50 / month. Our Community Garden crops also go to Loving Hearts and are detailed below.

Harvest Table receives a monthly donation from us of \$50 / month and we normally help provide desserts and salads and servers four times a year. This year with in-person restrictions, we continued monetary support, but were only asked to provide desserts for a November meal where they are currently feeding approximately 100+ individuals weekly in a drive-through.

Internally our Meals on Wheels Program, shut down for March, April and May, but with the food need ever present began deliveries again in June. From June through the end of the year we are primarily providing purchased food and doing contactless delivery. Deliveries are made on the first Saturday of the month by Cheryl Horn's team at Life Stream Church, the third Saturday of the month by Pastor Gruber & Jean Weekly's team at our Church and the fifth Saturday of the month is delivered by Rev. Aimee Appell's team at Peace Lutheran Church. These Churches deliver approximately 40-45 meals / week for a total of about 1,000 meals / year. We are very thankful for the many congregation members that have driven these meals to their destination this year.

Our Community Mission Garden is a labor of love for David Brunworth and Steve Sebastian. That have spent countless hours supervising its growth from 2 to 5 beds this year, including new irrigation and rotating crops to provide endless fresh produce to our local food pantry at Loving Hearts. In addition, this year, David and Steve took on two interns (youth in our Church) to help them learn the skills of gardening. As Steve Sebastian reported earlier this year in a Moment for Mission, the garden produced lettuce, and spinach early, then approximately 200 pounds of Yukon Gold potatoes, guessing around 100 pounds of tomatoes, over 500 banana peppers and about 50 bell peppers, roughly 100 pounds of green beans and guessing about 400 pounds of sweet potatoes. Additionally, more than 20 members of the congregation worked at various times, helping weed, plant, and harvest the crops. Winter crops of spinach and turnips are still producing.

Both the Meals on Wheels Program and the Community Mission Garden Program have been underwritten by grants from ELCA's Lutheran Hunger Program; and Cares and Phase 37 Government grants.

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Non-local and international missions include Coins for Chickens, Marion Medical Mission, Alternative Gift Market and Wycliff.

Coins for Chickens is a Youth Mission Project headed by Andy Wanager and donations for 2020 included \$ 197.95 donated to Heifer International.

Marion Medical Mission has been postponed until 2021 due to COVID-19, but we will bring you more on that shortly.

The Alternative Gift Market is currently in progress and spear-headed by Pamela Schwarzen. This program has been detailed recently in Moment for Mission. Additionally, the funds raised by this program help support local non-profits as well. We are currently contributing about \$1500 a year to Harvest Table through our purchase of products in the Alternative Gift Market.

Finally, we are sponsoring Marcy (Ritchey) Su in her missionary work through Wycliff with \$1200 / year.

Outreach

Most of our Outreach Programs were cancelled this year due to COVID-19 including the Book Sale (Gretchen Farrell and Kathy Froning); Rummage Sale (Christy Eckert); Fair Trade Coffee Sales (Christy Eckert); Pet Blessing (Rev. Gruber); and Easter Egg Hunt (Gretchen Farrell and Becca Brehe).

Gretchen Farrell was able to hold a partial coat drive in November collecting 350 coats for the non-profits in our community. This one day effort was incredible considering the logistics required and very much appreciated.

Pamela Kellerman and team are also working with Pregnancy Assistance to Adopt a Family (or two) since the giving tree was not an option this year. Through the generosity of the congregation approximately \$1500 have already been raised toward that goal.

Finally, we provide a discretionary fund to Rev. Patrick Gruber for individuals that come into the Church in need. These funds may or may not be expended in any year but \$600 is available as needed.

Other Community Action Items

Members of our Committee include Debbie Bandy, David Brunworth, Christy Eckert, Gretchen Farrell, Kay Hucke, Lois Kempf, Kathy Rogers, Pamela Schwarzen, Jean Weekly and Rev. Patrick Gruber.

Debbie Bandy works with Neighbors United which has been busy in the community due to the racial unrest in 2020. Lois Kempf attends the Franklin County Service Providers meetings, a non-profit resource sharing coalition. And I work on the Homeless Task Force and chair the Mission / Outreach Committee. We are grateful for a community and congregation that values all of its members and supports them with their time, talents, and money.

For anyone I have forgotten, my apologies.

Jolene Patterson

Chair, Mission / Outreach 2020

Caring Helpful Understanding Reliable Confident Hopeful Leaders Insightful Fun-loving Enthusiastic

Our Church Life Committee members Anna Mae Boehmer, Barb Hagan, Beth Bonney, Heather Miller, Jan Eade, Jan Hardin, Jean Weekley, Judy Bierbaum, Karen Ladd, Linda Booher, Sarah Spear, Sharon Wiese, Shirley Coulter and Nancy Sebastian work hard to support our congregation. Following our recent meet, committee members left carrying boxes full of jars containing the dynamic Brunworth Pear Preserves which were headed out for contactless delivery. Many thanks to the Brunworths for their generosity, time and talent with this project.

A wonderful very special PCW church family friend offered a group of pizza gift certificates suggesting these be mailed to our PCW college students. The idea of this special friend was to let the students know their church family was thinking of them during these difficult times. It was necessary to work quickly as the students arrive home for an extended break at Thanksgiving. The students were very appreciative of this gesture.

Our Committee has continued to prepare and deliver food for church family members in need. Jane Bugele and Liz Barnhart report the food was greatly appreciated and feel these ladies can certainly cook.

The Church Life Committee has been researching safety guidelines for food preparation and serving in our church kitchens. We greatly appreciate Dr. Tom and Gretchen Farrell for their help in putting our guidelines in place. Many thanks to Beth Bonney and Sarah Spear for their work on this.

Thank you to the wonderful members of the Church Life Committee for all you do to support our Church Family. Your generosity in providing food for families in need is greatly appreciated. Prior to the pandemic, many committee members contributed to Cookies For Cancer at Mercy Hospital.

We look forward to safer times in 2021 and hope to enjoy our Fellowship Table once again. Happy New Year!

Presbyterian Church of Washington Church Life Committee is a great place to be. Please consider joining our committee if you would like to be part of planning Fellowship, Member Care, and welcoming visitors. Currently we meet the second Tuesday of each month at 9:30. Please contact Nancy Sebastian 314-497-6388 for more information.

Noah's Ark Clam Chowder

3 Cans - Cream of Potato Soup

3 Cans - New England Clam Chowder

1 Large - Onion Chopped

4 Tablespoons - Butter

1 Can - Minced Clam, Drained Reserving Juice

1 Quart - Half and Half

Melt butter in Dutch oven. Add onion & sauté until tender. Add soups, minced clams and half & half. Stir well. Cover. Bake at 250 degrees for 4 hours. Stir occasionally. If the soup is too thick, thin with reserved clam juice. Can be served in a crockpot to keep warm. Freezes well.



“Reel Faith” Movie Club

January’s “Reel Faith” movie is *The Trial of the Chicago 7*. The movie is rated R and debuted in 2020 to strong reviews. *The Trial of the Chicago 7* tells the story of seven people on trial stemming from various charges surrounding the uprising at the 1968 Democratic National Convention in Chicago, Illinois. This movie is available on Netflix.

Watch *The Trial of the Chicago 7* sometime in January (if you haven’t already done so) and join us for “Reel Faith” Movie Club gathering at 7pm on Tuesday, January 26th via Zoom. The link to the meeting will be available on our website, or call the church office for more information.

For more information, contact Pastor Pat.

Called Presbytery Gathering

The Presbytery of Giddings Lovejoy has called a special gathering to say approve the call of one new Presbytery Leader and regretfully say goodbye to another. On Saturday January 9th, at 10 a.m., the Presbytery will gather via Zoom to accept the resignation of Rev. Dr. Craig Howard as Presbytery Leader and to affirm the call of Rev. Liz Kanerva (formerly of Glendale Presbyterian Church) as Associate Presbytery Leader. Any active member of a Presbyterian Church within our Presbytery may attend, though only those elders elected by our session may vote. So, if you wish to attend, please contact Pastor Pat and he will forward you the link to the Zoom gathering.



Memo From the Personnel Committee

It is very obvious that the coronavirus has affected many aspects of our daily life and the life of the church has not been spared. Over the past couple of months there have been adjustments regarding the staffing of the church office. We have asked volunteers to cover the office for Jaime. Both she & the committee are very appreciative of the willingness & dedication of these volunteers. This need arose as a result of the school district requiring all students K-12 wear a mask while in attendance at school. Jaime’s son has a difficult time with this requirement & she has opted to work with his kindergarten lessons via the online program. The Personnel Committee is very supportive of her fulfilling her son’s needs, especially since she is able to complete many of her administrative responsibilities from home. We continue to meet as a committee & with Jaime to review & evaluate different options. We anticipate that as the school’s 2nd semester begins on 1/4/21 there will still be a need to have help from volunteers to answer the phone & take messages. We are modifying the need as follows: a) Jaime & her son will be in the office on Mondays & Wednesdays. She will be following through with her office work as well as overseeing his kindergarten lessons. b) Volunteers will be needed on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 9:00-1:00 to answer the phone & take messages. Jaime will schedule these volunteers. c) The office will be closed, for the time being, on Fridays. Jaime and the Personnel Committee thank you for your patience and understanding. Tim Urban, Chairman

Buzz Points

Did you know that the Bank of Washington offers a reward program called Buzz Rewards? It is a kickback to our local community. With Buzz Points, you earn points on every purchase you make using your enrolled debit card. You earn points for every dollar you spend with your debit card. Those points can be exchanged for gift cards to local businesses or to a charity of your choice. **Buzz Points** is **absolutely free** all you have to do is call the bank and ask them to enroll you. It does not change anything on your account(s).

The Presbyterian Church of Washington can now be found as a local charity within the Buzz Points Program.



How it works:



Customers earn points on every purchase they make using their **Buzz Checking** enrolled debit card.



When enough points are accrued, they can be redeemed for rewards to local or national businesses.



Points can also be redeemed as a monetary donation to local charities on the Buzz Points Network!

PRESBY SCRIP PROGRAM

Did you know that our Presby Scrip Program passed a FIVE year anniversary mark on November 1, 2020?! Congratulations to all of our members and friends that have supported us over the past FIVE years! Woo hoo! Whether you have ordered from our program once or one hundred times, THANK YOU! It is because of you that we have been able to contribute so many funds to our church with very little effort. Another big announcement is that we made a profit of **\$1048.39** FROM THIS CALENDAR YEAR 2020! Yes, you saw that correctly, we have dropped down to ordering only once a month now and we made about one third of our usual profit. That is INCREDIBLE to make that amount of profit with so few orders, again, thank you to our loyal supporters and please continue using our program as it benefits our church in so many ways!

To anyone who is thinking of placing an order, this is how it works: Scrip cards are just gift cards/gift certificates that benefit non-profit organizations (our church!!) and you place and pay for your order one Sunday and get it the next Sunday. IT IS THAT EASY! Our church gets their share of the percentage right away. Some merchants give BIG rebates but most give us 10%, that is way more than any credit card company will give you! You don't even need to use them just as gifts! We can bring in so much more money for our church when anyone uses them as a way to pay for daily items at many merchants, especially restaurants! Hey, we all need to eat at least 3x per day! You can also do this process entirely non-contact by ordering ONLINE on Shopwithscrip.com or by using the **RAISERIGHT app**. SUPER EASY! (Just ask our coordinators how easy the app is!) We would love to see our Scrip Program stay up and running as it is such a benefit to our church, but we need more people to participate, to make it all worth it. Give us a try in the new year, our next monthly order date is on **January 10, 2021**, and keep our Scrip Program going!

Thank you!

Your PCW Scrip Coordinators

Becky Vogt, Gretchen Farrell and Kathy Froning



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2021 Committee Members

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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 at 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
Beth Bonney

Finance

Meets the 3rd Monday at 10am

Tom Farrell Chair
Karen Ladd*
Bruce Wiese
Linda Booher
Becky Vogt
Ed Bonney

Mission/Outreach

Meets the 2nd Monday at 11am

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

Personnel

Meets the 2nd Tuesday at 6pm

Tim Urban* Chair
Bruce Wiese*
Joe Hagan*
Mary Ellenberger
Gretchen Farrell
Roland Schwarzen
Mauri Truesdell

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 5pm

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



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

5th Linda Booher

8th Bob Eade

10th Shirly Coulter

11th Robert Turnure

11th Mary Eleanor Farrell

12th Gary McElhinney

16th Brad Carpenter

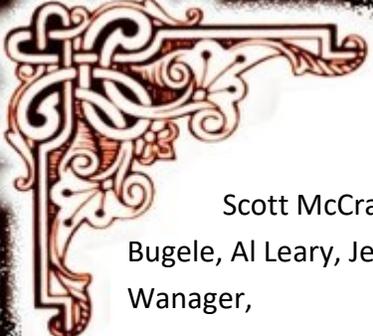
16th Mia Mahon

17th Alisa Conrad

24th Susan Benedict

30th Kathy Froning





MEMBERS WITH CONTINUING NEEDS

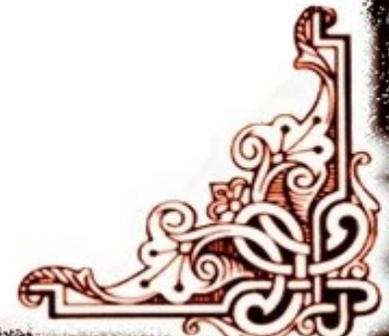
Scott McCracken, Heather Miller, Laura Evans, Jamie Tucker, Joy Kopp, Eden Wanager, Jane Bugele, Al Leary, Jean Weekley, Kay Hazel, Jan Eade, Sharon Fenner, Roland Schwarzen, Matthew Wanager,

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)
Patricia Hucke (daughter of Kay Hucke)
Pam Evangelist (sister of Sharon Fenner)
Marjorie Hines (grandmother of Miles & Ian McCracken)
Diana Hayes (daughter of Barbara Schofield)
Tom Jett (cousin-in-law of Mauri Truesdell & Kathy Froning)
David Gruendler (brother of Laura Lawson)
Mary Washabaugh (former member)
Jane Kitt (aunt of Nancy Thater)
Gary & Sue Brauer (parents of Kevin Brauer & Scott Brauer)
Denise Gleeson (daughter of Anna Mae Boehmer)
Wendy Dennison (friend of Rebecca Brehe)
Grady Thayer (Grandson of Mark & Robbin Thayer)
Diane Rinehart (friend of Nancy Thater)
Charles Johnson (Friend of Jolene Patterson)
Phyllis Rocco (Lois Kempf's Sister in Law)
Karen Gehner (Sister of Christy Eckert)
David Landgraf (Friend of Francie Turnure)
Randy Boren (Great Nephew of Virginia Boren)
Joann Ellenberger (Mother of Tom Ellenberger)
Tuts Ludwig (Relative of Kathy Rogers)
Paul (Grandson of Phyllis Orgeich)
Debbie Wagenseller (friend of Kathy Rogers)
Bob Turnure (husband of Francie Turnure)
Sharon Panter (daughter of Jan Hardin)
The Family of Virginia Wolking (niece of Anna Mae Boehmer)



January 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 OFFICE CLOSED	2 MOW – Lifestream Coat Drive 8a-11a
3 Sunday School 9:15a Worship 10:15a	4	5 Cubs 6:15p Boy Scouts 7p	6 Al-Anon 6p	7 Prayer for Life 9a Book Club 10a Franklin Co Singles 7p	8	9
10 Sunday School 9:15a Worship 10:15a	11 Mission 11:15a	12 Church Life 9:30a Personnel 6p Cubs 6:15p Boy Scouts 7p	13 Al-Anon 6p	14 Prayer for Life 9a Book Club 10a	15	16 MOW 10:30a
17 Sunday School 9:15a Worship 10:15a Property 11:30a	18 Finance 10am Worship 5p	19 Cubs 6:15p Boy Scouts 7p	20 Al-Anon 6p	21 Prayer for Life 9a Book Club 10a	22	23
24 Sunday School 9:15a Worship 10:15a	25 Session 7p	26 Cubs 6:15p Boy Scouts 7p Reel Faith 6p	27 Al-Anon 6p	28 Prayer for Life 9a Book Club 10a	29	30 MOW 10:30a
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