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Proverbs 29:18a*

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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR



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Dear Friends,

Blessings on a new year and a new decade!

The above verse is written into the very cornerstone of our church building. While it may sound initially harsh, there is eternal truth in the 29th Proverb: Where there is no vision, the people perish. Without a vision for the future, the church withers. Without a common goal to pursue, people lose enthusiasm. Without mission, the church loses its purpose.

If the above paragraph sounds familiar, that is because it was the opening paragraph of my January letter of 2019. That article introduced the vision of our Presbytery and congregation to become a "Certified Hunger Action Congregation."

I am incredibly proud that we were able to work hard and reach that goal, and also increase our positive impact on the hungry of this community.

Well, now that 2020 is here, I would like PCW to adopt a new focus for the coming year. Last year, we focused on our Mission ministries. This year, I feel called to lead PCW to focus on our Outreach. With a full staff, positive energy, financial stability and trust in God's direction, I feel that the time is right to truly concentrate on increasing participation in the worship and mission of our church.

According to Thom Rainer's article, "Five Stages of a Pastor's Ministry," years 6-10 are known as the "Fruit and Harvest" years. According to Rainer's research, "a church is likely to experience some of its best years, by almost any metrics, during this period of a pastor's tenure." This year, I will celebrate my seventh year as your pastor. According to Rainer's research, and backed up by other resources, we have recently entered the stage of our life together where we may enjoy our most fruitful years.

We have already furthered the Kingdom of God here in our congregation and in the community. The

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Pledges and contributions continue to rise to meet God's vision.

What can God accomplish through us in 2020?

It's a very exciting question to ask!

Happy New Year!
Pastor Pat

time feels right to roll up our sleeves and really see what God can accomplish among us.

So, if you serve on committees, how can your circle of influence help increase worship visitation? And, once they visit, how can we most effectively invite them to return? How might we encourage youth or children outside of the congregation to play and learn alongside of those who are already here? How do we let the community know how mission-minded we have become and how we are striving to impact our community in the name of Jesus Christ?

How hard are we willing to work and how much are we willing to spend to increase our Outreach? What can God accomplish through us? Our worship attendance continues to point upwards.

Removal of Greens

We will be taking down all of our Christmas decorations following worship on Sunday, January 5th. The more hands we have on deck will make the work quicker and more joyful!



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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.*

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Church Life

Finance

Personnel (Chair)

Worship (Chair)

Clerk of Session

Worship

Christian Education (Chair)

Church Life

Mission/Outreach

Finance (Chair)

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Property (Chair)

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Church Life (Chair)

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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 Huckle*
Bob Eade
Becky Vogt
Ed Bonney

Mission/Outreach

Meets the second Monday @ 11am

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

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
Anna Mae Boehmer

Worship

Meets the 3rd Monday at 7pm

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

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JANUARY COMMUNION LEADERS & SERVERS

JANUARY 5

Preparer

Barbara Duemler

Servers

Jean Weekley
Kay Hucke
Bob Eade
Tim Urban

JANUARY USHERS

- 1/5 Kay Hucke &
Linda Booher
- 1/12 Steve & Nancy Sebastian
- 1/19 Barbara Hagan &
Roland Schwarzen
- 1/26 Christy Eckert &
Michele Zumsteg

JANUARY SOUND TECHS

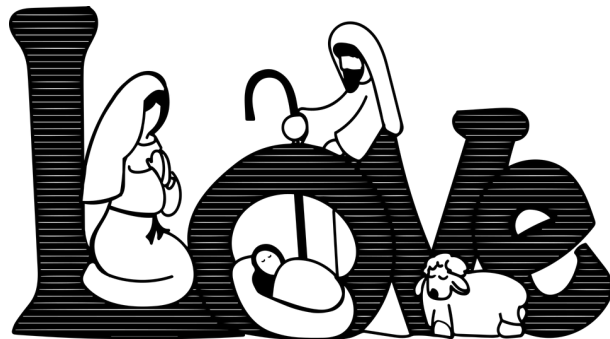
- 1/5 Ed Bonney
- 1/12 Ian McCracken
- 1/19 Joe Hagan
- 1/26 Tom Ellenberger

JANUARY GREETERS

- 1/5 Ed & Beth Bonney
- 1/12 Gary & Beth Brehe
- 1/19 Allen & Becky Vogt
- 1/26 Bob & Jan Eade

WORSHIP LEADER
Debbie Bandy

MEDIA SHOUT
Ed Bonney



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Mission/Outreach

As part of the Presbytery's Matthew 25 initiative, the Mission/Outreach Committee will be collecting non-perishable food items through the month of January. Items will delivered to St. Mark's Presbyterian Church at the Presbytery meeting in February.

Non-perishable food items needed are:

Canned fish and lean meats

Healthy soups and stews

Cooking oil

Canned fruit

Peanut butter/other nut butters

Whole grain breakfast cereals

Pasta sauce & canned tomatoes

Shelf-stable milk

Potluck

The next potluck dinner will be Wednesday, January 8th at 5:30 p.m. The main dish will be soup.

Tanya Johnson, Development Officer with the Presbyterian Children's Home will be the guest speaker. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board.



Per Capita

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

If you received 2020 offering envelopes, there are special envelopes designated for this offering. Or, 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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THE REMOTE

What's In A (Nick) Name?

Each and every person receives a special gift at birth and/or baptism: a name. I think of this now because my son and daughter-in law have recently chosen the name for their third son to be born the first week in February.

At birth and at baptism a first, often middle, and a last name are bestowed. In my family tradition we got all three; in my husband Don's family tradition each child was given a first name and told to choose a middle name when he/she reached adulthood—a name specifically important to him/her, and encouraged to change his/her name legally to include the new name. So one of our two children was given a middle name at birth, the other was not.

But let us not assume that the birth name will necessarily be what the person will be called. Some names are readily shortened. For example: Edward, Sarah, Thomas, Richard, and

Elizabeth are often called Ed, Sally, Tom, Dick, and Liz (or Beth.) Even two-syllable Mary can be reduced to Mare. Or a son with his father's name may simply be called Junior.

And some people get a nickname that fits their behavior, their personality, their circumstances, or even profession. When I became a parish pastor, I had some congregants call me "Rev."

Some nicknames are legendary. You may not know who Elroy Hirsch was, but you might have heard of "Crazylegs Hirsch" who ran down a football field in a unique way. Do you know of Martha Jane Canary of Missouri? She became known as "Calamity Jane" because she was orphaned quite young, because of her wild antics in Wild Bill Hickok's Wild West show, and because she had great compassion for the sick and needy—others who'd know calamity. Along with presidents like James, and John, Ronald and Donald, who were and are called by their own names, we had the long-named Dwight

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David Eisenhower called "Ike" because of the catchy campaign clogan, "I like Ike."

I had a nickname as a child because people couldn't remember or spell my real name correctly: I was not Jacqueline when people wanted to call me Jackie. And my sister Patience resorted to "Paish" when Patty as assumed to be Patricia. But we grew up, and gave up, our nicknames. I took on a married name; Patience has not. We like the names we were blessed with at birth. Do you?

Jocelyn VanBuskirk



Souper Bowl of Caring.

The time is coming for our 19th annual Souper Bowl of Caring for PCW. We have raised thousands of dollars for local services over the years and the tradition continues! Please join us on Sunday February 12th (the weekend after the big game) after church for a collection of delicious soups which you can help yourselves to for a small donation.

On the weekends leading up to the soup luncheon, we will be collecting canned goods for Harvesters and monetary donations that are earmarked to go to the Presbyterian Children's Home.

Every year this is a fruitful event for our church and the larger community around us. Please plan to bring a canned food item, pray for how you may financially support us, or just plan to stop in and sample some of our legendary soups!



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SCRIP PROGRAM

Thank you to all those who have helped by purchasing gift cards for your everyday shopping and entertainment as well as purchasing gift cards for birthday gifts, Christmas gifts, graduation gifts, etc. Every purchase made through The Presby Scrip Program earns immediate cash for the church to help continue with mission and the church budget.



2020 HARVEST TABLE DATES

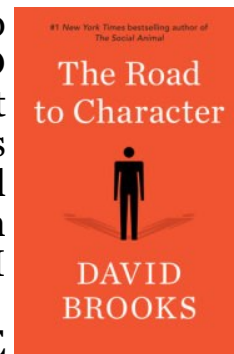
Thank you to everyone that helped at our last 2019 Harvest Table December 28th where 14 church members and friends served meals to 78 of our community neighbors at St. Peter's UCC.

Our 2020 confirmed dates are: June 6, September 5 and November 7, all Saturday evenings where we need volunteers from about 4pm – 6:30pm. Look for our sign-ups about 3-4 weeks ahead of time.

Gretchen Farrell

ADULT BOOK STUDY

Bill Kellermann and I led an adult study book club that reviewed and discussed the book "THE ROAD TO CHARACTER" by David Brooks over the past several weeks. There were usually about 15 of us meeting every other week. We did a lot of soul searching, reflection, and sharing of our own roads. We laughed a lot and even cried a little but I think we all learned from and about each other. Our next book discussion will be 'BRAVING THE WILDERNESS' by Brene Brown. More information about timing will be announced after the New Year.



David Brunworth

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“Reel Faith” Movie Club

January’s “Reel Faith” movie is the final installment in the Star Wars saga, *The Rise of Skywalker*. The movie is rated PG-13. *Star Wars: Episode IX: The Rise of Skywalker* opened in theaters on December 20th.

Watch *The Rise of Skywalker* sometime in January (if you haven’t already done so) and join us for “Reel Faith” Movie Club gathering at 7pm on Monday, January 27th at the church. For more information, contact Pastor Pat.



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.

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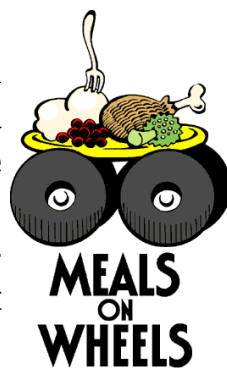
The Becker Family, in loving memory of Ruth & Vick Kappelmann
and Kenny Becker
The Becker Family in loving memory of Joel Clayton & Roni Fowler
Anna Mae Boehmer, Charles Boehmer Family & Denise Gleason
Family, in loving memory of Wilbert Boehmer
Ed & Beth Bonney, in loving memory of Sam & Boots Bonney
Linda Booher, in loving memory of Don Booher and Shirley Buckner
Kevin & Denise Brauer, in honor of our Church Family
Andrew Brehe, in loving memory of Ray Shipley
Gary & Beth Brehe, in loving memory of George & Ada Brehe,
and in honor of Loyd & Louise Gordy
Dean & Aneeta Brown, in loving memory of their parents
Bob & Jan Eade, in loving memory of Edith & Joseph Eade and
Sara & T. P. Cordes
The Farrell Family kids, in loving memory of their Grandma
June Whitebread
Sharon Fenner, in loving memory of Tom Fenner
Kathy Froning & Mauri Truesdell, in loving memory of
Jack & Elsie Truesdell
Joe & Barbara Hagan, in loving memory of their parents and
granddaughter, Elizabeth
Paul & Janet Henderson, in loving memory of grandson Maxwell
Henderson, & in loving memory of their loving father,
Donald Conrad
Steve and Nancy Sebastian, in loving memory of Muffin, Molly,
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Mary Ann Schultz
Janet & Sid Thayer, in loving memory of Helen Thayer Boggs, and
Dr. & Mrs. Sidney Thayer and Prof. & Mrs. Clarence Klingner
Mauri Truesdell, in loving memory of Laura Elizabeth George
Jocelyn VanBuskirk & Heather Miller, in loving memory of
Donald A. VanBuskirk
Gordon Upchurch, in loving memory of Carolyn Upchurch
The Vogt, Benedict, & Thuneman Families, in loving memory of
Jo Ann Vogt
Jean Weekley, in loving memory of Mary Herman & Zella Stuteville,
and Bob Weekley
Virginia Whyte, in loving memory of their families
Judy Bierbaum, in loving memory of Luther Bierbaum

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Weekend Meals on Wheels

This month, Meals on Wheels will be delivered on Saturday, January 18. We will be making Pasta Con Broccoli. Team B will be preparing the meals. This team is made up of Francie Turnure, Virginia Whyte, Debbie Bandy and Valerie Burton. If you are interested in delivering meals that Saturday, please contact the church office.



Annual Meeting

The Annual Congregational Meeting of PCW will be held following worship on Sunday, January 26th. Annual reports will be made available by Sunday, January 19th. If you are a committee chairperson, please submit an annual report to our Clerk of Session, Barbara Duemler by Monday, January 13th.



Installation/Ordination Sunday

On Sunday, January 12th, our new elders will be ordained and/or installed during worship. Come and celebrate with John Bugele, Jolene Patterson and Nancy Sebastian as they are officially ordained as Ruling Elders in the Presbyterian Church and installed to their ministry. Joe Hagan, Karen Ladd and Tim Urban (who have all been previously ordained) will also be installed that morning.



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January 5	Linda Booher
January 8	Robert Eade
January 10	Shirley Coulter
January 11	Robert Turnure
	Mary Eleanor Farrell
January 12	Gary McElhinney
January 15	Jeffrey Pierce
January 16	Brad Carpenter
	Lisa Conrad
January 24	Susan Benedict
January 28	Hazel Hedrick
January 30	Kathy Froning

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MEMBERS WITH CONTINUING NEEDS

Laura Fenner, Lisa Conrad, Allen Vogt,
Scott McCracken, Heather Miller, Laura Evans, Jocelyn
VanBuskirk, Al Leary

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)

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)

Helen Boggs (sister of Sid Thayer)

Lila Blose (aunt of Beth Brehe)

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)

Norma Klemme (friend of the Fenners and the Friends Foundation)

Mary Washabaugh (former member)

The Confirmation Class of 2020

Oliver Jones (brother of Virginia Whyte)

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)

The Family of Dorothy Leary

The Family of James Jackson

The Family of Steven Randall (great great nephew of Phyllis Orgeich)

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

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