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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR



Dear Friends,

I have now been the Moderator of the Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy for nearly three months. Wow! As I write those words, I realize that I am a quarter of the way through my tenure! Where does the time go?!

This honor has kept me very busy. I have held the honor of installing two new pastors to our Presbytery: Rev. Andrew Kasberg to Dardenne Presbyterian and Rev. Alexandra Lysdahl to First United Belleville. God also blessed me to be a part of the final worship celebration at Elm Street Presbyterian in Alton, IL as they closed their doors. This blessing will be repeated as I assist Kampsville Presbyterian in closing their doors in the next few weeks as well.

I have already driven many miles to these locations and others across our Presbytery. It has been

a great privilege to answer God's call to serve what we often refer to as the "larger church." I have experienced first-hand that Larger Church by physically travelling across our Presbytery. The overwhelming sense of serving something much bigger than myself first hit me this summer at the General Assembly Gathering of the denomination in St Louis. Seeing like-minded Christians from around the nation and world gather for a common cause and worshipping alongside of them helped me see that our church is so much bigger than our little corner of Christendom here in Washington.

This month, I will be moderating my first Presbytery Gathering at Southminster Presbyterian in Crestwood on Thursday, the 7th of February. Rev. Jocelyn Van Buskirk, and Ruling Elders Barbara Duemler, Tim Urban and David Brunworth will be representing our congregation at the gathering. This will be a special gathering as the Rev. Craig Howard will be installed as our Presbytery Leader. Craig has served as "Temporary" leader for over two years. This month, that "Temporary" tag will be removed. And, I get to be the moderator to perform the service!

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I feel immensely blessed to install a great guy and good friend as our leader.

After the business of the Gathering and a worship service, all participants will be attending workshops to equip those present at the gathering to better lead our individual congregations. Please join me in prayer that David, Tim, Barbara, Jocelyn and I will return to more effectively lead PCW in the ministry of Christ.

And, remember, we are all part of a larger church. One of my favorite parts of being a Presbyterian is how "connected" we are in our denomination and our Presbytery. PCW doesn't exist in a vacuum. We are not alone. We are part of a larger Christian family.

If you ever want to experience the joy of being part of the larg-

er church, please feel free to join us at a future Presbytery Gathering. PCW will be hosting one in November! Only elected commissioners from PCW will be able to vote during the business portion of the gathering. But, any member of a Presbyterian congregation within the bounds of our Presbytery can attend as a guest. If you would like to attend with us in the future, please let me know!

Blessings in Christ,

Pastor Pat

Church Office Hours

Monday through Thursday
8:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.

Men's Ministry

Men's Ministry will meet on
Saturday, February 16th at
7:30 a.m.

Please bring a bag
breakfast.



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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

Mission/Outreach

Property (Chair)

Personnel (Chair)

Worship (Chair)

Clerk of Session

Worship

Christian Education (Chair)

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FEBRUARY COMMUNION LEADERS & SERVERS

February 3

Preparer

Bob Eade

Servers

Joe Hagan

Christy Eckert

Kay Hucke

FEBRUARY USHERS

2/3 Kay Hucke &
Jean Weekley

2/10 Steve & Nancy Sebastian

2/17 Barb Hagan &
Roland Schwarzen

2/24 Linda Booher &
Michele Zumsteg

FEBRUARY SOUND TECHS

2/3 Tim Urban

2/10 TBD

2/17 Joe Hagan

2/24 Tom Ellenberger

FEBRUARY GREETERS

2/3 Ollie & Virginia Whyte

2/10 Gary & Beth Brehe

2/17 Karla Becker &
Jamie Tucker

2/24 Ed & Beth Bonney

WORSHIP LEADER

Ian McCracken

POWER POINT

Chris Brehe

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2019 Committee Members

Asterisk (*) Donates Session Members

Christian Education

Meets the 3rd Monday at 6pm

Ian McCracken* - Chair
Andy Wanager
Jocelyn VanBuskirk
Gerry Urban
Gary Brehe
Gretchen Farrell
Nancy Sebastian
Heather Miller

Church Life

*Meets the 2nd Tuesday at
9:30am*

Vivian Marshall
Karen Ladd*
Jean Weekley*
Judy Bierbaum – Chair
Shirley Coulter
Jan Hardin
Anna Mae Boehmer
Sharon Wiese
Jan Eade

Finance

Meets the 3rd Monday at 10am

Bruce Wiese* - Chair
Karen Ladd*
Kay Huckle*
Bob Eade*
Becky Vogt

Mission/Outreach

Meets the second Monday @ 11am

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

Personnel

Meets the 2nd Tuesday at 6pm

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

Property

David Brunworth* - Chair
Joe Hagan*
Bob Eade*
Scott McCracken
Barbara Schofield
Roland Schwarzen
Steve Sebastian
Mary Ellenberger

Worship

Meets the 3rd Monday at 7pm

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

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Fat Tuesday – Pancake Dinner and Jazz Concert

Mark your calendars for a great night of dinner, fun and music! On Tuesday, the 5th of March, we will celebrate the last night before Lent with a traditional "Fat Tuesday" pancake dinner. Fol-



lowing the dinner will be a special jazz concert by "Aaron and Friends!" Wear your masks and bring your beads!

More information will be coming.

Donation Table: Grace's Place Crisis Nursery

In an effort to reenergize our donated items toward various local ministries, the Mission/Outreach Committee has decided to focus on one ministry at a time, over a specific time period. So, for the months of February and March, there will be a donation table for Grace's Place Crisis Nursery outside the sanctuary. Items needed during this time are Boys and Girls pajamas (all sizes), Diapers, Pull-Ups, Baby Wipes, Toys for Young Children, Toilet Paper, Brushes and Combs. God's blessings to you!

Ash Wednesday Service

On Wednesday night, the 6th of March, at 7pm, we will gather as a church family to begin our Lenten journey to the cross and to the empty tomb. This year's Ash Wednesday Service will include multiple readers, interactive contemplation, The Lord's Supper and the imposition of the ashes. Please come to experience a very unique service of worship.

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Valentine's Dinner Night on February 9th

Please join us for a wonderful evening of food, fun and friendship as we invite any and all adults (couples, singles, just dating, doesn't matter) to a dinner and a movie night in our own Fellowship Hall.

Any gentlemen are invited to help prepare the meal and decorate at 9am. Then we will all gather at 5pm for appetizers, wine, a chocolate fountain, then a three course meal (salad, entrée and dessert) with the

main entrée being a delicious tenderloin of beef. We will follow this all with a movie in our own church theatre showing "My Big Fat Greek Wedding." Please sign up on the narthex list.

Thank you!

Tom Farrell

Harvest Table Thank You!

Thank you to our eight members and friends that helped serve 45 meals on Saturday, January 12th pretty much right after a major snowstorm! We were all very brave souls to feed our hungry neighbors.

Please look for our three other Harvest Table events this 2019 year: May 18, August 3, and December 28, all Saturday evenings from 4pm-6:30pm. Gretchen Farrell

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Defibrillator (A.E.D.)

We will be receiving one of these life-saving first aid devices from the Gateway Chapter of the Sudden Cardiac Arrest Association on February 23rd at their annual Trivia Night. A group of us are planning on showing off our trivia skills (or lack thereof) by attending and competing that night. If you have not signed up for it, and are interested in attending, please contact Christy Eckert as soon as possible.

We are asking for volunteers to become trained in the use of this device. Andy Wanager has graciously volunteered to be our Red Cross trainer. There will be no tests, as we are training only, not "certified" at this time. If you are willing and able, and are a regular at events in the church building, you would be an ideal volunteer. There is a Missouri Good Samaritan Law that covers those that use the AED for an emergency. I will have a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for possible volunteers

If you have questions before you commit, please contact me.

Christy Eckert

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314-703-5984 (text)

christyeckert@charter.net



Note of Thanks

Thank you for thinking of our family during this difficult time. All the cards, calls, texts and prayers were sincerely appreciated.

Becky & Allen Vogt

Lya, Haylee, Lucas & Logan Struckhoff

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Weekend Meals on Wheels

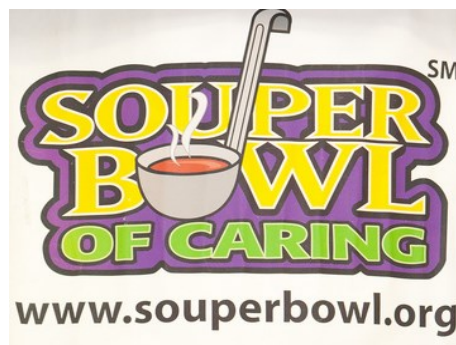
January's Meals on Wheels was cancelled due to the threat of bad weather. Our next Weekend Meals on Wheels event is scheduled for Saturday, February 19 at 8:30 a.m. We will be serving Mostaccioli.



Soup-er Bowl Sunday February 3rd!

Yes, both the SUPER Bowl (football version) and the SOUP-er Bowl (hunger collection) will be celebrated on Sunday, February 3rd! So, let's get busy as we ask church members and friends to collect any canned goods,

Non-perishable goods and cash to donate to our SOUP bowl that will be in the middle of the narthex outside the sanctuary! Let's tackle HUNGER together as all of our collections will go to our own local Loving Hearts Outreach.



The Christian Ed Committee
and Youth Group

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West Cluster Presbyterian Women's Winter Gathering

The PWs of the west cluster have been busy planning the winter gathering on Friday, March 8th at the Sullivan Presbyterian Church. Check in that morning will be from 9:30 to 10:00, with coffee, tea and coffee cake. From 10 to 10:30 we will have music with the Kitchen band, play many of our favorite hymns. The speaker is Lauri Osseck, the adult outreach Coordinator for the Scenic Regional Library. Her topic: The Most Famous Women in History. Some of the women include: Cleopatra, Joan of Arc, Pocahontas, Rosa Parks, Margret Thatcher, and many others. March is Women's history month, so perfect timing. A part of the offering will be given to the Life House Youth Center, in Sullivan. We will also be collecting personal care and school items for kids, ages 10 to 17 for the center. Lunch to follow includes: soup, salad, chicken salad sandwiches, and dessert for \$10. Registration forms will be sent to you at a later date. Please invite your mothers, sisters, and friends as we will be Celebrating Women and hopefully the nearing end of winter.

Choir Rehearsal

The next choir rehearsal will be Saturday, February 16 at 9:00 a.m.



February Potluck

The next potluck supper will be Wednesday, February 13th at 5:30 p.m. The main entrée will be chicken breast. Mark Moebius from Safe Kids will be the guest speaker. A sign-up sheet will be available in the hallway.

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PRES-BITS NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

February 4

Kevin Carpenter

February 5

Joy Kopp

February 7

Janet Henderson

February 8

Francie Turnure

Laura Conley

February 9

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 Hucke

February 19

Sam Farrell

Roland Schwarzen

Pamela Kellermann

February 22

Peggy Otto

February 24

Olivia Mahon

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The Remote

February is Love Month. Not that we limit our thoughts and acts of Love to only one month of the year, but because of Valentine's Day on the 14th. Christmas green wreaths with red bows have given way to red or pink hearts; candy canes have been replaced by boxes of assorted chocolates. Valentine's Day is specifically about romantic love, though not limited to romance by those who can discern the attractiveness of a whole person, not just the skin-deep beauty of a person of the opposite sex. But Valentine's Day is mostly (and commercially) about promoting loving romance.

But what of other Loves? Other human relationships, such as brotherly/sisterly love; parental love, love among companions/comrades/or colleagues. Other non-human loves, such as love of pets, love of hobbies, love of nature and landscapes, love of art, music, and books. And what specifically about books: love of collecting or reading non-fiction biography, how-to manuals, travel logs

or fictional mysteries, sci-fi, romances, and poetry. The lists go on and on. The more specific we can be about what we love, the better we know ourselves and can share our unique interests with others having similar loves. The more we can relate to each other, the closer we can get -- the closer we get to God and what God intends our deep, loving relationships to be.

What of other February Loves? Do we love the two presidents whose birthdays are on the 16th (Lincoln) and the 22nd (Washington)? We must, as we do not so honor other Presidents with holidays in other months. Do we love Washington and Lincoln because they profoundly furthered and strengthened the Union and the Constitution? Do we love them for their anecdotal honesty: At six years old, George admitted to his father that he had cut his father's cherry tree with his new gift hatchet. As an adult Lincoln had borrowed a book from a farmer and while it was in Abe's possession, it got damaged by rain. He told the

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owner and offered to buy the book which was then assessed at 75 cents; Abe then worked for the farmer for 3 days in payment for the book. Do we love these presidents as representative of the nation we love and respect, whose ideals and policies we uphold and wish to promote? Or do we love these men – and our nation – with a blind, superficial admiration without question or constructive criticism?

Love is not simple. Love is not solely affection or admiration; it involves action, commitment to, and critique of something and/or others. February is Love Month. How will you exhibit your specific, profound, unique Love(s) this month? *Jocelyn*



Church keys and alarm codes UPDATE

To anyone that has either a church building key and/or an alarm code, we are updating our lists for better accountability and we need your help!

We are now etching EACH key with a number and confirming all alarm codes with EVERY person, church member and staff, as soon as possible. Please see

Gretchen after worship on either Sunday, February 17th or March 3rd in the Church Library to get your key etched (which will take seconds!), OR please talk to Gretchen or Bonnie Borgmann to return your key and remove your name from our current list. If you have or HAD a key at any point in time, please take the time to check our lists so we may keep them current. This is a safety concern for all on our church property and we need your help!

Thank you!

Gretchen Farrell
and
Bonnie Borgmann

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MEMBERS WITH CONTINUING NEEDS

Laura Fenner, Lisa Conrad, Laura Evans, Heather Miller,
Joy Kopp, Dorothy Leary

SOUTH POINTE: Elsie Truesdell, George Peters

CEDAR CREST: Dorothy Mutert, Lorene Brunworth,
Elaine Dodson, Connie Conrad




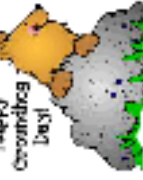






FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH REQUESTING PRAYERS:

Laura Leigh Rhoades (daughter of Laura Evans)
Jeff Pierce (son of Barbara Pierce, brother of Janet Aaron)
Eddie & Sarah McGurthy & family (daughter and son-in-law of
Ollie & Virginia Whyte)
Pam Evangelist (sister of Sharon Fenner)
JoAnne Hagedorn (friend of the Fenners and Shirley Coulter)
Majorie Hines (grandmother of Miles & Ian McCracken)
Family of Bill Matthew (father of Kathy Rogers)
Sandy McDaniel Siess (friend of Kathy Froning)
Vicki Turner (friend of Tom & Lois Kempf)
Martha Lenhart (daughter of Phyllis Orgeich)
Mary Rinne (friend of the Fenners)
Wendy Dennison (friend of Rebecca Brehe)
José Trujillo (son-in-law of Phyllis Orgeich)
Cathy Bedsaul (sister of Jean Weekley)
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)
Sharon Panter (daughter of Jan Hardin)
Vicky Vogel (sister of Karla Becker)
Loyd Gordy (father of Beth Brehe)
Kay Kappelmann (sister of Karla Becker)
Diana Hayes (daughter of Barbara Schofield)
Ray Tucker (father-in-law of Jamie Tucker)
John Nordwald (friend of Whip Schultz)
Jay Hepner (son of Pamela Schwarzen)
Harry Ballard (cousin of Barbara Duemler)
Robert Bollinger, Jr. (father of Rob Bollinger)



February 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
					Bridge 7pm	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Soup-ER Bowl of Caring	Session 7pm Thater Rental F/H	PDO 9am Yoga 5:30pm Cub Scouts 6:15pm Boy Scouts 7pm	Youth Group 8:30pm	Franklin County Singles 7pm	Bridge 7pm	Valentine's Dinner 5pm
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
39 Days until Spring 	Mission/Outreach 11am	PDO 9am Yoga 5:30pm Cub Scouts 6:15pm Boy Scouts 7pm Church Life 9:30am Personnel 6pm	Potluck 5:30pm	PFL 9am 	Bridge 7pm	Men's Ministry 7:30am Meals on Wheels 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 9am
17	Presidents' Day 18	19	20	21	22	23
	Finance 10am Christian Ed 6pm Worship 7pm	PDO 9am Yoga 5:30pm Cub Scouts 6:15pm Boy Scouts 7pm	Youth Group 8:30pm	PFL 9am Circle 10am	 Bridge 7pm	
24	25	26	27	28		
		PDO 9am Yoga 5:30pm Cub Scouts 6:15pm Boy Scouts 7pm	Warblers 11am 	PFL 9am		

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

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