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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*From the Desk of
Reverend Joel Weible*

Here's What is Coming Next ...

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This was the title of my pastoral letter for January's Newsletter before everything changed, once again, a week ago. After considering how I should change it to reflect our return to virtual meetings and recorded worship services, I decided not to! Because, whenever "next" happens at this point, there *will be* a next. And when that time happens, here's what's coming: A visit from your Pastor and some thoughtful responses to the question, "How are we 'church' now? And, are you a part of it?"

During my annual review last month, I shared with Ron Warren and Larry Vice that I wanted to call and schedule a visit with every member and/or family on our rolls who live "in town." That's about 70 visits, and I hoped to have these visits completed by Easter (April 17th). My guess is that this scares a number of you, a few of whom are already formulating an excuse for not being home between now and Easter! My further guess is that this may not all happen before Easter, given that we've faithfully geared down to accommodate COVID once again. Still .. we need to do this – to get together and share who we are on this side of a pandemic that has re-shaped our lives as a faith community in ways we don't yet understand.

In some of the Sunday morning class readings and discussions last Fall, we read an essay written by Jeffery D. Lee from a small book of writings entitled We Shall Be Changed. Lee noted that "epidemics are the great accelerators – or amplifiers – of realities, trends, flaws, and strengths in cultures and societies around the world." With "breathtaking speed" he continues:

That reality has now become undeniable in the church. The trends of institutional decline – particularly evidenced by reductions in worship, attendance, financial support, and formal affiliation – are accelerating and/or morphing quickly in this time of pandemic ... (and) even the most optimistic hopes for a return to a pre-pandemic state of "normalcy" are not guaranteed.

Read that last paragraph again. (I'll wait.) COVID didn't create these "trends of institutional decline" in the church. They were already happening. The pandemic has simply accelerated them. Where we may have witnessed the lower numbers of last summer and early fall in 3-5 years if we didn't have the pandemic, we are dealing with them now because we did.

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And I want us to face this “new normal” head on. And together ... hence the desire to visit each and every one of you and your families in an intentional way in the months ahead. We need to practice what we preach now more than ever: death is not the final word; letting go and/or dismantling structures is a faithful thing to do if those structures are no longer serving the Church effectively; and, our identity is found in a God who calls us to die to new life every day.

In his essay, Lee reminds us that “it’s hard to imagine how the church of the early 2nd century could have recognized the church of the 14th century, or how the church of the High Middle Ages could grasp that of the mid-20th century.” Change is inevitable. The speed of that change has been accelerated in the past two years. How we respond and change ourselves in the month and years ahead is up to us. So, that’s what is coming next. When it’s time.

Get ready ... get set ... See you in church for those who are ready to “Go!”

Pastor Joel

Words of Gratitude

The family of John Hendrickson is thankful for this church’s expressions of sympathy, prayers, calls, cards, food. Special thanks for the Congregational Care members for organizing the food for the visitation and planning (set-up, food, flowers, clean-up) the reception following the memorial service.

I continue to be blessed with the ongoing kindness and generosity of my church family.

~D.D. (Ellis) Hendrickson

Flower Dedications

Each Sunday, chancel flowers may be dedicated in memory or in honor of someone special to you! If you would like to purchase an arrangement for this purpose, we request a donation to the church of \$30. If you decide to provide your own flowers, then no payment is needed. *(Delivery must be made to the sanctuary by 10:00 a.m. on your confirmed Sunday.)*

It is easy to set this up ... just contact Shelly in the office (241-4326 or office@pvpres.org) or complete the dedication form that can be found at the back of the church.

Be sure to tell us the Sunday you would like to dedicate flowers, along with the dedication you would like in the bulletin.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL



Sunday Morning Adult Sunday School Class

Sundays at 9:00 a.m. – in *The Family Life Center*

We are currently using *Follow Me*, the PCUSA's church-wide, all ages, intergenerational curriculum. In the adult class we study different themes in 4-week "units" throughout the year that help us understand more fully what it truly means to "follow Jesus." Please see our website for the current unit of study.

January 2022: Baptize

- January 9 *Remember Your Baptism*
January 16 *Cross the Divide*
January 23 *Die and Rise*
January 30 *Honor the Body*

During this time of virtual worship, we are meeting via Zoom. The link can be found on our website.

Just Conversations (Virtual – via Zoom)

Sunday Evenings from 7:00 – 8:15 p.m.

This class is an on-going conversation around matters of "justice" that include racial, economic, national and state legislation, climate change, and theological issues. We believe that "the Church" is called to be more than a worshipping community and seek to understand how we may do our part in creating the "Kin-dom of God" on earth.

The link for this class is found on our website along with our most "current conversation." **All** are welcomed to join in!

January 2022: A Look at the KY General Assembly 2022 Session

- January 16 *Overview*
January 23 *Selected Legislation (TBA)*
January 31 *Selected Legislation (TBA)*

February 2022: A Month of Ted Talks

February is Black History month and we will be viewing four Ted Talks that celebrate black lives, past and present. Join us for the videos and the conversation that follows.

ANNUAL ELDER RETREAT IS BEING SCHEDULED

Sometime in February!

Our Annual Elder Retreat is being planned for February. This year will most likely find your Session Elders spending a Saturday together, instead of an overnight!

Much is being decided, but our conversation will focus on this revelation: *Pandemics have traditionally been the great accelerators, or amplifiers, of realities, trends, flaws and strengths in institutions across the world—not the creators of them.* The trends in the church of reduced worship attendance, financial support, and formal affiliation did not begin in March 2020, but they have been accelerated by all the events that have occurred since (including our latest 2-4 week “closure”!). How do we faithfully engage “what is” and step onto “what’s next” for us a church?

Stop an Elder and share your thoughts or questions. Let us know how you’re feeling about this incredible congregation and its future.

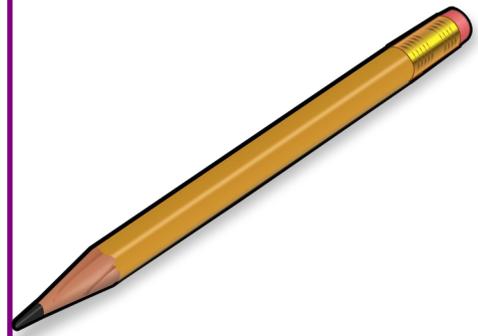
Annual Reports

It’s that time of year again!!

I’ll be collecting information for our Annual Report, which will then be presented to the congregation in February. The 2021 Chair of each ministry team is responsible for writing a commentary for their group to highlight the events or progress the team made last year. I will send a copy of last year’s report to each chairperson so they can see what was previously submitted.

Many Thanks!!

Shelly Settle



November 2021	Current Month	Current Month Budget	Year To Date	Year To Date Budget
Member Contributions	\$12,497	\$22,488	\$266,213	\$247,363
Loose Plate Offerings	\$71	\$42	\$757	\$458
CDC Contributions	\$8,250	\$8,250	\$90,750	\$90,750
All Other Income	\$1,556	\$815	\$192,494	\$8,974
Expenses	\$24,931	\$29,570	\$306,499	\$340,233

OUR MISSION WITH HIGHPOINT CHARITABLE SERVICES

Our **Winter Coat and apparel collection** will continue through the months of January and February. There are two boxes in the Family Life Center for all donations. Thank you for your generosity!

The **Sack Lunch** preparation that our Mission Team has taken on for Highpoint will happen again on Sunday, January 30th after worship. Since last Fall we have been preparing 75-80 sack lunches every other month for the first Mondays of the month and any month where there is a fifth Monday! Our next “pack a sack” is January 30th. **Please Note: Due to ongoing COVID restrictions, the Mission Team is selecting only four volunteers at this time to help with this project.** Thank you to everyone for your prayers and support!



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Wednesday, March 2nd at 6:30 p.m.

Just a heads up in this January/February Newsletter
that Lent begins very early in March this year
with our Annual Ash Wednesday service!

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, February 27th at 10:30 a.m.

It's that time again!! At the conclusion of our worship service on February 27th, we will celebrate the past year and look forward to the coming one by convening our Annual Meeting! In addition to receiving reports from our Session and ministry teams, we will hear important updates on church life including a final financial report for 2021 and updates on the approved 2022 budget. The meeting will conclude our Worship service together on this special morning. **Don't miss it!!**

SMALL GROUP

January & February Gatherings...

- ◆ **January 14 (Fri)** **Small Group Virtual Fellowship**
- ◆ **January 8 (Wed)** **Small Group Advisory Team Meeting, 6-7p, TPH**
- ◆ **January 23 (Sun)** **Small Group *(to be held virtually)***
- ◆ **January 24 (Mon)** **Blaze Pizza Fundraiser, 5-9p *(see flyer on next page)***
- ◆ **January 30 (Sun)** **Family Sunday School**

- ◆ **February 3 (Thurs)** **Young Adult Zoom**
- ◆ **February 6 (Sun)** **Small Group & Small Group Ministry Team Meeting**
- ◆ **February 18 (Fri)** **Movie Night**
- ◆ **February 20 (Sun)** **Small Group**
- ◆ **February 27 (Sun)** **Family Sunday School**

CHAPEL SERVICES WITH OUR CDC

All are welcome!!

Drop in for the prayers, music, meditations, and love that are a part of the regular school-life of our boys and girls. *We'd love to see you there!*

Chapel is held at 10:00 a.m. on the scheduled days.

Chapel for January

Tuesday, January 18th

Tuesday, January 25th

Chapel for February

Tuesday, February 15th

Tuesday February 22nd



CAUSE A SCENE FOR A GOOD CAUSE

Enjoy yourself and support our cause at
a special fundraising event for:

Pewee Valley Presbyterian Church Small Group

Date: Monday, January 24th, 2022

Time: 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Locations: Blaze Paddock Shops

4118 Summit Plaza Dr, Louisville, KY 40241

Order Mode: In-Restaurant, Blaze Pizza App, Blazepizza.com

TWO WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR ORGANIZATION: In-Restaurant or Online - APP/ONLINE USE PROMO CODE **1179A**

In-Restaurant: Bring in this flyer or show it on your phone before paying.

Online Orders: Orders must be placed online via the Blaze Pizza App or blazepizza.com. Enter code **1179A** into the 'Promo Code' field at checkout to have your transaction count toward the fundraiser. If entered correctly, you'll see a \$.01 discount applied to your check which confirms that 20% of your transaction will be counted into the total donation. **VALID FOR PICKUP, CURBSIDE & CARRYOUT ONLY.**

VALID FOR DINE-IN, PICKUP, CURBSIDE & CARRYOUT ONLY THROUGH THE BLAZE PIZZA APP & WEBSITE.
For online orders, only transactions that have the promo code applied during the time and date specified above will be counted toward the donation total. Donation amount excludes proceeds from tax and gift card purchases. Excludes 3rd party delivery or phone orders. Alcoholic beverages excluded. Event proceeds void if flyers are distributed in or near the restaurant.



January Birthdays

02 Emmaline Kinnicutt
02 Hannah Kinnicutt
05 Jan Beaverson
05 Connie Vice
06 Lee Goss
07 Debbie Hicks
07 Matt Kingsley
07 Suzanne Lane
07 Jim Trimpe
09 Jackie Meade
11 Ethan Willis
14 Rebecca Byford
15 Nick Clark
15 Mitch Williams
17 Leonard Faul
23 Amy Stoess-Meade
23 Annie Weible
25 Kenny Willis
26 Mary Jo Ellis
27 Walter Anderson
27 Karen Poole
28 John Bott
28 Kim Pappas



The church office will be closed
on Monday, January 17th
in observance of
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

January Anniversaries

02 Hugh and Lynn Wilkinson



February Birthdays

01 Candler Phelps
04 Logan Age
04 Hope Gardiner
05 Madri Hall-Faul
05 Zack Logan
06 Sandy McCarson
08 Jenny Williams
08 Nico Williams
09 Anna Faul
09 Carole Logan
09 Ryan Volk
10 Jackson Phelps
18 Tracy Lenavitt
19 Sally Bunnell
25 Margaret Hill
27 Richard Ray

February Anniversaries

13 Joshua and Tracy Lenavitt
14 Don and Claudette Schlader
27 Ralph and Judy Hall

Ushers

Jan 2 / Feb 6 Larry & Connie Vice, Ron & Carol Warren
Jan 9 / Feb 13 LaMont Coverstone, Thom Guilford
Jan 16 / Feb 20 Laura & Sarah Volk
Jan 23 / Feb 27 Linda Heleringer, Jill MacNiven
Jan 30 TBD

Worship Attendance

12/05/21 66
12/12/21 71
12/19/21 71
12/24/21 90 (early)
70 (late)
12/26/21 34



Members:

Mary Boone

Ann Finney

Jim Stoess

Jim Trimpe

Roy Wayne

Family and Friends:

Betty Kessinger (D.D. Hendrickson)

The People of Western Kentucky

Alicia Lechleiter (Mark Lane)

Mardie & Stan Penn (Karen Wood)

Lori Wood (Karen Wood)

Brick Presbyterian Church (Ashia Stoess)

Beth Adams (Clare Grant)

Violet Sears (Debbie Thompson)

Bill Vance (Karen Wood)

Bob Bruns (Karen Wood)

Debbie Chadwick (Virginia Baumann)

Mark Shircliff (Virginia Baumann)

Aunt Geneva (Larry Vice)

Linda Hyatt (Shirley Hawkes)

Gavin Elder (Mark Lane)

Michelle Hendrickson (D.D. Hendrickson)

Todd & Deloris Vance (Karen Wood)

Eric Hawkes (Shirley Hawkes)

Chris Holtman (D.D. Hendrickson)

Tim Age (Karen Wood)

Donna Stephan (Karen Wood)

Joshua Roh (Gary & Arlene Torrens)

Robbie Mueller (D.D. Hendrickson)

Carol Dean (Mary Jones)

Carina Graves (Bob Brewer)

Ursula Brooks (Barbara Staats)

Flo Campbell (Clare Grant)

Isabella Anderson (Mary Jones)

Tommy Boone (Mary Boone)

Scott Hood (Shirley Hawkes)

Alice Walser Booker (Joan Walser)

Rev. James Byford (Rebecca Byford)

To add or remove a name, complete a Prayer Request Card

or email us at: office@pvpres.org

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Big News from the Little Valley!



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