



FPC News

February 2023

Here's What's Happening

Sunday Worship

10:15 am in person and
online

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8am - 4pm)

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Office Hours

Monday - Friday
8:00am - 4:00pm

For more information about
upcoming events, please
contact us, visit our website,
or find us on Facebook.

Each week, the FPC Food
Pantry sets up Fridays at
9am, and is open Saturdays
from 9-11am



February 5

Adult Faith Formation, 9:00am in the Library
Worship with the Lord's supper 10:15am, in the
Sanctuary & online

Usher and greeter training, 11:30am

J St. Kids/Club456, 11:30-1:00pm

Confirmation Class, 3pm

Youth Group, 4:00-5:30pm

Discussion Group, 4:30-5:30pm in the Library

February 12 - Youth Sunday

Adult Faith Formation, 9:00am in the Library

Worship 10:15am in the Sanctuary & online

J St. Kids/Club456, 11:30-1:00pm

Confirmation Class, 3pm

Discussion Group, 4:30-5:30pm in the Library

February 19

Adult Faith Formation, 9:00am in the Library

Called Session meeting to receive new members,
9:15am

Worship 10:15am, in the Sanctuary & online

J St. Kids/Club456, 11:30-1:00pm

Confirmation Class, 3pm

Youth Group, 4:00-5:30pm

February 22 - Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday Service, 7:00pm in the Sanctuary and
online

February 26 - First Sunday in Lent

Adult Faith Formation, 9:00am in the Library

Worship, 10:15am in the Sanctuary & online

J St. Kids/Club456, 11:30-1:00pm

Confirmation Class and Parent Meeting, 3pm

Youth Group, 4:00-5:30pm

February 27

Stated Session Meeting, 6pm in the Library

Epiphany

Our Children's Ministry hosted an Epiphany Party on Friday, January 6th. We welcomed young families to enjoy dinner together. Afterwards, the kids were invited to spend time creating props that were used during our story time. We went on a journey with the wisemen as we read *The Wandering Wisemen* by Eric and Meredith Schrottenboer. The book has beautiful illustrations by Joel Schoon-Tanis. It was a great evening of fellowship, creativity, and learning.



Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons

On January 8, we celebrated the Ordination and Installation of the newest class of Elders and Deacons.

Elders, Class of 2025: David Atwood, Grace Blazer, Rick Harris, Kristi Metzger, Sue Redfield
Elder, Class of 2023: Safi Harris

Deacons, Class of 2025: Emily Hill, Sue Ann Overstreet, Marge Richards, John Whiting
Deacon, Class of 2023: Lizzy Howard

We are grateful that they have responded to God's call to servant leadership. From the Ordination and Installation liturgy, here are some of the promises we have made together:

To deacons: Will you be a faithful deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ? **I will.**

To ruling elders: Will you be a faithful ruling elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in councils of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ? **I will.**

Congregational Vows: Do we, members of the church, accept David, Grace, Rick, Kristi, Sue, and Safi as elders; and Emily, Sue Ann, Marge, John, and Lizzy as deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? **We do.**

Do we agree to pray for them, encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the Church? **We do.**



Annual Meeting

Many thanks to all who participated in our Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 22. Personnel Chair Ken Ziervogel presented Terms of Call for Pastor Katie and for Pastor Georgia, which the congregation approved. Stewardship and Finance Chair Nate Burdick presented the 2023 budget approved by Session. Mike Bender of the Property Interest Liaison Group gave an update that summarized the information in the Annual Report. Church Forward Committee Chair Tela Webb shared about our planning process and themes that emerged from the fall Listening Sessions. We ended with a year in review slideshow of 2022 and singing Now Thank We All Our God. Afterwards, we had a wonderful lunch in Fellowship Hall. Many thanks to the Fellowship team for organizing our salad lunch.

To view the 2022 Year in Review, click [here](#)

For a copy of the 2022 Annual Report, click [here](#), or pick up in the church office.

For a copy of the Church Forward Listening Session feedback, click [here](#), or pick up in the church office.

For a copy of the 2023 Operating Budget, click [here](#), or pick up in the church office.



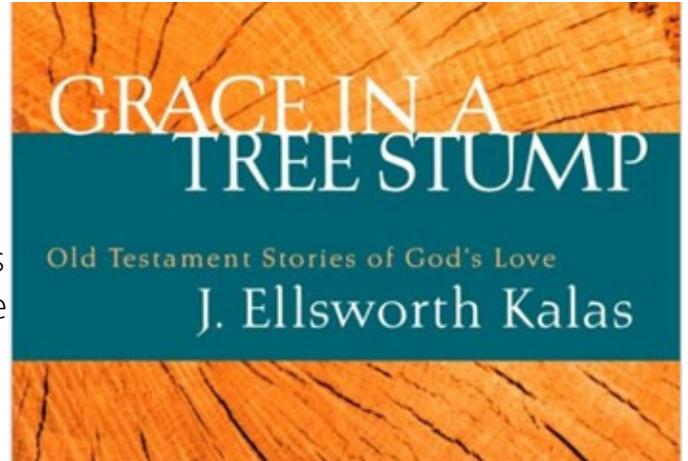
Adult Faith Formation

Sunday School 9:00am in the church Library

Our 2023 Study continues

"Grace in a Tree Stump" by J. Ellsworth Kalas

Each Sunday we look at an Old Testament passage with an eye to understanding God's love and grace in that context and for our lives. Each lesson stands on its own, so please come whenever you are able to. These lessons will carry us through the the winter and spring.



Copies of the book are available in the church office or at class, but all are welcome to attend and participate even without having the book.

Sunday Afternoon Discussion Group

4:30-5:30pm in the church Library

February 5 & 12

"Israel and Palestine Today"



Pastor Georgia is leading follow up sessions regarding her October sabbatical trip to Israel/Palestine. These gatherings allow for broader conversation regarding the current challenges of life in that region and its relevance to us as Christians. Each session focuses on a specific aspect or entity that she observed during her time there. No preparation is needed to attend, although the book *Blood Brothers* by Father Elias Chacour (recently purchased by our church library) is highly recommended, whether you are able to come to the discussion sessions or not. Even if you missed the first one (January 29), you will still be able to fully engage in either or both of the next two, February 5 & 12.

Lenten Devotional

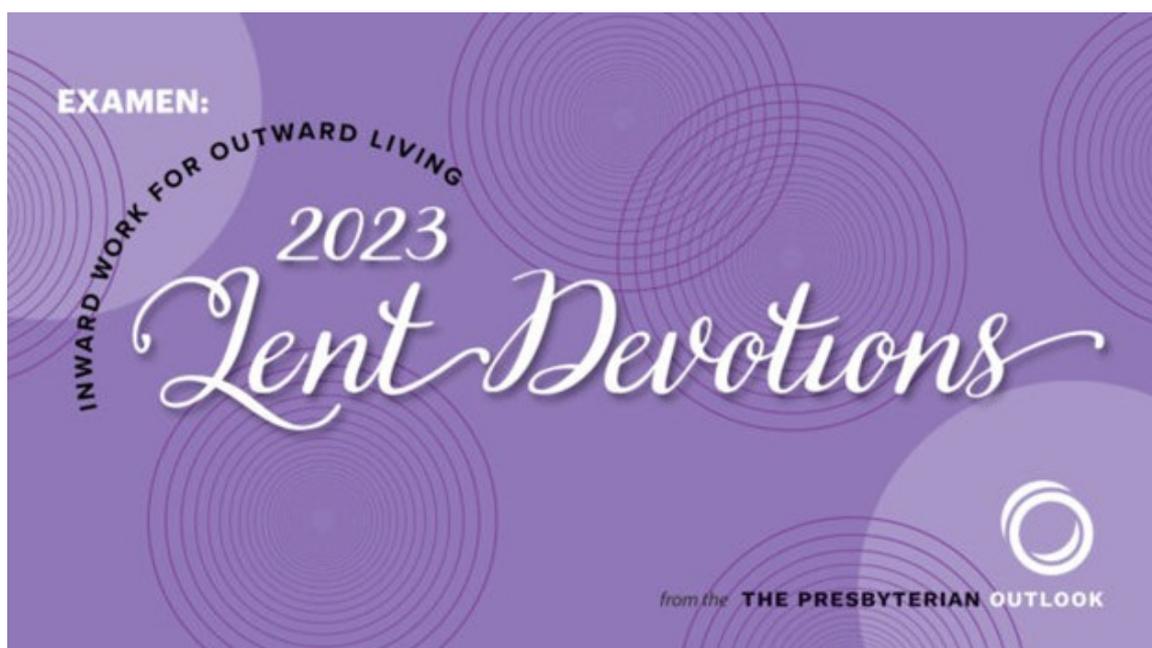
*“Examen: Inward Work for Outward Living”
from the Presbyterian Outlook*

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 22. Our Lenten devotionals this year come from the publication *The Presbyterian Outlook* and its editor The Rev. Teri Ott. The daily devotionals are based on the ancient spiritual practice of “examen” that focuses on honest assessment and reflection. The examen is a practice for discerning the voice and activity of God within the flow of the day. It is a regular time of coming into God’s presence and prayerfully asking a few simple questions.

There is a different theme for each week of Lent, with an invitation to readers to explore the connection between internal contemplation and outward action. Themes include examining our fear to live with faith, examining our pain to live with healing, examining our dishonesty to live with truth, examining our joy to live with gratitude, examining our love to live with heart, and examining our burdens to live with blessing.

You may pick up a printed copy at church starting February 12, or enjoy a viewable digital version any time at [2023 Lenten devotions: Inward work for outward living by Presbyterian Outlook - Issuu](#)

May God bless you and keep you on your Lenten journey.



Presbytery Mission Trip to Honduras

There is a Presbytery Mission Trip to Honduras coming up March 18-26, 2023 with a February deadline for registration.

The purpose of the trip is for our Presbytery to partner with the Presbytery of Honduras who believes God is leading them to build a modest home for Rev. Gloria de Huete. Her husband Fernando was the pastor of this congregation for many years and was raised in Christ recently. She has served other congregations and is currently following her husband as the pastor of Tierra Prometida but is ready to retire. The couple lived in an apartment above the church for much of their lives. When Gloria retires, she has purchased a piece of land, but it has no home on it.

There are no retirement plans for Honduran pastors, and they don't receive salaries like US pastors do—they get very modest support from congregational offerings but must be "tentmakers" (meaning they support themselves with other work as they are able). Obviously in retirement as people age and their health declines, this no longer possible. Material for a very modest home runs \$3000-\$4000.

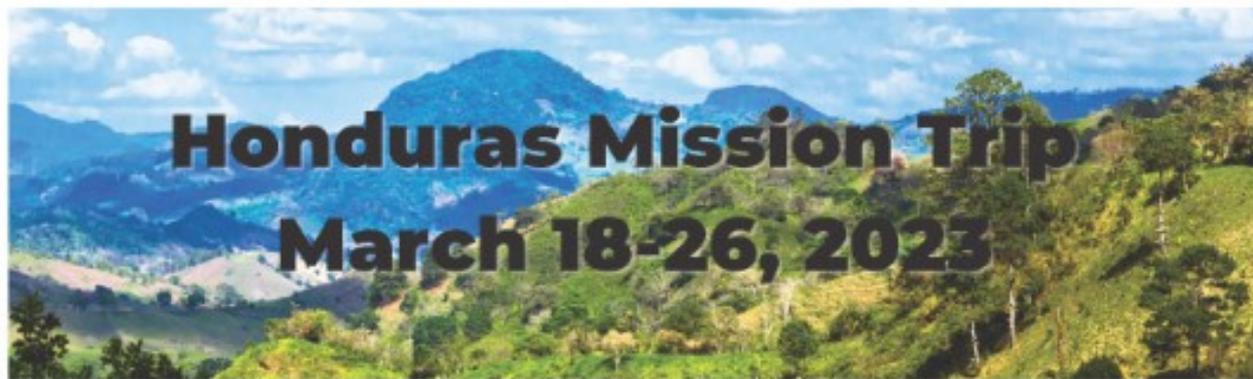
Our proposal is for the congregations of the Presbytery of Arkansas (especially those that we March travelers represent) to raise these funds as soon as possible and send them ahead to Honduras. They would like to get started on the foundation and have it laid by the time we arrive, and we propose that we would spend Monday and Tuesday of our trip working with the Hondurans to build the block walls of the home. Members of Tierra Prometida and other Honduras presbytery congregations and visiting groups from the US would work together to complete the construction after our visit as they are able.

We will visit and worship with a small rural church so that we can all have that exceptional experience. The urban environment and the rural environment are each unique, and various churches are flourishing in both settings. Our goal will be to encourage and celebrate with the members, and to learn about how God the Spirit is working in that small congregation and community.

The following day we hope to travel south to the Pacific Coast, to visit and worship with the very active and vital Puerto Grande congregation. Rev. Nectali Posadas and his wife Luisa serve this congregation. It has a remarkable youth ministry that touches the entire community and is a strong witness to God's love in the community.

We will be bathed in God's love, in exciting and transforming worship, in cross-cultural friendships, and in mutual partnership and support, and we also plan to make a substantive contribution to a genuine need among our Honduran Presbyterian partners, and especially for pastor Gloria.

Anyone interested in going please contact Roy Horan (479-685-1912 or rahoran53@gmail.com) for additional details and information. We know it is short notice, but the deadline for registering is February 10th.



The Honduras Subcommittee of the Presbytery of Arkansas' Mission Committee is excited to be able to renew our annual mission trip to Honduras. We are confident this mission trip will be another success. Consider committing to serving others and dedicating to making a difference for yourself and others.

Purpose: The trip will consist of a combination of deepening our partnership with Honduran Presbyterian Christians, and several days of hands-on service.

We are excited to be able to travel to Villa de Gracia near Tegucigalpa to provide hands on service opportunities and join with Honduran Presbyterians in worship, fellowship, and learning. We look forward to discovering ways to strengthen God's work in Honduras through our partnership. We are eager to learn how we can best serve and build relationships with our Honduran brothers and sisters in Christ.



Approximate Cost: \$1200-\$1500 (*Scholarships may be available*)

Children's Ministry

Children's Ministry Summer Camp Opportunity

Sign-ups are live for our camp week at Ferncliff July 30th-August 4th! Those who will be entering 3-5th grade this summer are invited to sign-up at ferncliff.org! When signing up select Camp Create: Elementary-902 and write that you are with FPC Bentonville for the buddy request! Camp spots fill up fast, so it's best to sign-up soon! Financial resources are available through the church and the church will be coordinating transportation to and from Ferncliff! **Please be in contact with Katie Flood, kflood@fpcbentonville.org, if you have any questions!**

Hygiene Kit Items

The Children's Ministry is collecting items to assemble Hygiene Kits for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. If you would like to contribute, please drop off the items below to Katie Flood by Sunday, February 12th.

- Hand towels
- Wash cloths
- Wide tooth combs
- Nail clippers
- Bar soap (individually packaged)
- Toothbrushes (individually packaged)
- Adhesive bandages
- Gallon plastic bags (with zipper)



Children's Ministry



JANUARY 6TH	EPIPHANY PARTY	6:00-7:30PM
JANUARY 15TH	J ST.KIDS/CLUB 456	11:30AM-1:00PM
JANUARY 22ND	J ST.KIDS/CLUB 456	11:30AM-1:00PM
JANUARY 30TH	J ST.KIDS/CLUB 456	11:30AM-1:00PM
FEBRUARY 5TH	J ST.KIDS/CLUB 456	11:30AM-1:00PM
FEBRUARY 12TH	J ST.KIDS/CLUB 456	11:30AM-1:00PM
FEBRUARY 19TH	SERVICE PROJECT	11:30AM-1:00PM
FEBRUARY 26TH	SERVICE PROJECT	11:30AM-1:00PM
MARCH 5TH	SERVICE PROJECT	11:30AM-1:00PM
MARCH 12TH	FAMILY FUN	TBA
MARCH 19TH	SPRING BREAK	
MARCH 26TH	SPRING BREAK	
APRIL 2ND	HOLY WEEK STORIES	11:30AM-1:00PM
APRIL 8TH	EASTER EGG HUNT	TBA
APRIL 9TH	EASTER	
APRIL 16TH	J ST.KIDS/CLUB 456	11:30AM-1:00PM
APRIL 23RD	J ST.KIDS/CLUB 456	11:30AM-1:00PM

Youth Ministry

Youth Sunday and Souper Bowl of Caring

The Youth will be leading us in worship based on Luke 8:22-25 on February 12th. They will also be collecting donations for their annual Souper Bowl of Caring fundraiser. This year the youth decided that the funds would support the NWA Food Bank. Donations can be made in person or online. Please make sure to indicate that the donation is for Souper Bowl of Caring.

Youth Presbytery Retreat Options

Senior High Students- Youth @ Presbytery- March 3-4th at Lyon College

Senior High Students attend a presbytery meeting and have the opportunity to visit a Presbyterian college campus.

Junior High Students- Mission Possible- April 14-16th at First Presbyterian Church of Russellville

Junior High students gather for a service project weekend with other youth throughout the presbytery.

Please email Katie Flood, kflood@fpcbentonville.org, if you are interested in either of these trips.

Summer Presbytery Youth Trips

Sign-ups are live for our Presbytery sponsored youth trips!

Jr. High Presby + (6-8th graders)*- June 18th-23rd @ Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center in Ferncliff, AR

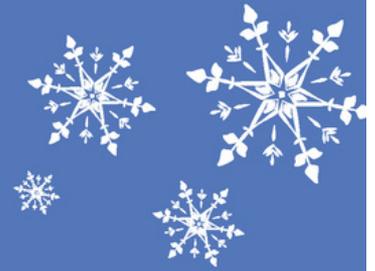
Senior High Montreat Trip (9-12th graders)*- July 8-15th @ Montreat Camp and Conference Center in North Carolina

Sign-ups and more information are available at: [Youth A-Team Website](#)

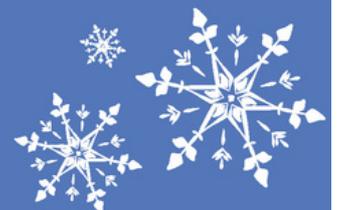
Please email Katie Flood when you sign-up as well, so that she can keep track of sign-ups. Financial resources are available through the church.



Youth Ministry



JANUARY 8TH	GAME NIGHT	4:00-5:30PM
JANUARY 15TH	YOUTH GROUP	4:00-5:30PM
JANUARY 22ND	YOUTH GROUP	4:00-5:30PM
JANUARY 30TH	YOUTH GROUP	4:00-5:30PM
FEBRUARY 5TH	REHEARSAL	4:00-5:30PM
FEBRUARY 12TH	YOUTH SUNDAY	
FEBRUARY 19TH	TRASH ICE CREAM	4:00-5:30PM
FEBRUARY 26TH	YOUTH GROUP	4:00-5:30PM
MARCH 5TH	PRAYER STATIONS	4:00-5:30PM
MARCH 3-4TH	SENIOR HIGH YOUTH @ PRESBYTERY	
MARCH 12TH	TRIVIA NIGHT	4:00-5:30PM
MARCH 19TH	SPRING BREAK	
MARCH 26TH	SPRING BREAK	
APRIL 2ND	EASTER EGG STUFFING	4:00-5:30PM
APRIL 9TH	EASTER	
APRIL 14-16TH	JR. HIGH MISSION POSSIBLE	



We Celebrate Our Growing Church Family!

“Joining Day” is February 19

We rejoice as God adds individuals and families to our fellowship. Please plan on helping all of us welcome new members on Sunday, February 19. They will be introduced in worship, and you will have a chance to introduce yourselves to them with warm greetings in the Welcome Hall after the service.

Ready to take the step of membership?

Perhaps you have already attended a Newcomer Gathering, or have been worshipping with us for some time, and are considering membership our FPC church family. Please let one of the pastors know if you are ready to join the church (Pastor Katie, kcummings@fpcbentonville.org or Pastor Georgia gsebor@fpcbentonville.org) so that we can take those next steps with you.



Ash Wednesday Service

February 22 at 7:00pm

in person and online
childcare provided

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, this year on February 22. Join us for our Ash Wednesday service at 6:00pm that evening, with scripture, music, prayers, and the imposition of ashes. Worship is in person and online. Childcare will be provided in the church nursery for birth – 5 yrs.

Presbyterian Women

It has been wonderful this year to collaborate with each other, our Presbytery and our Synod, as we grow in faith together.

We look forward to the coming year!

Our September Session report included seven goals for the 2022-2023 year:

1. Initiate our Bible Study, "Celebrating Sabbath", as well as support our Bible Study teachers, Nettie Robek and Sue Ann Overstreet.
2. Establish regular committee meetings on the third Tuesday of each month- Celeste, Renee, Sue Ann, Nettie.
3. Educate and promote the two missions supported by Presbyterian Women National, through flyers, notification of our 100th birthday.
4. Support church events through participation in Presbytery, Halloween Carnival, Hanging of the Greens, and where we are needed.
5. Consider the addition of a third Coordinator- input from young mothers, working women of all ages, what can we provide?
6. Request a budget to support activities such as the PW Synod Gathering, or other activities.
7. Create a name, phone, email list for PW for communication, caring, listening, and providing friendship outside our Bible Study

Except for establishing a third coordinator and providing a more rigorous campaign for missions, by January 13th, 2023, we have accomplished our goals, to date. We will continue to work on all goals, working together in fellowship and love.

Romans 15:13 - May the God of all hope fill you with all joy and peace, as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit

Sincerely,

Celeste, Renee, Sue Ann, and Nettie

Presbyterian Women Bible Study

All are invited to attend the February Bible studies of Presbyterian Women, with two options: February 9 at 9:30 am or February 16 at 6:00 pm. Both meetings are in the church Library. We are continuing the study, "Celebrating the Sabbath," You are welcome to come even if you don't have the book. Feel free to bring a treat to share (optional). This is a great time to meet others and to share in fellowship.

A Source of Hope



You can be a part of the vital ministry of our church's Emergency Response Fund in several ways:

- Support the ERF (Emergency Response Fund) of the church through direct contributions to that fund. This is a non-budgeted fund, dependent upon designated donations.
- Donate gift cards to the church for fast food restaurants or Walmart/Harps/etc., (small amounts, please, \$25 dollars or less each). We give these to individuals and families who stop by the church in crisis situations. It's amazing how much difference that makes to them.
- Join the ERF committee! Please contact the church office if interested.

Our church has been on the frontline in response to unexpected emergencies, in large and small ways. We have been able to work with our community partners to fill the gaps when regular assistance is not available. The children of the church continue to make "Blessing Bags" to share with those in need, which has been a wonderful addition to this ministry.

As we continue to see unexpected needs arise in our church family and community, God continues to work through the generosity of this congregation. Your support goes a long way toward helping families stay warm, safe, and fed through temporary crises.



[CLICK HERE TO GIVE NOW](#)

If you are a church member in need of assistance, please contact Pastor Georgia on a confidential basis, gseonor@fpcbentonville.org .

For other requests, please contact the church office, 479-273-5450
administrative.assistant@fpcbentonville.org

Session Highlights from January

Called meeting on January 3 at 6:00 pm in the church library.

The meeting was called to order with the lighting of the Christ candle and prayer by Pastor Katie. The purpose of the meeting was to review and approve a 2023 budget in light of the stewardship response. After much discussion, the Session approved a 2023 operating budget of \$816,386. The estimated revenue of pledged and non-pledged tithes and offerings is roughly \$751,000. The deficit is about \$65,000. To mitigate the deficit, the Session is in conversation with My Friends and Me about shared costs of the Financial Position, as well as committing to an overall quarterly financial review to make adjustments through the year. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm with prayer by Elder Tela Webb.

Stated meeting on January 23 at 6:00pm in the church library.

The Christ candle was lit as the meeting was called to order. Pastor Katie opened the meeting with a reading from Psalm 86:11-13 and with prayer. New elders were welcomed to their first meeting. Session received and discussed highlights from regular reports from ministry staff and committees.

The Session discussed the balance of unused 2015 Capital Campaign Funds of \$40,000. At the time of the 2015 campaign, the funds were intended to be used to purchase a used mobility van with a wheelchair lift. In light of the rising cost of these types of vans, the current rare need for one, and our building maintenance costs that are on the rise, the Session voted to reallocate the \$40,000 to the designated Building Maintenance Fund. This reallocation will relieve pressure on current and future building repair costs, and will continue to apply capital campaign funds to capital needs. Should wheelchair transport be needed for an event, the Session agreed to respond to that need as it arises.

The Session also:

- Approved dates for the celebration of the Lord's Supper for the next year.
- Approved the privilege of voice for staff and all invited guests to Session meetings for the next year.
- Elected Kim Whiting to fill the Session appointed non-active elder position on Church Forward in the Class of 2025
- Approved an additional one week of vacation for the 2023 year to all church staff, in light of the 1% pay increase.
- Approved an updated Financial Manager job description, moving the position to full time.
- Discussed current bids for insurance coverage.

The meeting was closed with prayer. The next called Session meeting will be Sunday, February 19 at 9:15am in the Fellowship Hall to receive new members. The next stated Session meeting will be Monday, February 27 at 6:00pm in the church library. As always, copies of the session packet and minutes of meetings are available from the church office.

Class of 2023

Cie Cochran

Kim Dixon

Hunter Breshears

Melissa Monroe

Ken Ziervogel (trustee)

Safi Harris

Class of 2024

Mike Bender

Nate Burdick

Josh Johnson

Tela Webb

Denny Rogers (trustee)

Class of 2025

David Atwood

Grace Blazer

Rick Harris

Kristi Metzger

Sue Redfield (trustee)

Annual Report from the Property Interest Liaison Group

At the Annual meeting in January, Elder Mike Bender gave a report from the Property Interest Liaison Group. He shared what was in the 2022 Annual Report, shared again below:

With change and growth in our community, and our location on the dynamic J Street corridor, it is not surprising that the Session has received expressions of interest in our property.

In the fall of 2021, the Session considered but declined to pursue further conversation about a potential purchase of our north field with shared use of our north parking lot. The Session determined that was not something that would further our church's ministry.

In February of 2022, the Session received an expression of interest in having conversation about purchasing our entire property, which would prompt a relocation and a new building. This was expressed as a long-term interest in our property because of our location. Prompted by this development, the Session created a Property Interest Liaison Group to liaise with the interested party. Through the spring and summer of 2022, they considered various values and costs that would be associated with that sort of scenario. The Property Interest Liaison Group concluded that the particular offer was not a workable option at that time. They let the interested party know this, and that our church is undergoing a visioning and planning process that will continue into the first part of 2023. They indicated a continuing long term interest.

The Property Interest Liaison Group concluded that the Church Forward discernment process was crucial in order to clarify our ministry priorities for the coming years. The Church Forward Listening Sessions in August and September were important events moving forward with this visioning and planning process.

Once the Church Forward discernment process is more developed, then if the Session decides to explore further conversation about interest in our property, we can then enter into a conversation about our property with a clear vision of the ministry we feel called to pursue. Any potential development of that conversation with the interested party we choose to have will be transparent and include the congregation.

The Property Interest Liaison Group: Trustees/Elders Harry James, Ken Ziervogel, and Denny Rogers, as well as Elder Mike Bender, Elder Tela Webb, and Myles Cochran. Staff resource: Pastor Katie.

Ashes, Ashes, we...

Brian Breeding, Director of Music Ministry

No doubt everyone can finish that children's nursery rhyme. Differences are many over the source and meaning, but did anyone ever really consider how dark it is? As a children's nursery rhyme? Still, it communicates a reality. We are all mortal. We all have only so much time on Earth.

On February 22 Christians worldwide will observe the beginning of Lent with Ash Wednesday. Named for the practice of marking the cross on congregants' foreheads, or hand, with the ashes from the previous year's Palm Sunday fronds, the pastor often accompanies the imposition of ashes with "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." Viscerally it is a reminder we are all made of the same "stuff," the very same dust God breathed life into. Accompanying the beginning of Lent Christians often engage in a practice that reminds them of their own mortality and the death of Jesus. This may be a denial of something important, or, the addition of an activity that points toward Christ.

In this year's season of Lent let me suggest a simple practice that involves music. At the end of this article is a short list of Ash Wednesday and Lent choral anthems that have historically been associated with Lent. Some are in Latin, with the translation included, and others are in English. However, all are chosen for the listener to meditate on the message of the music instead of simply singing along. No selection is longer than 10 minutes. Included are seven selections, one for Ash Wednesday and the six Sundays of Lent, enough for one each week.

Yes, we are all ashes in the end, but has anyone noticed how ashes often sparkle? Personally, I love more the thought, instead of dead ashes, that we are the stuff God used to bring more of his Spirit into this world. Star-stuff. So during each song, remember you are dust, but dust that God loves, dust that shines with His light.

1. *Civitas Sancti Tui* - William Byrd

Your holy city has become a wilderness.

Zion has become a wilderness,

Jerusalem has been made desolate.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eRM5N1RJM-g>

2. *Lord, For Thy Tender Mercies Sake* - Richard Farrant

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake

lay not our sins to our charge,

but forgive that is past,

and give us grace to amend our sinful lives:

to decline from sin and incline to virtue,

that we may walk in a perfect heart,

before thee now and evermore.

Amen.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nP0uEDHejEM>

3. *Peccantem me quotidie* - Christobal Morales

I make myself guilty every day

and I do not repent,

therefore the fear of death terrifieth me:

for in hell there is no redemption.

Have mercy on me, God, and save me.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GuTI8r8K4Gs>

4. Like as the Hart - Herbert Howells

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks so longeth my soul after thee,
O God, My soul is athirst for the living God, yes, even for the living God.
When shall I come to appear before the presence of God?
My tears have been my meat day and night, while they daily say unto me,
Where, where is now thy God?
My tears have been my meat day and night.
My meat day and night.
Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks so longeth my soul after thee,
O God.
My soul is athirst for God, yea, for the living God.
When shall I come to appear before the presence...the presence of God?
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=__rIGFkAnc

5. Drop, Drop Slow Tears - Orlando Gibbons

Drop, drop, slow tears, and bathe those beauteous feet,
which brought from heaven the news and Prince of Peace.
Cease not, wet eyes, his mercies to entreat;
to cry for vengeance sin doth never cease.
In your deep floods drown all my faults and fears;
nor let his eye see sin, but through my tears.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TQaLMoPGjzk>

6. Wash Me Thoroughly - Samuel Sebastian Wesley

Wash me throughly from my wickedness, and forgive me all my sin.
For I acknowledge my faults and my sin is ever before me.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YHVS-JJeXfs>

7. God So Love the World - John Stainer

God so loved the world.
God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son,
that whoso believeth, believeth in Him should not perish, should not perish
but have everlasting life.
For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world.
God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world;
but that the world through Him might be saved.
God so loved the world.
God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son,
that whoso believeth, believeth in Him should not perish, should not perish
but have everlasting life, everlasting life, everlasting, everlasting life.
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OUR MISSION

Trusting, Growing, Caring and Serving Together In the Name of Jesus Christ

The mission of First Presbyterian Church is to help people come to:

- 1) **Trust** in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord of their lives;
- 2) **Grow** and mature in their understanding and experience of that faith;
- 3) **Care** for one another, allowing Christ's love to live in them as we journey through the "mountains" and "valleys" of life; and
- 4) **Serve** the needs of "the least of these", our brothers and sisters, in the name of Jesus Christ.