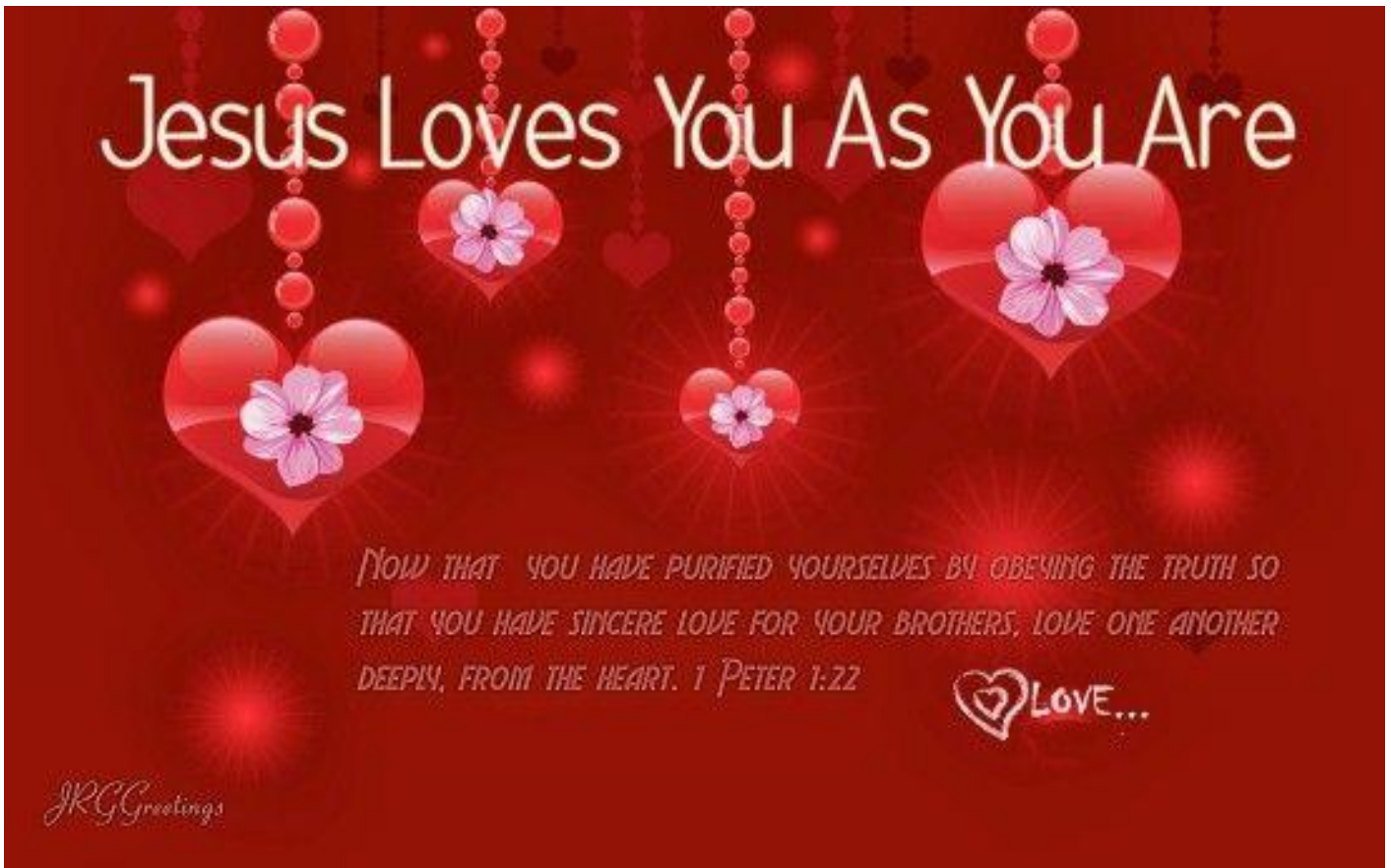


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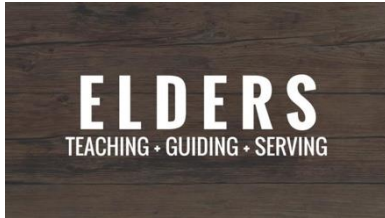


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February 2019

February is the month in Presbyterian churches when we reorganize ourselves for ministry and mission for a new year. Board members who have completed their terms of service cycle off, making way for their newly-elected replacements. Each year, this is a new beginning for the three boards that govern our church and a chance to re-envision and refocus their work going forward.



In our Presbyterian system of governance, **Elders** are elected, ordained, and installed and the nine actively serving elders, together with the Pastor, form the Session, the Board that governs the church. The Session collectively is responsible for the life of the congregation and together they “discern and measure its fidelity to the Word of God,...strengthen and nurture its faith and life....[and] exercise leadership, government, spiritual discernment, and discipline.” We welcome incoming Elders Bill Miller, Hope Murphy (Youth Elder), James Sawner, and Helen Traver and thank outgoing Elders Kim Daley, Mary Jane Gardner, and Phyllis Menzenski for their service.

According to our Book of Order, “The ministry of **Deacon** as set forth in Scripture is one of compassion, witness, and service, sharing in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for the poor, the hungry, the sick, the lost, the friendless, the oppressed, those burdened by unjust policies or structures, or anyone in distress.” We welcome incoming deacons Steve Albrecht, Sr. and Dawne Fay for second terms and Faith Reynolds for a first term. We thank outgoing deacon Traci Haight for her service.



Our Board of **Trustees** is charged with caring for our physical and financial resources. They act as the legal face of the church and officers of the Corporation. They work closely with the Treasurer and the Finance Committee. They oversee and coordinate all of the necessary upkeep and maintenance of our large physical plant. We welcome incoming trustees Caroline Dolfi (for a second term), Donna Sheak, and Denny Smith and thank outgoing trustees Rick Fay and Don Traver for their service.

Give thanks that we have so many faithful and committed people willing to serve!

In Christ together,

Rev. Lynn Brown

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Session Update

Session met on January 2 and January 16. This is a summary of both meetings:

1. Session approved the 2019 Budget which includes a 3% salary increase for all part time staff. A full slate of officers will be presented at the Annual Meeting. The Stewardship Committee has completed all of their donations for 2018.
2. Pastor Lynn reported that the Mission Study Team has begun meeting. On February 24 there will be conversations with the congregation during Coffee Hour to seek input for the work of the Mission Study Team. She suggested reconstituting the Technology Committee as a "Communications and Technology Committee" when Session reorganizes in February with new members. Karen Haight and Deb Murray will accompany Lynn to the January 29 Presbytery meeting.
3. Clerk Marilyn Brands presented a preliminary Statistical Report which will be sent to General Assembly; this was approved. Session voted to donate \$500 to the Pleasant Valley Library.
4. Personnel Committee Chairperson Gary Murphy reported that the committee is working with staff to update job descriptions.
5. Worship Committee Chairpersons Judy Brandow and Phyllis Menzenski reported on pulpit supply during Lynn's vacation. On February 10 the guest preacher will be Edgar Hayes, one of our Irene Bower Scholarship recipients. On February 17 the guest preacher will be Bill Miller. Deacons will be asked to give out name tags one Sunday a month to help people learn names of those attending.
6. Stewardship Chairperson Edith Keck reported that 25% of the Peacemaking Offering will be donated to Grace Smith House and 40% of the Pentecost Offering will be donated to the Harriet Tubman Tutoring Center. A pot luck luncheon on February 10 was approved by Session.
7. On January 16 elders were joined by Office Managers Joyce Brower and Linda Morey, CE Coordinator Beth Murphy, Moderator of Deacons Tracy Haight, and President of Trustees Debbie Traver to plan the 2019 Calendar. Discussion included worship traditions, Sunday School dates, and suggested fundraisers for 2019. Lynn expressed her appreciation for the time spent on this, which was very helpful to her.



CHURCH OFFICERS 2019

SESSION ELDERS (Ruling Body of the Church) Rev. Lynn Brown - Moderator		
CLASS OF 2019	CLASS OF 2020	CLASS OF 2021
Judy Brandow	Chesney Baker	Bill Miller
Edith Keck	Myung Sung	James Sawner
Gary Murphy	Karen Sheer	Helen Traver
		Hope Murphy (Youth)
Clerk – Marilyn Brands		
TRUSTEES (Take Care of the Physical Plant)		
Andy Albrecht	Debbie Traver	Caroline Dolfi
Tracy Keck	Karen Haight	Donna Sheak
Philip Keck	Linda Halliday	Denny Smith
DEACONS (The Service Body of the Church)		
Barbara Huneke	Amanda Smith	Steve Albrecht Sr
Richard Moysey	Tom Smith	Dawne Fay
Jack Smith	Pat Zerbe	Faith Reynolds

Church Treasurer: Wayne Sauer
Mission Treasurers: David Brands and Wayne Sauer
Bargain Basement: Jean Albrecht, Director 845-635-3563
Friendship Callers: Joan Smith, Chairperson 845-635-3687

For numbers of Chairpersons not listed, please refer to the church directory or call the church office at 845-635-3289.



Please keep these people in your daily prayers.

Prayers of the People

To add a name to the Prayer List, please call the Pastor or the Church Office.

For Meredith (Phyllis Menzenski's daughter) who is going through a very difficult time.

For Bill Plass who is currently in Northern Dutchess Hospital.

Looking toward or recuperating from surgery: *Don Cookingham (friend of Phyllis Menzenski), Nancy Murphy as she recovers from a fall.*

Living with cancer: *Tom Simonton (Traci Haight's father), Penny Sawner (James's mother), Chris Woodward (Harriet Mark's brother), Karen Livingston Bernardo (friend of Phyllis Menzenski), Muriel (friend of Barbara Huneke).*

Ongoing health issues: *Carol Belton, Rick Fay, Richard Joseph (Mary Jane Gardner's brother), Jim Killmer (Beth Murphy's father,) Donna Mears, Edith & Dave (Donna Sheak's parents) and Betty Wigsten*

Currently deployed: *Steven Albrecht (grandson of Steve & Jean)*

Long Term Residence Lutheran Care

*Prayers for **Dort Traver** (member) who is in the Lutheran Care Center, Rm 111a South.*

*Prayers for **Jane Barden** (member) who is in the Lutheran Care Center, Rm 115a South.*



Betty Wigsten has relocated to be nearer her daughter as she deals with ongoing health issues.

Her new information is:

Betty Wigsten, 400 Hemenway St., Suite 152, Marlboro, MA 01752

Telephone : Room #508-460-7152 or cellphone 845-492-1533

Friendship Callers



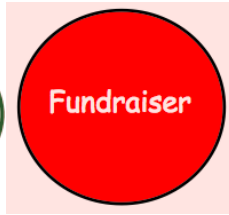
Friendship Callers will meet on Tuesday, February 19 at 9:30 a.m. to visit our shuts-in. We meet in the yellow room. Any questions, please call Joan Smith at 635-3687.



Tickets are available for the matinee performance of “Newsies” at the Westchester Broadway Theatre on Wednesday, April 24, 2019. Tickets are \$55.00 per person. A sign-up sheet will be available on the table in the Fellowship Hall. Please see Jean Albrecht for more information and to make payment.

POT LUCK LUNCHEON Sunday, February 10th

The Stewardship Committee is having a Pot Luck Luncheon after the worship service on Sunday, February 10th. Bring a hot or cold dish to share and your place setting/flatware. Beverages will be provided. Come share in a time of fellowship and good food. All are welcome!

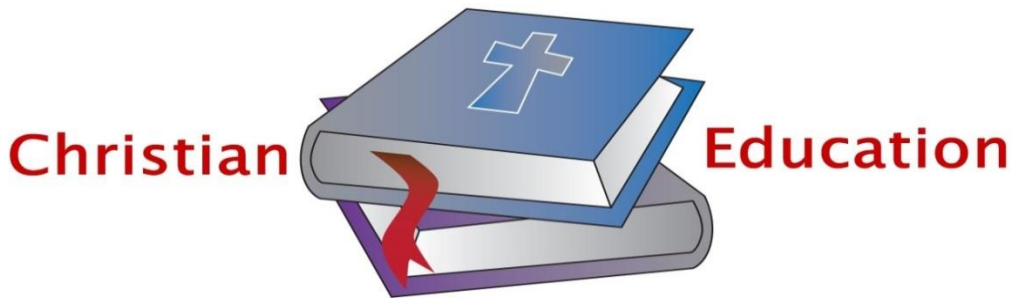


Adam's Gift Cards Fundraiser

Thank you for contributing to support our Adam's Gift Card fundraiser. We have been doing this since 2011. We did make about \$3000.00 profit in 2018! Selling (or buying cards) is like collecting pennies, every little bit helps add up to a good result.

If you don't have an Adams Gift Card in your wallet and you go to Adams to shop, please consider participating in this fundraiser in 2019.

Thank you to all who have supported the First Presbyterian Church in Pleasant Valley with your gift card purchases. It is greatly appreciated. Blessings to you and for our church each day.



Beth Murphy, CE Coordinator

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The next meeting of the Christian Education Committee will be on Wednesday, March 6th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Parlor.

Anyone that is looking for something new and interesting to do, please feel free to join us! The Christian Education Committee is focused on sharing the good news with all the followers of Jesus Christ. Our meeting date has changed to the first Wednesday of each month and we meet for 1 hour.



Bible Study meets on Sundays at 11:00 a.m. in the classroom on the 3rd floor.



TODDLER CLASS

The CE Committee provides a Sunday School class on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month. It meets in the Nursery Room (last door on left of 2nd floor hallway)



[PW will be preparing the meal for the Homeless Shelter on Tuesday, February 12th.](#)

We will meet in the kitchen at 4:00 p.m. to prepare the casserole, salad & to package the cookies. We need 16-17 dozen cookies for the dessert, please consider providing 1-2 dozen cookies a couple times a year. There is a signup sheet on the table in the Husted Fellowship Hall. Please have all donated items to the church kitchen no later than noon on the day of meal. Monetary donations are accepted to help with the cost of miscellaneous items. We leave the church at 6:15 p.m. to travel to the shelter to deliver the meal. Thank you for your continuing generosity in helping those in need. If you have any questions or would like to help please see Linda Morey.



TAI CHI



On **Saturday, February 16th**, the CE Committee is pleased to present a Tai Chi and Qigong program in our chapel on the third floor. This will take place from 11:00 AM to Noon. Teacher, Jim Moretti has been leading these classes for many years in our area. At present he teaches at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Pleasant Valley and Grace Episcopal Church in Millbrook. Jim will explain the history and many health benefits of these disciplines and then demonstrate and welcome all to participate. There is also a self-defense component to each move. Any age and any fitness level can enjoy the benefits of these gentle movements. ***Please join us!***



The following letter was received from Ben Sung, thanking Session and the congregation for the Irene Bower Scholarship:

When Myung and I left for the USA more than four decades ago, my primary goal was not to pursue so called "American Dream." One of big hopes was to meet real Christians and to find that Jesus Christ is truly the answer to my philosophical quest for truth.

That pursuit for the truth was never compromised as we became part of American Christian community and struggled with you through the stormy world economically, socio-politically, and spiritually until today.

The journey I am taking now is a continuation of such spiritual pilgrim learning and gaining wisdom and discernment to face such unprecedented challenges and you recognize my effort and encourage me to keep on.

I am thankful for the vision God has granted and kept me on the race. I am also grateful for your support to show me as God demonstrates his steadfast love for me through you.

I will continue to do my best in any way to be part of your plans for the furtherance of God's work in this precious community.

May God bless you all in the same calling for the great mission.



FEBRUARY 2019



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSD AY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 8-1:00 PVN	2
						10-1 Bargain Basement 9:30am-12:00 pm Church Officer Training 12pm Called Session Mtg 12:30-1:30pm Cheryl Lynn Dance (FH)
3	4 8-1:00 PVN	5 PVN 8-1:00	6 8-1:00 PVN	7 8-1:00 PVN	8 8-1:00 PVN	9
9:30 am HOLY COMMUNION Souper Bowl Sunday 11am Bible Study	6pm Stamping w/Jean 6pm Pound Extr (FH) 7 PM Bell Choir	7 pm Mission Study Mtg 7:30 pm N.A.	10-1 Bargain Basement	6pm Pound Extr (FH) 6:30pm Boy Scouts 7 pm Senior Choir	6:30 pm Lisa/Stamping Class	10-1 Bargain Basement 12:00-1:30pm Cheryl Lynn Dance (FH)
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9:30 am WORSHIP / Edgar Hayes 11am Pot Luck Luncheon 2-4pm CMVCA(YR)	6pm Pound Extr (FH) 7 PM Bell Choir	7:30 pm N.A. 4:00pm Homeless Shltr Meal Prep	10-1 Bargain Basement 6:15-7:45 Girl Scouts (BR) 7:30 pm Lyme Disease Mtg	6pm Pound Extr (FH) 7 pm Senior Choir		10-1 Bargain Basement 11:00am TaiChi Class (Chapel) 12:00-1:30pm Cheryl Lynn Dance (FH)
17	18 Closed PVN	19 8-1:00 PVN	20 8-1:00 PVN	21 8-1:00 PVN	22 8-1:00 PVN	23
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