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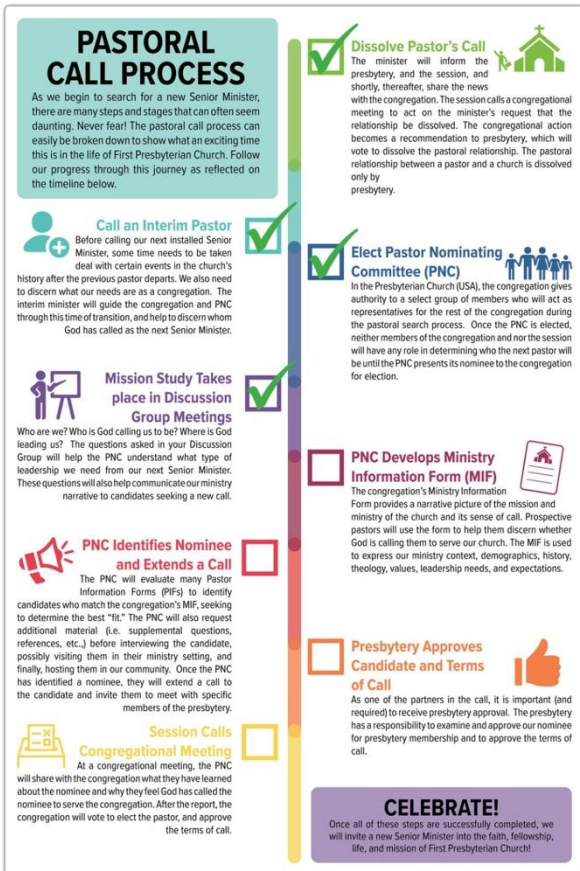
March 2020



The newly-elected PNC.

l to r: Gary Murphy, Dawne Fay, Myung Sung, Pastor Lynn Brown (not part of the PNC), Rachael Sawner, Linda Morey, Caroline Dolfi, Denny Smith.

On Sunday, March 1, First Presbyterian Church reached a milestone in our interim journey – we elected a Pastoral Nominating Committee (PNC)! The group of people pictured, above, will soon set to work on your behalf to search for the next installed pastor for the congregation.



This chart shows the various steps a typical Presbyterian congregation follows in the process in between installed pastors. Although we did steps 3 and 4 in reverse order from how it is shown, we have arrived at the same point: the first four boxes have been checked off and the bottom four are the work ahead.

In the coming months, the PNC will meet regularly and work on writing the church's Ministry Information Form (MIF), using the information gathered during the Mission Study Process. After approval, it will be posted on the national PCUSA database for matching those churches searching for new pastors with those pastors searching for new calls. Phone and in-person interviews will follow. The PNC will keep you posted on their progress along their journey with regular updates, though specifically who they are talking to, and when and where, will remain confidential until near the very end of the process to protect everyone's privacy.

This is an exciting time in the life of the congregation! Please keep this group of people in your prayers as they begin their important work!

In Christ together,

Lynn



Session Update

1. Pastor Lynn presented Lenten opportunities. She will offer a Bible Study afternoons and evenings. Mid-week Wednesday services will begin on Ash Wednesday. Vacation and study leave were approved for April 27-May 4, May 5-May 11, and May 18-25.
2. Under Clerk's report, fundraisers were discussed. Session approved having all of the usual fundraisers in 2020: spaghetti dinner March 28, May Fest on May 15, Chicken Barbecue, Yard Sale, Summertime Lobster rolls, Harvest Buffet, Holiday Auction, and Wreath making. In addition, Lisa Wendell is researching a possible crafting fundraiser for late April. Marilyn will contact the usual chairpersons. Session approved hanging a patriotic painting in the second floor elevator room to go with the veterans' chart.
3. In administrative updates, there was discussion about coffee hour and possible updating of the sign on the front lawn.
4. The formation of a Pastoral Nominating Committee was discussed. Session selected a Committee from the nominations received. It was decided to have a committee of 7 members and to call a congregational meeting for Sunday, March 1 to elect the PNC and to elect one deacon for the open position.
5. A Session retreat will take place on April 4 for training, which will include discussion of committee assignments.

Pastor Lynn's Office Hours for March

Cell phone/text: 518-755-4940 email: lkbrown27@gmail.com
Office hours **by appointment. Please check before coming and not finding her!**
Tuesday 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and Wednesday 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

CHURCH OFFICERS 2020

SESSION		
ELDERS (Ruling Body of the Church)		
Rev. Lynn Brown - Moderator		
CLASS OF 2020	CLASS OF 2021	CLASS OF 2022
Chesney Baker	Bill Miller	Dick Moysey
Karen Sheer (2 nd term)	James Sawner	Gary Murphy (2 nd term)
Myung Sung	Helen Traver	Missy Sauer
Clerk – Marilyn Brands		
TRUSTEES		
(Take Care of the Physical Plant)		
Karen Haight	Caroline Dolfi (2 nd term)	Philip Keck (2 nd term)
Linda Halliday	Donna Sheak	Tracy Keck (2 nd term)
Debbie Traver (2 nd term)	Denny Smith	Don Traver
DEACONS		
(The Service Body of the Church)		
Amanda Smith	Steve Albrecht Sr (2 nd term)	Patrick Martin
Tom Smith	Dawne Fay	Jack Smith (2 nd term)
Pat Zerbe	Karen Albrecht	Phyllis Menzenski

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.**



Friendship Callers

Friendship Callers will be visiting shut-ins on Tuesday, March 17th.
Visitation is on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, we meet in the Yellow Room at 9:30am.
If you are interested in joining this group or have any questions,
please see Joan Smith or call her at 635-3687.



3/3 @ 2pm **Introductory Session**
3/10 @ 2pm **Session 1/2**
3/17 **NO MEETING**
3/24 @ 2pm **Session 3/4**
4/14 @ 2pm **Session 5/6**

3/3 @ 7pm **Session 1/2**
3/17 **NO MEETING**
3/24 @ 2pm **Session 3/4**
4/7 @ 7pm **Session 5/6**

The study is Illuminating Lent by Donald McKim. The books are in, a suggested donation of \$7 (or \$10 if you want to help someone else have one).

You are welcome to come to one or all sessions, we will meet in the Parlor. Please let Pastor Lynn know if you are interested in joining either group!



**Sale
Donations
Needed**

SAVE THE DATE



**Plant
Sale**

May Fest: Friday, May 15

We are planning to make this event one day, Friday only, from mid-day until 8:00 p.m. The booths will be the same: Attic, Baked goods, Books, Children's Toys and Games, and Plants, along with food from the Kitchen. Start looking for new and gently used items to donate, and look over your recipes for the popular Baked goods booth. Watch the April Pres for more details.



**Free Spaghetti Dinner scheduled for Saturday, March 28th
from 4:30 p.m. -7:00 p.m.**

ITEMS NEEDED: Donations of angel hair pasta, spaghetti sauce, cash donations for meat, and homemade apple crisp for dessert.

HELP NEEDED: We also need workers to serve in the dining room, set up and clean up and of course LOTS of people to come and eat. Signup sheets will be available in the Fellowship Hall.

Please call the church office at 635-3289 to make a reservation.




ADAMS GIFT CARDS



It is always a good time to support our church! It is always a good time to shop at Adams! Do both by participating in the Adams gift card fundraiser. See Helen Traver on Sundays or Joyce or Linda in the church office to purchase a \$25, \$50 or \$100 gift card. Then go shopping or give the card as a gift. It is that simple.

We have been doing this fundraiser for over eight years. Sincere thanks to all who have faithfully participated over the years. Every sale DOES make a difference in the life of our church.

Christian  **Education**

Beth Murphy, CE Coordinator murphygba@aol.com 845-868-7298(h) 845-242-0325 (C)

The next meeting of the Christian Education Committee will be held on **Wednesday, April 1st** at **6:00 pm** in the **Parlor**.
All are welcome!



Mark your Calendars! Vacation Bible School is scheduled for July 13-18, 2020.
We need many volunteers to make the learning experience wonderful for the children.



NEW (CHANGED) PW MINISTRY

I want to thank all of you for faithfully bringing the ingredients each month for me to deliver to The Lunch Box at family partnership in Poughkeepsie. This has been a Presbyterian Women’s ministry for many years.

Recently, we were not able to always have enough donations for the ziti dinner we were providing and have used the designated funds earmarked for this project in the PW budget to buy the missing ingredients. As PW is exploring changes for the future, we have voted to simplify our mission giving and to devote all of our energies to our local food bank, The Pleasant Valley Ecumenical Food Pantry.

Jean and Steve Albrecht and many others have worked tirelessly to make this local source of food and needed supplies available every Wednesday evening for those here in our area who are less fortunate and need help with the basics of life. We know there are supplies that run out every week at the Food Pantry such as laundry detergent and personal supplies like shampoo and deodorant. If we can each bring one or two of these items each month in place of the ingredients, we supplied for the Lunch box, we could prevent this shortage.

I hope we can continue to go where the Spirit leads us, and make a difference in the lives of those we are called to serve. We will continue to provide the H.A.S.H. basket which has been moved to the bottom of the stairs in the Fellowship Hall and hope to need an extra basket to contain all of these needed supplies which will be in the entrance area of the sanctuary.

Again, thank you so much for all of the spaghetti sauce, ziti, cheese and hamburger. Your faithfulness was heartwarming and showed the love we share with the world beyond our doors.

Karen Haight

Don't forget to change your clocks ahead one hour
on Saturday night, March 7th.





*Please keep these
people in your daily
prayers.*

Prayers for Jorge Perez (friend of Amanda Smith) who is recovering at home.

Prayers for Jen Tucker (friend of Amanda Smith) who is battling cancer.

Prayers for healing and patience for the step father-in-law of Phyllis Menzenski's daughter after a recent surgery.

Prayers of sympathy for the Sauer family on the passing of Missy's mother, Skip Walker.

Prayers for Roland Neumann as he deals with medical issues.

Prayers of sympathy for the family of Ruthie (Judy Brandow's sister-in-law) who passed away recently.

Prayers for RoseAnn (a friend of Karen Haight) who is having shoulder replacement surgery.

Prayers for Peggy (Beth Murphy's cousin) who has been fighting cancer and finished her treatment, but is now dealing with a broken hip.

Prayers for Cindy Cerone (a parent at Missy Sauer's school) who had a successful surgery and is at Helen Hayes.

Prayers for Eileen (friend of the Sauers) for continued healing after her recent double lung transplant.

Prayers for Barbara Huneke's brother-in-law dealing with difficult health issues and her sister-in-law his caregiver.

Prayers for Emma (a friend of Ashley Keck) whose cancer (2nd time) is in remission and a joy for a new baby in their family.

Prayers for Faith Reynolds who is recuperating at home.

Living with cancer: Karleen Daley, Janet Dowd (Charlotte Wheelers's cousin), Scott (Merle Coy's son), Penny Sawner, Chris Woodward (Harriet Mark's brother), Mike Mikula (Joyce Brower's brother-in-law), Kay Bruns.

Ongoing health issues: Elsie (Judy Brandow's sister-in-law), Peggy (Beth Murphy's cousin), Bill Owen (Alta & Jerry's son-in-law), Rick Fay, Edith & Dave (Donna Sheak's parents), Leta Salvador (Carol Smith's aunt),

Currently deployed: Jonathan Wolf-Davidson in Afghanistan until November 2020, Tim (a friend of Nick Becker, Karen Haight's grandson) who has been deployed to Iraq and Lindsay Siller who is deployed to Qatar.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 PVN 8-1:00	3 PVN 8-1:00	4 PVN 8-1:00	5 PVN 8-1:00	6 PVN 8-1:00	7
9:30am WORSHIP 10:30 am CONGREGATIONAL MTG 11:00am Bible Study	6pm Stamping/ Jean (YR) 6pm Pound Ex(FH) 7pm Bell Choir	2-4pm Bible Study (Parlor) 5:30-8TienTao/FH 7pm Bible Study (Parlor) 7:30 NA	10-1 Bargain Bsmt 5:30-8 Tien Tao (FH) 7:00pm CE Comm. Mtg. (Parlor)	6pm Pound Ex(FH) 6:30 Boy Scouts 7 pm Senior Choir	5:30-8 TienTao (FH)	10am Tai Chi (Chapel) 10-1 Barg Bsmt 11am -7pm Pomona Grange (FH & Kitchen)
8	9 PVN 8-1:00	10 PVN 8-1:00	11 PVN 8-1:00	12 PVN 8-1:00	13 PVN 8-1:00	14
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15	16 PVN 8-1:00	17 PVN 8-1:00	18 PVN 8-1:00	19 PVN 8-1:00	20 PVN 8-1:00	21
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22	23 PVN 8-1:00	24 PVN 8-1:00	25 PVN 8-1:00	26 PVN 8-1:00	27 PVN 8-1:00	28
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29	30 PVN 8-1:00	31 PVN 8-1:00				
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