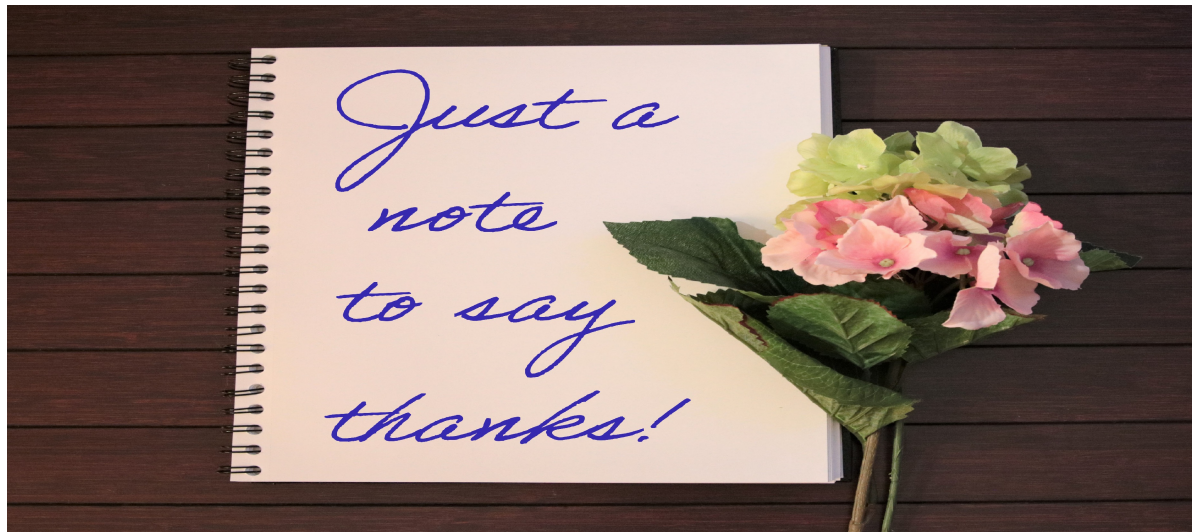


The Youth will be collecting cans of food and other non-perishable food items through Super Bowl. Once the Super Bowl teams are announced, we will have tables set up to donate items to your favorite team.



Youth will be collecting donations of notebooks, markers, colored pencils, crayons, journals etc for children that receive services through CASA for the month of February.



## THE MUSTARD SEED SAYS THANK YOU!

On behalf of the Ecumenical Board of the Mustard Seed, I would like to thank the congregation of First Presbyterian Church for their annual gift of warm winter outerwear, socks and underwear. These cozy hats, scarves and gloves will be so appreciated by those who receive them. Thank you for this lovely, warm gesture.

Sincerely,

Harriett Northey, Secretary



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12<sup>th</sup> - Courtney Nuzum

19<sup>th</sup> - Beckie Alvaro

26<sup>th</sup> - Heather Sigmon

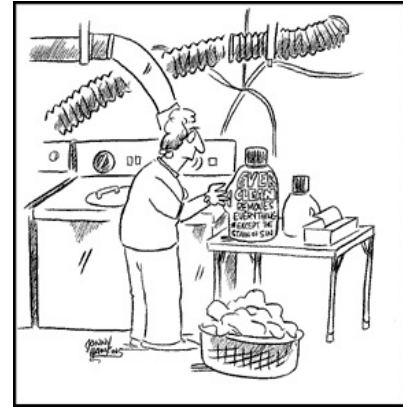
## ***Laundry Ministry for February***

***2<sup>nd</sup> - James and Jeanne***

***9<sup>th</sup> - John and Charla***

***16<sup>th</sup> - Suzi and Sally***

***23<sup>rd</sup> - Wayne and Harriett***



## ***Worship Leaders***

***5<sup>th</sup> - Maria Morrison***

***12<sup>th</sup> - Ginger Delawder***

***19<sup>th</sup> - Bryon Delawder***

***26<sup>th</sup> - Loria Cavallo***

## ***Ushers***

***Denver Atkinson, Lance Kuhens***

***Lance Kuhens, Hank Lawrence, Andrea Myerburg***

***Jason Burnett, Lance Kuhens***

***David Allman, Denver Atkinson, Lance Kuhens***

## First Presbyterian Church

### Session Highlights

Wednesday, January 18 5:30 p.m.



## Session Notes

- We are trying to get our committees all up and meeting again.
- The evangelism/fellowship committee will meet after church on January 29<sup>th</sup> and the fourth Sunday of the month going forward.
- The new publicity committee will meet after church on February 5<sup>th</sup> and the first Sunday of each month going forward.
- The Worship and Music/C.E. committee will meet after church on Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> and the second Sunday of each month going forward.
- The Property Committee will meet after church on the 19<sup>th</sup> and the third Sunday each month going forward.
- Gave scholarship to Ashleigh Burnett.
- Approved seven Lenten lunches and services. Cost of the meal \$5.00 (\$4 in 2019)
- Approved the youth group having a fund raiser potato luncheon before the congregational meeting on Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Bombardiere has installed new motor and pump in furnace room.
- Received a quote for security cameras from United Sound \$5,861. The property committee will discuss further.
- Decided to buy three new carpet runners to protect the new flooring in the downstairs hall from snow and salt being tracked onto it.
- Laundromat and Hygiene Kit ministries are going well.
- Elected Harriett Northey to be our commissioner to the Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> Presbytery Meeting.
- The results of the congregation voting on proposed goals for 2023 were as follows:  
*28 people responded. All five goals received some support. The top goals were:*

1. "Get the Lenten Lunches going again." 21

2. "Form an advertising committee that will meet monthly to get the word out on the various programs and ministries of the church."  
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*The other three goals were in order of voting:*

3. "Have at least three prayer or other events using the green space beside the church." 7
4. "Begin at least one new outreach ministry to the Palace and/or the Mason House apartments" 7
5. "Have at least three set workdays in 2023 to put together Hygiene Kits" 4
6. "Add at least one more day per month to the Laundromat ministry." 3

-An advertising committee was formed. The members will be Denver, Hank, and Jenna.

-Approved statistical report and thanked Wayne Northey for his good work on the report.

-Offerings for the lenten meals will be the same as in previous years.

The first six will go to the Clarksburg Mission and the seventh to Health Access.

-Jenna and Sally Gray were elected to do financial audit.

-Officers of the corporation were elected.

-President: Jeff Mitchell

-Vice President(s): Harriett Northey

-Secretary: Jenna Bennett

-Treasurer: Wayne Northey

-Workday to deep clean the church before the Lenten Lunches and services will be on Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> from 9 to noon, with a backup date of Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Pastor's Report:**

**hospital visits: 2 Other significant Pastoral visits: 24** most by phone

Funeral: 12-20-22 William A. Spears Jr., burial at Bridgeport Cemetery

**Sacrament of Communion:** Was celebrated on Jan. 8 and served to 37 people.

**Home communion** was served this month with the help of Elder Dick Ogden to 10 people.

**Pastor's Discretionary Fund 2022 -**

Month	Requests	Completed	Amt. Pledged	Amt. Disbursed
January	14	14	\$1,485.82	\$1,485.82
February	6	6	\$600.00	\$600.00
March	9	9	\$900.00	\$900.00
April	5	5	\$500.00	\$500.00
May	6	6	\$600.00	\$600.00
June	0	0	0	0
July	4	4	\$412.24	\$412.24
August	9	9	\$900.00	\$900.00
September	13	13	\$1300.00	\$1300.00
October	1	1	\$100.00	\$100.00
November	6	6	\$600.00	\$600.00
December	2	2	\$200.00	\$200.00

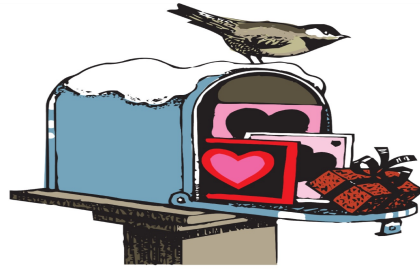
There was a balance of \$1780.41 as of December 31, 2022

We have assisted with \$7598.06 through December 31, 2022

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

	Jan to Dec 22	Budget	% of Budget
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$173,880.31</b>	<b>\$177,154.00</b>	<b>98.2%</b>
<b>Net Ordinary I/C</b>	<b>\$19,489.94</b>	<b>\$-12,454.00</b>	<b>-156.5%</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$19489.84</b>	<b>\$-12,454.00</b>	<b>-156.5%</b>

## February Scriptures and Sermons



## Scriptures

### February 5 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany (Communion)

Scriptures: \*Isaiah 58:1-9  
Matthew 5:13-20

Sermon Title: “Hypocrisies”

Theme: God wants more than individual acts of piety. God wants to see changed lives. God wants more for us than empty rituals. God wants us to live out the love we receive from him in how we relate to others.

### February 12 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

Scriptures: \*Deuteronomy 30:15-20  
Matthew 5:21-37

Sermon Title: “A Life or Death Choice”

Theme: As the Israelites are about to enter the Promised Land, Moses gives them one last talk. He is old and weak and will not be able to accompany them into the new land. So he challenges them to choose to follow God and God only.

### February 19 Transfiguration of the Lord

Scriptures: Exodus 24:12-18  
\*Matthew 17:1-9

Sermon Title: “Listen”

Theme: When Jesus is transfigured before the disciples, a voice speaks from heaven and says, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” One of the hardest things for us to do is simply listen for understanding. Fortunately for us, we are given the help of the Holy Spirit, so that we might truly hear what Jesus is revealing to us.

### February 26 First Sunday in Lent

Scriptures: Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7  
\*Matthew 4:1-11

Sermon Title: “Who Wants More Conflict in Their Lives?”

Theme: Jesus begins his ministry in conflict, being tempted by the Devil. Through all of his ministry he is in conflict with the Pharisees and those in authority. Jesus always resists the temptation to go along to get along. He remains true to who he is. None of us wants more conflict in our lives. Yet, to be a true follower of Jesus will lead us into some temptations and conflict.

John's Jottings



Sermons.com had a list of what 4 to 8 year olds said about love.

The one that really got me to thinking was this: *"When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. You know that your name is safe in their mouth."*

This rings so true for me. It also got me to pondering what our names sound like when God says them. In Isaiah 43:1-2 God says, "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior."

God not only knows our name and calls us by name, God claims us as his children. "See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are." (1 John 3:1)

What does your name sound like when God says it?

One of the most well-known verses in the Bible is John 3:16. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."

The promise is that God not only loves us and knows our name. God also loves us enough to die for us. We can be sure that our name is safe in God's mouth.

I invite you to place your name in John 3:16 and hear this verse as personal to you. "God so loved (your name) that he gave his only Son, so that (your name) who believes in him should not perish but (your name) shall have eternal life.

God knows your name, calls you by name, and speaks your name in such a way as to remove all doubt that you are valued and loved.

Hope and confidence,  
John





Feb. 22-

Sandi and Courtney Nuzum- broccoli and cheese soup with chicken salad and pimento cheese sandwiches

March 1- Beckie Alvaro - Italian tomato soup

March 8- Kandy Atkinson- chicken and rice soup, pork barbecue sandwiches and a few pimento cheese sandwiches

March 15- Janet Wilson- chili and grilled cheese

March 22- Pam Mitchell- potato soup, egg salad and pimento cheese sandwiches

March 29- Jeanne Harris- chicken noodle or vegetable soup----Will prepare it and drop it off, but can't be there during the luncheon

April 5- Terra Burnett and Youth Group- minestrone soup and grilled cheese

Volunteers:

Sandi and Courtney Nuzum- will help on all Wednesdays

Kandy Atkinson- will help with most Wednesdays

Anne Davis-will help except for March 22<sup>nd</sup>

Beckie Alvaro- will help on all Wednesdays

Ginger Delawder- can help with most, if not all

Sally Gray- can help with most of the lunches

Connie Leuliette- can help with the lunches

Amy Strange- will help as often as she can

Beth Allen- can help on March 1



There will be sign up flyers in the bulletin for each week for desserts, or help with the luncheon. We appreciate all the volunteers! Thank you!



3<sup>rd</sup> - Dottie Rinehart

5<sup>th</sup> - Anne Smallridge

6<sup>th</sup> - Wilson Leiberling  
Susan McElroy

8<sup>th</sup> - Susan Hollandsworth

10<sup>th</sup> - Harmony Compton  
Ivy Woodburn

13<sup>th</sup> - Sally Gray

Micah Plants

14<sup>th</sup> - Kris Pulling

Heather Sigmon

15<sup>th</sup> - Megan Strange

17<sup>th</sup> - Bradley Burnett, Linda Lonsinger

22<sup>nd</sup> - Elisabeth Moore  
Karen Tyson

24<sup>th</sup> - Carter Morrison  
Victoria Morrison  
Sarah Weese

26<sup>th</sup> - Lauren Byers  
Nancy Jarrett

Genie Koerner Werstein  
Brad Nickerson

27<sup>th</sup> Abigail Northey