



The Church Mouse

First Presbyterian Church

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Serving Christ, Community, and One Another Since 1872



Dear Friends,

Jim Ritter the pastor of the Baptist Church in Watsonstown told us an interesting story the other morning at the Men's Breakfast. It was about a church in Germany that did not have electric lighting. Instead each person brought their own candles. When the church was full of people there was no problem. There was plenty of light and everything went well. When people were gone it grew darker and worship was more difficult.

What an excellent lesson for every church. We function best when everyone is here sharing the light of Christ with others. Every person is important and when they are gone they are missed. I often hear people say that it doesn't matter if they miss church there are others there. They even seem to doubt that they will be missed. But that isn't true; the light of God does not shine as brightly, the fellowship of the Holy Spirit doesn't come through when you aren't there. It is especially true of a smaller church

like ours. You can't get lost in the crowd.

I hope each of you will realize how valuable you are to this congregation. You are loved and treasured as a child of God and you are his light to the world. The light shines brightest when everyone is here.

*In Christ,
Pastor Paul*

SERMONS FOR FEBRUARY

February 2 – "The Light of First Dawn"

February 9 – "God's Valentine"

February 16 – "Read the Directions"

February 23 - "Holy High, Holy Low"



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Adult Sunday School meets
Sunday morning at 9:30 am.



MEN'S BREAKFAST The Men's Breakfast meets Wednesdays
at 7:00 am.



Service of Communion Communion will be served on Sunday,
February 2nd.



FOR YOUR INFO The Watson Book Club meets
Tuesday, February 4th at 1:00 pm. The Club will
be discussing "Dinner at the Homesick
Restaurant" by Ann Tyler.



WEIGEL'S CRAZY BINGO Weigel's Crazy Bingo will be held
on Sunday, February 9th (weather
permitting) at 6:00 pm. Bring a wrapped
'white elephant' gift and have some fun
with your church family!



FUNDRAISER The Wendy's Fundraiser will be on
Tuesday, February 18th. Eat at the Wendy's in
Lewisburg between 5pm and 8pm and we
receive a percentage of the profits. Easiest
fundraiser ever! See you there!



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY Women's Bible Study will meet on
Wednesday, February 19th at 7:00 pm. We are
studying The Ten Commandments. All women
of the church are welcome to attend.



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE The Ash Wednesday service is
on February 26th at 7:00 pm.

The Bulletin Board

Sunday, February 2
Communion

Tuesday, February 4
Watson Book Club, 1:00 pm

Wednesday, February 5
Men's Breakfast, 7:00 am

Sunday, February 9
"God's Valentine"
Crazy Bingo, 6:00 pm

Wednesday, February 12
Men's Breakfast, 7:00 am

Sunday, February 16
"Read the Directions"
Session Meeting, after worship

Tuesday, February 18
Wendy's Fundraiser, 5:00pm-8:00pm

Wednesday, February 19
Men's Breakfast, 7:00 am
Women's Bible Study, 7:00 pm

Sunday, February 23
"Holy High, Holy Low"

Wednesday, February 26
Men's Breakfast, 7:00 am
Ash Wednesday Service, 7:00 pm

Upcoming Events March

Sunday, March 1
Communion, First Sunday of Lent



February 2

Greeter – Sandie & Wally Fairman

Lay Reader – Karen Houser

Communion – Karen Houser & Vicki Egli

February 9

Greeter – Emilie Hogg

Lay Reader – Emma Podobinski

February 16

Greeter –

Lay Reader – Steve Armstrong

February 23

Greeter – Gwen Holmes & Gary Umstead

Lay Reader – Vicki Egli



Bible Readings for the Month

February 2 – Micah 6:1-8; Psalms 15;
1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12

February 9 – Isaiah 58:1-9; Psalms 112:1-9;
1 Corinthians 2:1-12; Matthew 5:13-20

February 16 – Deuteronomy 30:15-20;
Psalms 119:1-8; 1 Corinthians 3:1-9;
Matthew 5:21-37

February 23 – Exodus 24:12-18; Psalms 2
or 99; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9

A LITTLE HUMOR

A mother was teaching her 3 year old the Lord's Prayer. She would have her child repeat each line from the prayer after her. Finally her daughter was ready to go solo. Her mother listened with pride as she carefully enunciated each word, right up to the end of the prayer: "Lead us not into temptation," she prayed, "But deliver us from e-mail."



Our prayers are with:

The Dick Foresman Family, Wayne Houser, Lori Yost, Jim Moore, Ashley, Hunter & Hannah Wool, George Sherry, Greg Wesner, Donna Hoskins, Terri Hauck, Kaci Stevenson, Eric Powell, Mark Trutt, Janet (Bair) Beckett, Rebecca Cotner, Rhonda Snyder, Linda Zarzecki, Aaron Walker, Donna & Lawrence Walker, Roxie Trutt, Don Gresh, Glenn Walker, Alex Bartlett, Cliff Elmore, Pat Groover, Ella Novcarvis, Sandy Pick, Nancy Fisher, Al Patterson, Lu Reed, Ruth Walker, Betty & Vergie Heim, Kate Shade, Norma Bower, Ellen Malloney, John Marshall, Bonnie Catherman, Janet Reasner, Clair & Margaret Walker, Penny Clark, Paul Berger, Edith Umstead, Ace Elmore

Our Special Care List: Jeanne Becker, Jane Bergman, Peggy Calabro, Reba Dotson, Gladys Klapp, Eleanor Wagner, Shirley Willkow

Deployed Military: Stefan Armstrong

Ministries: Missionaries-Doug Orbaker, Juan & Shirley Ocasio; Neighbors Helping Neighbors; Presbyterian Disaster Assistance; Haven Ministries

✦ **Please give updates on the status of those on the list to Paul or Sherry.** ✦

⇒ **Per Capita for 2020 is \$36** ⇐



If you would like to order altar flowers, the new flower chart is on the bulletin board at the back of the church.

Sign up for your special dates.



BIRTHDAYS

February 2 - Rob Brown
February 3 - Jeane Weigel
February 9 - Deekyn Brouse
February 10 - Brandon Klapp
February 21 - Donna Adams
February 22 - Dennis Seese
February 27 - Craig Kling



ANNIVERSARIES

February 3 - Rick & Deb Wolfe



- *Thanks to Joy Brown, Aladean & Donnie Weaver for taking down the holiday decorations
- *Thanks to the Men's Breakfast for taking the Christmas decorations to the basement for storage
- *Thanks to the Hospitality Committee for hosting the Annual Meeting

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

The 86th Annual Oyster Supper will be held Tuesday, February 4th at 6:30 pm in the fellowship hall of Zion Lutheran Church, Turbotville. A donation of \$17 per person will be requested at the door. Reservations are not required, though they are requested.

Please call 570-649-5195.

LETTER FROM THE WEIGELS

We received a letter over the holidays from Dick and Jeane Weigel. Here is an excerpt:

"Season's Greetings from Cedar Rapids, Iowa! In January of this year, we moved into Garnett Place, an independent and assisted living complex. We have a one bedroom apartment with a living room and bath. All meals, cleaning, and laundry are provided along with many activities. We especially enjoy exercise class, bingo, and being a part of the bell choir that performs at various events and at other assisted living facilities. Music therapy is also provided for Dick. The food is good, but does require making choices best for you.

We both feel great, however, in August it was decided I needed a pacemaker to help my heart beat evenly. A side effect is some blockage in my leg veins, which is being evaluated. Dick's memory has minimized except for his vast storehouse of songs and musical melodies. He is happy, but requires more direction from me for some activities. Everyone here at Garnett is very tolerant of his condition and really loves to hear him sing."

The letter is in the office if you would like to stop by and read the rest. The Weigel's current contact information is in the new directory. They would love to hear from you.



SESSION



Elders

Moderator - Rev. Paul A. Smith	570-742-3086
Clerk of Session - Ruth Brouse	570-490-0302
Stephan Armstrong	570-768-6906
Keith Ayers	570-772-5783
Carl Bower	570-713-7374
Wally Fairman	570-814-8193
Emilie Hogg	570-437-2392
Janet Kling	570-506-3217
Ruth Ann Williams	570-337-1741
Rick Wolfe	570-220-7106

FEBRUARY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2  AA- 7p	3	4 Book Club-1p AA- 7p	5  MEN'S BREAKFAST 7a	6	7	8
9 6pm  AA- 7p	10	11 AA- 7p	12  MEN'S BREAKFAST 7a	13	14	15
16 AA- 7p	17 Watsonstown Guild	18  FUND RAISER Wendy's AA- 7p	19  MEN'S BREAKFAST 7a  Women's Bible Study 7p	20	21	22
23 AA- 7p	24	25 AA- 7p	26  MEN'S BREAKFAST 7a  Ash Wednesday Service 7p	27	28	29

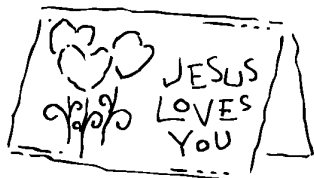
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Make tray favors for a local hospital, nursing home, nutrition project or home-delivered meal program.

You will need for each:

- white, unlined index cards (4"x6")
- red & pink construction paper
- markers — green, black
- glue or glue stick



- ♥ Fold card in half
- ♥ Cut 3 hearts from colored paper. Make them about 1 inch high.
- ♥ Glue the hearts on the left side, overlap a little.
- ♥ Use marker to make "stems" from the hearts — they'll look like a bouquet of flowers.
- ♥ On the right side print a message or a verse, such as "Jesus Loves You."



During the month of February we focus on special feelings and people. We see hearts everywhere and send cards and greetings to friends and family. We need to do this every month!

Use the code to find a special message from God. It's good for any day — any month!



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“I have loved you with an everlasting love.”