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“Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.”

1 John 4:8

DIGITAL CHURCH

We continue to remain digital for Sunday services. Please join us every Sunday at 10:30 am on Facebook for a service LIVE! Note you do not need a Facebook account to view past videos! You can access all of the previous services here: <https://www.facebook.com/greenwoodpres/live>.

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SUBMISSIONS TO THE PRESBY PRESS

Submitted by Lauren Underwood

Thank you to everyone who submits items to me for printing! I love seeing all of the fun items you come up with! Please know that due to space constraints, sometimes I can't get all the fun stuff in here for the month submitted, but I will do my best. With us all being so distant, I want to make sure this newsletter not only provides important information for all members regarding Church activities and updates, but also some lightheartedness and sharing of talent – like Eleanor's bulletin boards and Fran's poetry! Please continue to share your talents (any cooks out there have some more recipes to share?) and important news. Thank you!

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held following worship on February 7th. This will be a virtual meeting so plan to stay on Facebook when the service ends. You will be able to vote or ask questions by using the comments feature. You should receive a copy of the written reports by mail prior to the meeting.

SUBMISSIONS TO THE WEBSITE

Suzette Blythe is posting for us on the GPC website. If you have an event, information, etc. that should be shared on the website please send it to Suzette at suzibly@gmail.com by the 5th of the month. Please be specific with the date of the event so it can be removed when it is over and we can keep our website current. If you can't send it by email then call her at 630-379-2838.

PER CAPITA

Per Capita for 2021 is \$41.42. Your contribution of this above your pledge will enable more local mission.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

When the Chiefs meet the Bucs in the Super Bowl on February 7th we will celebrate by feeding the hungry through the Souper Bowl of Caring. While we won't be able to vote for our favorite team in the Super Bowl by dropping a dollar in the Soup Kettles we can include an extra dollar or two in our offering when we send it to the church during February. The money will go to the Presbyterian Hunger Fund which works around the world to alleviate hunger and its root causes. Be sure to indicate on your check or envelope how much you are including for the Souper Bowl of Caring offering.

SESSION MINI-MINUTES

Submitted by Judy Lovejoy

January Session meeting is the home of the dreaded Consent Agenda where Session approves who will serve on Personnel, Finance, Nominating, who will serve as Clerk and Treasurer and reaffirm many of the policies that control the business of the church. Lauren Underwood is now the Church Treasurer, freeing Gary Vandergriff to concentrate on his role as the Elder in charge of Christian Education. Steve Baker was elected moderator of the Finance Committee.

Anna Sosbe, a new elder starting this year, will be part of the Outreach Department. Most other positions remain the same.

One other change of note is that we will use an internal audit committee this year instead of having CapinCrouse audit the financial accounts. Members of the committee will be Steve Baker and Kristi Hackett. The plan is to use CapinCrouse every other year, alternating with an internal committee. This will save us a lot of money while guaranteeing that our accounting methods remain sound. Scout Sunday, usually held the second Sunday in February has been postponed to later in the year when we can be back in the sanctuary.

PUZZLE FEST

Submitted by Judy Lovejoy

The Outreach Department is sponsoring a Puzzle Fest. Anyone who enjoys doing jigsaw puzzles is invited to participate by contributing a puzzle or puzzles to the box in the narthex or taking a puzzle that someone else has donated. This way we'll all have new puzzles to complete while we are stuck at home. Once we have enough puzzles we will open the puzzle exchange to the neighborhood by putting a box of puzzles outside the front door at specific times each week. This will function somewhat like a Little Free Library. Perhaps we should call it the Little Free Puzzle Box.

DEACONS UPDATE

Submitted by Kathy Wood

Please note that the Deacons will meet Thursday, February 4th at **2:00 PM.**



BOY SCOUT NEWS

*Submitted by Dave Baker
Liaison for BSA Troop #266*



BSA Troop #266 Troop Meetings are
Thursdays from 7:00pm to 8:30 pm
Meeting in the Fellowship Hall

NOTE: Limited to 35 Scouts and Parents

(per the State of Indiana and GPC requirements until further notice)

All people entering GPC must wear a MASK & follow the rules set by the State Board of Health.

- ❖ February meetings are: February 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th
- ❖ Friday, February 12th – Sunday, February 14th: Campout at Clifty Falls State Park. Leave Church at 5:30pm on Friday and return on Sunday around noon.
- ❖ Sunday, February 14th: SCOUT SUNDAY – POSTPONED TO ANOTHER DATE TBD
- ❖ Thursday, February 18th at 6:00 pm: Patrol Leaders Meeting, also QA Elections during the Troop Meeting.
- ❖ Saturday, February 20th at 10:00 am: Knife Building (Youth) weekend. Please see Leaders for more details.
- ❖ Sunday, February 21st at 7:00 pm: Adult Committee Meeting at GPC in Rooms #16, #18, and #20.

CUB SCOUTS - TBA

BROWNIES – See Leaders for information. Meetings are as follows: February 3rd, 10th, & the 17th at GPC in Fellowship Hall 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Anybody interested in Scouting please contact the Church Office.

Recipe of the Month

RED VELVET POPCORN

Submitted by a (hungry) Lauren Underwood from cookiesandcups.com

Ingredients:

- ❖ 1/2 cup unpopped kernels approx 16 cups popped popcorn
- ❖ 3 cups red velvet cake crumbs (about 1/4 of a 9x13 cake)
- ❖ 20 oz white chocolate or white melting candy, such as almond bark or disks)

Directions:

- ❖ Pop the popcorn using an air popper into a large bowl. Note: If you don't have an air popper you can use 2 bags of microwave popcorn, just make sure you get the lightly salted/buttered or a "natural".
- ❖ Melt your white chocolate according to package directions. You can use a double boiler for white chocolate.
- ❖ Pour the melted chocolate over the popcorn and stir to coat completely.
- ❖ Pour the popcorn onto a waxed paper lined counter and sprinkle with your red velvet crumbs.
- ❖ Let it dry completely before eating.
- ❖ Note: this recipe calls for approx 3 cups red velvet cake crumbs. This doesn't have to be exact. Use more or less depending on the results you desire. If you use a boxed mix red velvet cake you will be using about 1/4 of the cake if baked in a 9x13 pan.

VALENTINE'S DAY MEMORIES

Created by Eleanor Mitchell



POETRY

Submitted by Fran Mitchell

HISTORY 101 ??

Dec. 7, 1941, Sept. 11, 2001,
Jan. 6, 2021--
All dates in infamy
in this great land of mine.
Jan. 6, 2021, Epiphany,
Christians commemorate--
But, on this date,
something went awry--
Evil entered intoo
this precious land of mine;
Hate prevailed, an angry mob
crossed far across the line.
We did survive,
tho' lives were lost;
Order was restored,
but, at an awful cost;
Tradition was completed;
many eyes were opened wide;
How had things become so bad?
it really seemed so sad.

Stanza II

Jan. 20, 2021, Inauguration day--
I can breathe again--
I had been so afraid
of what today would be--
But, by the Grace of God,
I, now thankfully see
There's hope again--
Where peace and cooperation
can be the rule of thumb;
Where love and tolerance
isn't seen as dumb.
We thank you, Lord,
but please don't leave us yet--
There's still a lot of work to do;
please show us , now,
how we can help, too.
Let peace and order reign anew--
for ALL, not just for a few.
God bless America--
Peace be with us all--
Fran M.

The Story of the Other Wise Man By Henry Van Dyke

Submitted by Jan McFerran

Reprinted from Indiana Retired Educators-Bulletin Board Magazine

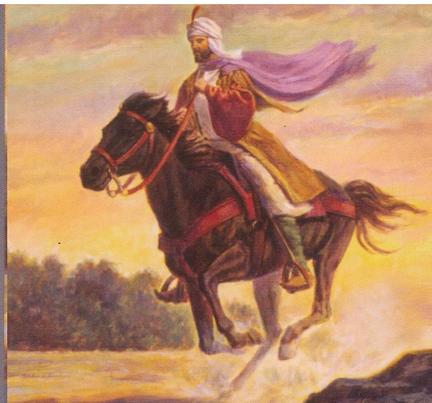
I hope you will find this book and read for yourself the enduring story of the fourth Wise Man. It is the story of Artaban, a Magi who, along with three other students of Zoroaster, saw signs in the heavens that foretold the coming of a new King. Artaban plans to meet the others for their journey into Judea, for the prophecies say this is where the King will arrive. As he leaves on the journey, he carries three precious jewels as gifts for the child they hope to find.

Before Artaban can reach the other three, he comes across a dying man. Knowing that if he stops to help, he may miss the others, he nevertheless takes time to help the man and bring him back to health. When he arrives at the meeting place, the others have left a note, telling him to follow them across the desert. To follow, he must sell one jewel, a sapphire, for the means to help him make the lonely journey.

When Artaban arrives in Bethlehem, he searches the town and finally speaks to a woman who is singing to her baby. She tells him about the three travelers who came, but then hurried away. She also knows of a family with a newborn who left suddenly. Before he leaves her home, he hears the feet of soldiers coming

toward the house, and steps to the door as the captain starts to enter. Artaban knows that the soldiers will kill the child if they find it, and even though it pains him, he gives up his second jewel to bribe the captain not to enter.

Through the years, Artaban searches from city to city, country to country, looking for the King. After thirty-three years, he has grown old and worn out from his journeys and from his work among those he met who were poor or sick or broken. At last he has returned to Jerusalem at the time of Passover. He hears that a crucifixion is to take place, that of two thieves and a man who had angered the priests and elders because he gave himself out to be the Son of God. Artaban realizes that at long last he has found the King, and that his remaining jewel may be the key to save him. But as he moves toward the hill where the crucifixion is to take place, he sees soldiers dragging a young girl who is to be sold as a slave. Once more, he must make the hard decision, whether to help someone in need or keep the jewel for the King.



He gives the luminescent pearl, the most beautiful of his three jewels, to the girl to buy her freedom. Just then the skies darken and the earth trembles. A tile falls onto Artaban's head and as he lies breathless, with his head resting on the young girl, there comes a sound, like music. She thinks she hears something but cannot make out any words. Then Artaban whispers, "Not so, my Lord: for when saw I thee hungry and fed thee? Or thirsty and gave thee drink?" Faintly, she now hears these words in the sweet reply,

"Verily, I say unto thee, Inasmuch as thou hast done it unto one the least of these my brethren, thou hast done it unto me."

Artaban's journey is ended. He has found his King and his gifts have been accepted.

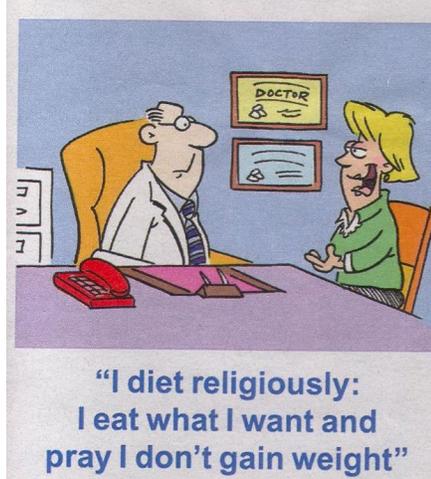
JUST FOR FUN

Submitted by Fran Mitchell

Kids are Funny!

We were watching the nativity play at church last year, and we got to the part where the three wise men present their gifts. When it came time for the child to bring forth the frankincense, he bellowed, "Frank sent this!" – R.G., Topeka, KS

After Sunday school one afternoon, my 5-year-old granddaughter was telling me about the gifts given to the baby Jesus by the Wise Men. When I asked her if she remembered what the shepherds brought, she thought for a bit and then asked, "Was it pies?" – G.G., Manalapan, NJ



2020 YEAR IN REVIEW

Created by Eleanor Mitchell



BIRTHDAYS



FEBRUARY		MARCH	
1	Larry Fulkerson	1	Chuck Denlinger
5	Bob Stockton	3	Helen Banton
7	Stuart Laughlin	5	Betsy Fulkerson
	David Paquette		Suzanne Coyle
14	Andy Barnes	8	Fred Hackett
	Geraldine Sullivan-Clark	10	Jim Barnes
27	Jim Duke	13	Gayle Talley
		14	Keith Hardin
			Jim Lowes
		15	Fred Johnson
			Bill McFerran
		16	Braeden Nelson
		17	Jack Schier
		18	Harry Hardin
		24	Joyce Baker
		25	Ashley Hubbard
		30	Kristi Hackett

