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“And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love.
Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.”
1 John 4:16

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

As we head into February, our calendars are filling up fast! There seems to be so much going on these days! Be sure to check out all of the opportunities to join in fellowship all through this month’s issue! You can definitely tell we bond and praise over food! Stay warm and cozy with the weather forecasts! Also, a personal thank you to everyone for the birthday wishes last month as I celebrated # 40 – I appreciate your kind words, cards and calls more than you know!

Your Editor, Lauren

SESSION MINI-MINUTES

Submitted by Jan Mernone

January finds session looking over and making changes to the Consent Agenda where Session approves who will serve on Personnel, Finance, Nominating, who will serve as Clerk and Treasurer. Here we also reaffirm policies that control the business of the Church. Jan Mernone has become the new Clerk (Judy leaves big shoes to fill). Jack Schier became Finance Committee chair, Anna Sosbe is chair of Personnel and Nominating Committee. We are still trying to fill some slots left vacant on Personnel and Nominating Committee.

Thanks to all of you, the church ended the year in a healthy financial position. Nurturing the Church continues with in person worship, masks optional for vaccinated and unvaccinated still required to wear masks while in the Church. Choir will return when infections head down. Outreach is planning a Community Mardi Gras Pancake Supper on March 1 from 5-7. Socks and underwear will be collected in February for Resources of Hope in Whiteland. A 6 week “Soup’s On Saturday” will start on Saturday, February 5 at 11. Come enjoy lunch, fellowship, a relaxation session, and games. Souper Bowl Sunday will be February 13. Money will go to the Refuge and InterFaith Food Pantry. Looking forward to Boy Scout Sunday on February 13 and the smell of pancakes and sausage wafting up the stairs. In February we will also be celebrating and installation and ordination ceremony and a Baptism.

We will be having CapinCrouse audit the financial accounts this year. We are doing this every other year, alternating with an internal committee. Stay warm. See you in church. 😊

2022 PER CAPITA

Per Capita for 2022 is **\$42.29**. Your contribution of this above your pledge will enable more local mission.

RESOURCES OF HOPE

Throughout the month of February, Outreach is collecting new socks and underwear for Resources of Hope, a program based in Whiteland that provides support for children in foster care. Children often arrive at a foster home with nothing but the clothes on their back. Parents then have to scramble to find clothing and other required items quickly. Resources of Hope maintains a clothing closet where parents can “shop” for needed items. The children served range from infants through age 18, so socks and underwear of all sizes are needed. Place your donations in the chest in the narthex.

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who donated boxed meals for The Refuge in January. We delivered approximately 125 food items to them this weekend. We'll be doing it again in April, so be sure to start collecting now!

SOUP'S ON SATURDAYS

Submitted by Pastor Peter, Outreach and Presbyterian Women

Tired of eating alone? Feeling tense and/or anxious? Want to have some fun with friends? *Soup's On Saturdays* are for you. PW and Outreach are joining to offer a new program on Saturdays for six weeks starting February 5. Starting at 11:00 a.m., Kay Talley will be leading us in relaxation exercises. Pastor Peter will then do a short devotion followed by one of Kathy Johnson's famous soups along with bread baked by Judy Lovejoy, and dessert at noon. After lunch those who wish to stay and visit are welcome to do so. A variety of board games and cards will be available for those who are interested. Please bring a pillow or two if you want to participate in the relaxation exercises. A yoga mat, if you have one, may also be helpful but not necessary.

So in a time when we need each other, and nutrition, and exercise, S.O.S . . . Soup's on Saturday.

PANCAKES! **BOY SCOUT SUNDAY**

The second Sunday in February (Feb. 13) is Boy Scout Sunday. There will be a contingent of scouts in worship that morning, and they will serve a pancake breakfast for us after worship. Oh boy!

MORE PANCAKES! **MARDI GRAS**

COME CELEBRATE MARDI GRAS at the church on March 1. You know that Mardi Gras literally means “Fat Tuesday,” right? Well the tradition is that you (symbolically) rid your house of all the fat for Lent with a pancake dinner that evening. So, we are going to do just that! Outreach is sponsoring a Mardi Gras Pancake Supper on Tuesday, March 1. Bring your friends. Our neighbors are all invited to join us for good food and fun. Dinner will be served from 5 p.m. till 7 p.m. Good conversation and fun activities will be the highlight of the evening...along with plenty of Mardi Gras beads!

MENS' GROUP SERVING BREAKFAST AT THE REFUGE

Submitted by Pastor Peter Zinn

Our Mens' Group is staking turns with other community organizations in serving breakfast to the Refuge's food pantry clients. Breakfast usually consists of eggs, toast, sausage, orange juice and coffee (milk for the kids). For us, it happens on the second Tuesday morning of a month (Feb. 8 in this case), at 8:30 a.m. Y'all come!

TUTORING

The Tutoring Program at Isom Elementary School has finally been able to restart after a year and a half of COVID restrictions. Five tutors began meeting with students on January 10. The format is very different this year with tutors meeting individually with children during the school day.

ASH WEDNESDAY

It's coming up. We will have our annual Ash Wednesday service of worship Wednesday evening, March 2, at 7:00 p.m. Let's begin our Lent with worship, again this year.

P.W. NEWS – LEAST COIN

Submitted by Bev Fiandt, Moderator

It has been relayed to me that with the infrequency of Circle meetings, some do not know how to turn in the jar of pennies they have collected. Collection may be left in the P.W. mailbox in the office. Our Treasurer, Kristi Hackett, or her "assistant", Fred, will retrieve them and see that a check is sent to the proper organization.

Presbyterian Women donate the least coin of their currency - nickels or dimes if no pennies are available - for each prayer. We invite men and children also to support this cause. A more complete definition of the Least Coin follows:

The Fellowship of the Least Coin has flourished as a global ecumenical women's prayer movement for over fifty years. The key to the movement's success is its simplicity. Individuals or groups may join by committing to pray for peace, justice and reconciliation among families and communities, and worldwide. Each time a woman prays, she sets aside the least coin of her local currency as a symbol of the prayer. Women's regional groups collect the coins and send them to the central FLC fund in Geneva, Switzerland. The prayers and least coins collected support projects for women and children around the world.

FEATHER IN YOUR CAP

I would like to nominate Dana Baker to receive a feather in her cap because Dana keeps our sanctuary beautiful with the proper use of the symbolic church colors throughout the year. She also is a talented florist and maker of marvelously delicious food! - Ebbie Crawford





BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

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



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Save Sunday February 13 for Scout Sunday After Church in Fellowship Hall Pancake Breakfast

- ❖ MEETINGS THIS MONTH: February 3, 10, 17, 24
- ❖ 2/4 – Friday through 2/6 – Sunday - Lock-in at Ransburg Scout Reservation and Yearly Planning Session. Leave Church between 5:00 - 5:30 pm Friday 2/4 and return to Church on Sunday 2/6 around Noon.
- ❖ 2/13 - Sunday - SCOUT SUNDAY and PANCAKE BREAKFAST. At GPC in Fellowship Hall. Be at Church at 10:00 am or see Scout Leaders
- ❖ 2/20 - Sunday - Adult Committee Meeting in the Board Room Time 7:00 - 8:00 pm
- ❖ 2/24 - Thursday - Path to Eagle for Life Scouts (30 minutes) Time 6:30 - 7:00 pm. In Fellowship Hall
- ❖ 2/26 - Saturday - Knife Building (Adult Weekend) at 10:00 am. Location: Mr Hensley Woodworking Shop. Please see Mr. Hensley or any Scout Leaders for is address

CUB SCOUTS #266–Meetings are every Thursday at 6 pm until 7 pm except the 4th Thursday go until 8:30

- ❖ 2/20 - Sunday - Patrol Leaders Meeting at 6:00 - 7:00 pm at GPC in the Board Room
- ❖ All other Activities with the Cub Scouts, See Scout Leaders for more information.

BROWNIES / GIRL SCOUTS – See Leaders for information. Meetings are every 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Tuesdays in Fellowship Hall - Time 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

- ❖ 2/22 - Tuesday - Parents and Brownies Leaders Meeting in Fellowship Hall Time 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Anybody interested in Scouting please contact the Scout Leaders or the Church Office.

Recipe of the Month

TIE DYE POKE CAKE

Submitted by Fran Mitchell



- 1 box Betty Crocker™ Super Moist™ white cake mix
- Water, vegetable oil and egg whites called for on cake mix box
- 1 cup boiling water
- 3 tablespoons each Jell-O™ strawberry-flavored, lime-flavored and berry blue-flavored gelatin (from 4-serving-size boxes)
- 1 container Betty Crocker™ Whipped vanilla frosting
- 4 tubes (0.68 oz each) Betty Crocker™ decorating gel (pink, green, orange and blue)
- 1 box (17.6 oz) neon fondant

1. Heat oven to 350°F (325°F for dark or nonstick pan). Spray bottom only of 13x9-inch pan with baking spray with flour. Make and bake cake mix as directed on box for 13x9-inch pan, using water, oil and egg whites. Cool in pan on cooling rack 20 minutes.

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2. Meanwhile, in 3 separate bowls, pour 1/3 cup of the boiling water over each flavored gelatin; stir until gelatin is dissolved. Poke warm cake every inch with wooden skewer halfway into cake, twisting skewer back and forth. Pour each color gelatin randomly over cake, allowing gelatin to fill in holes. Cool completely, about 1 hour.
3. Frost cake. With decorating gels, draw vertical lines 1/4 inch apart on frosting, alternating colors. Pull fine-tip paintbrush in straight line across all colors. Repeat, working back and forth from one side of cake to the other to create a tie-dye effect.
4. Roll fondant to 1/8-inch thickness; cut into rounds and flower shapes. Insert toothpicks halfway into cutouts; decorate cake slices as desired.

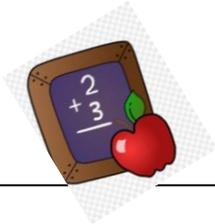
POETRY

Submitted by Fran Mitchell

FRIENDS

There are some special people
that can brighten up your day -
They bolster up your spirits
in a very special way.
They can be very serious -
but, mostly make you smile.
They will do anything
to go that extra mile.
God sent these special persons
down onto this earth
To comfort, serve and entertain -
He gave them special talents,
then tried to find a name -
He thought and thought
and, finally came to this end,
"Why don't we just call them "Friend"?
I treasure these special people -
and thank God every day -
'Cause they make our lives much better
in such a very special way.

I am blest!
Fran M.



JUST FOR FUN

Submitted by Fran Mitchell

School Daze

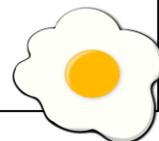
Little Timmy was a lazy student and was failing math badly. His parents had had enough of this, so they pulled him out of his grade school and enrolled him in the local Catholic school. After the first day, he came home without a word, and headed up to his room to do his math homework. He was up there for hours until it was all done. The same thing happened the next day, and so on.

Several days later, his parents came up to his room and asked, "Timmy, what brought this on? You're working your tail off"

Timmy replied, "When I got to math class on Monday, and saw that guy above the blackboard nailed to a plus sign, I knew they weren't messing around!"

Kids are fUnNy!

My husband and I were out to breakfast with our 5-year-old son, Matty. We had been letting him order for himself recently, so when he ordered the eggs, the waitress asked him how he wanted them cooked. He thought for a moment, then replied politely, "In a pan, please?" – JG, Ogden, KS



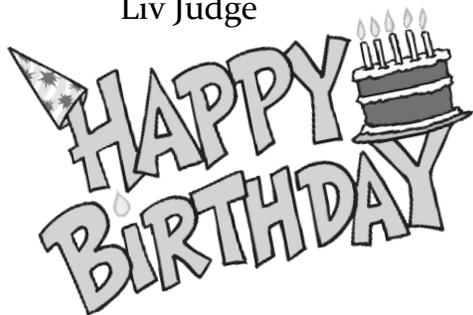
BIRTHDAYS

FEBRUARY

- 1 Larry Fulkerson
- 5 Bob Stockton
- 7 Stuart Laughlin
- David Paquette
- 11 Richard Gray
- 14 Andy Barnes
- Geraldine Sullivan-Clark
- 27 Jim Duke
- Liv Judge

MARCH

- 3 Helen Banton
- 5 Suzanne Coyle
- 8 Fred Hackett
- 10 Jim Barnes
- 13 Gayle Talley
- 14 Keith Hardin
- Jim Lowes
- 15 Fred Johnson
- Bill McFerran
- Nancy Nelson
- 16 Braeden Nelson
- 17 Jack Schier
- 18 Harry Hardin
- 24 Joyce Baker
- 25 Ashley Hubbard
- 30 Kristi Hackett



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