



# Presbyterian Press

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Thanks so much to all who donated warm  
outerwear items to our Giving Tree this  
Christmas season. The items filled a  
33 gallon garbage bag!

The Mustard Seed was thrilled to receive them,  
especially during the recent frigid weather.  
On behalf of the Deacons and the Mustard Seed,  
I offer you a heartfelt thanks.

Yours in Christ,  
Harriett Northey

## Cakes are needed!

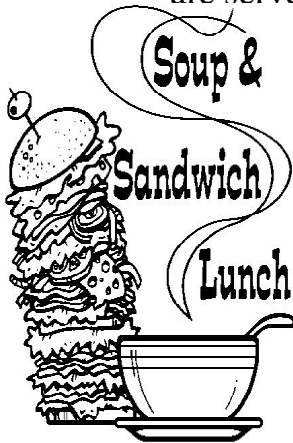
Many cakes are  
needed for the  
Wednesday Lenten  
Luncheons.



If you can provide a  
cake, call the church  
office or see Jackie  
Corsini or Carole  
Wilburn.

## Lenten Lunches

are served at 11:30 and 1:00



In addition to homemade soups,  
there will be sandwiches to  
choose from, beverages and an  
assortment of cakes for  
dessert.

The cost for this year's  
lunch is **\$4.00**  
Volunteers will be needed.

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### Sunday Worship

Church  
School  
9:30 a.m.

Worship  
10:45 a.m.



## LENTEN CALENDAR

Worship Service is from 12:30 to 1:00

February 14, 2018  Ash Wednesday

An imposition of ashes will take place during service

**Speaker:** John F. Koerner  
First Presbyterian Church

**Music:** Don Gardner

**Soup:** Broccoli Cheese

**February 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Speaker:** Rev James A. Harris  
Bethel AME

**Music:** Jeanne M. Harris

**Soup:** Vegetable

**February 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Speaker:** Rev Nora Becker  
Christ Episcopal Church & St.

Barnabas Chapel

**Music:** Elsa Davis

**Soup:** Italian Tomato

**March 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Speaker:** Rev. Greg Goodwin  
First United Methodist Church

**Music:** James Harris

**Soup:** Chicken & Rice

**March 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Speaker:** Rev. Mark Smith  
Duff St. United Methodist Church

**Music:** David Nuzum

**Soup:** Chili

**March 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Speaker:** Bruce Macbeth  
Church of Our Saviour/ Clarksburg

First Presbyterian Church/Weston

**Music:** Terra Burnett & Jeff

Mitchell

**Soup:** Potato



# Worship Schedule for February

- FEBRUARY 4<sup>th</sup>: Fifth Sunday after Epiphany(Holy Communion)**  
**SCRIPTURES:** Isaiah 40:21-31 \*Mark 1:29-39  
**SERMON TITLE:** "Searching For Jesus"  
**THEME:** Everyone is looking for Jesus whether they know it or not.
- FEBRUARY 11<sup>th</sup>: Transfiguration of the Lord**  
**SCRIPTURES:** 2 Kings 2:1-12 \*2 Corinthians 4:3-6  
**SERMON TITLE:** "That Encouraging!"  
**THEME:** Paul writes that we are not discouraged. We are not discouraged because faith is not all about us. Faith is all about Jesus Christ.
- FEBRUARY 14<sup>th</sup>: Ash Wednesday**  
**SCRIPTURES:** 1 John 8-9  
**SERMON TITLE:** "Only Christians Sin"  
**THEME:** Everyone sins, but only Christians, those reassured of God's forgiveness and mercy are able to admit they have sinned.
- FEBRUARY 18<sup>th</sup>: First Sunday in Lent**  
**SCRIPTURES:** Genesis 9:8-17 \*Mark 1:9-15  
**SERMON TITLE:** "Then Noah Got Drunk"  
**THEME:** As soon as the great flood was over Noah got drunk & passed out naked. Noah, the one righteous man whose family God had saved from the great flood, immediately went back to sinning. Nevertheless, God promised to keep on loving humans.
- FEBRUARY 25<sup>th</sup>: Second Sunday of Lent**  
**SCRIPTURES:** Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 \*Mark 8:31-38  
**SERMON TITLE:** "Take Up Your Cross"  
**THEME:** Taking up your cross is not about enduring the troubles in life that you can't avoid. Taking up your cross means being willing to keep following Jesus if even that causes you trouble and suffering.

## Activities & Meetings for

- PRESBYTERIAN WOMAN ó Monday, at 12:00  
 DEACON MEETING ó Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30  
 PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING ó Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:00  
 SESSION MEETING ó Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:30  
 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ó Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup>  
 WORSHIP & MUSIC ó Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup>  
 PRAYER GROUP ó Monday Mornings at 10:00  
 BIBLE STUDY ó Wednesdays at 6:30



*Flowers*  
in Memory of...

The 2018 Flower Calendar is in place.  
Honor or remember your loved one and reserve your date by calling the church office.

## Office Hours

Monday - Friday  
9:00 am to 2:00 pm  
**Phone: 304-622-6831**

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## Church Staff

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Chuck Leuliette / Dave Allman

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Isabella Keller

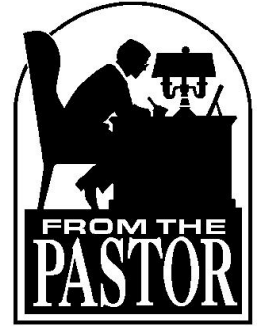


## Treasurer's Report

NET CASH FLOW - DEC	2016	2017
INCOME	\$123,115	\$186,930
EXPENSES	\$140,858	\$165,692
NET INCOME	-\$17,743	\$21,239

# Pastor John's Jottings . . .

John's Jottings



Fred Craddock tells a story about a pastor who had been invited to a certain couple's house for dinner. He arrived and the couple welcomed him into the living room. While the wife went back to the kitchen, the husband lingered making small talk. He mentioned that their dog was a purebred greyhound who used to race, but was now retired. The husband invited the pastor to be comfortable and then excused himself to go help his wife in the kitchen.

That left the pastor alone in the living room with the dog. The dog said, "I wish they wouldn't keep introducing me as retired. I am not retired. I quit."

I gave the best years of my life to chasing that rabbit around the track. Then one day I got really close to the rabbit and it was a fake! I quit that very day. I am not retired. I quit!

This month sees the beginning of the season of Lent, the six weeks leading up to Holy Week. It is a time to reflect on how much we need the saving grace offered in Christ. It is also a time to examine our lives. What are the driving forces in our day to day lives. Are the things that we are striving after worthy of that effort.

Life is full of things that tempt us to pursue them. Are the "rabbits" that we have been spending our lives chasing worth catching? Or are they fluffed up fakes that promise us much but are not able to deliver?

I hope that you will join me in this Lenten season in taking time away from the rush and press of everyday living. Let's slow down enough to examine what we are spending our lives chasing.

After all, none of us wants to get to the end of our life only to discover that we have been chasing a fluffed up fake. What are you chasing in life?

Hope and Confidence,

*Pastor John*

## **Wednesday Night Bible Class**

Join us on Wednesday nights with Pastor John. We gather at 6 for social time, with a lesson beginning at 6:30. Currently we are studying the book of Mark.



McClelland-Parlor Class invites you to attend Sunday School Class taught by Wayne Northey on Sunday mornings at 9:30. We spend a little time in fellowship with the lesson starting at 9:45 and continuing until 10:30. Currently we are studying the

## *Monday Morning Prayer Group*

We invite you to join us at 10:00 to a relaxed and friendly meeting to lift up the prayers and praises of our church and our members, their families and friends, our community, and ourselves.

*Presbyterian Women*

# First Presbyterian Church

14 of the Top Valentines Bible Verses



**1 John 4:8** Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.

**John 3:16** For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

**Colossians 3:14** And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

**John 15:13** Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.

**Genesis 29:20** So Jacob served seven years to get to Rachel, but they seemed like only a few days to him because of his love for her.

**Psalms 37:4** Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

**Mark 12:33** To love him with all your heart, all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.

**Romans 12:9** Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.

**1 John 4:12** No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is made complete in us.

**1 John 3:18** Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and truth.

**1 John 4:7-8** 7 Dear friends, let us love one another, or love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. 8 Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.

**1 John 4:19** We love because he first loved us.

**Song of Songs 1:2** Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth- for your love is more delightful than wine.

Policy News- According to our Book of Order, each Church must have a Child Protection Safety Policy and a Policy on Preventing and Responding to Sexual Misconduct. Our policies are available on the table in the back of the sanctuary.



## Pastors Discretionary Fund 2017

MONTH	REQUESTS	COMPLETED	AMT PLEDGED	AMT DISBURSED
January	10	9	\$ 548.05	\$ 488.05
February	15	13	\$ 831.77	\$ 711.77
March	16	14	\$ 971.99	\$ 851.99
April	9	6	\$ 506.59	\$ 336.59
May	26	26	\$ 1,441.73	\$ 1,441.73
June	18	18	\$ 1,189.80	\$ 1,189.80
July	8	6	\$ 468.63	\$ 338.63
August	24	22	\$ 1,310.58	\$ 1,200.58
September	9	9	\$ 464.00	\$ 464.00
October	11	11	\$ 771.47	\$ 771.47
November	14	13	\$ 882.29	\$ 762.29
December	13	12	\$ 785.82	\$ 725.82
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>\$ 10,172.72</b>	<b>\$ 9,282.72</b>



## SCHEDULE OF VOLUNTEERS

### CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

- February - 4 Mary Beth & Mary Virginia Paletta
- February - 11 Cassie Delawder
- February - 18 Terra Burnett
- February - 25 Pam Mitchell



### WORSHIP LEADERS

- February - 4 Wayne Northey
- February - 11 Maria Morrison
- February - 18 Bryon DeLawder
- February - 25 Ginger DeLawder

### DEACON GREETERS

- February - 4 Karen Nickerson
- February - 11 Ginger Delawder
- February - 18 Dottie Rhinehart
- February - 25 Harriett Northey

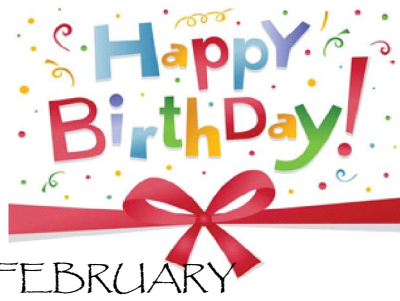
### ACOLYTES

- February - 4 Bradley Burnett and Anderson Mitchell
- February - 11 Hannah Burnett and Molly Hugus
- February - 18 Bradley Burnett and Anthony Corsini
- February - 25 Hannah Burnett and Gia Corsini



Reredos Flowers

**Dates available:**  
**February 18<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**March 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>**



## FEBRUARY

- 3 - Dottie Rinehart
- 5 - Anne McAvey Wadsworth
- 6 - Wilson Leiberling
- 6 - Susan McElroy
- 8 - Susan Hollandsworth
- 10 - Harmony Compton
- 11 - Ivy Josephine Woodburn
- 13 - Sally Gray
- 13 - Micah Plants
- 14 - Kris Pulling
- 15 - Megan Strange
- 17 - Linda Lonsinger
- 17 - Bradley Burnett
- 18 - Rev. Joanne Glaser
- 22 - Elizabeth Moore
- 22 - Karen Tyson
- 24 - Sarah Weese
- 24 - Carter Morrison
- 24 - Victoria Morrison
- 26 - Genie Koerner



### In Special Care Facilities:

- Roberta Davis
- Marj Faris
- Joyce King
- Carrie Waters
- Sara Graham



*IN OUR THOUGHTS  
& PRAYERS...*

- ADKINS, Charles
- FOWLER, Angie
- GAINER, Hugh
- HEGER, Suzi
- HOLT, Jack
- HOOD, Robbie
- KING, Buddy & Joyce
- KESLING, Lee
- KUHENS, Eric
- LYNCH, Jeanne
- MCCAMMON, Kyle
- MORGAN, Misty & Todd
- MUMMERT, George
- NELSON, Lois
- OLDAKER, Kenneth
- OLDAKER, Wilma
- SHIFFRA, Donna
- SHIFFRA, EVERETT
- SMITH, Donna
- STROMBERG, Rosemary