

March 2021



First Presbyterian Church E-News

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Session Meeting Highlights

The Session of First Presbyterian Church met virtually at 7:00 PM on Thursday, February 18, 2021 for its stated monthly meeting.

At the meeting several important issues were addressed.

Janet Hendershot's funeral is scheduled for 1:00 PM Friday, March 6th, at First Presbyterian Church. She served in several capacities in our church, one of which was on session.

The Session decided to return to in-church services beginning Sunday, March 7th, if there is not an upsurge in COVID-19 cases. Standard health protocols will be followed on March 7th as well as all subsequent in-church services, until the current crisis ends.

During this service, Carl Belt will be installed as Ruling Elder and will become Co-Chair of the Worship and Music Committee.

Rev. Dr. James Young said that this was his last session meeting in which he

would serve as Moderator of Session. He stated that the congregation appreciates the church and embraces the New Beginnings initiative. Rev. Young congratulated the congregation and session for their service to the community.

As this service will mark the end of Rev. Young's tenure as Interim Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Cumberland, members of the congregation can voluntarily present gifts to Rev. Young in recognition of his service to First Presbyterian Church of Cumberland. Since March 7th is an in-church service, these gifts can be presented in person to Rev. Young. Additionally, gifts can be sent to Brittany in the church office or can be mailed directly to Rev. Young at the following address: 10690 Rose Briar Court N. E., Apartment 122, Cumberland, MD 21502.

With Rev. Young's departure, session is seeking to identify and hire pastors, who can hold Sunday services, until a new pastor has been identified and hired, which hopefully will be soon. The Worship and Music Committee are working diligently to provide pastors for upcoming services.

Faith Formation reported that 20 devotionals, "Were You There: Lenten Reflections on the Spirituals", were claimed. The Lent class, "Reflections on the Lord's Prayer", began February 18th. Everyone is invited to participate in the class.

As Rev. Young leaves us to embark on another phase of his life, "retirement", our prayers and wishes for good health and God's speed go with him. He will be missed.

If you have any questions, please contact the Clerk.

David Stickler, Clerk

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Joys and Concerns



March Birthdays

Pam Jan 2-Mar
MikaylaDodge 4-Mar
Joe Aurigemma 6-Mar
Sheri Sterne 6-Mar
Suanne Casseday 8-Mar
Chelsea Boor 11-Mar
Sandra Burton 11-Mar
Randy Stroup 15-Mar
John Johnson 17-Mar
Linda Smith 17-Mar
Jackie Boor 19-Mar
Gary Hartung 20-Mar
Kay Williams 20-Mar
Zach Dodge 22-Mar
Joe Weaver 25-Mar
Rolfe Singerman 27-Mar



Just a reminder that daylight savings time begins this Sunday, March 14th.
Be sure to turn your clocks forward one hour!

Opportunities for Serve



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

You Shall Be Called Repairers of the Breach

— ISAIAH 58

On Easter Sunday, we will have the opportunity to donate to the **One Great Hour of Sharing Offering**. The money we donate is distributed among three programs of the Presbyterian Church. They are:

THE PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE (PDA) (Receives 32% of funds raised):

- Works alongside communities as they recover and find hope after the devastation of natural or human-caused disasters.
- Offers support for refugees

PRESBYTERIAN HUNGER PROGRAM (PHP) (Receives 36% of funds raised):

- Takes action to alleviate hunger, care for creation, and the systemic causes of poverty so all may be fed.

SELF-DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE (SDOP) (Receives 32% of funds raised):

- Invests in communities responding to their experiences of oppression, poverty and injustice and educates Presbyterians about the impact of these issues

This past year has seen more disasters, more hunger, and more overwhelming difficulties than ever before in recent times. Please consider giving generously to this offering. It is one way that we can help.



**Your Answer to....
"What's For Dinner?"**

First Presbyterian Church is selling homemade soups and rolls to help fund the Annual Mission Trip to South Dakota.

Will you please consider buying some?

- *Beef Stew**
- * White Chicken Chili**
- *Traditional Chili**
- *Vegetarian Chili**
- * Chicken & Rice**
- * Chicken Tortilla Soup**
- *Rolls (2 for \$1)**

Quarts \$9, Pints \$5

**[Click here to print an order form](#) or
contact the Church Office to place your order today!**

**Please pay for and pick up your soups and chili
on Sunday, March 28th after church from 12:15-1:00PM.**

**Make checks payable to: First Presbyterian Church and write
"Dakota" on the memo line.**

Please place your order by Sunday, March 21, 2021.

Worship With Us

Join us Holy Week



Sunday, March 14th
Carolyn Mathews

Our very own Carolyn Mathews will be leading worship for the Fourth Sunday of Lent, with music from Zach Dodge, Nancy Hodges, and Bryan Lohr.

Sunday, March 21st
Rev. Walt Peters

Rev. Dr. Walt Peters will return to our pulpit to continue leading our Lenten worship.

Palm Sunday, March 28th
Rev. Walt Peters

Rev. Dr. Walt Peters will lead Palm Sunday worship. Our pulpit will be decorated with palms.

Maundy Thursday, April 1st
Rev. Walt Peters

Our traditional Maundy Thursday service will be celebrated in our sanctuary. Walt Peters and our elders will host the traditional Last Supper Communion. The sanctuary will be stripped at the end of the service.

Good Friday, April 2nd
Rev. Walt Peters

Our Good Friday remembrance will be held virtually for congregational participation throughout the day. The service will feature special readings and musical reflections.

Sunrise Easter Service
Sunday, April 4th
Rev. Walt Peters

We will greet Easter morning at sunrise at Rocky Gap with Rev. Dr. Walt Peters.

Easter Sunday, April 4th Rev. Walt Peters

A traditional Easter Sunday service will be celebrated in our sanctuary with Rev. Walt Peters. Hymns, prayers, a sermon and communion to worship The Lord on his great day.

Holy Humor Sunday, April 11th Rev. Rebecca Vardiman

God has played a tremendous joke on the devil. Rev. Rebecca Vardiman is returning to our sanctuary for Holy Humor Sunday. We will joke, laugh, sing, and wear funny hats while we celebrate.

Easter Flowers

If you would like to purchase flowers for the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, please indicate below whether you wish to take your flowers home afterward, or if you wish them to be given to one of our in-home or nursing care members. Please indicate your selection and total below. **Orders are due by Wednesday, March 24th.**

	Price Each	Quantity	Total
Lily	\$6.00	_____	\$_____
Tulips	\$6.00	_____	\$_____
Hyacinths	\$6.00	_____	\$_____
Chrysanthemums	\$6.00	_____	\$_____
Total		_____	\$_____

My floral gift is in honor/memory of: _____

Given to the Glory of God by: _____

Please indicate: I would like to take my flowers home _____
I would like to donate the flowers _____

Easter Music

You can also celebrate Easter by contributing to the Special Music Fund. This fund is separate from the budget and is used to pay guest musicians who provide special music during worship on holidays and throughout the year.

Note: Special Music contributions may also be given any time of the year.

Special Music Contribution _____ \$ _____

My Special Music gift is in honor/memory of: _____

Given to the Glory of God by: _____

Checks for music should be made payable to First Presbyterian Church and the form returned to the church no later than **Wednesday, March 24th** if you want your dedication listed in the bulletin.