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Welcome Rev. Kirsty Dickson-Maret!

The Congregation gathered in early January for a chance to "Meet & Greet" Pastor Kirsty. It was a nice time for fellowship and to enjoy refreshments, delicious vegan treats (compliments of Barb Winegard!) and beautiful flowers. Kirsty is getting settled in her new office and hit the ground running! Her complete biography has been shared with the Congregation and is posted on our website if you would like to read it. Feel free to send her a note at pastorkirsty@presville.com and welcome her to our Congregation, if you haven't already done so.





Notes from Session

We welcome our new Pastor, Rev. Kirsty H. Dickson-Maret! Pastor Kirsty was officially installed at a Congregational Meeting held

January 8, 2023. We thank the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) for all of their hard work. Session members thank Rev. Carson Mouser for all his steadfast guidance in both managing and organizing the many facets of our church community. His vision, input, and spiritual strength and knowledge were evident in his guiding hands. We wish him God's Speed and Peace in all of his future endeavors.

The Annual Budget for 2023 was approved and submitted with changes as suggested by Session. The budget was increased for 2023 by approximately 4.61%. 2022 presented financial challenges across the nation that suggested these changes and there were a few additions for new services that were seen in 2022 and would be continued in 2023.

Announcements

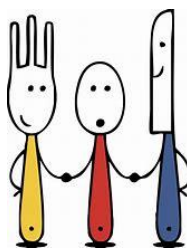
- There is a Community Dinner, or, Winter Picnic scheduled for February 2, 2023. Please contact Barb Winegard should you wish to assist in this event and everyone is encouraged to attend.
- A job posting for a Christian Education Coordinator (part time) shall be coming soon.
- A focus on an Intergenerational Program has been suggested and the appropriate committee shall be researching this method to see if it is something appropriate for us. We are in need of committee members so if you are interested, we welcome your thoughts and ideas.
- There was discussion of a Boy Scouts Sunday in February. Ideas were presented and shall be finalized shortly. Please contact Jamie Gruppe soon to discuss ideas.
- Topsoil shall be purchased in early spring to assist in removing the many uneven parts of the church lawn due to winter temperatures.
- Damaged or bent chairs shall be replaced over the next few months that will be used for programs hosted by the church.
- Reviews of Church Membership Rolls are expected every two to three years. This was done in December of 2022. Multiple attempts to contact members were made over the last few years.

2023 Session Elders

Tricia Adams	Kathy Bowen	Andy Brussel
Mark Chamberlin	Jamie Gruppe	Victor Jenkins
Lillian Olsen	Doug Russell	Stephanie Stine*

**Clerk of Session*

February Community Dinner!



Are you ready for a picnic? Our February Community Dinner will have a picnic theme ... we will serve Pulled Pork Sliders, BBQ Chicken Drumsticks, Macaroni Salad, Devilled Eggs, Baked Beans, Watermelon, Chips, Lemonade and Brownie Hot Fudge Sundaes. This will be a sit-

down meal complete with red-checked tablecloths and ants on the tables. Take-outs will be available, but will include a plain brownie for dessert instead of the yummy sundae. Please join us on Thursday, February 2 from 4:00 until 5:30 for a fun evening and a free meal. Donations are accepted if you'd like. If you can't come to us, we will come to you. Contact the church office to get on Vic's delivery list.

February Birthdays

04 – Sarah Dusse	16 – Lee Johnston
05 – Mimi Dundon	22 – Jeffrey Pond
06 – Joyce Ferranto	23 – Johana Russell
13 – Marion Roloff	25 – Wendy VanDerveer
15 – Patricia Benedetti	26 – Alana Adams
15 – Lexi Jenkins	26 – Ethel Frost

February Anniversaries

- 05 – Bob & Kelly Pelcher
- 18 – Matt & Christine McGivney



Add your or a loved one's birthday or anniversary date to our list by contacting the church office.



BOOK CLUB!

A Gentleman in Moscow, published in 2016, a New York Times best seller and acclaimed as one of the best books published that year is our next read.

When in 1922, following the Bolshevik revolution, Count Rostov is under house arrest in hotel Metropol we are witness to an unlikely friendship with a young girl and many memories of Old Russia. Amor Towles second book is an interesting testimony to the necessity of human connection. Please join us February 7th at 10 am.



From the Deacon's Desk

- The Deacons received a HUGE thank you from the BeeFull program at Baker High school for supporting a family for Christmas so I would like to extend that thank you to you-the congregation for all your support for this very worthwhile program.
- The Deacons will be delivering Valentine's bags to our shut-ins for Valentine's Day. If you think of someone special we should deliver a bag to, please let Marty Pond know.
- We continue to host coffee hour after worship on Sunday mornings- if anyone is interested in baking and/or hosting coffee hour, please let Marty know.
- Please offer to help with the Community Dinner on February 2nd. Details are here in Tidings.
- We hope to see you at our "Souper Bowl" luncheon after worship on Sunday, February 12th.
- **If you see Mark Chamberlin, Pam Keckison, Matt McGivney, Peggy Suddaby and Joanne Rodriguez, please thank them for serving our church as Deacons for the last three years, some have served more than one term.**



2023 Board of Deacons

Shane Adams	Bea Boak	Peg Brussel
Marge Calkins	Andrea Ducharme	Tom Eckrote
Heidi Henderson	Marty Pond*	Nancy Runyans
Martha Stevens	Barb Winegard	
	<i>*Moderator</i>	

The February Calendar

Sundays 10 am

Worship in the sanctuary

Mondays

6:30 - Bell practice in the Sanctuary

7:00 - Scouts in the Fellowship Hall

Thurs., Feb. 2

4-5:30: Community Dinner: Mid-Winter "Picnic"

Sun. Feb., 5

10:00 Worship and Communion

2:00 Communion at Buckley Landing

Mon., Feb. 6

10:00 - Worship & Music, in the Media Center

Tues., Feb. 10

10:00 a.m. - Book Club in the Media Center

Sun., Feb. 12

"Souper Bowl" Luncheon, in the Fellowship Hall following worship

Tues., Feb. 14

7:00 p.m. - Session, Media Center

Weds., Feb. 15

2:00 p.m. - Parkinson's Support Group, Media Center

Tues., Feb. 17

7:00 p.m. - Deacons, Media Center

Weds., Feb. 22

Ash Wednesday

Sun., Feb. 26

First Sunday of Lent

Feb. 5 - Matthew 5:13-20

Feb. 12 - Matthew 5:21-37

Feb. 19 - Matthew 17:1-9

Feb. 26 - Matthew 4:1-11

**Remember in Your Prayers
& Correspondence,**

since our last newsletter

♡ **GRIEVING**

- The family of Mary Hamilton, a long-time member of our church, upon her death
- The family of Freida Mason, a long-time member of our church, upon her death
- The family of Roger Pohl, a long-time member and former pastor, upon his death

♡ **HEALTH CHALLENGES**

- Barry Bullis
- Nancy Dobbins
- Mimi Dundon
- Lillian Olsen

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Generally, names remain on the prayer list for one month. Please let the church office know if you wish otherwise.

Nursery School News!



Some many fun animals and things to learn about in February; polar bears, penguins, hibernation. We love to offer many fun, hands on ways to learn. For example, when learning about polar bears the children have a chance to stick their hand in ice water to feel the cold and then they get to wear a blubber mitt and try it again to see how the blubber on the polar bears keeps them warm.

Each class has the chance to exchange Valentines with their classmates and work on a Valentine to take home to share with their family. The kids really enjoy this!

-Jessica Newcomb, Director, PNS

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY



This year, we will resume our pre-Covid tradition of "Souper" Bowl Sunday. Following worship on February 12, we will enjoy a variety of homemade soups, grilled cheese sandwiches and desserts. If you are able, please bring a pot of soup or a dessert to share. Join us for fellowship and a great meal before you head home to watch the game (or commercials and the halftime show). We will collect non-perishables for Bee-Full and the Food Pantry at the lunch. Please bring a can or two with you.

Scouting News

I hope everyone had a great Holiday and a Happy New Year from Troop 107. The troop has been quiet over the holidays, we have some fun and exciting events coming up. We have the Big Chill at Seneca river (a polar bear plunge), and we have the Klondike Derby coming up soon. The meeting after Martin Luther King Jr Day we had the cub scouts join us and put up stations for them to do and learn about stuff such as fire making and Neckerchief slide making, along with a few other things for them to learn. Hope you had a great holiday, from Troop 107.

-Noah Arnold, First Class Troop Scribe

PARKINSON'S SUPPORT

We will be offering an in-person Parkinson's support group for both people with Parkinson's Disease and their care partner.

Date: Wednesday, February 15

Time: 2-3 p.m.

Place: Media Center, First Presbyterian Church

Facilitator: Marty Pond

If you have any question, please contact Marty at 315-440-0779

From the Mailbox

Just to let you know, I have been recovering from three different surgeries in the last eleven months! With all of the cards, phone calls, prayers and



food, the road has been much smoother. Thanks to the extraordinary help from Nancy Runyans, Jeanne Le Porte, Nancy Landon, Rheta Jenks and Marty Pond, who made all of this possible and many others. Blessings to All!

Love Always,
Lillian Olsen

Thank you for your generous holiday donation to support the students at C.W. Baker High School. This year we exceeded our fundraising goal and were able to provide holiday cheer for 125 students. The students who received gifts were surprised and thankful. Gift bags contained gift cards for local dining and necessities, a shirt, a hat and some candy. Additional funds raised will go toward supporting our students in financial need throughout the year. Once again, thank you for believing in the potential of our students.

Best Wishes for the New Year,
Jen Medwid,
C.W. Baker High School

“Roses are red, Violets are blue,
Sunflowers are yellow, I bet you were
expecting something romantic, but
these are just gardening facts.”

Happy
Valentines

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Pastor-----Rev. Kirsty H. Dickson-Maret
Administrative Assistant-----Elizabeth Bayer
Clerk of Session-----Stephanie Stine
Deacon Moderator-----Marty Pond
Director of Music & Choir-----Rheta Jenks
Organist -----Lee Johnston
Nursery School Director-----Jessica Newcomb

B'Ville Express

The B'Ville Express Senior Transportation program desperately needs drivers. They provide



transportation to the seniors of Baldwinsville, helping them access essential services. Many of our seniors cannot get to crucial appointments because they have a lack of transportation. If you would like to help your senior neighbors and friends, please volunteer today. Volunteers average 3 hours per week. This is a rewarding volunteer program and volunteers will help ensure our program will still be available as we head into our Golden Years! To volunteer, please call Gina at 315-638-4536.

“VALENTINE, JUST A FEW WORDS TO
TELL YOU HOW I LOVE YOU. I HAVE
LOVED YOU SINCE THE FIRST DAY I SAW
YOU. WHENEVER THAT WAS.”
— CHARLES M. SCHULZ