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Heavenly Father, we lift up these people and ask for your healing touch on their lives.



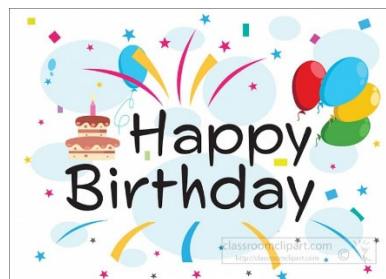
Prayer concerns: Pat, Linda, Peter, Debbie, Katie, Mike, Teresa P., Terry, John healing after back surgery, Dennis, Vicki, Keith, Ray, Mike, Rick and Mike

Continued prayers for members: our shut-ins including Julia, Lila and Roy, Ruth, Shirley, Janet, Sheila, Pat and Pete, John and Dolores, and Rosemary, Joe, Theresia, and Gary Baker

We also keep Glen and Craig Skinner in our thoughts and prayers for the passing of our dear Chuck Skinner. He will be sorely missed.

We also grieve with the family of Helen Phelps, who passed away on January 30th. Arrangements are still unclear. A phone call, email and facebook post will be sent when details are in place.

Presby-Notes



Shirley	Brodie	03/02
Nancy	Harmon	03/07
Mary	Flynn	03/08
Chris	Domino	03/10
Blair	Merrifield	03/10
Malcolm	McBryde	03/11
Donna	Wodarski	03/18
Tricia	Nyeste	03/24
Sue	Flynn	03/27



Lenten Seeds to Easter Fruit

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When seeds don't sprout, take root, and grow, try yelling at them.

That, of course, is a preposterous idea. No one would ever think that they could somehow rush the growing process of a seed. The seed requires the amount of time that it requires.

But people get impatient. Our culture puts pressure on us to rush through everything. We live in an age of instant gratification.

Christian formation is the opposite of instant: It's a process of seedlike growth. Patience is the key ingredient to transformational growth. Insisting on immediate change – yelling – doesn't help. Yelling at our loved one or neighbor or ourselves, yelling at anyone who struggles in the malice of human frailty, simply drowns out the tender, loving Spirit of our Savior, who waits patiently to enter in and heal.

In this month of Lent, as we await the final day when we recognize the joyful power of the resurrection, we need to trust God's plan.

God's time is the right time for your life to take shape.

(with thanks to Discipleship ministry, UMC)

Yours in Christian love,

Pastor Theda



Participation in the life of a church is serving God. If you would like to help out on any of these teams, please let the church office know.

Date	Leader	Counting Team	Usher Team	Acolytes
03/03	Debbie Eleson	3	4	Emily
03/10	Rota Gibbs	1	1	Imrielle
03/17	Ray Carter	2	2	Usher
03/24	Gail Merrifield	3	3	Darren
03/31	Tom Morgan	1	4	
Usher Teams				
Team 1		Jeff Teichman, Bill Cowen and Josh Beels		
Team 2		Mary Deykes, Erik Domino, John Peters		
Team 3		Chester Parys, Hawley Harmon, Chris Domino		
Team 4		Pam Parys, Dennis Kapelanski, Malcolm McBryde		
Counter Teams				
Team 1		Rita Gibbs, Tom Morgan		
Team 2		Mary Deykes, Jeff Teichman, Erik Domino		
Team 3		Carol Morgan, John Peters		

Counters and Ushers are needed. Please prayerfully consider volunteering. Jobs are not hard and can be done while you are here at church anyhow.

WEEKLY meeting

Sunday Morning – 9A Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Tuesday Mornings – 10A PW Craft Circle

Wednesday evenings – 6P Adult Bible Study Led by Pastor Theda



March 21 7P



March 14 6P

Property Committee	1 st Sunday of the Month	11:30A
Worship Committee	1 st Thursday of the Month	7P
Finance Committee	2 nd Wednesday of the Month	7P
Christian Education	March 2024	7P
Visioning Committee	March 20, 2024	7P



Our Community Outreach Commitment

Radio Club

Third Tuesday of each month at 7P

AA Meetings

Monday 8P
Tuesday 8P
Wednesday 7P
Thursday 7:30P
Friday 8P
Sunday 8P

Overeaters Anonymous

1st and 3rd Saturday of each month 1-2 PM

Scouts

Troop 77284 Monday 5:30P
Troop 76859 Friday at 6:00P
Troop 1841



Session Highlights in January 2024 Lindsey Basile-Goodlow, Clerk

	Annual Budget	Budget for January	Actual January 2024
Congregational Giving	106,882.00	8,906.83	16,572.64
Non-Pledge	24,585.00	2,048.75	2,459.41
Other General Fund Income	14,233.00	1,186.08	1,592.00
Other Income			689.08
Total All Fund Income	145,700.00	12,141.66	21,313.13
General Fund Expense	(149,240.15)	(11,561.68)	(12,715.89)
Other Fund Expense			(1,958.16)
Total All Expense			(14,674.05)
Net Gain/(Loss)			6,639.08

Finance Committee – Jeff Teichman, Chair

- Presentation of the Financial Reports.
- Allocation from Community Foundation for the Youth Group will be moved to Christian Education Committee since we no longer have a youth group.

Property Committee – Dennis Kapelanski, representative

- Event Requests approved

Nominating Committee – Sue Flynn, chair

- No report because Sue wasn't at the meeting. However, a meeting needs to be called to fix a vacant position on the Board of Deacons.

Personnel Committee – Nancy Wolter and Sharon Osmond, co-chairs

- Nothing to report.

Worship Team – Gail Merrifield, Chair

- Pulpit Supply on 3/3 Loren Scribner while Pastor Theda is on Study Leave
- Making plans for the Easter week services. A balloon launch is being planned using environmentally appropriate balloons and string
- A breakfast is being planned for Palm Sunday

Christian Education – Lindsey Basile-Goodlow, chair

- Nothing to report. Next meeting will be in March

Fellowship, Care & Outreach, PW – Sue Flynn, chair

- No report

Mission Committee

- Empty bowls was a success and raised \$209.
- Motion from committee to set up an Amazon wish list for Deacons to advertise the benefit of the food bank. Items on the list to be around \$20.

Visioning Committee- Reported by John Peters.

- Developing a new Vision and Mission Statement. Committee will talk about this at the town hall meeting set for Saturday, 2/17.



Board of Deacons Highlights January 11th

Malcolm McBryde, Secretary

At our meeting on Feb. 8, the deacons mourned the passing of Helen Phelps, who had just been elected our vice-moderator. Helen served as a deacon on and off for years, and among the many contributions we noted are a set of binders she assembled that tell us how to do all the things we do as deacons. They are an invaluable resource. We shall miss her. The deacons selected John Peters to be our new vice-moderator.

Work we are contemplating includes the possibility of setting up a blessing box out by the sidewalk stocked with food for people to just walk up and take, modeled on the Elmwood Blessing Box here in Garden City. We're also in conversation with the Building Committee about the possibility of installing an outdoor wheelchair lift at the Manse entrance to the church that would supplement our sometimes difficult-to-use elevator and also would be closer to the south parking lot. As well, we are thinking about acquiring a small refrigerator to store perishable food items in the deacons' closet, because running downstairs to the big fridge isn't workable on food-distribution days. If you've got a dorm-size fridge you'd like to donate, please let Mary Deykes know. And you might have noticed that our food-pantry sign disappeared from in front of the church; the best we can figure, it simply blew away. We've got a new one, which might be installed by the time you read this.

Finally, we've spent some time sorting through clothes left at or in the deacons' closet. The deacons would like to remind everybody that the best way to contribute your unneeded clothing is via the church's rummage sale, which occurs in the summer and is run by Presbyterian Women. Look for announcements later in the year about when and where to make your clothes donations. Thanks!



Sew for Charity



In March we are planning a group project where we will all be working on the same pattern, using our own choice of fabrics. We are all looking forward to this project.

Our next meeting will be March 2nd 10 am to 4 pm. As always, we extend an invitation to anyone who would like to join us.



The Deacons are embarking on a new plan to keep the food pantry stocked. We are hoping this will simplify how you can help out.

A list of items the food pantry needs has been created on an Amazon registry.

[Deacons Food Pantry link](https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/owner-view/4U4MT75Z7S7L?ref_=registries_subnav)

Select the items you would like to purchase, and these items will be directly shipped to the church. The list will be updated as the need arises.

(https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/owner-view/4U4MT75Z7S7L?ref_=registries_subnav)

*"I am the
resurrection
and the life."*
JOHN 11:25



Easter Lily Time

Easter Lily plants can be ordered now. Just complete the form below. The price of the lily's is \$9.50 each. They will be placed in the Chancel for Easter Sunday and can be taken home after the service. Lilys can be purchased for a deceased family member(s) or as a memorial for someone special in your life. Please turn your form and your money into the offering plate or sent to the attention of the church office.

The deadline to order is March 17th.

Thank you.



Easter Flowers Order

Purchased by _____
In Honor of _____, or
In Memory of _____

Easter lily plant @ \$9.50 each	<input type="text"/>	Total \$
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Paid \$ _____ Check # _____ Cash _____

Please place your order (with payment) in the offering plate or bring payment to the church office with this form.

All orders must be submitted by March 17th

Would you like to learn more about CPR?

The Mission committee is back to trying to arrange for a class. There is a sign-up sheet at each usher table. Please sign up if you are interested so I can get a head count. I am trying to find someone to train us at a nominal price to the committee. I want to keep it free for anyone who wants to learn. If you forget or can't sign the sheet, just let the office know.



Thank you to all for your Ash Wednesday support. We raised \$209 for the free will offering and LOTS of stuff for the pantry. Their shelves are filled. Well Done!!!

Thank you to the Worship Committee and the Board of Deacons for their assistance.

At the Ash Wednesday dinner, I have some vegetable soup. There have been many requests for the recipe. I guess it stood up to it's name. Here it is:

Seriously Good Vegetable Soup

Author: Cookie and Kate Prep Time: 15 minutes Cook Time: 45 minutes Total Time: 1 hour

Yield: 12 bowls 2x Category: Soup Method: Stovetop Cuisine: Mediterranean

4.9 from 584 reviews

This vegetable soup recipe is seriously so good! It's easy to make, and full of veggies and fresh flavor. If you're feeling under the weather or just wanting to lighten up your meals, this soup is the answer. Recipe yields 6 bowls of soup.



SCALE 1x 2x 3x

INGREDIENTS

- 8 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil, divided
- 2 medium yellow or white onion, chopped
- 6 carrots, peeled and chopped
- 4 celery stalks, chopped
- 4 cup chopped seasonal vegetables, such as sweet potatoes, green beans, butternut squash, potatoes, bell pepper, zucchini or yellow squash
- 2 teaspoon fine sea salt, divided, to taste
- 12 cloves garlic, pressed or minced
- 1 teaspoon curry powder
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme
- 2 large can (56 ounce) diced tomatoes
- 8 cup (64 ounce) vegetable broth
- 4 cup water
- 4 bay leaves
- 1 teaspoon red pepper flakes, reduce or omit if sensitive to spice

- Freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 4 cup chopped kale or collard greens or chard (thick ribs removed), or spinach
- 2 tablespoon lemon juice

ADD TO SHOPPING LIST

Save recipes, create shopping lists, meal plans and more.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Warm 3 tablespoons of the olive oil in a large Dutch oven or soup pot over medium heat. Once the oil is shimmering, add the chopped onion, carrot, celery, seasonal vegetables and 1/2 teaspoon of the salt. Cook, stirring often, until the onion has softened and is turning translucent, about 6 to 8 minutes.
2. Add the garlic, curry powder and thyme. Cook until fragrant while stirring frequently, about 1 minute. Pour in the diced tomatoes with their juices and cook for a few more minutes, stirring often.
3. Pour in the broth and water. Add 1/2 teaspoon more salt, 2 bay leaves and the red pepper flakes. Season generously with freshly ground black pepper. Raise the heat and bring the mixture to a boil, then partially cover the pot and reduce heat to maintain a gentle simmer.
4. Cook for 25 minutes, then remove the lid and add the chopped greens. Continue simmering for 5 minutes or more, until the greens have softened to your liking.
5. Remove the pot from heat and remove the bay leaves. Stir in the lemon juice and remaining 1 tablespoon of olive oil. Taste and season with more salt, pepper and/or red pepper flakes. (You might need up to 1/2 teaspoon more salt, depending on your vegetable broth and your personal preferences.) Divide into bowls and enjoy.

NOTES

Recipe adapted from my quinoa vegetable soup and lentil soup.

Storage suggestions: This soup keeps well in the refrigerator for about 4 days. It freezes and defrosts well if you want to freeze extra portions for later!

THE PASTOR STOLE OUR SPOON!

A pastor had dinner at the home of a couple in his church. After he left, the wife said to the husband, "I think he stole our spoon!" This bothered her for a whole year.



A year later the couple had the pastor for dinner again. Unable to resist, the wife asked, "Did you steal our spoon last year?" The pastor replied, "No, I put it inside your Bible."

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25	26	27	28	29	1	2
	1pm - Study Leave Pastor					
					8pm - AA - SH	10am - Sewing Hope - SH 1pm - Overeaters Anon
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Study Leave Pastor 10am - Worship 8pm - AA - SH	5:30pm - Troop 77284 8pm - AA Group SH	10am - Craft Circle 8pm - AA	6pm - Adult Bible Study 7pm - AA - SH	7pm - Worship 7:30pm - AA Group - SH	8pm - AA - SH	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
10am - Worship 8pm - AA - SH	5:30pm - Troop 77284 8pm - AA Group SH	10am - Cooking for Tea 8pm - AA	6pm - Adult Bible Study 7pm - AA - SH 7pm - Finance Committee	10am - PW Ladies Tea 6pm - Deacons Meeting 7:30pm - AA Group - SH	5pm - PW Ladies Tea 8pm - AA - SH	1pm - Overeaters Anon
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
10am - Worship 8pm - AA - SH	5:30pm - Troop 77284 8pm - AA Group SH	10am - Craft Circle 7pm - Radio Club - SH 8pm - AA	6pm - Adult Bible Study 7pm - AA - SH	7pm - Session Meeting - 7:30pm - AA Group - SH	8pm - AA - SH	9am - All Star
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
10am - Worship Palm 8pm - AA - SH	5:30pm - Troop 77284 8pm - AA Group SH	10am - Craft Circle 8pm - AA	6pm - Adult Bible Study 7pm - AA - SH	7pm - Maundy Thursday 7:30pm - AA Group - SH	7pm - Good Friday 8pm - AA - SH	
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
10am - Worship Easter 8pm - AA - SH						