



February Message from the Church Secretary -As we journey through this time of transition, I thought I would share this as a February message based on PCPC's annual participation in Blanket Sunday (Really Blanket Month) as we take donations for the CWS (Church World Service) throughout February. For each \$10 donated, a blanket is bought by CWS to provide comfort in a time of crisis. Here is a story from the CWS website that hits close to home...Thank you for supporting for this mission! Carolyn Gibeaut

CWS Kits and Blankets Bring Warmth and Hope to Ohio Communities

CWS Blanket and Kit donations have provided warmth and essential support to Ohio communities facing record cold and power outages. The generosity of donors, local shelters and events like Bethlehem on Broad Street have offered comfort, hope and vital supplies to those in need during winter's harshest challenges.

During the harsh winter days, the generosity of CWS Blanket and Kit donors has provided critical relief to those in need across central and southern Ohio. With record-breaking cold and widespread power outages, many found themselves seeking refuge in local warming shelters. Thanks to donations from Church World Service supporters, these shelters were able to offer warm blankets and essential hygiene kits to their guests.

Warmth Amid Winter's Challenges "This winter storm was devastating, and many people lost electricity, leaving them no choice but to move to a warming center," said Matthew Stevens, Director of Congregational Campaigns at CWS. "Because of the generous donors from Church World Service, the guests in these shelters received warm blankets and hygiene items, bringing comfort in difficult times."

One of the recipients of CWS Blankets was Bethlehem on Broad Street (BOBS), an ecumenical Christmas Day event in Columbus, Ohio, that serves hundreds of people in need. Jim and Gail Lowe, coordinators of BOBS, expressed their deep gratitude for the donations.

Gratitude from Local Leaders "I can't say thank you enough to Church World Service for providing these blankets and hygiene kits for our community," Jim said. "So many people are in need of extra warmth during the winter, and these blankets are perfect."

In addition to their event, Jim and Gail distributed blankets to local warming shelters and organizations supporting unhoused individuals and families. Gail noted, "It's so heartwarming to know that on these extremely cold days, people can stay warm thanks to the love and care behind these donations."

The impact of these gifts stretches far beyond physical warmth, reminding those in need that they are not alone. CWS donors continue to bring hope and compassion to communities facing winter's harshest challenges.

Update on the Transition Process....

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

- The Session interviewed a minister on January 30th for the position of interim pastor. As of distribution of this newsletter, no decision has been made yet.
- It is likely we will be using pulpit supply ministers for the remaining Sundays in February while we evaluate and decide on an interim pastor.
- Rev Kathy Nice will preach again on February 2nd and lead us in our 2 congregational meetings. One for acceptance of nominated officers and the Annual Meeting.
- Session is also evaluating whether the church can continue financially with a full-time call or possibly may have to go in the direction of a part-time pastoral call.
- A mission study will be completed involving input from the entire church.
- A PNC will be nominated and will be elected by the congregation.
- The PNC will write the MDP which states information about the church and what the church is looking for in a pastor, and it will be placed online through the denomination's call process for potential candidates to view.
- The search for a new pastor by the PNC will continue until a new pastor is called.
- A congregational meeting is held after the pastor preaches and is voted on.
- A new pastor begins serving the church.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SESSION – There is a lot to do in the time of transition!!

Preaching schedule for the remainder of February

Sunday, February 2nd– Rev. Kathleen A. Nice from the Presbytery of Scioto Valley where she serves as the Transitional General Presbyter

Sunday, February 9th–Pastor Rick Yutzky

Sunday, February 16th– TBA

Sunday, February 23rd– TBA

REMINDERS FROM LAST MONTH

SOME DO'S AS YOU PREPARE FOR A NEW PASTOR

DO PRAY FERVENTLY – ASK THE LORD FOR CONTINUAL GUIDANCE AND STRENGTH. THIS IS THE LORD'S CHURCH...SO BE IN CONSTANT PRAYER FOR WHAT HE IS CALLING YOU TO BE AND DO! THE ONE WHO IS IN CHARGE IS THE LORD!!! PRAY FERVENTLY FOR THE SESSION AND THE NEXT PULPIT NOMINATING COMMITTEE!

DO CONTINUE TO GIVE GENEROUSLY – OFTEN PEOPLE'S GIVING SLACKS WHEN THERE IS A TRANSITION. YOU WANT THE CHURCH TO BE IN A GOOD FINANCIAL STATE WHEN YOU CALL THE NEXT PASTOR. DON'T SAY...WELL, WE DON'T HAVE TO PAY A PASTOR'S PACKAGE NOW SO I DON'T HAVE TO GIVE AS MUCH. THAT IS LIKE SAYING DON'T PAY THE GAS BILL IN THE SUMMER BECAUSE WE AREN'T USING THE FURNACE...OF COURSE YOU PAY THE GAS BILL YEAR-ROUND. THE SAME IS TRUE IN THE CHURCH...YOU WILL EVENTUALLY NEED TO PAY A PASTOR'S PACKAGE, SO CONTINUE TO GIVE AND GIVE GENEROUSLY.

DO INVITE PEOPLE TO WORSHIP – THIS IS A TIME WHEN YOU SHOULD BE EXCITED TO INVITE PEOPLE TO WORSHIP...YOU CAN SAY...WE ARE STARTING A NEW CHAPTER IN OUR CHURCH'S LIFE, AND WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU JOIN US!

DO FAITHFULLY ATTEND WORSHIP – THE TENDENCY WHEN A PASTOR LEAVES IS TO NOT MAKE WORSHIP A PRIORITY. IF YOU WANT THE CHURCH TO CONTINUE ON, EVERYONE NEEDS TO BE IN WORSHIP AS HE/SHE IS ABLE. IF YOU ARE PHYSICALLY ABLE, DON'T RELY ON THE LIVESTREAM. THINK OF THE LIVESTREAM FOR THE SICK AND SHUT-IN.

DO ACCEPT CHANGE – CHANGE IS GOOD...LOOK AT YOUR OWN INDIVIDUAL LIVES. CHANGE ALWAYS HAPPENS...GRADUATION, MARRIAGE, PARENTHOOD, NEW JOB, NEW LOCATION. SO CHANGE IS NOT BAD BUT CAN BE THE BEST THING THAT EVER HAPPENS TO YOU AND THIS CHURCH FAMILY.

DO WORK TOGETHER – IT IS EASY NOT TO BE AS EXCITED TO CONTINUE TO DO THINGS THAT NEED TO BE DONE IN THE CHURCH. WHEN EVERYONE WORKS TOGETHER, IT BUILDS UNITY AND BONDING WITH ONE ANOTHER.

DO ENCOURAGE AND LOVE ONE ANOTHER – MORALE IS OFTEN NOT HIGH WHEN THERE IS A TRANSITION TIME...SO ENCOURAGE AND LOVE ONE ANOTHER EVEN IF YOU DON'T AGREE ON EVERYTHING.

DO LOVE YOUR NEW PASTOR – EVEN WITH HIS/HER FLAWS. NO TWO PASTORS ARE THE SAME. HE/SHE WILL NOT BE LIKE ANY PREVIOUS PASTOR. ALLOW THE NEW PASTOR TO BE WHO HE/SHE IS...AND SUPPORT HIM/HER IN THEIR IDEAS AND LEADERSHIP. PRAY FOR HIM/HER AND HIS/HER FAMILY.

DO TAKE CARE OF THE SHUT-INS/SICK – IT IS NOT ONLY THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PASTOR TO TAKE CARE OF THE SHUT-INS OR SICK INDIVIDUALS. IT IS THE ENTIRE CHURCH'S RESPONSIBILITY. SO VISIT...VISIT...VISIT NURSING HOMES, ASSISTED LIVING PLACES, AND HOSPITALS.

DO LOOK FORWARD TO THE FUTURE POSITIVELY – DON'T GRUMBLE ABOUT WHAT WAS OR WHAT COULD HAVE BEEN...BUT LOOK FORWARD TO WHAT CAN BE

Keep these folks and their caregivers in your prayers for healing and recovery from hospitalization or recent illness including Covid.

Elaine Wilcox
Rylind Ferguson
Elmer Collier



Board Meetings after worship:

Trustees— February 9th

Deacons— February 16th

Session—February 23rd



February Lay Liturgist

2/2 Michele Kopiec
2/9 Leanne Manring
2/16 Rosemary Anderson
2/23 Barb Holliday

February Coffee Hour

Nancy McKelvey
February Greeter
Rosemary Anderson

Thank You! -

- ***To the Deacons for coordinating the Farewell Dinner for Rev Alice on January 12th. Thank you for Valerie Merideth and Kim Moody for donating the Ham and all who brought items for the potluck.***
- ***Rosemary Anderson for leading worship and bringing the message on January 26th.***
- ***Thank you to the Women's Circle especially Nancy Patterson for coordinating the main meat course and drinks for Grub and Games and setting up for BINGO. Thank you to everyone who donated items for the prize tables.***
- ***To everyone who submitted reports for the Annual Report. Many hands make light work!***
- ***To Judy Brady and the Session Members who are stepping up and working hard during this time of transition. Your extra efforts are much appreciated.***

WITH DEEPEST
sympathy

The church shares its deepest condolences with:

The McKelvey Family as they mourn the sudden, unexpected loss of sister-in-law, Mary McKelvey on January 11, 2025.

The Gibeaut Family as they mourn Carolyn's mother, Tillie Styer, who passed on January 6, 2025.

Church Treasurer Report for December 31, 2024

The general fund balance for the end of December increased due to donations being higher than the expenses for the month. The donations during the month included several large donations and have been normally higher during the last month of the year. The higher expenses were due mostly to quarterly insurance premiums and the per capita payment.

General Expenses Fund

Beginning Balance	12/01/2024	\$ (1,001.69)
Income		31,660.00
Expenses		<u>(17,063.38)</u>
Ending Balance	12/31/2024	\$ 13,594.93

If there are any questions about the financial information of the church, please let me know.
Best Regards, Gary Gibeaut, Treasurer

REMEMBERING OUR SHUT-INS



Our Shut-ins

Being shut-in during the pandemic should have given us a better appreciation for those on our shut-in list. Please take a moment to remember our shut-ins. Drop them a card or give them a call!

Bob and Suzanne Merkle— Dublin Retirement Village

Chuck Stoker—Home

Bryan Becker—Home

Arlene Perkins, Paul Gibson— Walnut Crossing Assisted Living, Marysville

Charlotte Lambka , Betty Ferguson- Heritage PC

Jack Mercer, Dick and Kathy Wilson, Harley and Judy Bodenbender— Bluebird Marysville

UPDATE: The Bodenbenders will be moving to Bluebird Retirement Community the weekend of February 8.

**Their new address will be
Harley and Judy
Bodenbender
c/o Bluebird Retirement
Community
145 Coleman's Crossing
Marysville, OH 43040
Please update your directory.**

PRAYER TEAM Looking for individuals to serve in the essential minis-



try!! Please see Judy Brady for more information! You can join in any Wednesday at 7 pm. Call 605-313-5657 access # 49430004# Hear a bell Announce yourself.

Sunday, February 2– Grub and Games Potluck after worship with game time following lunch.

The Women's Circle heard that many of you may be missing having potlucks and we found it hard to get people to come back out for Game Night activities. So we are trying something NEW. We will be having a potluck after worship on Sunday, February 2 and then afterwards, offering the opportunity for games including BINGO. It is a great chance to invite someone to church and you can eat and have fun at the same time. Thank you to all who have donated prizes.



Fill Up Sunday is

February 2– Our tubs are in good shape this month.
Please keep us in mind for March 2

**THE EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERY INVITES YOU TO THE
INSTALLATION SERVICE OF
THE REV. ALICE L. PHILLIPS
AS THE PASTOR OF
CHAMPION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
4997 Mahoning Ave. NW
Warren, OH 44483**

**Sunday, March 2, 2025
3:00 P.M.**

**A catered dinner will be served after the service, so an RSVP is needed by
February 22, 2025.**

Please text me at 740-391-2531

or email at revalp@neo.rr.com with a yay or a nay!!

For those traveling a distance who need overnight accommodation, I highly recommend the following inn where I stayed when visiting the area. (very clean, great breakfast, and friendly staff). They will also give a discount.

**Holiday Inn Express and Suites (15 minutes from church)
135 Highland Terrace Blvd.
Warren, OH 44484
330-544-1408
Ask for the church rate**

**The church is 1 ½ hours from Pittsburgh, PA
3 hours from Plain City, OH
2 hours from Shadyside, OH
A little over an hour from Creston, OH**



02/04	Barbara	Berry
02/05	Kathy	Wilson
02/07	Michele	Kopiec
02/11	Norman	Troyer
02/14	Valerie	Merideth
02/14	Carolyn	Gibeaut
02/15	Don	McKelvey
02/17	Barbie	Scheiderer
02/17	John	Bodenbender
02/25	Pat	Jordan

No Anniversaries this Month

MONDAY BIBLE STUDY IS ON A WINTER BREAK.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY– will be Saturdays 9 am at the church. The next meeting date is February 8, 2025. See Bill Pettibone with any questions.

Church Directories are updated and available.

On side table in sanctuary and in box outside. If you don't see one and want one, please let the church secretary know.

From The Gibeauts a word of thanks..

Thank you to the congregation for all your support, calls, prayers, and cards given to us due to my mother's passing. Thanks for all the support and encouragement throughout my years as her caregiver as well.

With much gratitude,

Carolyn and Gary Gibeaut

HOSPITAL VISITATIONS -If you are in the hospital or a loved one is and want a visit... please call the church 614-873-5011.