

1st Presbyterian Church Newsletter

January - February 2025

JOIN US FOR THE JOB FAIR! FEBRUARY 23, 2025

Every team will have a designated area in the fellowship hall where you can find information about their activities, the overall mission, and the special events they host throughout the year. They are excited to answer any questions you might have and share more about their work!

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Celebrating Christ's love for all people

PASTOR'S PAGE:

"Then the animals go into their lairs and remain in their dens. ⁹From its chamber comes the whirlwind, and cold from the scattering winds. ¹⁰By the breath of God ice is given, and the broad waters are frozen fast." —Job 37:8-10

Happy January Church Family!

It is time to do our new year work. Thus, we have scheduled the **Congregational Meeting to elect a new slate of Elders to serve on Session for Sunday, January 26th.**

This will swiftly be followed by a service to ordain and install our new Elders during worship on Sunday, February 9th.

And right on the heels of that, we will have our **Annual Congregational meeting to review the Annual Report of 2024**, and to elect an Audit Committee and a Nominating Committee on **Sunday, February 23rd**. Now! We have been mentioning a church "Job Fair" in February. We are plotting to make the meeting and the fair be an all in one.

So mark your calendars! And get ready for winter to zip by!

The purpose of an Annual Report is to review, remember, and report. It is worth it to pause and remember all that we did together over a 12-month span. How cool would it be to do the same for yourself—like those lovely, newsy Christmas letters people send out to family, surveying their activities of the past year? In preparation for the Annual Meeting, I challenge you to review your past year in the church. What have you participated in? What has meant the most to you? When were your gifts and talents put to best use in service to loving God and neighbor? When were you out in the community showing forth loving-kindness and the Kingdom of God? Do it! You'll be glad you did!

Did you miss getting a "Star Word" on Epiphany Sunday? I still have many available in the office and would love to let you pick one. A Star Word serves as a year-long contemplation and gateway for openness to the guidance of God in our lives. The word I picked was, "See," and I have it taped to a picture frame hanging right over my computer in the office. The other thing I have hanging on that frame is a little wooden cutout of Jesus saying "I saw that." I heard some of your words as you were leaving worship on Epiphany Sunday, and I was delighted by some of the match-ups!

Prepare yourselves for some experimental worship from now until Lent, which begins in March this year. Using the revised common lectionary, I am going to preach us through The Great Ends of the Church, as they are found in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s Book of Order. The great ends are: 1) The Proclamation of the Gospel for the Salvation of Humankind, 2) The Shelter, Nurture, and Spiritual Fellowship of the Children of God, 3) The Maintenance of Divine Worship, 4) The Preservation of the Truth, 5) The Promotion of Social Righteousness, and 6) The Exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the World. And since I am pretty sure you have stopped reading by now, I am going to tell you that each of those Sundays we will highlight a different genre of music in worship. (Get ready to rock!)

God bless you and keep you in this frosty winter season, *Pastor Katie*





Community Outreach

"I HAVE A DREAM" ~ Martin Luther King Jr

NOSA Cards: December total = \$3,390 Thank you for all your support!

PCU: Canned Vegetabowls - Sunday, January 26

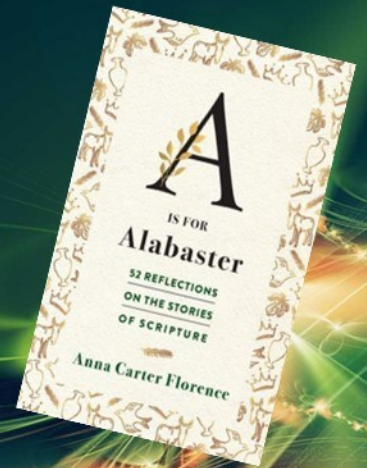
Christmas Joy Special Offering: Total = \$1,520 This is a \$576 increase from last year. My beloved church family, you are all outstanding, amazing, spectacular, compassionate!!!!

The Table: Wednesday, January 15 Entrée - chili regular/white bean chicken. Come join the fun!

ADULT BIBLE STUDY NEWS

Tuesday Morning Study Group News - January/February

After our Christmas break, we have returned to our journey through the alphabet in the Old Testament delving into a chapter each week in A is for Alabaster. We continue to meet familiar and unfamiliar characters with fresh perspectives that lead to deep discussions. Join us on Tuesday mornings at 10AM in person or on Zoom by contacting Selinda.



CONGREGATIONAL

MEETING

**JOIN US AFTER CHURCH
ON JAN 26 FOR THE
NOMINATION & ELECTION
OF ELDERS**

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

As we usher in the new year, the CE team is preparing to introduce several new components for Junior Worship. We believe that embracing change is essential to keep our youth engaged and actively participating. These new initiatives will develop over the coming months. Come see us at the Job Fair, where CE will have a station to provide information about our committee's overarching goals and the special events we organize throughout the year. We eagerly anticipate the opportunity to address any inquiries you may have regarding our Christian Education Committee.



CLAIRE AND NICK KRABILL ARE HAPPY WITH THE POSITIVE CONNECTIONS THEY ARE DEVELOPING WITH THE YOUTH. THEY WILL CONTINUE TO GATHER AFTER THE SERMON TO DISCUSS WHAT THEY HEARD IN THE SERMON AND SCRIPTURE READINGS. THE GROUP IS ALSO DISCUSSING TOPICS THAT ARE OF CONCERN TO THE YOUTH IN THEIR DAILY LIVES. THIS IS MEANT TO CREATE A SAFE PLACE TO BUILD RELATIONSHIPS AND CONNECT WITH THEIR PEERS. THANK YOU CLAIRE AND NICK FOR YOUR DEDICATION TO THIS EFFORT.

The younger children will be excused following the children's message to participate in a Bible lesson and various activities.

Some of these lessons may be familiar, having been heard multiple times, while others will be new to them. This approach is essential in providing our children with a solid foundation in the Bible, which will contribute to their comfort and confidence as they navigate their faith journey.

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS:


WEST VIRGINIA WORK CAMP

THE WEST VIRGINIA WORK CAMP IS SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE FROM JUNE 15 TO JUNE 21. PARTICIPANTS MUST BE AT LEAST 13 YEARS OLD TO ATTEND WITHOUT PARENTAL SUPERVISION. THE FEE FOR PARTICIPATION IS APPROXIMATELY \$275.00 PER INDIVIDUAL. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE TO HELP REDUCE THIS COST.

PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH TRIENNIUM

The Presbyterian Youth Triennium is scheduled to take place from July 28th to July 31st in Louisville, Kentucky. This event is designed for youth who are entering the 8th grade through those who are completing the 12th grade. Occurring every three years, the Triennium serves as a significant ecumenical gathering that emphasizes worship, discipleship, Christian compassion, justice, and biblical theological education. Participants are required to pay a fee of \$200.00, in addition to housing costs. Scholarships are available to assist with expenses. Furthermore, this event presents an excellent opportunity for our church to engage in collective fundraising efforts.

January 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
12	13	14 10am Bible Study 6:30pm Session	15 5:30pm The Table 6pm AIAnon	16 Pastor Katie out of office—>	17 5:45 pm Toastmasters	18 <—Pastor Katie out of office
19 10am Worship	20  5pm Mission Vision Team	21 10am Bible Study	22 6pm AIAnon	23 1pm Cong Care Team Meeting	24	25
26 10am Worship Cong Meeting	27 5pm Cong Life Team Meeting	28 10am Bible Study 6pm Joy Belles	29 6pm AIAnon	30	31 5:45 pm Toastmasters	

UPCOMING WORSHIP LEADERS:

January 19: Don Youel, Rauscher Family, Rick Gilts, Gretchen Downs

January 26: Don Youel, Tom & Karen Lingeman, Megan Merrell, Stephen Potts

February 2: Stephen Potts, David Nunn & Marty Sloan, Mary Beth Gilts, Nancy Gates

Communion: Margot Quick & Julie Lindsey, Jack & Linda Simmons

February 9: Don Youel, Lowrie Gilmore & Carol Sprague, Matt Hollar, Kathy Jarosz

February 16: Stephen Potts, Cecilia Richardson & Delbert Duckins/Marty Sloan, Jack Simmons, Gretchen Downs

February 23: Don Youel, Sarah & Lizzie Crawford/Allison Mackin, Rhyn Davies, Stephen Potts

February 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 10am Worship	3	4 10am Bible Study	5 5pm Worship & Music Team 6pm Community Outreach 6pm AlAnon	6	7	8
9 10am Worship Elder Installation & Ordination	10	11 10am Bible Study	12 6pm AlAnon	13	14 	15
16 10am Worship	17  5pm S/F/M	18 10am Bible Study	19 5:30pm The Table 6pm AlAnon	20	21 5:45 pm Toastmasters	22
23 10am Worship Cong Meeting & Job Fair	24 5pm Cong Life	25 10am Bible Study 6pm Joy Belles	26 6pm AlAnon	27	28	