

February 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28 Congregational Mtg / Potluck ● 9am Sunday School ● 10am Worship	29	30	31 ● 1pm PCC Leadership Meeting	Feb 1 ● 6pm Worship Committee Meeting ● 7pm Choir Rehearsal	2	3
4 ● 9am Sunday School ● 10am Communion ● 10am Worship ● 11am Deacon Meeting	5	6	7 ● 1pm PCC Leadership Meeting ● 5pm Christian Education Zoom IV	8 ● 9am Men's Group meeting ● 4:15pm Mission Committee mee ● 7pm Choir Rehearsal	9	10
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18 ● 9am Sunday School ● 10am Worship	19 President's Day-Closed	20 ● 3pm PSV MEETING / Grove City	21 ● 1pm PCC Leadership Meeting ● 4:30pm Session Meeting	22 ● 6pm Lenten Study ● 7pm Choir Rehearsal	23	24
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Chimes

February

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I want you to know something ... God cares for you!

Isaiah 40: 29 says "God gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might God increases strength."

One of the amazing things about the God we see in scripture is that God cares for the outcast, the weak, and the hopeless. God is a God of second chances. He loves to do his greatest work through the most unlikely people.

God could work through the most powerful and wealthiest people. But one of the ways God shows true power is when our Father strengthens the weak and gives power to the powerless. Thank goodness God is always brewing something through the holy spirit for us each day.

When God sent his son to earth, Jesus came in the form of a helpless baby. When Christ chose his twelve disciples, Jesus chose the most unlikely group of followers.

God doesn't choose the powerful; God empowers those He chooses. This is great news for us! We may not be the best at what we do or the most influential person, but God takes our gifts and makes them special.

We may feel like we don't have the right traits or talents to be used by God, but who does? God can use anyone and everyone. God makes it a habit of taking our greatest weakness and our greatest pains to use for his kingdom's work.

Take a moment right now to ask God for strength. Are you feeling a little tired? A tiny bit weak? Ask God to give you strength for today! Ask God to increase your power. While God may not fix your weak condition immediately, when you are open to God, watch out! The most difficult situations will be turned into powerful moments.

Ask God to open your heart, mind, and spirit to how you can use your weakness to strengthen each other. Remember; "You don't heal alone, you heal in relationships." Make God your priority person.

Be strong and courageous. ~ Pastor Steve

**Give thanks
to the LORD,
for he is good;
His
Love endures
forever.**

PSALM 107 1



PCC NEWS

January has come to an end and February has arrived!

After a great winter break, the school age children went back to school on January 4. Thanks to some snow and cold temperatures, they ended up with a couple days off and 2-hour delays. That made for some interesting days at the PCC.

We hope everyone is staying warm during this cold! We are looking forward to what February has to offer and hope it will be a relaxing month for us.

As February begins the children will be learning about Groundhog's Day (Feb. 2), Presidents' Day (Feb. 19) and lets not forget about Valentine's Day. The children will have their Valentine's Day party on February 8! They will have fun activities, enjoy a special lunch, and then pass out valentines to their friends!

PCC has an in-service day scheduled on Friday, February 9. The PCC will be closed that day.

News Flash! We have a fundraiser that will run February 5 - 26. The money earned from this sale will be used toward center activities and for our PCC Sunshine Committee. The orders will be online only, and they will be shipped directly to your house! There is a flyer on the next page. You can scan the QR code to register and place your order. Thank you so much for all your support, we appreciate everything you do for the PCC!!

~ Abbey



SHIP 2 HOME

Presbyterian Child Center

Money earned from this sale will be used for center activities and for our PCC Sunshine Committee. Our goal is to raise \$3,000 on this fundraiser. We will earn 35%- 40% profit on every item we sell.

Sale Dates: February 5 - February 26

All orders will be delivered directly to your customer's homes.

Sell 15 Items: Earn a \$5 Amazon gift card code

Sell 25 Items: Earn a \$15 Amazon gift card code

Shipping & Handling will be charged for each order.

Thank you for your part in making this a success!

STEP 1: SELLER REGISTRATION
Link to register to use Online Store:

[Bit.ly/presbyterianchild](http://bit.ly/presbyterianchild)

You will get your shareable link after you register to share with family & friends so they can order under your name or share the QR Code below.

STEP 2: SUPPORTERS: Scan QR Code below to find seller's name to place orders!

Supporters:

Scan QR Code to find seller's name to place orders.



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And more!

WHAT'S HAPPENING? ...

IMPORTANT DATES

Feb. 4: Deacon meeting

Feb. 14: Ash Wednesday service

Feb. 19: Church office is closed in observance of President's Day

Feb. 21: Session meeting

2024 PRESBYTERY of SCIOTO VALLEY MEETING

The Presbytery will meet on Tuesday, February 20 at 3:00 PM at the First Presbyterian Church in Grove City.

Future meeting dates & locations ...

Tuesday, May 21: First Presbyterian Church - London

Tuesday, August 20: First Presbyterian Church - Chillicothe

November 19: Covenant Presbyterian Church - Columbus

PER CAPITA 2024

Per Capita is crucial to the overall health and well-being of the PC(USA). The per capita for 2024 is \$40.00 per member, which the church pays to the Presbytery. \$26.95 goes to the Presbytery of Scioto Valley; \$3.25 goes to the Synod of the Covenant; and \$9.80 goes to the General Assembly.

If you are able to cover your portion, be sure to write on the memo line of your check, or on the envelope that you use, that this offering is for the Per Capita. Thank you for your generosity in helping to cover this cost.

2024 LITURGISTS

Thank you to all who have signed up to be liturgists. **BUT**, we still have one month left, and we can always use an alternate or two. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board if you would like to give it a try :)

SNOW EMERGENCIES

If the county should reach a Level 2 or 3, and it is on a Sunday, remember that the church will be closed, **BUT**, worship service will still go on, with zoom. So, keep the email handy that has your Zoom connection letter and worship material so that you can still 'attend'.

MEN'S GROUP

The new Men's Group will have their next meeting on Thursday, February 8 at the home of Pastor Steve, located at 4050 St. Rte. 187, London. Plan to arrive by 9:00 AM and enjoy a light breakfast. The group is starting "How to Discern God's Will for Your Life".

It is not too late to join in with the discussions. The dates and times of future meetings are open, so if another time works better, let Pastor Steve know.

Sisters in the Lord

You are invited to the next Sisters in the Lord meeting. This is an ecumenical gathering of women who come together to share the love of God through scripture, prayer, witnessing, music, sharing a meal and more.

Join us on Saturday, February 10, 2024, at the First Baptist Church from 1 - 3:00 PM. The church is located at 250 Toland Avenue in London.

Bring yourself, your bible, and a friend. If you have any questions, you can contact Joyce Lloyd at 614-390-7834 or tjlloyd196@me.com.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

The ashes used on Ash Wednesday are meant to represent dust. When receiving ashes on their foreheads, members hear the words: "Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return." This is a reference to what God says to Adam when exiling him from the Garden of Eden. On Ash Wednesday, the saying is a reminder to be humble in the face of mortality.

The Ash Wednesday Service will be on Wednesday, February 14 at 7:30 pm, marking the beginning of Lent. Our theme for this service is "Store Up." Join us as we explore "What R U Up 2?"

Holy week begins with Palm Sunday on March 24, ending on Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024.

what r u up 2?

Get up to something instead of giving something up this Lent.



Lent is often known as a time of giving something up in order to make room in our lives for spiritual pursuits. Rather than just “giving up” in Lent, the scriptures ask us to consider all that Jesus is “up to” and all that he asks us to be up to in his name. Instead of bemoaning what we can’t do, or used to do, in a culture where “measuring up” to external standards seems impossible, this Lent we will celebrate the small things that we can do right now to respond to God's call in our place, for our time.

This season of Lent, join us as we answer the question: What r u up 2? To find your Lenten journal, go to:

<https://keap.page/ny163/what-r-u-up-2-guided-journal.html>

You can print it or keep it digital. Also, join us for our Lenten Study, which will be held on Thursday evenings during Lent from 6-7 in the parlor. The first study will be on Thursday, February 15.

EASTER FLOWERS

If you wish to provide Easter flowers or a special gift ... please fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate. Or mail to the church office (PO Box 226), **along with your check** (made out to First Presbyterian Church). *We are purchasing flowers from London Florist. DEADLINE for placing your order is February 26, 2024.*

ASSORTMENT of DAFFODILS & TULIPS

6” Pots Qty: _____

GIVEN IN HONOR / MEMORY of:
(circle one)

to Pick up _____ - OR - # Donated for the Church Flower Beds _____

TOTAL # _____ 6” Pots ordered x **\$13.00 each** for a total attached of \$ _____

Given By: _____

Phone _____

SPECIAL GIFT FOR GENERATION TO GENERATION FUND

GIVEN IN HONOR / MEMORY of:
(circle one)

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Given By: _____

Phone _____



DEVOTIONAL RESOURCES

The Christian Education committee sought out devotional resources from church members this fall. The CE committee would like to thank members who shared the following devotional aids with us:

Jesus Always – Embracing Joy In His Presence by Sarah Young
The Passion Translation of the New Testament with Psalms,
Proverbs and Song of Songs

Daily Word
todaydevotional.com

The Bible Project app
Proverbs 31 online Bible Studies
Presbyterian These Days

Daily Guidepost devotional book ‘Walking In Grace’
Contemporary English version of the Bible

Diary of Daily Prayer by J. Barry Shepherd
Self-Journaling

D365 app
Daily Hope with Rick Warren
These Days

The Upper Room
Bible recap

Pray As You Go app
Mornings with Jesus
Glenn McDonald’s devotions
Scripture Union’s Closer to God
Our Daily Bread

We hope by sharing these resources you are blessed with new ways to deepen your faith.



COMMITTEE CHAIRS FOR 2024

ELDER PAM DENNEWITZ:	PROPERTY BUILDING COMMITTEE CHAIR Member of the PCC COMMITTEE
ELDER BRENDA ENGLE:	MISSION COMMITTEE CHAIR Member of the NOMINATING COMMITTEE Member of the PCC COMMITTEE
PASTOR DR. MARK A. JOHNSON:	PCC COMMITTEE CHAIR
ELDER DOROTHY MORLOCK:	WORSHIP COMMITTEE CHAIR
ELDER CINDY NEWMAN:	NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIR 2024 CLERK OF SESSION
ELDER PAUL OSWALT:	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE CHAIR
ELDER HOPE SMITH:	ADMINISTRATION/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE CHAIR
PASTOR STEVE WATTERS:	MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE CHAIR PRESIDENT OF THE CORPORATION
ELDER GEORGINA WELLS:	STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION CHAIR Member of the GENERATION TO GENERATION COM.
DEACON RHONDA MILLER:	MODERATOR Deacon Rep. on the NOMINATING COMMITTEE
DEACON KEN MORLOCK:	CLERK Deacon Rep on the WORSHIP COMMITTEE
DEACON JOYCE LLOYD:	FUNERAL MEAL COORDINATOR
DEACON RUTH KENNEDY:	BLOOD PRESSURE COORDINATOR
DEACON GAILYN WHIPPLE:	ASST. CLERK
STEPHANIE HUDDLESTON	FINANCIAL SECRETARY OF MARTHA GEIB MEMORIAL
CONNIE DWYER	ASST. FIN. SECRETARY OF MARTHA GEIB MEMORIAL

February Fun Facts

This February has 29 days. The odds of being born on February 29 are about 1 in 1,461.

Groundhog Day is on Feb. 2. It is based on a German superstition. In Germany, though, it's not a groundhog that forecasts either an early spring or a longer winter: It's a badger.

February 19 brings **Presidents' Day**, a federal holiday that is celebrated on the third Monday in February. (George Washington's birthday is February 22 and Abraham Lincoln's birthday is February 12!)

On February 2, 1848, U.S. and Mexico signed the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo which ended their war. The U.S. paid Mexico \$15 million in exchange for California, Nevada, Utah, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, and Texas.

FEBRUARY'S BIRTHSTONE IS AMETHYST.

THE PRIMROSE & THE VIOLET REPRESENTS FEBRUARY.

THE ZODIAC SIGN FOR FEBRUARY IS AQUARIUS (FEB. 1-19), AND PISCES (FEB. 20-29).

In Welsh, February is sometimes known as "y mis bach" which means "little month".

FEBRUARY'S FULL MOON REACHES PEAK ILLUMINATION ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24. IT IS CALLED THE SNOW MOON

February 13 is **Mardi Gras** (aka "Fat Tuesday" or Shrove Tuesday), which is the final feasting day before Lent begins on the following day, Ash Wednesday.

February is
Chocolate
Lover's
Month

PRAYER LINE

All requests to be submitted to Shelley Jones at shelley.j.jones8@gmail.com or call 614-425-7570.

IMPORTANT: Due to privacy issues, please make sure any prayer request is with consent of the person concerned.

Let the pastor know when her presence is needed. If you wish to have prayer concerns lifted during the worship service, please email the church office.



PRAYER REQUESTS FROM PASTOR ABOU OF THE REFORMED NATIONAL CHURCH OF THE SAHEL (RNCS)

Please continue to keep Pastor Abou and the RNCS in your prayers as they head into the new year. They have asked for special prayers for the continued expansion of the church in Senegal and Guinea Bissau and Sierra Leone countries. With the help of our prayers, and their trust in God, this will be a successful year for the church.

Happy Anniversary

May your troubles be less and your blessings be more,
And nothing but happiness come through your door.

Bill & Kay Fischer	2-1
Susan & Don Miller	2-3
Christopher & Carol Ansel	2-12
Jim & Becky Buell	2-16
Jay & Shelley Jones	2-22
Joe & Deb Blaho	2-23
Richard & Stephanie Huddleston	2-23



Those born in February have creative minds, and are considered straightforward. They are very honest. February borns are loyal, devoted, and committed to their loved ones. They prefer their own original ideas, frowning on

copycats. The February born love to live their life to the fullest. They find happiness in the small things of life. Once a goal has been set, the February born does not deviate from it, thanks to their determination and will-power. They prefer to doing things their own way. They are compassionate by nature, with great empathy for others, and very family-oriented. The February born love to express themselves through art.

Emmett D. Schrock	2-2	Deena Bennett	2-17
Leila Oswald	2-8	Anna Morlock	2-19
Arlene Duffey	2-8	Linda Green	2-20
Peter Yost	2-8	Adam Siddiqi	2-21
Dee McSavaney	2-8	Rod Kronk	2-21
Barbara Niemeyer	2-14	Lisa Runyon	2-24
Sandy Rodabaugh	2-14	Cheryl Baltzer	2-25
Becky Yerian	2/16	Ruth Kennedy	2-26