



Among Friends

JANUARY, 2022



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Greetings;

I'm pretty sure that most of you have used a GPS. And if you have, I'm sure that you are very familiar with the word "recalculating." You are driving along and things seem to be going well and then, for whatever reason, you hear the word "recalculating." Immediately, you know you are heading in the wrong direction.

Blow the trumpet in Zion, sound the alarm on my holy hill. Let all who live in the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming. It is close at hand.
Joel 2:1

The children of Israel had taken a wrong turn and God sent Joel to say, "recalculate." Recalculate; you are not following God. Recalculate; the path you are on will only cause you pain and trouble. Recalculate; before it is too late. The message Joel gave to the Israelites thousands of years ago is also a good message for us today.

Another year has come and gone. Are you living a life pleasing to God? If not, "recalculate!" Are you loving others the way Jesus loves others? If not, "recalculate!" Are you taking each and every moment to tell others the good news of the gospel? If not, "recalculate."

For the day of the Lord is coming. It is close at hand.

Not only are we another year older, we are another year closer to the coming of Christ. With the start of another new year, we should take time to reflect on the past year. We should consider the direction God is leading us in this new year. We should be seeking God's presence and will for our lives.

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FEBRUARY

**Newsletter
Deadline**

January 27

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(((ONLINE WORSHIP)))

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SPECIAL DATES IN JANUARY

- New Year's Day, 1/1
- Epiphany, 1/6
- Baptism of the Lord, 1/9
- Religious Freedom Day, 1/16
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day, 1/17
- Week of Prayer for Christian
Unity, 1/18-25, 2022

Deadline for
FEBRUARY
submission of
information is
JANUARY 27

Submit to:

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"Snail Mail"
324 S. Main St.
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724-991-5863

From Our Pastor's Desk (continued)

You might not know where to begin. This prayer might be a good place to start.



Prayer for a **BLESSED** New Year

Father God,

You always give me the grace to start anew.

My new life gained through Jesus is the greatest grace ever.

Thank you for loving me endlessly!

In the New Year...

Help me grow more intimate with You in prayer.

Let me become wiser and deeper in Your Word.

Mold me to be more Christ-like

In character speech and action.

*May my life be a fragrant offering that glorifies Your name.
Please protect my family and friends; keep us from evil and harm,
Bestow abundant blessings as we embark on another year,
And let it be filled with **faith, hope and love.***

In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

(Author unknown)



Frank and I wish you a blessed and happy new year. May this be a year that finds us all closer to our Savior.

In His love,
Diane



FRIENDSHIP PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The Friendship Presbyterian Women's group will not be meeting in January and February. Our next meeting will be March 9, at 7:00 p.m., at the Community Center. Hostesses for the evening will be Cindy Cross and Michelle Whitehouse.



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FPC?

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL:

January lessons focus on God's justice in the face of human injustice. We've already had the lesson about Cain's murder of his brother Abel and have pondered the question of "Am I my brother's keeper?" The month's remaining lessons look at the plight of Hagar and Ishmael. Three more lessons from Exodus and Deuteronomy discuss how judges, officials, and priests work together to administer justice for all. All are welcome to participate in this time of Bible study, discussion, and sharing at 9:45 a.m. Sunday mornings.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL:

The children's Sunday school class is studying the birth of Jesus and his life on earth. We meet at 9:45 a.m. each week.



MISSION UPDATE



Children's Advocacy Center: Four back bags were delivered to the center in December. They were purchased with Kohl's Cash earned from our recent purchase of a new vacuum cleaner for the community center. The dandelion in their logo represents the resiliency of children.



Christmas Joy Offering: Supporting past, present, and future church leaders, the Christmas Joy Offering has been a cherished Presbyterian tradition since the 1930s. The Assistance Program is the Board of Pensions' longstanding ministry of caring for those who serve the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Through it, the Board offers grants to support active and retired church workers during times of financial need. This special offering distributes gifts to Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.



Christmas Family: Thank you for your generosity in providing gifts for our 2021 Christmas family. All the gifts on the list were signed up for and many extras were also provided. Our family was selected by the guidance department of the Slippery Rock Elementary School. Thanks to them also for their part in this.



Salvation Army: Grand Total for the Slippery Rock Kettle Campaign 2021 was \$12,285.61. Thank you to all who came out to "ring the bell" on December 23rd. You were enthusiastic in spite of the cold! And that date had the highest amount of money in the kettle for this season!

Thank You!

Thank you, Doris Allison, for your work with the Slippery Rock Salvation Army. Doris not only signs us all up to ring the bell but she is the treasurer for SR Salvation Army and is responsible for getting that money counted and deposited.

Inter-Presbytery Leadership Formation

Education & Enrichment for Ruling Elders in the Presbyterian Church (USA)



IS GOD CALLING YOU TO FURTHER LEADERSHIP?

If you are a Ruling Elder, God might be calling you to preach or become more involved in pastoral service. Redstone Presbytery, along with four neighboring presbyteries, will be continuing the training program to prepare possible "Commissioned Pastors" for the future.

New students may begin in the January of 2022. The program includes both classroom and hands-on experiences, and you will receive training and mentorship that will help you grow as a leader in Christ's Church.

The Spring Term of 2022 is January 8, February 5, March 5, April 4, and May 7. Course in the morning will be Reformed Worship and Sacraments with Rev. Dr. Peter Bower. Workshops are being finalized.

If interested, please contact the Beaver Butler Presbytery office at 724.452.7515 or Executive Presbyter Skip Noftzger at Redstone Presbytery for descriptions and details at 724.837.6767.

More information and an application can be found at this link.

[Microsoft Word - IPLF Information2 - Registration doc.](#)
 [\(redstonepresbytery.org\)](http://redstonepresbytery.org)



ROCK OF AGES

On walks, I enjoy searching for heart-shaped rocks. One day in 2021, I spotted a broken heart, which seemed fitting as illness, racism and suffering dominated the headlines. I thought of Psalm 34:18, NIV: "The Lord is close to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit."

Humans can be hard-hearted — pointing fingers, assuming the worst and failing to extend compassion. We often reject people who look, think or act differently from us. All these things break hearts, including God's. Only with his help can we rise above hatred, learn to listen more than we speak, and express kindness, empathy and a willingness to learn.

"Jesus, be our rock as we face life's brokenness. Stay near and start the healing. Amen."

—Julie Lee

As the new year begins, it is time to think about the purposeful work of our Per Capita contributions. Which leads to the question "WHAT IS PER CAPITA?"

Per Capita is an annual per member apportionment (**\$42.90 for 2022**) that funds presbytery, synod, and general assembly efforts.

\$31.52 annual contribution to support Presbytery infrastructure necessary for mission in Beaver and Butler Counties

\$2.40 annual contribution to the Synod, which consists of 16 Presbyteries across Pennsylvania and parts of West Virginia and Ohio

\$8.98 annual contribution to the Office of General Assembly, which supports our Synods, Presbyteries, and over 10,000 congregations.

Please place your Per Capita Apportionment in the offering plate or mail in (877 Franklin Road, Slippery Rock, PA 16057) by February 28.



Prayer List

*“Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord.”
James 5:16*

Anne D.
April and Todd
Bonnie of Georgia
The Alben Family
Jane Allison
Carly Atkisson
The Bob Barkus Family
Zachary Barto
Kayla Brundige
Tyler Burson
Martie Cooper
Phyllis Cooper
Ruth Cooper
Jeff & Cindy Cross
Kay Curtis
Heather Datt
Jim Dickey
Mark Doerr
Blanche English
Jennifer Gilliland
Donna Grossman

David Hall
Timothy James
Rev. & Mrs.
William Jamieson
Graham Larimore
Landry Lawson
Ed Lind
Joe Lowers
Will McCoy
Kevin Michael
Willard Morse
Randy Morgan
David Parker
Bernie and Linda
Bill & Chris Schroeder
Micheal Scott
Cindy Solman’s Mother
and Sister
George Sonnet & Family
Joe Vivelo
The Family of Amy
Vogan

Seth Vogan
Joan West
Woman from Michigan
Our military at home
and abroad
Persecuted Christians
around the world,
Alpha Omega (SR)
Pregnancy Center
Feed My Sheep Food
Cupboard
Beaver Butler
Presbytery
The Cooperstown
Family
Our Friendship
Presbyterian Church
Family
All those who have
been impacted by
COVID19

LOOK FOR THE SIGN!

Submitted by Evelyn Vargo

When driving past the Community Center don’t forget to look for the sign! Beginning next month Evelyn plans to provide us with signs she will be using for the current month rather than ones used the previous month.

DECEMBER

FRIENDSHIP PRESBYTERIAN COMMUNITY CENTER

WISE MEN

STILL SEEK

HIM

To Book Call: 724-738-0953

FRIENDSHIP PRESBYTERIAN COMMUNITY CENTER

MARY

WRAPPED THE FIRST

GIFT

JESUS

To Book Call: 724-738-0953

JANUARY



Philip Frampton, 1/13
Sue Datt, 1/14
Cindy Tuskan, 1/31



JANUARY



Ray and Wendi
Vukson
1/23

JANUARY

FRIENDSHIP PRESBYTERIAN COMMUNITY CENTER

DO NOT

LOOK AHEAD

OR BEHIND

BUT WITHIN

To Book Call: 724-738-0953

FRIENDSHIP PRESBYTERIAN COMMUNITY CENTER

BE A

GOOD

EXAMPLE

To Book Call: 724-738-0953

FACING THE FUTURE

*Don’t worry about the future. Worry quenches the work of grace within you. The future belongs to God. He is in charge of all things. Never second-guess him.
—François Fenelon*

On the Road Again

Twice The Fun This Year!



Live on Stage at:



FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 2022

Tour Cost: \$149.00 per person

Tour Includes: Roundtrip motorcoach transportation
Free time at Hartville Flea Market/Shops OR Hardware Store
Lunch and Show - Hartville Kitchen Conference Room with
The Oak Ridge Boys
Hartville Bakery - Goodies to take home!
All taxes and meal gratuities

Check payable to Jeff Cross

Tour Departs: 7:00 a.m. Friendship Community Center, 886 New Castle Road, Slippery Rock, PA

Tour Returns: 6:30 p.m. Friendship Community Center 886 New Castle Road, Slippery Rock, PA

Due to advance payment for tickets, payment in FULL must be made when making your reservation(s).

JUNE 23-24, 2022 2 Days - 1 Night



Live on Stage at:



Tour Cost: \$380 per person double occupancy
\$365 per person triple occupancy (two beds)
\$440 per person single occupancy

Tour Includes: Roundtrip motorcoach transportation
One night accommodations Country Inn & Suites
One Breakfast - Day 2, Country Inn & Suites
Two Lunches - Day 1, Shady Maple Smorgasbord (Awesome!)
Day 2, Amish Home Family-Style
One Dinner - Pizza at hotel after the show
Sight and Sound Theatre – **DAVID** (New Show for 2022)
Bird-In-Hand Bakery (Goodies)
Strasburg Railroad and Choo Choo Model Train Museum
All taxes, meal gratuities and baggage handling.

Deposit Due: \$50.00 per person to guarantee your reservation

Balance Due: Friday, May 20, 2022

Checks

Payable: Friendship Presbyterian Church

Forward to: Jeff Cross

328 South Main Street
Harrisville, PA 16038

JUST FOR FUN

Golden GIVING

Live out Jesus' golden rule by preparing gift bags for people in need.



What you need:

- Gallon-size zip bags
- New socks
- Hand warmers
- Bus fare or tokens
- Bottled water
- Nonperishable food
- Toiletries and first-aid items
- Paper and markers

What you do:

1. Gather supplies, using the ideas above. Fill bags to make care packages.
2. Write notes or draw pictures for recipients, placing one in each bag.
3. Zip bags and keep them in a vehicle to distribute. Or deliver them right away to people in need (or to sick or homebound people, nursing home residents, a homeless shelter and so on).
4. Pray that God will use your gifts to help and encourage each recipient.



A measure of love

Jesus says one golden rule sums up the law.

Directions: Match the word parts from the ruler to the incomplete words in the first three Bible verses. Then add the bolded letters (in order) to Matthew 7:12 to complete that verse.

Do not seek re_____ or bear a grudge against anyone among your _____ople, but love your neig_____ as yourself.

LEVITICUS 19:18, NIV

Learn to do right; seek jus_____. Defend the _____pressed. Take up the cause of the _____less; plead the _____e of the widow.

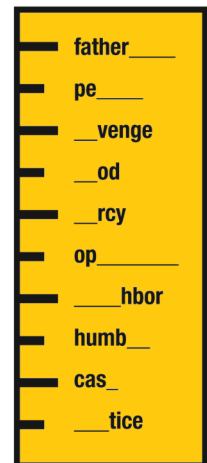
ISAIAH 1:17, NIV

He has shown **you**, O mortal, what is go____. ... To act **justly** and to love me____ and to walk _____ly with your God.

MICAH 6:8, NIV

So in _____ything, do to ot _____ what you would _____ve them d _____ to you, for this s _____ms up the _____w and the Proph _____s.

MATTHEW 7:12, NIV



Answer: revenge, people, neighbor, justice, oppressed, fatherless, case, good, mercy, humbly, everything, others, have, do, sums, Law, Prophets



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*SUBMITTED BY
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