



Among Friends

JANUARY, 2023



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

BEST NEWS EVER!

Greetings;

Another year has come and gone. I know that 2022 held good news for some of you and very bad news for some of you. Some wish 2022 was still here and others are glad to see it gone. Whichever camp you are in, there is something for everyone in 2023...it is the *best news ever!*

*“Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away
the sin of the world.”
John 1:29*

Have you ever noticed...good news spreads quickly. When I found out that I was going to become a grandmother for the first time I couldn't get to the phone quick enough. When we go to a new doctor or dentist, and really like them, we want to tell others. When we find a really good recipe or buy a new product that we really like, we put it on Facebook or social media. When a vaccine was discovered for Covid, it was all over the news.

Ironically, the best news in the world...news that impacts everyone...news that could benefit every person...it is news that we are reluctant to share. *The Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.* In other words, the Good News of salvation in Jesus Christ. It is Good News for you and for me...no matter what 2023 holds.

Do you know someone who is hurting? Do you know someone who is grieving? Do you know someone who is lonely? If you do, share this Good News. Share the news that this baby born over 2000 years ago can heal us, make us whole, and give us hope. God's own Son was that baby and he came to seek and save...US!

I wish all of you a Holy New Year. A year filled with the things of God. A year filled with excitement and love. *The Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.* Jesus is the only one that can take our sins away. Folks, that really is good news!

In His love,
Diane

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FEBRUARY

**Newsletter
Deadline**

January 25

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FPC?

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL:
January lessons look at the promises of God in Old Testament lessons from 2 Chronicles, Isaiah, and Joel. We will be reminded that we can trust God to keep his word to us. He promises to hear prayers of repentances and to be present and restore his people after times of distress. And these are just a few of God's promises to us. Join us for Bible study, discussion and sharing at 9:45 a.m. in the Sunday School room. All are welcome!

YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL:
The young adult Sunday school is learning that Jesus is God's son. As they discover more about Jesus, they will be challenged to believe in Jesus, see how he works in their everyday lives, and how to live out their faith in helping others.



MISSION UPDATE



Christmas Families: Thank you all for your generous donations of gifts for 3 students from our local elementary school. Gifts were provided to 3 boys from 2 different families.



for the New Year

*For all the possibilities ahead in the new year,
make us thankful, O Lord.
Give us wisdom, courage, and discernment
in the face of so much chaos, despair, and fear.
Help us to see how, in our circumstances,
we can contribute towards peace, faith, love.
And give us the will to translate
our desires into actions.*

*Written by Brother John Charles Vockler
Submitted by Ruth Keith
(from The Complete Book of Christian Prayer)*

Second Saturday Concerts will **NOT** be held during the months of January, February and March. Stay safe, stay warm!

Reminder

Friendship Presbyterian Women's Group will **NOT** be meeting during the months of January and February.

Our Sunday morning **Worship Services and Sunday School** classes **WILL** be held at our regular times:

Sunday school: 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service: 11:00 a.m.



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
Christy
Francine
The Alben Family
Leslie Alford
Jane Allison
Carly Atkisson
Zachary Barto
Candy Boulanger
Kayla Brundige
Tyler Burson
Joanne Campbell
Martie Cooper
Phyllis Cooper
Louise Corbett
Jeff & Cindy Cross
The Family of Eileen Datt
Heather Datt
William Datt
Jim Dickey
Mark Doerr

Blanche English
Jennifer Gilliland
Donna Grossman
Timothy James
Rev. & Mrs. Jamieson
Jesse Kelley
Graham Larimore
Landry Lawson
Ed Lind
Joe Lowers
Amber Matteo
Will McCoy
Mary Messer
Kevin Michael
Willard Morse
Randy Morgan
David Parker
Bernie Rihel
Bill & Chris Schroeder
Cindy Solman’s Mother & Sister
George Sonnet & Family
Joe Vivelo

Seth Vogan
Donna Walker
Joan West
Michelle Whitehouse
Woman from Michigan
Our military at home & abroad
Persecuted Christians around the world
Alpha Omega Center
Feed My Sheep Food Cupboard
Beaver Butler Presbytery
Cooperstown Church Family
Friendship Church Family
Trevor Wood’s Ministry
SR Community Nursery School



PROOF OF LIGHT



On January 6 Christians celebrate Epiphany, when the Magi came to worship baby Jesus. Epiphany, which means an appearance or manifestation, symbolizes the first recognition of the Savior by non-Jews. Because Epiphany also is a reminder that Jesus came as the light of the whole world, its symbols include light, candles and a star.

How did the wise men know — and how do we know — that Jesus is the light of the world? As preacher George Buttrick said, “It would little avail to ask how we know.

That would be like asking how we know that Beethoven’s ‘Hymn to Joy’ is joyous. If a man were to say, ‘It is not joyous to me,’ he would not condemn the music; he would tell only his morbidity. There is no logic to establish an axiom, for an axiom is the basis of all logic; and the soul of Jesus has axiomatic truth. Jesus is light, and there is no proof for light except light itself.”

Newsletter Newsletter,
January 2023

—Ada Lum

JANUARY

BIRTHDAYS

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

JANUARY

ANNIVERSARY

Ray and Wendi Vukson
1/23



FRESH STARTS

I suppose when we wake on January 1 the world will look the same. But there is a reminder of the Resurrection at the start of each new year, each new decade. That’s why I also like sunrises, Mondays and new seasons. God seems to be saying, “With me you can always start afresh.”

PROPOSED BUDGET

2023

Submitted to session for approval.

Please direct questions or comments to session members.

CATEGORY	BUDGETED	PROPOSED	DIFFERENCE
	2022	2023	
PASTOR SALARY	\$ 9,600.00	\$ 9,600.00	\$ -
ADMIN ASSISTANT	\$ 6,600.00	\$ 6,600.00	\$ -
FICA FOR ADMIN ASSISTANT	\$ 505.00	\$ 505.00	\$ -
FACILITY CARE (Custodian -- Wor Ctr)	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ -
FACILITY CARE (Custodian -- Com Ctr)	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ -
GUEST MINISTERS	\$ 760.00	\$ 760.00	\$ -
OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ -
COPIER/PRINTING SUPPLIES	\$ 650.00	\$ 850.00	\$ 200.00
INSURANCE			
Property	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ -
Workmen's Comp	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ -
OIL - WORSHIP CENTER	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ -
OIL - COMMUNITY CENTER	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -
ELECTRIC - WORSHIP CENTER	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 2,000.00
ELECTRIC - COMMUNITY CENTER	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 2,000.00
TELEPHONE	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 1,750.00	\$ -
CULLIGAN - WORSHIP CENTER	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00	\$ -
CULLIGAN - COMMUNITY CENTER	\$ 560.00	\$ 560.00	\$ -
MOWING	\$ 400.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 300.00
SNOW PLOWING	\$ 270.00	\$ 270.00	\$ -
PIANO TUNING	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ (200.00)
WORSHIP - OUTREACH - WELCOME	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -
CE AND YOUTH	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ -
FLOWERS/GIFTS	\$ 300.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 200.00
BUILDING AND OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ -
	\$ 45,195.00	\$ 49,695.00	\$ 4,500.00



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 (**\$43.77 for 2023**) 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

\$9.85 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.

Give your share.
Stronger together. Beaver-Butler congregations.

For more information about Per Capita and how it is assessed and allocated in Beaver-Butler Presbytery call 724-452-7515 or visit beaverbutler.org



JUST FOR FUN

TASTY CREATIONS

Make this yummy treat to remember what happened on each day of Creation.

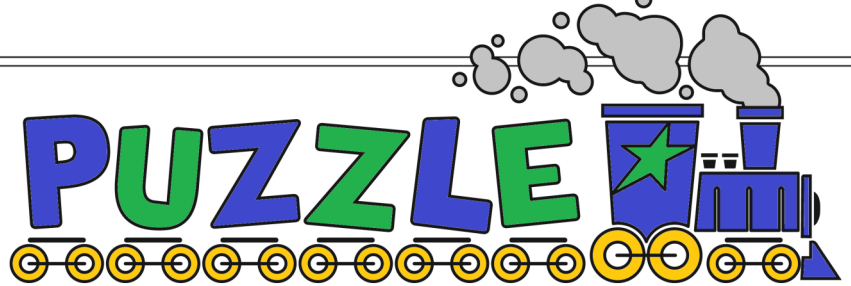
What you need:

- 6 large pretzel rods
- Candy melts (white, chocolate and blue)
- Green sprinkles
- White or star-shaped sprinkles
- Fish crackers
- Animal crackers
- Adult help



What you do:

1. With help, melt the three colors of candy melts in separate dishes. Microwave for 30 seconds at a time, stirring until soft.
2. Decorate one pretzel for each day of Creation:
 - Dip half in white and half in chocolate to show light and darkness.
 - Dip half in white and half in blue to show separation of the atmosphere.
 - Dip half in chocolate, add green sprinkles and dip half in blue to show land, plants and water.
 - Dip in chocolate and add white or star sprinkles to show the stars.
 - Dip in blue and add fish crackers to show sea life.
 - Dip in chocolate and add animal crackers to show land animals.
3. Share the Creation story – and the snack – with a friend!



Ordering the days

God spoke and created all that exists. He separated and ordered his creation. What did God say about all he made?

Directions: Write the correct day of creation next to each clue. Then fill in the circled letters in order below to complete Genesis 1:31, NIV.

FIRST SECOND THIRD FOURTH FIFTH SIXTH

- God made wild animals and livestock. _ _ _ _
- God said, "Let there be light." _ _ _ _
- God gathered the waters under the sky into one place. _ _ _ _
- God made a vault to separate the waters and called it "sky." _ _ _ _
- God created plants and trees. _ _ _ _
- God separated the light from the darkness. _ _ _ _
- God made the water teem with living creatures. _ _ _ _ _
- God made the sun and moon. _ _ _ _ _
- God made birds fly above the earth. _ _ _ _ _
- God made stars. _ _ _ _ _
- God created mankind in his own image. _ _ _ _ _

God _ aw all tha _ he _ ad ma _ e, an _ _ t was ve _ y g _ od.

GENESIS 1:31, NIV

Answer: sixth, first, third, second, third, first, fifth, fourth, fourth, sixth, and it was very good.





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