

### **UPCOMING SPIRE DEADLINES: February 17th** @ 2:00pm

Dear Friends in Christ,

"What's love got to do with it?", asks Tina Turner. Well, said Jesus, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." Also, "By this they will know you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." And, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, soul, and strength", and don't forget "Love your neighbor as yourself." It seems love has quite a lot to do with being a Christian, and very little about it has to do with chocolate, despite all the store displays.

While we celebrate President's Day, Groundhog Day, and Super Bowl Sunday in February, and Lent begins this February with Ash Wednesday on February 22, it is Valentines Day that seems to define February for many of us, and that's okay with me as love is one of the core parts of living for Jesus.

Paul told us, "So faith, hope, and love remain, and the greatest of these is love." One of my favorite new quotes is, "We can move forward in love, or backwards in fear." When fear drives the bus, when fear is the wolf we feed, then prejudice dictates our behavior, and we fail to love our neighbors because we are afraid of them, afraid of making a mistake, afraid of looking foolish or being taken advantage of. When fear is our primary motivation, we believe the lie that there is not enough ... not enough food, not enough love, not enough jobs, not enough grace, not enough of anything and so life becomes a struggle for scarce resources.

When love drives the bus, we can see clearly that some people are treated differently because of the color of the skin, and we can love them too much to allow that. When love motivates our behavior, we know that God provides for us so we have the courage to share. We may not want the Other Team to win the Super Bowl, but we love the players enough to pray for those who are injured. Love lets us listen, love enables us to see each other and ourselves clearly, love sets us free to love our country and also want it to do better; love sees every person as child of God and treats each person that way.

On Ash Wednesday we remember that our lives are short; that tomorrow is not promised to anyone, and life can be hard. We accept the love of God today because we need it to hold on and hang on during the harsh times that come from being a mortal human being.

We love each other so we can help each other hang on. We're doing things as a community and for the community to make love known. A Souper Bowl soup and chili meal on February 19th; we will mark Black History month as I share about the ministries and mission of Black churches and African-Americans; the Blessing Box will be restocked as we love our neighbors, and there will be both an Ash Wednesday service, and Ashesto-Go, a drop-by ministry of ashes and prayer on the 22nd.

Why? Because love has everything to do it. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, so that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

Grace, peace, and LOVE to you, Pastor Caroline



#### **Annual Congregational Meeting Announcement**

The congregation and corporation of the Presbyterian Church of Waynesboro is called to meet following worship on February 12th to receive the Annual Report and to vote on the terms of call for the Designated Pastor.

January 2023

### February Birthdays:

9 Gloria Socks

14 Anne Dunn

16 Jimmy McFarland

- 2 Virginia Rahn
- 2 Joshua Freeman
- 5 Martha Rhines
- 5 Allyson Wolford

#### **BUILDING FUND**

The Building Fund balance is currently \$13,238.75.

Thank you for your continued support.



Offered willingly for the	Building Fund
service of the house of God. 1 Chronolog 2010-7	Name:

# Monthly Church Financial Snapshot December 2022



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Weekly Contributions	\$7,916.57	\$7,207.00	- \$709.57
<b>Outside Support</b> (special collections and Memorials & Facilities Income)		\$2,805.37	Total Income: \$10,166.89 Net Ordinary Income: (\$9,551.00)
Expenses	\$12,848.09	\$19,717.89	

Total funds available in checking and Money Market account totals \$458,556.88 This amount includes gift from Jean Brinser Will that will be designated in the near future.

Now available the December 2022 Statement of Activity

Contact Gloria Socks, Treasurer

#### Session in a nutshell

#### Highlights from the January Session Meeting:

- Gloria Socks has been elected to be Treasurer for 2023.
- Lori Sutton has been elected as Clerk of Session for 2023.
- The elders and deacons will have a leadership retreat on Sunday February 5th after church.
- The Community Care Task Force is hosting a "Souper Bowl of Caring" meal on February 19th 1-3pm. They will be collecting canned soup and other canned goods to benefit Cross.



# January 2023

### "Souperbowl of Caring"

Sunday, February 19, 1-3 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Soup and Chili meal.

Visit with friends, old and new, and enjoy a fun movie!

Ideal for the whole family.

Invite guests to join you.

SOPPER BERK

ADMISSION: Bring soup or other canned goods, if you are able, to help stock our Blessing Box.

#### A Journey Through Lent: Reflections on Christ's Sacrifice for Us.

Lent is a time in which we anticipate the victory of the light and life of Christ over the darkness of sin and death. It corresponds to Jesus' time in the wilderness. This 7-week sermon series is from select Psalms which help us in times of self-examination, difficulty, and dryness and invite us to make our hearts ready for remembering anew Jesus' death and resurrection.

We made it half way through this study for Lent 2022. We will finish it in this season of Lent, starting on February 26th after our worship service, roughly 11:40am in the parlor. Contact Lori Sutton by email, <u>ber-gers@md.net</u>, or by phone 240-291-3418 (daytime) or 301-739-4253 (after 6pm) for more information or if you need a book.



# HELP US UPDATE THE CHURCH DIRECTORY

# All B O C M

### The 2023 Directory update is in progress!

Please let the Sarah know if there has been a change to any of your contact information:

Address, Phone number or Email

### All updates are due to the Church Office by Friday, February 10th.

2023 Directories will be distributed on Sunday, February 19th.



Ash Wednesday Service - February 22nd @ 7:00pm

"Ashes To Go" - February 22nd from 10:00am - 1:00pm & 3:00pm - 5:00pm

Palm Sunday - April 2nd @ 10:15am

Maundy Thursday - April 6th Seder Meal @ 5:00pm, Worship Service @ 7:00pm More details to come on the Seder Meal & Worship!

Easter Sunday - April 9th @ 10:15am

Lenten Prayer Service & Fellowship Time Wednesdays @ 5:00pm beginning March 1st

### **Church Flower Memo – Please Read:**

The Spiritual Life Ministry Team is making a change to how Easter and Christmas Flowers are ordered to streamline the flower ordering process. All flower orders and money MUST be turned into Sarah in the Church Office before any flowers are ordered for Easter or Christmas. Sarah will account for payment and once the flower order is placed with the florist, all money will be turned into the Financial Secretary for deposit. Flower orders will not be placed unless payment is made at the time of ordering. You may notice a delay in payments for flowers being deposited. This will ensure that all flowers being ordered are paid for and that the flower order is being placed accurately.

# Easter and Christmas flower orders can be placed by giving orders with payment directly into Sarah, mailing them to the Church to Sarah's attention, or putting them in the offering plate with Sarah's name on the envelope.

Additionally, you will notice that prices have increased for this year's Easter Flowers and we expect that Christmas Poinsettias prices will also increase. The Spiritual Life Committee plans to continue supporting our local florist, who has been giving us the best prices and customer service over the years.

Contact Sarah or Gina if you have any questions about the change in the Easter and Christmas Flower ordering process.

The 2023 Flower Calendar is posted in the Outer Church Office. You can sign up directly on the chart or call the Church Office to provide flowers for Worship. Anyone wishing to provide flowers for Worship can order them from any local florist, purchase and bring bouquets into the church, or make flower arrangements from your own flower garden.

We recently received a generous donations of silk flower arrangements from the Derry Presbyterian Church and look forward to sharing them with you!







Deadline: Sunday, February 26th

Please complete this order form and place it in the offering plate or return form to Church Office to the attention of Sarah Stains along with payment <u>no later than</u> Sunday, February 26th.

Make Checks payable to: The Presbyterian Church of Waynesboro and note in the memo section of your check "<u>Easter Flowers</u>"

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

EASTER LILY - \$13.00 (Available in white only)
DAFFODIL - \$14.00 (Available in yellow only)
HYACINTH - \$10.00PinkWhiteBlue
TULIPS - \$10.00 _PinkYellowPurpleRed
IOLIIO \$10.00 _1 link IenowI uipieRed
GERBERA DAISIES - \$7.00YellowOrangePink
KALANCHOE BEGONIA - \$13.00 Red Pink Yellow
RIEGER BEGONIA - \$15.00Orange Yellow Pink
Please indicate your preference of wording:
To the glory of God and
In honor of

In loving memory of\_\_\_\_\_

Total # of flowers ordered \_\_\_\_\_ Total cost of flowers ordered = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Payment MUST accompany flower order. THANK YOU!



<u>Week of March 5th</u> - The Turk Russell Family, Tom & Jeanne Singer, Larry & Gloria Socks, Carl & Bernice Solomon, The Jason Stains Family, Shirley Stephenson, Gertrude Stilts

### Knowing Christ, Growing in Christ, & Showing Christ to the World!



Office Hours: Monday - Thursday from 10:15am - 1:15pm

Public worship is posted to The Presbyterian Church of Waynesboro's YouTube Channel every Sunday.

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#### **BETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

**WAYNESBORO, PA**