




FEBRUARY 2020

The Union Press

“To know Him and make Him known”

SESSION HAPPENINGS



The regular monthly session meeting was held on Wednesday, December 11th. It was opened with prayer by our acting Moderator, Rev. Tom Milligan of Little Britain PC. It was reported that the pastor search committee has finished the “Church Information Form” which is the first step to informing Presbytery that the position is open and that we are soliciting applicants. It was noted that Presbytery regulations have changed and as many as 4 elders may attend the Presbytery meeting in January at Bellvue Presbyterian Church in Gap, PA.

The monthly treasurers report was presented and authorization given to pay the bills. Unusual bills noted were a heater repair bill of \$3,112. More work will need done in January. An air conditioner will also need repaired before spring. The organ was recently tuned, but will also need some repairs to an air chest to fix a “dead” note.

The nominating committee with elders Arlene Hastings and Milt Whiteside and members Doug Chase, John Armstrong, Betty Vasco and Richard Hastings reported that they have candidates for all positions to present at the January congregational meeting. The auditing committee is preparing to do the annual audits on Thursday evening, January 16th.

The worship committee reported that the Christmas program is scheduled and the free will offering will go toward Solanco Neighborhood ministries and organ maintenance. The Christmas eve service will be led by Jerry Phillips and the free will offering will go to New Hope Ministries. Elaine Swinehart will lead December communion service.

Mike Chase will also lead the last service in December. Todd Brown will be back again in January and also seminary student Doug Royer will lead a service.

The finance committee, Ken Beiler and Marty Greenleaf have been working on the 2020 budget and will have prepared for the annual meeting. It will be very similar to the 2019 budget and due to the uncertainty of timing for a minister replacement will not include a salary. It will note how much money is estimated to be available for a minister in the projections.

The new candidates for Session and Deacon positions will meet with the session and the moderator at the January session meeting to verify that they adhere to the principles of the EPC Book of Order and familiarize them with their new responsibilities. Ken Walton performed the service for the funeral of Mary Traina in December. The meeting adjourned with prayer by Rev. Milligan. Next meeting will be January 9, 2020. Congregational meeting will be Jan. 26th, 2020 and Presbytery at Gap on January 24 & 25th.

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The Due Date for the February Newsletter is February 16th.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9:00 Sunday School 9:45 Fellowship 10:00 Worship – Mick Chase Groundhog's Day	3 7:00 Trustee Mtg	4	5 9:00 Art Class 9:00 Quilting	6	7	8
9 9:00 Sunday School 9:45 Fellowship 10:00 Worship – Elaine Swinehart	10 1:00 Women's Groups	11 1:30 Deacon Mtg	12 9:00 Art Class 9:00 Quilting 7:00 Session Mtg	13	14 Valentine's Day	15
16 Newsletter Deadline 9:00 Sunday School 9:45 Fellowship 10:00 Worship – Elaine Swinehart	17 Presidents Day	18	19 9:00 Art Class 9:00 Quilting	20	21	22
23 9:00 Sunday School 9:45 Fellowship 10:00 Worship – Elaine Swinehart	24	25	26 9:00 Art Class 9:00 Quilting	27	28	29

FOOD BANK

Diapers Sizes 4,5,6 Assorted Vegetables (canned)
Soup (all sizes and varieties)

LECTIONARY PASSAGES

February 2nd

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15;
1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12

February 9th

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12); Psalm 112:1-9 (10);
1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16); Matthew 5:13-20

February 16th

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 119:1-8;
1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Matthew 5:21-37

February 23rd

Transfiguration of the Lord

Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 2;
2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9



Thank you to Union Church Family for the flowers, cards and prayers during Annie's recovery. Also, thank you for the Christmas poinsettias and visit from Milt and Joan. Everything was greatly appreciated. ~John & Annie Thompson

FEB. FLOWERS & GREETERS

2 Jerry & Joyce Letterman	2 Joyce Letterman
9 (Still Available)	9 Betty McCormick
16 Carolyn Sacks	16 Carolyn Sacks
23 Jack Hastings	23 Betty Joan Vasco



FEB. BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Joan Probst
- 2 Michael Ferguson
- 3 Blanche Church
Lori Kelley
Allen Weicksel
- 5 Bradley Fuller
Russ Gilmore
Faye Chase Whyte
- 7 Nathan Supplee
- 9 Olivia Williams
- 10 Dorothy Walton
- 11 Allison Reed
Mary Nickle
Wayne Letterman
- 12 Verna Herr
- 14 Jerry Whiteside
- 19 Betty Lou Griffith
- 23 Dorothy Herr
Robert Whiteside II
- 25 Frankie O'Connell, III
- 26 Thomas Hastings
Austin Murray
- 28 Nancy Ambler
- 29 Peter Graziano Jr



FINANCIAL REPORT

Giving for December: \$18,268

December Expenses: \$15,354

(Keep in mind that a full-time pastor will add about \$6000 per month to exp.)

Sunday School collection for the Glovers: \$174

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QUILTING

Wednesdays starting in February until we are done. We would love to see you on Wednesday, February 5th at 9:00 a.m.



The Women's Groups will have a joint meeting in February.

They will meet the 2nd Monday, February 10th at 1 p.m. and will have a special speaker, Stephanie Lininger, from Solanco Alliance and specializes in community companions. This is a subject that was brought up at one of our joint meetings. We invite any and all women of the church to attend.

