



FIRST FACTS



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One of the first things I heard when I began as your pastor was a concern about COMMITTEES. Some rearranging and consolidation had taken place last year, but hadn't really taken hold. Some of you were confused about what happened to certain committees and who was in charge. Some committees fell through the cracks.



Your Session has discussed this at length and even held a special meeting to work on restructuring. Some committees have not been changed; others have been combined. The new committees are:

EXECUTIVE/PERSONNEL -

MEMBERSHIP: Nancy Bray (Clerk of Session), Charles Wiles (Treasurer), Mike Brown, Harvey Hecht
SUMMARY: This committee plans Session meetings and covers Communication, Finance, and Personnel. Occasionally, additional members will be recruited from the congregation to serve on a subcommittee for specific tasks and special projects.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION –

MEMBERSHIP: Sarah Ross (Session), Kathy Brown, Melissa Harris, Sandy Wilhelm, Karen Wilkinson
SUMMARY: Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, nursery and child care, youth ministry, confirmation, camps and conferences, library.

MEMBER CARE & FELLOWSHIP -

MEMBERSHIP: Jeanne Hirsch (Session), Joyce Rayfield (Session)
SUMMARY: Maintain regular contact with members, care for members in need, assimilate new members, assist the Pastor in bereavement support, organize bridal showers, baby showers, receptions, monthly congregational meals.

STEWARDSHIP, MISSION, AND OUTREACH –

MEMBERSHIP: Sarah Holt (Session), Ruth Needle, Donna Pikey, Betty Sewell, Georganne Syler, Charles Wiles
SUMMARY: Year-round stewardship education, research and oversight of mission giving and projects, connection and relationship-building with Sunday visitors as well as people in our community.

PROPERTY -

MEMBERSHIP: Dave Bengtson (Session), Mike Brown (Session), Bryan Harris, John Folwell, Shirley Gibson, John Hirsch, Ray Wilhelm
SUMMARY: Oversee regular maintenance of building and grounds and building equipment, oversee building use by outside groups, security.

WORSHIP & ARTS –

MEMBERSHIP: Harvey Hecht (Session), Jonathan Patterson (Staff)
SUMMARY: Assist the Pastor in planning worship, communion, pulpit supply, ushers, lay readers, etc.

IMPORTANT!!! We are not finished adding members to many of these committees. WE WELCOME YOUR PARTICIPATION and I encourage you to speak to me or a Session member to become involved.

Grace and peace,
Ellen

SESSION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Stated Meeting of the Session March 20, 2018

Elder Rayfield and Rev. Gurnon attended the Presbytery meeting in Webster Groves on February 24.

Communications: Rev. Gurnon read thank you notes from Central Middle School for the mobile food pantry and from PC (USA) Mission and Special Offerings for the Christmas Joy Offering.

Report of Pastor: Rev. Gurnon informed the Session in a written report her activities from February 20 through March 19, 2018, documented 11 visits/calls with members, 12 meetings/events in addition to delivering communion to Fern Harris and attending a Community Counseling Center Foundation (CCCF) orientation.

Report of Executive/Personnel Committee: As an initial item of action was to turn attention to the Shivelbine Proposal for new sound/recording equipment that was postponed at the February meeting to look at other options. The Session approved Shivelbine's proposal in an amount just under \$5,000.

Rev. Gurnon updated the Session on Background checks for volunteers in accordance with our new Child Protection Policy. She suggested that we recheck all current employees and that we change the package to omit securing a credit report. It was moved by Elder Bengtson, seconded by Elder Ross and approved by the Session to proceed with changing the Package to include a nationwide criminal search, Social Security trace, and a manual county search for 7 years of county address history. This package will cost \$25.50 per background check.

As a second payment on our pledge to support the Giddings-Lovejoy Presbytery in hosting General Assembly in June, the Session voted to proceed with the payment of \$290 to the Presbytery as well a donation of \$100 for socks for the homeless (a hands-on mission project of General Assembly).

Property Committee Chair, Elder Bengtson, reported light bulbs have been replaced with LED bulbs throughout the church except for motion activated light switches in the bathrooms. The switches are still in progress. Elder Bengtson reported that gutters have been cleaned out with covers repaired on all four sides of the building by Dutch Guttering. The project totaled \$1,563.00. He reported that the vault repair is almost finished but the shelving is not yet complete.

Our new website is LIVE! Check it out at www.firstpccape.org and let us know what you think.



The next meeting of the Book Club will be at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 11th at the home of Ruth Needle. The book for discussion is "The Women of the Castle" by Jessica Shattuck. The May meeting will be on Wednesday, May 9th at the home of Sandy Wilhelm. The book is "Caroline" by Sarah Miller. All are welcome and the reading of the book is optional.



Horton and Carol Miller would like to extend their sincere appreciation to the congregation for their well wishes, cards, and prayers of support during Horton's recent health issues. Your demonstration of love and support is a tribute to the membership of First Presbyterian Church



Second Tuesday at the Chateau will meet for lunch and fellowship on Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at 11:00 A.M. in the Chateau dining room. If you would like to attend, please call Ruth Needle at 334 - 4515 no later than noon on Monday, April 11 so that arrangements can be made for a table to accommodate all of us. We will order off the menu with each person being responsible for their own lunch. All are welcome.



Memorials

A Memorial has been received in memory of:

Glenn Saupe, from Daryl Henry, Bob & Ann Parkinson, Don & Shirley Gibson, Nelson Kasten, Bob & Cherie Herbst, Jerry Pind.

Ruth Illers, from Madge Ridings, Nelson Kasten

Caroline Reitz, from Madge Ridings

Marlena Pind, from Sue & Kent Kopf



The next Gather, Share & Eat will be on April 15th which will be the Troop 4 BBQ, immediately after church in Fellowship Hall. Lunch tickets are Adults \$8/Child \$4. Bulk BBQ sold by the pound \$9 or by whole pork butt for \$30. Proceeds are to help boys go to Summer Camp, which is \$275 each.

This year, the scouts will be cooking across the street at the activity building in the parking lot, so you will be able to pick up whole pork butts there. We will have some in the fellowship hall also for sale.

Call Shirley 382-0495, 335-2579 or Will Bahn 450-7976 if you want to order bulk BBQ. Lunch tickets can be purchased at the door. Scouts will be selling tickets and taking pre-orders on April 8th before and after Church Service.

YOU'RE INVITED

We have a planning meeting for our new Member Care & Fellowship committee to be held on Saturday, April 14th. We will meet in the church parlor at 10:00 a.m. All are welcome to be a part of this committee.

At this meeting we will entertain new ideas and projects that you would like to be a part of for the care and fellowship of our members. Coffee & light refreshments will be served.



April Meal-a-Month

- 1 lb. package of pasta
- Can of Spaghetti Sauce
- Can of Carrots or Peas
- Can of fruit



**LILLIES HAVE BEEN PLACED IN THE SANCTUARY
IN MEMORY OF**

Our Parents, from Don & Shirley Gibson
Austin & Martha Cairns, her parents, from Jean Cairns
Mr. & Mrs. A. P. Rueseler, her parents, from Ruth Knoté
Charles Knoté, her husband, & **Barbara Knoté Head**, her daughter, from Ruth Knoté
Bill Needle, from Ruth Needle & Family
Charles, Mark, & Sam Hopkins, from Dixie Hopkins
Bill Stover, from Evelyn and Family
Fred & Marcella Henry, his parents, and **Dwayne Henry**, his brother, from Daryl Henry
Her parents: Mary Lou and Paul Bray, from Nancy Bray
Henrietta (Kate) and J. D. (John) King, from Karen & Henry Wilkinson
Kitty Rueseler, from Vicki & Jim Overstreet
Tom Phillips, from Willie Phillips
Our Parents, from Horton & Carol Miller
Our Great -Nephew, Alex Bunch, from Pet & Peg Hirschburg
George & Dorthy Penzel, from Georganne Syler
Our Parents, from Ed & Sue Burford
Gene & Virginia Thornton, from Barry Thornton
Marlena Pind, from Barry Thornton
Paul & Mary Lou Bray, from Barry Thornton
Ralph & Laverne Hirsch, from Barry Thornton
Luke & Edna Kinder, from Barry Thornton
Bob & Skeeter Lamkin, from Barry Thornton
Jack Himmelberger, from Barry Thornton

**LILLIES HAVE BEEN PLACED IN THE SANCTUARY
IN HONOR OF**

Sarah & Greg Hopkins, from Dixie Hopkins
Our Families, from Paul & Ruth Pautler
A Caring & Loving Congregation, from Horton & Carol Miller
Our Children and Grandchildren, Horton & Carol Miller
Rev. Ellen Gurnon, from the PNC

APRIL PRAYER CALENDAR

The Session hopes you will use this 'Prayer Calendar' as we daily pray for each other and some of the mission concerns of our church.

- 1ST Presbytery of Beaver-Butler
- 2ND Sarah Holt (birthday)
- 3RD Presbytery of Carlisle
- 4TH Presbytery of Donegal
- 5TH Willie Phillips (birthday)
Kathy Brown (birthday)
- 6TH The Presbytery of Huntingdon
- 7TH Joan Gohn (birthday)
Will Bahn (birthday)
Hannah Taylor (birthday)
- 8TH Presbytery of Lackawanna
- 9TH Joanna Shaver (birthday)
- 10TH The Synod of Alaska-Northwest
- 11TH John Broeckling (birthday)
- 12TH Presbytery of Northumberland
- 13TH The Presbytery of Philadelphia
- 14TH Pittsburgh Presbytery
- 15TH The Presbytery of Redstone
- 16TH Presbytery of Shenango
- 17TH Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery
- 18TH Leland Shivelbine (birthday)
- 19TH Washington Presbytery
- 21ST Karen Fieser Flowers (birthday)
- 22ND The Presbytery of West Virginia
- 23RD Ann Ritter (birthday)
- 24TH Presbytery of Central Washington
- 25TH Presbytery of Northwest Coast
- 26TH Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
- 27TH Bob & Cherie Herbst (anniversary)
- 28TH Presbytery of Olympia
- 29TH Emily Harris (birthday)
- 30TH Presbytery of Yukon

From the Mission Yearbook of Prayer and Study

God of all creation, teach us to protect and preserve; teach us to love our neighbors as ourselves; teach us humility before all you have created. Teach us to treat our food and the land from which it comes with reverence. In the name of Jesus, who is the true bread of life. Amen.

April 2018

Monthly Planner

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