

CLERK'S CORNER

Your session met for the first time this year, on January 13th. We all feel that this will be a very good year and we will do our best to help make it so.

Chip Woods, the new moderator of diaconate, was present to report on upcoming activities of the deacons, including a dinner and family night on Feb 15th. Chip is also our liaison to the Boy Scout Troop sponsored by the church and remained with us while we discussed sponsoring the scouts in 2015. After much discussion, discernment and prayer, the decision was made to renew the contract.

The communion schedule for this year was discussed and will remain the first Sunday of each month, Maundy Thursday and Christmas Eve. Ash Wednesday is also a possibility and will be discussed at a later date. Because of Christmas Eve services, January is exempt from the monthly schedule.

The nominating committee will be elected in March at the congregational meeting, the date of which will be set in February.

The following officers were elected to serve a one year term: Joan Drake, Clerk; Bill McQuain, Treasurer; Vicki Zimmerman, Commissioner to Presbytery.

Appointments were made to the following Committees by Rev. Vineyard: Personnel, Joan Drake; Building and Grounds, Mike Grantham; Outside Ministry, Sue Beall and Pat Hale; Inside Ministry, Robin Caldwell and Bill McQuain.

Items of interest coming up in the near future include a women's bible study. Of course, volunteers are still needed as we continue with the refurbishing and redecorating of the church. We are hoping to have the floors done in the next couple of months but will need volunteer help to take up the old floors. Please don't stop contributing to the floor fund.....we are very close but not quite there yet.

If you have any problems or concerns, please don't hesitate to talk to a session member or Reverend Kathy. We are here to serve.

In closing, we ask for prayers for Martha Coker and Augusta Slagle as well as all those on our prayer list.

Blessings,
From Your Session

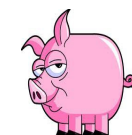


“Slice & Dice”
Don't Miss Out!

Mark your calendar for Saturday morning February 28 for our annual

“Slice & Dice” Party!

We will be cutting, slicing, dicing and bagging hams for the Spud Lunch again this year. Bring a cutting board and electric knife if you plan to dice and a 1/3 measure cup if you plan to bag. We will start at 8AM and should be finished by Noon. Sign up sheet will be in the narthex soon.



Submitted by Lonnie McCain

2015 SANCTUARY FLOWER CALENDAR

The 2015 Flower Calendar is located in the narthex if you would like to donate flowers to be displayed in the sanctuary please fill in the dates that you would like to donate. Call the church office for more information or to reserve your date by phone.



PRAYER CORNER

Let us keep our family and
friends in our prayers

Augusta Slagle

Ron Twelves

Pat & Colleen Winn

Mary Cearley

J.W. Newton

Jim Barthell Jr.

Emily Ritter

Stacey Soltysik

Fallis Beall

George Copland

Mary Sue Drake



LET US REMEMBER THOSE
UNABLE TO ATTEND
WORSHIP SERVICE

GEORGE COPLAND
JACK MUNN
AUDREY WAGGONER
RACHEL LIVINGSTON

Happy February Birthday!

Let's Pray Prayers of Joy for These People on Their Special Day!



2/1 Marlin Holtmyer

2/3 Robert Bentley

2/11 Lois Harris

2/12 Vicki Zimmerman

2/18 Jack Frost

2/21 Robin Caldwell

2/21 Jeanne Perkins

2/21 Steve Reasor

2/23 Dale Pollock

2/27 Rachel Livingston



If we missed your Birthday, please let us know.

A lunch honoring February Birthdays will be held at **El Palacio** at noon on **Wednesday, February 11th**. *Everyone is welcome.* Please call or email me your plans to attend and I'll contact the restaurant with our reservation each month. Thank you, Sally
Telephone (580) 736-3910 or Email salsroom.g@gmail.com



Youth Food Harvest

The “Food or Item of the Month” is

“Canned Soup”

Each month will have a new food or item. Please bring your donation to the church on the **third Sunday of each month** to be delivered to Christians Concerned.



February 6th is National Wear Red Day. Ten years ago the American Heart Association discovered that heart disease kills more women than men & took more women's lives than all forms of cancer combined. That led to “GO RED FOR WOMEN”, a network dedicated to education, support & research. Over those 10 years encouraging accomplishments have occurred:

- ◆ Lives are being saved—34% fewer women die from heart disease, 627,000 women's lives have been saved;
- ◆ Overall heart health has improved—nearly 90% of women have made healthy lifestyle changes, 37% have lost excess weight, 60% eat healthier diets, 43% have had cholesterol checked;
- ◆ Awareness of heart disease has increased—there's been an awareness increase of 23 %;
- ◆ Unhealthy lifestyle risks have decreased—smoking has decreased by 15.1%, cholesterol levels decreased 18.1%;
- ◆ Diversity challenges have been identified & targeted—more African-american and Hispanic women are involved;
- ◆ A grassroots movement has grown substantially—women completing GO RED HEART Check-ups have increased from 127,227 to 1,960,704.
- ◆ Advocacy efforts have been successful—Congress passed the Heart for Women Act in 2012, requiring the FDA to report clinical trials based on women and heart disease;
- ◆ Gender-specific guidelines have been developed for prevention and treatment—physicians recognize that women's heart symptoms and treatment are different from men's;
- ◆ Medical research has become gender-specific—women have been under represented in clinical studies but the FDA now requires results reported by gender;
- ◆ Gender-specific inequalities are identified and targeted—women aren't receiving the same level of treatment for heart disease as men but it's changing!

Submitted by Jo Flanders

OFFICERS OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ELDERS

Class of 2015
Pat Hale
Bill McQuain

Class of 2016
Robin Caldwell
Sue Beall

Class of 2017
Joan Drake
Mike Grantham

DIACONATE

Class of 2015
Chip Woods
Charles Coker

Class of 2016
Martha Coker
Charlotte Utley

Class of 2017
Nancy Grantham
Mike Stiel

Treasurer – Bill McQuain **Asst. Treasurer** – Jerry Fleming

DEADLINE FOR NEXT FAW ENTRY IS

February 20, 2014



We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper on **February 1, 2015** during the worship service.

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AND SO IT BEGINS...Lent is already upon us beginning with Ash Wednesday on February 18.

As more information becomes available I will send notices out concerning events for Lent. At this time the one certain event is the communion service on Maundy Thursday. As time goes on more and more events will become clearer as we redevelop a sense of where God is leading us as a congregation. To enable planning and serving in this

*ministry and to enjoy celebration of the season of LOVE a potluck luncheon will be held on February 15. The diaconate will provide Valentine themed desserts. The congregation and friends are invited to bring your favorite entrée or salad to share as a love offering to others. A sign-up sheet will be available for everyone to select a mission or ministry area to support this coming year. The session committees and the diaconate need "many hands to make light work". You are asked to pray about your time and skills which you feel led to bring to the work of this congregation—become a committee member or select a one time service project or SUGGEST ONE OF YOUR OWN. New ideas are welcomed as we engage in transformation as a church and disciples during this holy season. As I have passed another age milestone today I am reflecting on what it means to become "gracefully mature." In worship on Sunday the choir and congregation conspired to stand and sing Happy Birthday to me. I was overwhelmed by the gesture of caring and your support. **THANK YOU!** Today, Ironically I signed up for the Presbyterian Historical society newsletter realizing history is no longer boring past events but the story of my life! I encourage you to visit the PCUSA website and sign up to gain a wealth of wisdom. Finally, I offer you as a milestone scripture the following responsive reading concerning the source of true wisdom:*

Responsive Reading: based on Psalm 111

*Lift up your hearts in thanksgiving to the Lord.
The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.
Great are the Lord's works, full of majesty and splendor.
Praise will be his forever and ever.
His words are truth and justice; faithfulness informs his law.
The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.
Holy and awe inspiring is his name.
Praise will be his forever and ever.
The fear of this Lord is the beginning of all wisdom.
They who live in it grow in understanding. Amen*

Rev. Vineyard

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