

“the banality of evil”

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When the book *Eichmann in Jerusalem* was published, the author, Hannah Arendt, who was a journalist and philosopher, surprised and challenged the whole world. Some people accepted her book as an insightful analysis on human predicament, whether it was innately good or evil, or how much morality could be learned or unlearned through circumstances. Some other people regarded it as an accusation of human society.

All these responses came from her questions of how Nazis could come to power and how so many people supported Nazism, as the subtitle of the book, “A report on the banality of evil,” represented.

As you may know, Adolf Eichmann was a high-ranking Nazi German official. During the Holocaust, he played a central role in the implementation of what was called, “The Final Solution,” which was the plan for the genocide of the Jews. With his operation plan, many Jews were deported from European countries to be sent to Auschwitz concentration camps where most of them were executed in the gas chambers. After WWII, he escaped Germany and moved to Argentina with his fake ID and lived there for 10 years. However, in 1960, he was captured by Israel’s intelligence agency, Mossad, and brought to Israel for a trial.

Hannah Arendt, who experienced imprisonment herself by Nazis and then escaped Germany to finally settle in the US after wandering three different countries to run away from expanding Nazi Germany, was sent by the New Yorker magazine to attend Adolf Eichmann’s trial in Jerusalem as a journalist. Before the trial, she imagined his image as a kind of an amoral, perverted and sadistic monster. However, as he entered the courtroom and as she was listening to his defense during the trial, she was shocked because he was “terribly and terrifyingly normal.” He argued he acted without any motive other than to diligently advance his career in the Nazi bureaucracy. He said that he “was just following the orders.” One of the greatest crimes of the 20th century was committed by someone who did evil deeds without evil intentions or because of his own thoughtlessness.

That’s what she meant by “the banality of evil” because Eichmann could be any one of us, when we don’t think from the standpoint of those who are victimized by the dominant power, the dominant groups, or by those who believe in the utilitarian ethical principle of “the greatest happiness of the greatest number of people.” Here, the problem of the utilitarian principle is that “the greatest happiness” is defined by the people within the dominant group rather than by the standard of fundamental human rights and dignity.

Thomas Huxley said, "It is not who is right, but what is right, that is of importance." We tend to follow a human leader blindly or unquestioningly. We frequently accept the beliefs or perspectives of our group or peers without prioritizing our moral principles. I hope you remember how we recited together in our confession of sin during our worship on January 19th, "We confess that we often follow the well-worn path instead of following the heart of Christ, simply because others have been there before, or we are more concerned with the viewpoints of others than with obeying God." More often than not, we can be merely shallow and clueless 'followers' or 'collaborators' of evil power that is "now at work among those who are disobedient." (Ephesians 2:2).

The answer to the problem of "the banality of evil" is rather simple. If we find ourselves valuing some people's lives more importantly than others, we are already walking into trouble. If we think some people deserve to have power because of their race, ethnicity, gender, wealth, age, sexuality, religion, or any human ideology to control others' thoughts and value systems, we may potentially become thoughtless perpetrators.

On Martin Luther King Jr. Day 2025 and as I watch the inauguration ceremony for the 47th president, I just wanted to share my thoughts with you.

Peace of Christ,
Rev. Hodong Hwang



I would like to thank everyone for your support during this period convalescence with my leg injury. The visits, cards and prayers were greatly appreciated. The church family means so much to me.

The healing is progressing very well.

Thanks again, Don Dantz

A huge thank you to all who contributed to the Reverse Advent Calendar with kitchen products, toiletries, and other necessities for the food pantry. It was a joy to fill the many empty shelves with your contributions.

In 2024, 496 households were served at the pantry representing 1,609 people, so it is easier to understand why contributions are quickly used and appreciated.

Thanks, Ruth Dantz
The Mission Committee

The CE team is excited for the Easter Bunny Breakfast on April 12, 2025. We are looking for donations from the congregation to help make the breakfast a successful fundraiser for the Robert Gunkler Fund (Camp and youth event scholarships). There will be a sign-up sheet outside of the Fellowship Hall, please sign up for what you are able to donate. Thank you for your consideration!

We are in need of the following items:

8 boxes of Complete Pancake mix (the just add water variety)

5 Jars of applesauce

5 bottles of Pancake syrup

6 packages of mini muffins

1 canister of Coffee

5 bottles of Apple juice



Word to the Wise ~ Wisdom of the ages...

[Included in the article are witty adages, just like contemporary proverbs.]

The women's circle gathered to discuss the wisdom of King Solomon as found in Proverbs 3 and 1Kings. King Solomon was wise beyond his years because he did not pray to God for riches and power. He prayed to God for a discerning mind to govern his people. He prayed to know how to distinguish good from evil and acknowledged God's help was all that was needed. This is found in the Bible stated as *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths."* Proverbs 3:5-6. [**A day on the road is a basket of learning.** ~ Vietnamese saying]

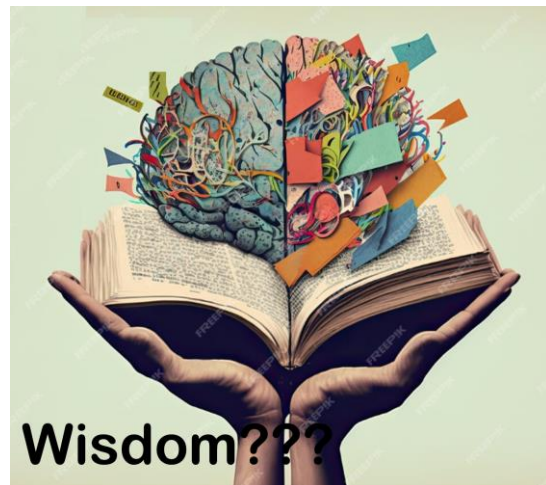
Did you know that Proverbs is known as one of the 5 wisdom literature books in the Bible? [Job; Psalms; Proverbs; Ecclesiastes and Song of Songs (Solomon)] The uniqueness of these books is that they offer principles to live by, not promises to be kept. The Proverbs tell us how to live, how not to live, and suggest Godly or foolish ways. There were many references to the various adages from the Proverbs included in Jesus's Sermon on the Mount. This is an amazing tie between the OT and NT. [**Don't let loyalty and faithfulness leave you.** ~Proverbs 3:3]

We had a discussion of the differences of earthly wisdom and Godly wisdom. It was the first time some of us realized that there actually is a difference between these two kinds of wisdom. The starting point of real wisdom is to have respect and reverence for God and to be in awe of his majesty and power. This results in a holy life. This is different from book learning or the teachings of your elders. Could wisdom be knowledge with experience? With worldly wisdom, we may become educated, street-smart, and have "common sense" that enables us to play the world's game successfully. Godly wisdom enables us to prepare ourselves for eternity. With Godly wisdom, we trade earthly values for biblical values. We try to see life from God's perspective and act accordingly. [**A babe is a clean white piece of paper upon which every passerby leaves a mark.** ~ Chinese saying]

We were asked to think about the options of wealth versus wisdom. If you lived in a mansion, or were homeless, what would you prefer to have? We all liked the thought of gold, riches, the creature comforts they offer, and the power that is perceived. But on your death bed, the wisdom of life and grace is steadfast. [**The first wealth is health.** ~ Ralph E. Waldo]

We shifted to looking at how we live our lives, what part of daily living is earthly or godly wisdom. How does being selfish become anything but an earthly desire? Even if the action may benefit others, even if it is done for a self-pleasing purpose, it is still not godly. We spoke of feeling guilty when we might ask for help because it could be discouraging and embarrassing to ask and have realization of our failures. Trusting in God is to acknowledge that we need to ask for help from God and from each other. [**No man is an island.**]

Being godly is pushing beyond the desire to do things for ourselves and to do for others. In serving others our own spirits are empowered to joy. [**When you are good to others, you are best to yourself.** ~ Ben Franklin]



How do you follow God when you are surrounded by tragedy? Where is God's wisdom after a fire has destroyed your home? Where is God's wisdom when you can't feed your baby? Where is God's wisdom when you are abused or financially ruined? Where is God when you are too ill to function on your own? The outreach of others is God in action. Reflecting on another challenging time can help you to realize you got through that, you can get through this situation. Difficult moments can bring all together to reflect, respond, and resonate goodness. God's wisdom is a silent moment in prayer. A prayer to offer a discerning mind to determine the next step to go forward. [*There was never a good war, or a bad peace.* ~ Ben Franklin]

"As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands, one for helping yourself, the other for helping others." – Audrey Hepburn

"Give yourself entirely to those around you. Be generous with your blessings. A kind gesture can reach a wound that only compassion can heal." – Steve Maraboli

"Success is not final; failure is not fatal: It is the courage to continue that counts."

– Winston Churchill

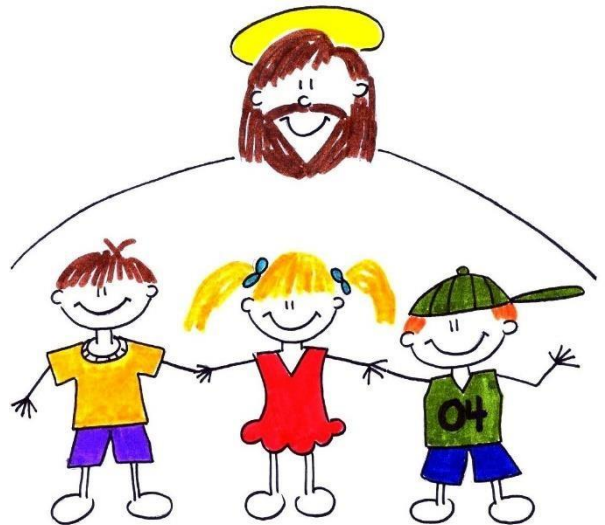
"Knowledge speaks, but wisdom listens." – Jimi Hendrix



A Guest Speaker will join the Women's Circle for our February Meeting.

Plan to join us on Wednesday, February 19th at 1pm in the Fellowship Hall.

seeking Help for Child Care During Worship



Question: Would you think about volunteering to help provide Child Care so a young family may attend worship?

There has been lots of discussion on having Child Care available for any visitors interested in coming to worship. It is thought that if WPC advertises a Place for Children that we may attract younger families.

The CE Committee has spent time rearranging rooms to help with this process, and the Property Committee has spent time working to provide TV screens for the worship to be watched live by the childcare providers.

Many ideas are being discussed. However, the first priority is to have volunteers and begin to have people to help.



SO, I am seeking **2 people each week** to help. Then I will advertise the coverage. I will make a rotating schedule with any willing volunteers.

Please Contact: Jody Pruitt 315-879-7225 or jody.pruitt@gmail.com

Thank you ♥

~ Jody



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

February 1	Jim DePoint
February 8	Frank Koeberle
February 11	Patricia Dlugosh
February 13	Frank Lawrence
February 13	Daphne Hemmings
February 14	Sylvia Lyon
February 21	Martha Beato
February 24	Edie Chapman
February 25	Janet Manktelow
February 25	Pamela Hughes
February 26	Maxine Babcock



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

February 15	John Cook & Wilma Redman
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If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please contact the office at 597-9171 so we can add it to our list next time!

The team minutes received for January include:

WPC Christian Education Team

Minutes January 14, 2025

Building Faith, Family, and Fellowship. WPC nurtures spiritual growth, joyful fellowship, meaningful community, and global involvement: worshiping and serving God with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love.

Present: Jody Pruitt, Emily Hunt, Cim McFarlane, Pastor Hodong

In Spirit: Ellen Avery

Upcoming Events:

February 2- Scout Sunday

February 9- Camp and Retreat Sunday

February 16- No Sunday School (February break)

March 9- Girl Scout Sunday

March 16- Easter Card Making

March 23- Palm Sunday Bulletin Making

April 12- Easter Bunny Breakfast

April 13- Palm Sunday Parade

April 20- No Sunday School (Easter weekend)

June 1- Spring Children's Service

July 28- August 1- VBS

Continuing and New Business

Sunday School News- Our numbers have been quite big. We had a big crowd this past Sunday to make Valentine cards for shut-ins- we completed all of our cards in record time.

Easter Bunny Breakfast- April 12- Saturday before Palm Sunday. Proceeds to Bob Gunkler Campership. Emily will make a Spire article asking for donations. CE will purchase any perishable items, and anything not donated by the congregation. Cim will make a flyer to pass out at Clergy Council and to post on Facebook.

Toddler Time- Cim shared that Rachel had her baby- Jack. During her maternity leave there will not be Toddler Time at the PCC. WPC will continue to host Toddler Time on the first and third Tuesday. Rachel hopes to begin PCC sessions in March. Emily M. will help Cim during the upcoming Toddler Time. Cim decided that if Pal-Mac Schools close for weather (snow day) Toddler Time will close as well. She will inform families via email and a Facebook post.

Little Froggies Daycare Update- There are still inspections to be completed. The ladies went through CTNS materials to pick items they would like to use. All items not wanted were put in the upstairs old nursery. We discussed some wish list items for the daycare including a covenant (similar to CTNS), designated CE/SS space, locked CE/SS storage spaces, and a map of CE/daycare spaces upstairs (including wall space).

Triennium- Avery and Nella aren't interested in attending. We will reach out to the other kids eligible to see if they are interested.

Camp Whitman Board- Cim shared that there was a meeting last week. A dinner will occur in Chili in May. There will be a chicken BBQ at camp during Memorial Day weekend for a fundraiser. There will be more Pathfinder camps this summer. The 2025 camp themes are available on Camp Whitman's website.

Camp and Retreat Sunday- this will occur during the children's sermon. A video from Camp Whitman will be shared, if Emily M is unable to attend due to her college schedule, she will create a video.

Girl Scout Sunday- March 9. Emily will reach out to Heather D. to find out what she is looking for. Ideas include- Girl Scouts serving as ushers, Girl Scout cookies for coffee hour.

VBS- The True North Kit has arrived!

Youth Group- Pastor Hodong, Cim, and Lisa P will meet on Thursday to discuss possible youth group ideas. We discussed a possible Lock In.

Nursery- The AV downstairs should be ready in February. Jody will write a Spire article seeking volunteers (we will need 2 each Sunday).

Scout Sunday- Nicole (the leader of the Scout group that meets at WPC) contacted Cim and James about Scout Sunday. They will be recognized during the Children's Sermon. Jacob will lead the message. Cim will ask the group to lead a song or chant.

Next meeting: February 11, 2025 at 7:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Emily Hunt

**Deacons Team Meeting Minutes
December 3rd, 2024**

Present: Sandy McMenamin, Randy Kennard, Nancy Talma, Patti Dlugosh, Sandy Betts and Hodong Hwang
In Support: Sara Bush, Muffie Beato, and Linda Pulcini

Meeting opening with lighting of the Christ Candle *This month's scripture and prayer*

• **Old Business:**

1. **Approval of last month's minutes & corrections** *Motion: Sandy B. Second: Sandy M.*
2. **Treasurer's Report:** Current balance & expense/donation Status– Sandy M. –

Dec-24	Deacons Checking Account
Initial balance	\$ 983.17
Additions	\$ 53.50
Deductions	\$ 69.11
Ending balance	\$ 967.56

Description of Additions: +

Offertory - \$53.50

Expenses \$69.11

a. Balances

3. Sharing Correspondence: letters/emails/cards - none received
4. Next Communion – on December 24th ~ Christmas eve service Prepare for 90
 - a. Prepared 64 and served 46 in November
 - b. There is enough Pita, loaf and juice for this month- *thanks to Patty*
 - c. Who can assist in set-up– Patty will take the lead – she will call others when to prepare earlier in day.
5. Review Prayer list and update accordingly – *list managed by Sandy M.*
6. Visits/ Calls/ cards counts - visits with special meaningful moments of faith

2024					
Month	Visits	Phone Calls	Cards sent and Email outreach	Communion Served	Communion Date
January	7	13	63	41	1/14/24
February	17	16	60	43	2/18/24
March	22	16	76	79	3/31/24
April	14	16	55	45	4/21/24
May	9	19	72	53	5/12/24
June	12	10	86	51	6/16/24
July	10	18	67	48	7/14/24
August	13	14	63	45	8/11/24
September	6	15	62	43	9/8/24
October	16	20	49	47	10/6/24
November	11	18	63	46	11/10/24
Year to Date	137	175	716	541	

S.S. created cards
28 S.S. created cards
21 Easter Lily Deliveries
3 bouquets from TD funeral
23 bouquets from JB funeral
World communion Sunday

7. *Thank you goes to Christian Ed team for having the students prepare the holiday cards.*
8. Special Needs Mailings – 24 cards sent out – *list managed by Sandy B.*

Bible Verse: Galatians 5:22-23 *“Fruits of the spirit: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self-control.”*

• **New Business:**

- Visit with Kathy Rynder ~ discussion of outcome and session inquiry
- Annual Report due first week of January – Active brainstorming of key topics and agreement of team to review the report and edit in timely manner, prior to submission [print copy for Nancy]

Meeting closed with prayer

Next meeting Tuesday 1/7/2025 @ 10:00 am

Respectfully - Randy Kennard, Chairperson

FINANCE TEAM MINUTES

January 7, 2025

Present: Bill Hassler, Val Gendron, Alicia Lynch, Guest-Ryan Tomko

The Finance Team met with Ryan Tomko, from Howe and Rusling, to review the year end analysis that he provided. WPC financial outlook looks good for 2025, and the market will probably settle down now that the election is over. He saw no reason to make any changes to any of our accounts/stocks.

I handed out the first draft of the lease agreement for the daycare which we will talk about in a couple of weeks.

I asked Val to come to the next Session meeting with me so she'll be on hand to help answer any questions that arise concerning the budget.

Respectively submitted,

Alicia Lynch

Mission and Social Concerns Ministry Team Minutes

January 2, 2025

Present: PCassie Hughes, ex Edie Chapman, P Irene Fadden, ___Johnnie Fontaine ex Nancy Roets,
___Rena Haigh, P Ruth Dantz, P Sally Chase, P Pastor Ho Dong

(Rena tried to enter with Zoom a bit after 10 and Irene did not see her.)

The meeting opened with prayers at about 9:35 am.

Habitat for Humanity. A home is being built on a small lot on Vienna St. Norm put an advertisement in the Food Cupboard for families who might want to apply for the home.

Family Promise – Irene signed up for 4 weeks in 2025. Jody also signed up for 4 weeks.

Jody – Jan 13th, Irene – Mar 17th

Apr 7th,

Apr 14th

Let either Irene or Jody know
which date(s) you would like to
help with.

July 21st,

Sept 22nd

Oct 27th

Nov 24th

There was a coordinator meeting in December that no one from WPC could attend.

Nancy Ramos said we don't need to call the family to determine if they need groceries. Instead, Nancy will let the coordinator know if the family needs groceries.

Food Pantry and Cupboard update – Irene and Peter bought items for the food pantry and the food cupboard since Don has been housebound. The extra remaining in the budget for these two categories has been sent to the Food Pantry. Ruth hopes to use the remaining money for shopping for soaps, cleaners, toothpaste, deodorant, etc. She will arrange the purchases with Elaine Hassler and Dave Nagel.

At the annual meeting on January 26th, the budget will be presented to the congregation. After that, we will know the amount for each month we can purchase items for 2025. We put \$200 per month for each the Food Pantry and the Food Cupboard into our requested budget.

Good Neighbor Fund Update – The GNF is not getting donations from other churches, although they get donations from a few individuals. Not enough money to make a difference. John would like to stop the GNF at this time and focus on the food ministry.

Hodong and other clergy will have a meeting in January and will discuss funding GNF. After that meeting, we will consider the future of the Good Neighbor Fund.

King's Daughters was also discussed as an organization that gives money to Macedon & Palmyra projects. John Cook (GNF) works with King's Daughters. Applications are available at the Palmyra Library. Hodong is interested in contacting the organization.

Good Neighbor Fund Money

The balance at the beginning of December was \$345.66.

Donations of \$1,710 were received from 5 individuals, Reformed Church Women, and WPC Women's Association.

2 Checks written for utilities and rent to serve 3 adults and 4 children. Total \$800.

Ending Balance at the end of December \$1,255.66

Weekend Wellness Update –

370 bags delivered in December; 1,396 bags delivered in 2023-2025 school year.

A \$2,950 check was sent to the food pantry to support Weekend Wellness. A donation of \$2,000 was received from AEY Enterprises, Inc.

Balance in Weekend Wellness **\$2,050**

Reverse Advent Calendar – Many products for personal health and cleaning were received because of the generosity of the congregation. Ruth and two grandchildren took the items to the food pantry. **The car was overflowing and one of the kids had to walk to the pantry.** The items were put directly onto the shelves and are going to be gone soon, but the items are a welcome addition to the food provided by the food pantry.

ARC Home – Rena got a \$20 gift card for each resident in the men's home and in the refurbished home on Main Street.

Stuffed Animal and a Book to be given to children and youth when there is a family crisis. Plans have not been settled as Nancy Roets has been unwell. We will continue to work on this project to get it up and running. Toddler Time has a Scholastic book account, and it may be a place to order books.

It was decided to have a special Cereal Sunday in memory of Lois Daniels who faithfully gave cereal to the food pantry. One year she gave 1,000 boxes of cereal.

It was decided to have a Lenten Offering with the calendar – Sharing is Caring.

The offering will be given to the Presbytery Hunger Fund.

Next Meeting: Feb 6, 2025 at 9:30 am

The meeting was closed with a prayer to live Micah 6:8.

Respectfully submitted, Irene Fadden

The stated meeting of session of Western Presbyterian Church & Society, Palmyra, New York was called to order by the moderator, Reverend HoDong Hwang at 7:00PM in Fellowship Hall. The meeting was opened with Lighting of the Christ Candle and prayer.

8 Present: Philip Opdycke, Irene Fadden, Courtney Marr, Randy Kennard, Emily Hunt, Norman Underwood, Janet Manktelow

0 Excused

0 Absent

A quorum was present.

● Motion made by Irene Fadden seconded and carried to approve the meeting agenda. Emily Hunt shared a devotion with us.

Clerks Report

● Motion made by Emily Hunt seconded and carried to approve the November session minutes.

Reminded everyone to take their Sexual Harassment training. I will send out the link.

E-Mail Vote – Motion made by Randy Kennard seconded and carried to move the January session meeting to Jan. 9th so we can host an Acapella concert by Elijah’s group called No Strings Attached.

The following baptism is recorded: Jack Arthur Sweeney baptized 12-1-24. Jack is the son of Keri and Cameron Sweeney and grandson of Eric(m) and Edith(m) Chapman.

Financial Secretary’s Report

	<u>October 2024</u>			
	<u>Current</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>YTD% of</u>
	<u>Month</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Receipts	\$27,064	\$158,927	\$173,285	91.71%
Expenditures	\$27,390	\$146,593	\$185,198	
Net Receipts/Expenditures	(\$326)	\$12,334	(\$11,913)	

● Motion made by finance Ministry Team and carried to approve above report.

Business of the Church

- Motion made by Norman Underwood seconded and carried to move the following members to the inactive roll: Pamela Hughes, Betsy Alderman Lewis, Bruce Babcock, and Janet Fontaine (Special Care inactive role).
- Motion made by Norman Underwood seconded and carried to approve the nomination of Roxanne Dobson to be presented to the congregation as head of the Fellowship Team.

Alicia Lynch presented a tentative budget for 2025. We held a discussion about what needs to be done to approve the budget at the Jan. 2025 session meeting.

Day Care Update- They are hoping to open in Sept. 2025. More to follow next month.

Ministry Team Reports

Worship Ministry Team – They were able to get all the people needed to light the Advent Wreath this year, the Christmas poinsettias are cheaper this year, the MARRS will place luminaries outside on Christmas Eve, Dec. 22nd we will BR Festive. They want everyone to dress in holiday outfits. Be creative!

Fellowship Ministry Team – will meet in Jan.

Deacons Ministry Team – talked about the prayer list, communion, and end of year reports.

Mission Ministry Team- They are buying books and small stuffed animals for a Child Advocacy Group.

CE Ministry Team – They are working on the youth led service for Epiphany on Jan. 5th, will take the kids to the Festival of Lights in Macedon.

Property Ministry Team – They were notified there would be an inspection of the incoming water and gas pipes to check for lead, waiting to hear how many sinks will be needed for the proposed Day Care.

Presbytery- no report

Next meeting- Jan 9, 2025

Devotions-Irene Fadden

- Motion made by Philip Opdycke seconded and carried to adjourn with prayer at 8:40 PM.

Janet Manktelow

Clerk

Worship Meeting Minutes
December 10, 2024

Present: Linda, Joan, Carol, Sharon, Courtney, HoDong
Excused: Sue, Alicia

Poinsettia Sale and Delivery: 27 poinsettias ordered and 18 are for shut ins.

Delivery is on Wednesday or Thursday- There is a funeral on Saturday so we will have to put them in the Mary Griffith Room.

Special Music: Elijah

Be Festive:

Categories of winning

Number for voting

Voting Sheet

Categories: Most Festive, Creatively Festive, Most Original
Just Kids

Prizes: All Prize

Coffee Hour-Yes

Coffee-

Cookies-

Juice-

Christmas Eve:

Silent Night:

Special organ music before Silent Night. HoDong or reader will explain how to light the candle with partial lighting and what to sing. When all candles are lit, we will turn off the lights and sing Silent Night.

Communion: HoDong will make sure we are clear with directions on.

Extra readers needed- All Set

Christmas Hymns for 12/15, 12/22, and Christmas Eve- Yes

Respectfully submitted by Courtney Marr

Our Prayer Concerns (updated January 21, 2025)

Grieving:

Family & Friends of Marcia & Jim Robbins (requested by the Deacons)

Serving in the Armed Forces:

AJ Bliss, Josh Polle

Please pray for those of our congregation with immediate concerns:

Ellen Avery, Joan Barnard, Don Dantz, Lynn Elting, Rev. Dr. Nancy J. Farrell, Gary Hughes, Frank Lawrence, Janet Manktelow, Tricia Owen, Nancy Roets, Harry/Laurie Schraffenberger

Congregation members needed continued prayers:

Wes Barager, Scott Bush, Irene Fadden, Jonnie Fontaine, Pam Gnagy, Cim McFarlane, Wilma Redman, Jan Semans, Scott Semans, David Squier, Fran Storm

Congregation members in nursing homes or shut-in:

Beverly Koeberle, Rochelle Morse, Bev Mouton

Others for whom prayers have been requested:

Alex, Doreen Alvito, Sarah Carone, Charlotte, Melissa Dantz, Joey DelPapa, Daphne DeMeyers, Philip Fadden, Mark Fiegl, Glenn Groff, Janet Haigh, Paul Hargrave, Russell Harris, Bobby & Eileen Haurand, Bob Hegeman, Julie Lich, Jerry Locey, Jessica Locey, Iris McConnell, Betty McEwen, Deb/Bruce Merla, Kate Pfaff, Jack Sweeney, Connie West, Vicki Wilkins, Marie Winker

May your prayers go out to:

All caregivers; All those affected by natural disasters; All those who have no one to pray for them; All victims of violence, hatred and hunger; Please pray for those that wish to remain anonymous

Names will remain on the prayer list for 30 days unless renewal has been requested.

Prayers of Intercession are offered each day by our Deacons. To request prayer for yourself or another, please contact Randy Kennard, chair of Deacons, Sandy McMenammin, or Kathy in the Church office.



FEBRUARY 2025

FRI. **SAT.** **SUN.** **MON.** **TUES.** **WED.** **THURS.**

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2 4th Sunday after Epiphany 9 am Sunday School 10 am worship service	3	4 9:30 to 11 am Toddler Time 10 am Deacons 1 pm Men's Group 3 pm Fellowship 7 pm Boy Scouts Muscle Room 7 pm Session	5	6 9:30 am Mission/ Social Concerns 11 am Bible Study	7	8
9 Communion & Cereal Sunday Camp & Retreat Sunday Superbowl Sunday: Wear your team gear 9 am Sunday School 10 am worship service		11 3:15 pm Worship 7 pm Christian Ed. 7 pm FH Boy Scouts Awards Ceremony	12 7 pm FH Boy Scouts	13 11 am Bible Study	14	15
16 6th Sunday after Epiphany No Sunday School 10 am worship service	17 President's Day	18 SPIRE DEADLINE 9:30 to 11 am Toddler Time 7 pm Boy Scouts Muscle Room	19 1 pm FH Women's Circle Bible Study 6:30 pm Property	20 11 am Bible Study	21	22
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MARCH 2025

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
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2 Transfiguration of the Lord 9 am Sunday School 10 am worship service Sweets & Treats	3 2 pm Fellowship	4 9:30 to 11 am Toddler Time 10 am Deacons 1 pm Men's Group 7 pm Boy Scouts Muscle Room 7 pm Session	5 Ash Wednesday 7 pm Service	6 9:30 am Mission/ Social Concerns	7 World Day of Prayer	8
9 Communion & Cereal Sunday Girl Scout Sunday Daylight saving time begins 9 am Sunday School 10 am worship service	10	11 3:15 pm Worship 7 pm Christian Ed. 7 pm Boy Scouts Muscle Room	12 7 pm FH Boy Scouts	13	14	15
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