

# WESTERN SPIRE APRIL 2023

Excerpts from "Incarnation" by Adam Hamilton

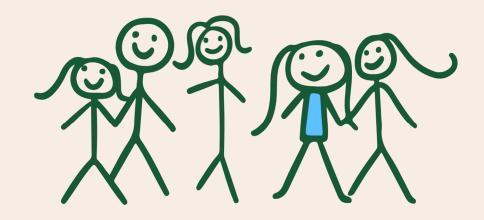
As the early Christians said, "Jesus is Lord", they were saying several things. They were saying, "Jesus is the highest authority in my life. He is my Master, Sovereign, Ruler, Commander, and King." Lord was not simply a name they used to address Jesus; it was a title that reflected their submission to his will. When we begin our prayers, "Lord..." we are acknowledging his authority in our lives. We are yielding our lives, our hearts, and our wills to his will.

I'd like you to acknowledge this when you pray. When you address Jesus as Lord, you are acknowledging his authority. You are recognizing that you belong to him. You are expressing your relationship to him. You are yielding your life to him. To be a Christian is not only to say, but to live the words *Jesus is Lord*.

It is in this daily yielding of our lives to Christ that makes clear that Christmas is not over when the tree comes down and the decorations are packed for another year. Advent and Christmas are meant to call us to a lifelong journey of daily offering our lives to Christ, our Lord.

May joy be yours as you hail Jesus as your Christ, your Messiah, your King. May you taste of the hope and mercy he offers as you receive him as your Savior. May you feel his peace as you accept that he is your Emmanuel. May you hear him as God's definitive Word to you, even as you allow his light to dwell in you and be reflected through you. May he be your Lord; guiding, leading, and directing your path.

Praying that your Easter will be bright with the hope and joy of our risen Savior.



WESTERN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SEEKS

# Kind Hearts

TO BE PART OF A GROUP THAT LOOKS INTO FUTURE CHILD CARE OR NURSERY SCHOOL OPTIONS AS A MISSION OF OUR CHURCH

#### TASK FORCE PLANS TO BEGIN MAY 2023

INTERESTED? FOR MORE INFO CALL 597-9171 OR EMAIL
THE CHURCH OFFICE AT OFFICE@WPRESCHURCH.ORG







It is time to order your Easter Lily to decorate the sanctuary. You may order by filling out the order form below. Please give the cash or checks to Carol Sloan.

#### The deadline for ordering your Easter Lily is Sunday, April 2, 2023.

The cost will be \$11.00 for each plant. If paying by check, please make your check payable to Western Presbyterian Church.

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# DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis

- · Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- · Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- · Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

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Please mark your calendars for this year's Holy Week worship events:

Palm Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>—Palm Sunday worship service including the "Palms Parade".

Good Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM--The Farmington Friends Church will join us again at WPC as they did last year. Both their choir and ours will bless us with their singing.

Easter Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>-- The Reverend Dr. Nancy J. Farrell will lead a very special communion service.

Please come and join us. Come as you are. Tell your friends. Bring a friend, or do not. Just come. Let's worship together.

#### Discovery with the Women's Circle ....



Women of our church gathered to discuss another lesson from the Bible study, 'What my Grandmothers Taught me'. Of all the women we have studied, Bathsheba was the only women from a wealthy family and who was educated. Whether the family was rich or poor, the women of the Bible had lives that were not always their own. That being said, however, there are ways these women made lives where they made a difference.

Few women were mentioned in the Bible, and not all of them were identified by name. Initially, Bathsheba was referred to as the wife of Uriah. We looked at the power of a name. there were many thoughts on the value of a name in Biblical times versus contemporary times.

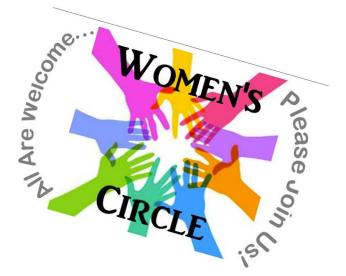
The highlight of the gathering was when we took on different points of view of who Bathsheba was and then justified how life was for her if she was a

victim, if she was a temptress or manipulator, and last, if she was ignored or treated as unimportant. It was not always easy to own a role when it did not fit with how it was perceived. It offered some interesting discussion points.

The third Wednesday of the month we gather in fellowship hall at 1pm and strengthen our bond as women of faith. We strengthen our bond as sisters. We delight in the welcoming of new attendees and different points of view. There is always delightful laughter and affection. Know you are always welcome. The desert treats shared with conversation following the study are the icing on the cake!

Next month we will look at Mary, mother of Jesus, LESSON SEVEN: Mary "A Quiet Morning". It will be interesting to look at her story in the context of the family tree of all the women that came before her.

Join us for Women's Circle Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 1PM



## WPC Spring



#### Hello WPC Friends,

It's time to pull together to help make the Spring Rummage Sale successful. The Women's Association has set the date for April 27 -29, 2023. If you have never helped with a Rummage Sale before - try it, you may like it! It's great fellowship. Ask a friend to come help! We will need everyone as our pool of helpers grows smaller. Thanks for helping where you can!

\*A sign-up sheet will be posted in the Church Hallway or contact Jody Pruitt – contact info below

Monday evening 4/24/23, 6:00-8:00 pm we need people to help start the set-up

**Tuesday** evening 4/25/23 **3:00-8:00 pm** unpack and set out donations

**Wednesday** 4/26/23 **2:00-8 pm** price items - Hopefully most will be priced as it is donated.

Thursday 4/27/23 Sales – 9 am-noon, (4 people) noon-3 pm (4 people)

Friday 4/28/23 Sales – 9 am-noon, noon-3 pm, (1-3, 1/2 price sale) (2 people per shift)

Saturday 4/29/23 Sales - 9-11 am (\$4.00 bag day sale) (2 people per shift)

#### Tear-down starts Saturday 04/29/22 at 11:00 am (6 people plus)

People are needed to help with tear down: box up and transport unsold items to Goodwill, and reset Fellowship Hall with tables/chairs

Thanks soooo much! ~Jody 315-879-7225 jody.pruitt@gmail.com

Open Your Closets and Garages and any other Storage Space

It's Time for WPC Spring Rummage Sale

\*\*\* Donations can be Dropped off starting Sunday, April 16

\*\*\* Please price Household Items, Toys, and such (we need your help) ~Thanks Please No large appliances or furniture.

Hope you can help with the Fall Rummage Sale – benefits the Women's Association All Help is Appreciated (3)

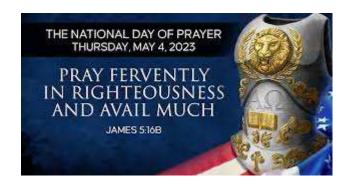


# HEAR YE, HEAR YE!! ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND WPC'S 5TH SUNDAY POTLUCK APRIL 30, 2023 AFTER SERVICE ON SUNDAY

PLEASE BRING A DISH TO PASS, YOUR PLACE SETTING, AND A FRIEND OR NEIGHBOR.

BEVERAGE AND DESSERT PROVIDED BY FELLOWSHIP TEAM.

New tradition of potluck on the 5th Sunday of the month. Come and enjoy.



#### THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER, THURSDAY, MAY 4TH

The National Day of Prayer predates the founding of the United States of America, evidenced by the Continental Congress' proclamation in 1775 setting aside a day of prayer. In 1952, Congress established an annual day of prayer, and in 1988, that law was amended, designating the National Day of Prayer as the first Thursday in May.

The National Day of Prayer exists to mobilize unified public prayer for America. It is an annual observance inviting people to pray for the nation. It exists to communicate with every individual the need for personal repentance and prayer, and to mobilize the Christian community to intercede for America's leaders and its families.

Psalm 46: 1-3, 11---

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

JOIN MILLIONS OF FELLOW AMERICANS IN PRAYER ON THURSDAY, MAY 4<sup>TH</sup>!

Thank you for supporting the many ways WPC serves to feed the hungry in the Palmyra community and around the world.

#### WPC is a Hunger Action Church. Here are some of the ministry's WPC supports.

Food Pantry Summer Lunches for all kids

Raising Vegetables QMC rural **Qholaqhoe Mountain** region of **Lesotho** 

Food Cupboard Reverse Advent Calendar

Meals on Wheels Clint McCoy Feeding Center in Malawi Lenten "Sharing is Caring" donation to Presbytery Hunger Missions

Weekend Wellness Cereal Sunday

#### **Food Cupboard**

The Food Cupboard is being used daily, almost as quickly as food is put in. Others in the community are filling the cupboard. Cereal is always needed and cereal needs milk.

Someone is buying powdered milk for the cupboard. It is a wonderful addition to the cupboard, but we always need more. It costs about \$3 per quart which is quite expensive for a quart of milk. You can find it online if you are interested. <a href="www.milkmanmilk.com">www.milkmanmilk.com</a>. If you find a better place to get it, please let us know.



Milkman Low-Fat Milk is a dry milk powder with a "kiss of cream" for a remarkable, rich, and natural taste. Milkman comes in convenient and portable 1-quart packages and easily dissolves in hot or cold water/beverages. Made in the USA for nearly 70 years, Milkman is the perfect ingredient for any recipe that calls for milk.

— great for camping, trekking, baking, and household needs and

#### THE EMERGENCY FOOD CUPBOARD.

#### Gardening for the Food Cupboard or Food Pantry

We would welcome each family to grow some food to put in the food cupboard. Just put the vegetables into the Food Cupboard when they are ready for consumption. We have found families will take peppers, cherry tomatoes, and cucumbers. Irene has a few more grow bags, but you may have one at home from last year. If you grow veggies, great. If you pick up fresh veggies at the grocery, great. Wherever you get veggies, share them with others through the Food Cupboard.

# MEALS ON WHEELS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are the heart of Meals on Wheels. The work we do would not be possible without the help of our volunteer family. By volunteering just an hour or two of your time - delivering a hot meal and a smile - YOU can make a big difference in the lives of those who need it right in your own community.



WE HAVE MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO DELIVER MEALS THOUGH OUT ALL OF WAYNE, BUT ESPECIALLY NEWARK, LYONS, MARION, ONTARIO, WILLIAMSON, AND SODUS Volunteering is easy and takes as little as 1-2 hours per month.

Interested in delivering food & friendship to your home-bound neighbors? Volunteers are needed Monday through Friday at various locations throughout Wayne County. A meal delivery route takes one hour or less to complete during the lunch hour. Volunteering is a great opportunity for retirees, shift workers, stay at home moms and anyone looking to make a difference.

Volunteers can work as little or much as they like- whatever fits with your schedule.

Individual drivers are needed, but WPC may be able to have a group to deliver one day a week.

Applications available in the Mission Mailbox

Mission Team will have more information after our April 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Meals on Wheels 150 Van Buren Newark, NY 14513 WPC Circle has been doing birthday bags for the food pantry for several years. Mission Team and Circle are supporting a similar mission to Family Promise. A box will be put out for any donations.

## **DONATE** to Family Promise

- · Kwik Fill Gift Cards in \$10, \$15, \$20, and \$25 amounts
- Paper products: paper plates, paper towels, plastic eating utensils
- Toiletries: deodorant, bath soap, shampoo and conditioner, toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs, feminine hygiene products
- Baby products: disposable diapers, wipes
- Over-the-counter medicine: Tylenol, Band Aids, Cough Drops, Alcohol Swabs
- · Bed pillows
- Cleaning products: Trash Bags, Lysol spray, Lysol Wipes

Watson Youth Conference presents

Gather us in: Peace, Love, & Jesus'

Radica/ Hospitality

July 23-26, 2023

For info, email Rev. Michelle Allen at pastor@eastavonchurch.com

#### Lent Faith Paint, March 2023

## Our journey of emotions as found in the Bible

This Faith Paint is a journey of understanding how we listen, how we express ourselves, and how others hear us.

This journey is through selection of colors that express emotions to us. For each emotion, there is a different color but all emotions display the same shape. These shapes are made to look very different from each other through how they are painted differently. These four sections indicate the how different emotions make the same thing appear different. When we feel a certain way, we see things one way, when we have a different mind-set, a different emotion, we might see the same item or issue differently.

The four backgrounds represent anger, joy, greed, and love. These same images and emotions can be applied to when we speak to others and when they listen to us. If we or they are feeling one way, we may hear what others say differently than when we feel another way. How do others hear what we are saying? This also is a function of how they are feeling and responding to us.

#### We have a choice....

Choose love over hate, Choose compassion over judgement; choose humility over pride; Choose generosity over greed Choose empathy over bitterness

When you speak in anger and bitterness..... James 1:20 For the anger of man does not produce the

righteousness of God.

Proverbs 14:29 Whoever is slow to anger has great understanding, but he who has a hasty temper exalts

Psalm 37:8 Helpful Not Hurtful. Refrain from anger, folly. and forsake wrath! Fret not yourself; it lends only to evil.

Proverbs 15:1 A soft answer turns away wrath, but a

When you speak with love and compassion....

Colossians 3:12 Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

1 John 3:18 Let us not love in word, neither in tongue but in deed and in truth.

1 John 3:16 Perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life

John 3:16 God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son. Ephesians 4:32 Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

When you speak with joy.....

James 1:2-3 Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.

Romans 15:13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Romans 12:12 Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

James 1:2 Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds.

When you are greedy when speaking.... Timothy 6:10 For the love of money is the root of all evil; which while some coveted after, they have erred from faith and pierced themselves through Proverbs 28:25 A greedy man stirs up strife, but with many sorrows. the one who trusts in the LORD will be enriched. Luke 12:15 And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his 1 Timothy 6:9 But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless possessions." and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction.



## Our journey of emotions as found in the Bible







#### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

#### **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

April 8	Emily Hunt	April 12	Terry & Val Gendron
April 10	Jonnie Fontaine		
April 18	Lloyd Durfey		
April 18	David Pinkney		
April 22	Val Gendron		
April 24	Benjamin Dlugosh		
April 24	Jan Semans		

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 March include:

#### **Deacons Team Meeting Minutes**

March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Present: Sandy McMenamin, Randy Kennard, Nancy Talma, & Patti Dlugosh

In Support: Linda Pulcini, Sara Bush, Sylvia Lyon

**Meeting opening with lighting of the Christ Candle** *discussing the business of the committee. – Read the words from the hymn. - Precious Lord, take my hand... our centering moment before discussing the business of the committee. – Read the words from the hymn.* 

#### 1. Rev. Nancy visitation discussion

- a. Share monthly reporting of pastoral care, as it will be reported to session.
  - i. There will be multiple line items indicating ANON, (anonymous) and will be acknowledged with confidentiality per request of recipient of the care.
- b. Share Faith based version of AA Serenity Prayer to be used in Deacon lead worship.
- c. Discussion of Support group being formed for Parkinson's focus. This is a WPC based group with some others to be included. The first gathering is set as a zoom call on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. This is not a medical group.
- d. Boundaries, caring, compassion, co-dependency, confidentiality, [HIPPA] and clarity in communication are we really helping.
  - i. Discussed that helping does not mean that we need all the specific information. However, powerful prayers may include some elements.
- 2. Discussion re ordained Deacons Board per Book of Order Rev. Nancy's insight as a previous Rev. of WPC
  - a. Deacons discussed and have determined that we need prayerful consideration of this matter. We appreciate the information being shared at session regarding our identity and mission.
- 3. Approval of last month's minutes Motion: Sandy M. Second: Patty D.
- 4. Treasurer's Report: Current balance Sandy M.
  - a. Purchase of cards to be paid per receipts from Rev. Nancy and cost to be taken from WPC line item.

Mar-23	Deacons Checking Account	WPC Budget Line item
Initial balance	\$820.94	\$600.00
Additions	\$31.00	\$0
Deductions	\$0	\$0
Ending balance	\$851.94	\$600.00

- 5. Sharing Correspondence: letter/cards 3 prayer requests during worship ~ blended into Prayer list
- 6. Volunteers to handle Communion on 3/12/2023 Pastor Val to officiate
  - a. Acquire elements Juice & Bread Bought by Sandy M.
  - b. Prep & clean-up time Sunday morning at 8:30 am
- 7. Update of Prayer Concerns: Adds, Removals and Status
- 8. Group Prayer Lord, hear our prayers
- 9. Visit/Calls/Card Counts circulate sheet

2023 As of April, Counts taken from remaining elements during serving							
Month	Visits	Phone Calls	Cards sent and Email outreach	Communion Served	Communion Date		
January	16	27	63	38	1/15/2023		
February	7	19	68	42	19-Feb-23	S.S. created cards	
March	6	20	64	39	12-Mar-23	]	
Year to Date	29	66	195	119		-	
* commuions are now served with passing out the elements in a cup of juice and another for bread							

#### 10. Special Care mailings: RETURNED CARDS- J.P.[re address] and W. L.[no postage]

Current Roster: 24 confidential names...

Monthly Notes: Bible verse Lamentations 3:22-23, NIV Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail.

#### **Old Business:**

- 1) Reports of Prayer List contacts
- 2) Worship by Deacons March 19<sup>th</sup> ~ hand out script and show art for bulletin cover. (Thank you CE)

#### **New Business:**

- 1) Rev. Nancy Farrell session payment approval methods [hours/mileage/cards]
- 2) Request for status of communal elements that were used during COVID worship. The expiration date was 2021. All were disposed of. No replacements will be made.

#### Meeting closed with prayer.

Next meeting Tuesday 4/4/2023 @ 10am -- first Tuesday – see you then.

Respectfully - Randy Kennard, Chairperson

# Mission and Social Concerns Ministry Team Minutes March 1, 2023

In person (p) and over Zoom (z)
Present: _z_ Cassie Hughes _z Edie Chapman _p Irene Fadden _p Jan Taylor
Johnnie Fontaine Rena Haigh _p Ruth Dantz _pSally Chase

The meeting opened at 10:05 with Scripture and Prayer:

#### Food Pantry update -

Pantry has enough money. Also, LDS has given a \$30,000 grant to purchase food from their facility. It is similar to the grant received for Family Promise that was stored in our basement.

Many, many clients are coming. They even came the Wednesday during the storm and on Monday holiday.

All Reverse Advent Calendar items have been given out except tooth -paste and -brushes. Idea – Look for large containers of laundry and dish soap – Smaller bottles can be filled. Edie will research large containers. Congregation may be asked for smaller/refillable bottles. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

<u>Looming Cuts to Emergency SNAP Benefits Threaten Food Insecurity in Rural America</u>, *USA Today*, February 20, 2023

Impending cuts to SNAP benefits are set to harm people in rural areas most of all. Rural America is home to a higher proportion of SNAP recipients than metro areas, and higher levels of food insecurity and poverty as well. "There's no way, that I see, that we're ever going to make up fully for what's being lost," says **Food Research & Action Center (FRAC)** SNAP Director Ellen Vollinger.

Jan reported that she had heard the reduction in SNAP benefits on the TV this morning. We need to write letters.

# SNAP signup - <u>Help with SNAP - Hunger Solutions New York (hungersolutionsny.org)</u> Am I Eligible? Button

Irene found an "Am I Eligible?" button on the Hunger Solutions, NY website. She filled out the form and received a phone call the next day. The woman works for the Legal Assistance of Western NY, in Geneva. She is tasked with helping people fill out forms, receive applications, answer questions. She was quite excited that the Food Pantry is providing the information.

Irene will go to Food Pantry Meeting on April 5<sup>th</sup> to talk to the Pantry Board about signing up people.

#### Food Cupboard "Take what you need, Give what you can."

Squirrels – Doors – Hooks and Clasps

- Peter will get materials for new doors.
- Jan will do a new sign about locking up the cupboard. People are filling and using.

#### Growing fresh vegetables

Many bags were not turned in. Congregation can use bags they have from last year. They can buy a vegetable plant to grow.

Discussion of way to keep deer away – Bar of Soap works on fruit trees. Marigolds work in gardens to keep deer away.

#### Good Neighbor Fund Update

Beginning Balance – \$80.14 / 2 deposit of \$600 from Pal-Mac Rotary and an Individual / check written for \$100 for 2 adults, rent /Ending Balance – \$580.14

GNF is now closed, waiting for donations. Irene will put in announcements and in the Spire that money is needed.

#### Weekend Wellness update -

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Beginning Balance - $ 8,879.32 / no deposits/ no checks written

Ending Balance $ 8,879.32 / 136 bags in February / 1,064 bags in school year
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## Meals on Wheels – <u>Volunteer | Meals on Wheels Wayne County</u> (mealsonwheelswaynecountyny.org)

Irene has not received information about the need for volunteers. She will contact ARC about volunteering and include that information in the Spire.

#### ARC Home – April 30<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Potluck

Another home on Cuyler and E. Charlotte – Do we want to add this home?

**Lenten calendar** – February 22<sup>nd</sup> – April 6<sup>th</sup> – Bread Loaves. We give proceeds to Presbytery Hunger Fund which is given out with Mission and Witness Grants. Kathy has been putting the calendar in the bulletin. Announcement from the lectern needs to be made.

**Mission and Witness Grant** – approved by Session 2/28/23. Janet Manktelow will send it to Mission and Witness Committee at the Presbytery. The request was for \$3,000.

**Childcare before and after school at WPC** – We are in the getting an idea stage.

Session approved setting up a task force to consider the need for childcare and how WPC can meet this need. It may turn out to be a fundraiser after initial costs to set up program. This would not be Canal Town Nursery School but a childcare program to provide supervision for children up to 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Cim McFarlane and Lisa Perry will get information out in April Spire. Gary LaBerge has been talking this program for a few years both with School Administrators and church members. We are looking for others to participate on the task force.

#### Spending the budgeted money \$6,500

- Money for Presbytery Mission will be sent quarterly total \$2,535.
- GNF \$1,000
- Mountain Project \$250
- Family Promise \$1,000 (nothing was given last year)

**Request to Women's Circle** – Continue birthday bags for Pantry and Family Promise and ask for women to bring in items that can be used at Family Promise. Irene will find the list.

**GNF Concert** – Pastor Val has offered a concert. Irene will contact him to see his ideas. Community Church Group was open to the idea of a concert to benefit the GNF. Mission Team suggests that other churches be asked to bring musicians for the concert. We hope Jack would be willing to play a couple pieces at the concert. Irene will contact Pastor Val and then continue with plans.

#### Closing Prayer Next Meeting April 5<sup>th</sup>

May Meeting May 17<sup>th</sup> when Edie will be attending in person.

Respectfully Submitted, Irene Fadden PROPERTY COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR 1/18/23

Present: Chair: James McFarlane, Gary LaBerge, and Phil Opdycke

1. Started with a short prayer from Phil

2. Motion to approve the agenda— approved

3.Emcor was contacted by Gary and all parts for boiler repair are available. We are going to separate the hot

water from the boiler. One for the office and one for the Muscle Room. The one in the Muscle room seems to

be on all the time. We will replace all thermostats so that there is continuity and uniformity throughout.

4. Val's room is often cold, that is because the upper loop is not working perfectly.

5. Discussion on a new phone system with GoNetSpeed instead of Spectrum. James will continue to work on it.

6. Sanctuary painting. Gary is meeting with the plasterer on Wed 1/18 and will get an assessment. He will

also check on how to do the repair painting.

7. Steeple painting in May depending on weather by Clingerman.

8. Cleaning of the church, Gary received a quote of \$150 per week. This will include a sizable increase of things

to be cleaned. Larry is waiting patiently for the time to let him go. Gary will negotiate with Kevin Brongo on

the extra things.

9. We are still working on the projector project in the upstairs northeast room.

10. Phil has volunteered to take the Property chair next year since James 6 years will be up in December.

11. The Property Committee is looking for more members for its committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Phil Opdycke

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#### Property Ministry Team - Minutes

Present: James McFarlane, Gary LaBerge, Phil Opdycke, Steve Kennard

**Excused: Don Dantz** 

Meeting started at 6:30 pm.

Any project list item shown on previous meeting minutes, but not on the current month was not discussed at this meeting.

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1	Sanctuary Furnace Rebate	Financial	Gary	EMCOR	Still waiting for rebate to come thru.
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2	Next Sexton Preparation	Staff	Gary	N/A	Does not look like original cleaning service company will work, since they are not returning calls. Investigating other options.
5	LED Replacements	Maintenance	Gary and Steve	N/A	Steve finalizing info sheets for continuation of process after he officially leaves the team this year.

#### Other items discussed:

- Gary, Mary Beth, and Phil have been working on scraping, sealing, and painting accessible sanctuary
  wall sections that have peeling paint.
- Will be scheduling date and looking for volunteers to help do a thorough cleaning of sanctuary before Easter.
- Have purchased new hinges for privacy screens for use at Bunny Breakfast and for upcoming weddings.
- Looking into replacement latch options for damaged window latches in fellowship hall. Current latches are obsolete.
- Looking into moving gas meter outside since NYSEG has changed meter reading policy.
- Gary getting quote from Klingerman regarding sealing of brickwork per recommendation from Brad Jacobs.

Next Meeting: Currently scheduled for 03/15/23 at 6:30 PM

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1	Office Heat	repair	Gary	EMCOR	Gary continues to monitor the office area heat and keep it functioning for now. Have Emcor scheduled to full list of repairs at end of heating season. Boiler rebuild, zone valve replacement, bleeder valve replacement, thermostat replacement. Keeping capability to run boiler off generator to protect facilities and allow possible use as warming shelter during power outages. (\$8K-\$15k)
2	Next Sexton Preparation	Staff	Gary	N/A	Does not look like original cleaning service company will work, since they are not returning calls. Investigating other options.
1	Steeple Painting	Repair	Gary	Klingerman	Still planning on this Spring (\$23K)

#### Other items discussed:

- Gary, Mary Beth, and Phil continue to work on scraping, sealing, and painting accessible sanctuary wall sections that have peeling paint.
- Internet and Phone change of provider to GoNetSpeed Need to have 2 phone lines for fire protection system. Was corrected on 3/15/23. Should still save about \$100/month over Spectrum. Looking into options to update Fire Protection Panel communications to new style to allow option of alternate phone provider in future.
- May need Gutter replacement in next 1 or 2 years, expect \$20K to \$25K.
- Bell Rope needs replacement Gary assessing options.
- Front light between columns fell during one of last windstorms, looking into options for refurb and reinstall. Would insurance help cover the cost?
- Will be working with Nate from Midlakes Detection concerning possible assessment and update to wiring in Steeple area to make sure it is safe and usable.
- Gary getting quote from Klingerman regarding sealing of brickwork per recommendation from Brad Jacobs.

Next Meeting: Currently scheduled for 04/19/23 at 6:30 PM

The stated meeting of session of Western Presbyterian Church & Society, Palmyra, New York was called to order by The Moderator, Reverend Susan Frost at 7:00PM in Fellowship Hall with the lighting of The Christ Candle and prayer.

<u>9 Present</u> James McFarlane, Irene Fadden, Randy Kennard, Alicia Lynch, Janet Manktelow On Zoom: Susan Leonard, Philip Opdycke, Emily Hunt

0 Absent

0 Excused

#### A quorum was present.

• Motion made by Randy Kennard seconded and carried to approve the agenda.

#### **Clerks Report**

- Motion made by Randy Kennard seconded and carried to approve the minutes from the January 2023 session meeting.
- Motion made by Norman Underwood seconded and carried to approve the minutes with correction for the Annual Congregational Meeting.

#### Financial Secretary's Report - Not available

#### **Business of the Church**

Pastoral care: Reverend Dr. Nancy J. Farrell has offered to provide pastoral care for our members until we have a new pastor. We had a discussion on how we would pay for her services. We had two options. We could pay \$60 per hour plus mileage, or we could pay a base salary of \$500 per month for a goal of 8 to 10 hours plus mileage. The church in Huron has hired Nancy using the monthly salary. We had some discussion and have decided to hire her at our original proposal of \$60 per hour plus mileage.

•Motion made by Randy Kennard seconded and carried to contract with Reverend Dr. Nancy J. Farrell for pastoral care at \$60 per hour and standard IRS mileage reimbursement. The contract will be on a month to month basis. We will have one liaison from the Deacons Team contact Reverend Dr. Nancy J. Farrell to initiate service. The Clerk of Session will be notified that care has been authorized without giving names to honor confidentiality.

Sandra McMenamin will be the current liaison. Rev. Nancy will provide a written report of time spent and mileage each month. The amount will be given to the financial secretary for payment.

- Motion made by Deacons Team to reimburse cost of cards that Reverend Dr. Nancy J. Farrell uses in her pastoral care. Reverend Nancy will provide a receipt for cards. Motion passed.
- Motion made by Alicia Lynch seconded and carried to renew our CCL License (copyright license)

Our church was asked if we would be willing to participate in the Bi Centennial Celebration for Wayne County by allowing geocaching on our property. We talked about what geocaching is and what they would like from us. We thought it would be fun to be part of the celebration.

• Motion made by Randy Kennard seconded and carried to allow geocaching on our property. We will ask them to allow it during the daytime only April 1st – Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>. We would like the container placed under the sign about Winston Churchill's grandparents on the southeast corner of the church.

The clerk will notify the Bi-Centennial committee of our decision.

We took some time tonight to talk about our goals for offering day care or nursery school to the community. We want to set up a team to explore the possibilities. This team can reach out to the congregation and community to assess what the needs of the community are. We are going to ask Gary LaBerge, Cim McFarlane and Lisa Perry to be on this team. James will ask Cim and Lisa to be on the team as they have expressed an interest. We are asking Cim and Lisa to write a letter that can be put in the Spire and e-mailed to the congregation.

After the Eagle Scout project was completed in the Green Room, there is a huge job in getting all the CE items organized and put on the new shelving. We asked Emily Hunt if she would like us to get help with this big project. Emily was pleased with the offer and will let us know if they need the extra help.

Reverend Susan Frost talked to us about elder training. She provided us with a printout that we can read. After reading this, we will talk about it at the next meeting. She explained a little about what being a Deacon means from the Book of Order and how it is different from how our team works.

#### **Ministry Team Reports**

**Worship Ministry Team** – They have pulpit supply done through April 16<sup>th</sup>. The Deacons Team will do the service on March 19<sup>th</sup>, they have changed their meetings to 3:15 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month.

Fellowship Ministry Team – did not have a meeting in Feb. will have one in March to plan the next potluck lunch.

**Deacons Ministry Team** -will be doing the worship service on the 19<sup>th</sup>. It will be about emergency preparedness.

Mission /Social Concerns Ministry Team - they are applying for a presbyterian grant.

• Motion made by Mission Ministry team to apply for a \$3,000.00 grant from Presbytery for The Good Neighbor Fund. Motion passed.

They are looking into having Pastor Val Fowler put on a concert as a fund raiser for The Good Neighbor Fund.

Finance Ministry Team - no meeting

**Property Ministry Team** – working on touching up the paint in the sanctuary, will do a thorough cleaning of the sanctuary for Easter.

• Motion made by Property Ministry Team to allow the Pal-Mac Select Choir to use the sanctuary, Fellowship Hall and the piano for a concert on May 10, 2023, from 5:00- 10 PM.

They will hold a rehearsal on May 9<sup>th</sup>. Motion passed.

**Christian Ed Ministry Team -** Asked our opinion if \$5.00 per ticket is reasonable for their Easter Bunny Breakfast. We all agreed that is a fair price.

**Presbytery** – they hope to hold 2 of their meetings in person this year.

Randy mentioned that she will hold a Faith Paint on March 18<sup>th</sup>.

• Motion made by James McFarlane seconded and carried to adjourn with prayer at 8:45PM.

Janet Manktelow Clerk

#### March Worship Meeting 3/14/2023

Present: Sue, MaryBeth, Joan, Alicia, Carol & Courtney

Absent: Sharon

Holy Week Activities:

No Maundy Thursday service Good Friday Service with Farmington Friends at WPC. Pastor Val will be our pastor for Palm Sunday with kids leading the parade.

Might have choir for Easter Nancy preaching

Lilies and Palms- We order from Jack from the Settlers Post.

Palms provided by Jack at S.P. at no cost. We will get a few bunches.

Lilies- we will order 30. Last year we ordered 29. The flower fund or worship budget will cover the rest. Sue will call Jack to order and get a price.

Courtney to make flyer to send out with a form in bulletin and put in an email.

Carol will collect the orders.

New session moderator who is the interim at Newark-Rev. Susan Frost

Pentecost invite/event: See email Sue is sending out. Send comments and questions. Sue will discuss it all with Session.

Respectfully submitted: Courtney Marr



# Save the Date

April 27, 28, 29, 2023

# Donation Drop-off starting April 16

Clean out the clothes, linen and toy closets, cupboards, garages and more...

- \* Please price Household Items, Toys, and such (we need your help)
- \* Please No large appliances or furniture.
- ~Thanks

Western Presbyterian Church needs **Your Help** to Work and Donate goods to the Spring Rummage Sale

HELP Sign-ups will be in WPC Church Hallway



#### Our Prayer Concerns (updated March 22, 2023)

#### **Grieving:**

Family & Friends of Eleanor (Ellie) Giles (requested by the Deacons) Family & Friends of Barbara Culver (requested by Ruth Dantz)

#### Serving in the Armed Forces:

AJ Bliss, Adam Hill, Sarah Jagger, Joe Krebbeks, Josh Polle

#### Others for whom prayers have been requested:

All caregivers, All those affected by natural disasters, All those who have been affected by the Coronavirus, All those who have no one to pray for them, All victims of violence, hatred and hunger, Ellen Avery, Dick Bruinsma, Ed Cole, Tracy D'Arduini & Linda Pulcini, Davila family, Kathleen Dougherty, Heather Durfey, Jesse Elsenheimer, Gail Green, Marge Harloff, Russell Harris, Letty Haynes, Dave Jankowski, Frank Lawrence, Will Loan, Wayne Marriot & Christi, Angelo Mascioli, Stacey Mayou, Deb Merla, Mary Greenlaw-Meyer, Karley Mott, Tracy Murphy, Dawn VerStraete Nieskes, Clem Olsen, Pastor Nominating Committee, Jonathan Santmyer, Courtney Sears, Ann Fadden Tuck, Brian Teeter & Sammy, Sheila Wallerstein, Connie West, Marie Winker

Please pray for those who wish to remain anonymous as they, too, need our prayers.

#### Others for whom we continue to pray:

Lou Callerame, Joan Durfey, Ann Guest, Ian Guest, Janet Haigh, Bobby Haurand, Paula Hemmings, Christine Stachecki Johanessen, Cim McFarlane, Jessica Locey Otto, Wesley Pruitt, Wilma Redman, Kathy Rynders, David Squier, Marguerite Vizzini

#### Congregation members in nursing homes or shut-in:

Beverly Koeberle, Rochelle Morse, Bev Mouton, Dorothy Schlee

#### **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 McMenamin, or Kathy in the Church office. Please remember that all prayer requests are automatically removed from the list after one month unless the giver specifically requests continuation.



## APRIL 2023

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
						1 8-10 am FH Easter Bunny Breakfast
2 Palm/Passion Sunday 9 am Sunday School 10 am worship service The Palms Parade	3 7 pm Fellowship	4 Food Link Delivery 10 am Deacons 7 pm Christian Ed. 7 pm Boy Scouts Muscle Room	5 10 am Mission/Social Concerns	6 Maundy Thursday	7 Good Friday 7 pm service with Farmington Friends Church at WPC	8
9 Easter Sunday Communion & Cereal Sunday No Sunday School Rev. Dr. Nancy J. Farrell preaching	10	11 3:15 pm Worship 7 pm Boy Scouts Muscle Room	12 Weekend Wellness Delivery 7 pm Boy Scouts FH	13	14 Food Link Delivery	15
16 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter 9 am Sunday School Rev. Dr. Nancy J. Farrell preaching	17	18 SPIRE DEADLINE 7 pm Boy Scouts Muscle Room	19 Weekend Wellness Delivery 1 pm Women's Circle Bible Study FH 6:30 pm Property	20	21	22 Earth Day 9 am to 6 pm FH Bridal Shower
23 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter 9 am Sunday School Rev. Cynthia Huling- Hummel preaching	24 6-8 pm Set Up Rummage Sale	25 3-8 pm Set Up Rummage Sale 7 pm Session 7 pm Boy Scouts Muscle Room	26 Weekend Wellness Delivery 2-8 pm Set Up Rummage Sale	27 9 am to 3 pm Rummage Sale	28 9 am to 3 pm Rummage Sale	29 9 am to 11 am Rummage Sale 11 am to 1 pm Tear Down Rummage Sale
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter 9 am Sunday School Rev. Steven Becker preaching Potluck Luncheon						



### MAY 2023

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
	1 7 pm Fellowship	2 Food Link Delivery 10 am Deacons 7 pm Christian Ed. 7 pm Boy Scouts Muscle Room	3 Weekend Wellness Delivery	4 National Day of Prayer	5	6
7 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter 9 am Sunday School 10 am worship service	8	9 3-5 pm Select Choir Rehearsal 3:15 pm Worship 7 pm Boy Scouts Muscle Room	1() Weekend Wellness Delivery 7 pm Boy Scouts Muscle Room 7 pm Select Choir Recital	11	12	13
Mother's Day Communion & Cereal Sunday 9 am Sunday School Rev. Dr. Nancy J. Farrell preaching	15	16 SPIRE DEADLINE 7 pm Boy Scouts Muscle Room	Weekend Wellness Delivery 10 am Mission/Social Concerns 1 pm Women's Circle Bible Study FH 6:30 pm Property	18	19 Food Link Delivery if needed	20
21 7th Sunday of Easter 9 am Sunday School Pentecost Service Rev. Dr. Nancy J. Farrell preaching	22	7 pm Boy Scouts Muscle Room 7 pm Session	24 Weekend Wellness Delivery	25	26	27
28 Day of Pentecost Last Day of Sunday School 10 am worship service	29 Memorial Day Office Closed	30 7 pm Boy Scouts Muscle Room	31 Weekend Wellness Delivery			