



WESTERN SPIRE

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Maybe it is only me who thinks this way, but I guess Google reads my mind and Facebook, too. I can understand they send me advertising emails and pop-up ads for the items based on what I have searched for before. It is the recent technology called the AI (Artificial Intelligence) algorithms which analyze my preferences based on my records. However, sometimes those emails and pop-up ads show items I never googled or searched for before. My wife and I often look at each other and say, "There is a ghost in our house because we talked about a new coffee machine during our dinner time yesterday and an advertisement pops up on my Facebook today. It is like someone is listening to our conversation."

AI is technology that enables computers to learn and analyze vast amounts of data and create new outcomes. It can write, talk, and make recommendations. It can do other things humans do like cooking, advertising, writing journals, or creating computer programs thus taking away human jobs. AI is becoming increasingly important in our lives because it expands new horizons that we never imagined possible before. For example, if I speak to AI for thirty seconds, it can copy my speech style (my vocabulary, tones, voice, speed, even ideas and emotions) and create a speech about any topic with my voice, as if I am really speaking. Then, my son will be able to talk with virtual me after I die.

If AI can know about me so fast and accurate, does God know me faster and better than AI? Even though God may, would AI be as smart, wise, helpful, that we may not feel like we need God as much as we needed Him before the AI era? Then, is AI going to replace God in human lives eventually? If you google this question, you will be surprised to find that many people actually think or worry about the future of religion because of AI. More and more, people will confuse AI with God, just like they confuse clouds with the sky, because people measure God's power and authority by how much God would be helpful for their lives.

However, listen to what Apostle Paul had to say in Ephesians 3:20~21: "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us. To him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen." Unlike AI, God's power and authority are not limited in the knowledge we prefer to know, because God knows who we are and what is good for us. God's truth is not meant to be sugar-coated because God knows what is healthy for our souls. In the AI era, we would rather recall Psalm 2:2~4 once again, "The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the Lord and against his Anointed One. They say, 'Let us break their chains and throw off their fetters.' The One enthroned in heaven laughs. The Lord scoffs at them."

A lot of times, we misunderstand God as a tool for our life. But I guess the wedding speech of the father of a bride gives us a glimpse of what it means when God cares for us, not just giving us occasional attention like AI but caring for us throughout our lives. Read the father's speech and connect his speech with what God has been doing in our lives:

"Philip, I want to tell you a story. And like all good stories it starts like this. Once upon a time there was a father, and in case you can't figure that out, that's me. This father has a wonderful little boy. He was very happy.

Then one day, he found out his wife was going to have another baby. So, I prayed, "Lord, if it's Your Will... make her a little girl." And He did. I was the first person to hold her in my arms. And I looked at her and said, "Lord. make her like her mother." And He did. She was loving and giving and so good and so kind.

But then I realized I was getting left out. So, I said, "Lord, make her like me." And He did. She could drive a truck and a tractor. She could load hay and strip tobacco. Do you realize what you're getting? But at the same time, she was opinionated, emotional and hard-headed.

So, I said, "Lord, that's enough of that! Make her like YOU." And He did. He gave her the desire to serve people. She loves people. She gave her life to being a nurse. She's brought people back from the dead. And she's held the hand of people who have breathed their last breath. He gave her a heart for missions, and she's trekked all over the world, pushing canoes up swollen rivers and laid on the floor as bullets whizzed outside, so she could tell people about Jesus. But still something was missing. So, I said, "Lord, make her happy." And she met you.

You see that look on her face? I never saw that, until she met you. And I'm grateful for that. Today I'm giving you the best thing I have to give. And I just wanted you to know before I do that how hard me and God have worked to get her ready. So, Philip, as I have given her to you, I don't think you'll mind if I give you one more word of advice.

"Me and God have worked hard. Don't screw it up."

Peace of Christ,
Rev. Hodong Hwang

ATTENTION WPC MEMBERS

The Fellowship Team is planning a game night or a movie night in April.

We need some input from the congregation.

Would you prefer a family movie or a family game night?

If the majority want a game night, we will be joining C.E. to possibly have another Bible trivia game night.

Please let a team member or the church office know your preference by 3/10 so that we can get the information in the April Spire.

Thank you from the Fellowship Team:

Norm Underwood, Ray Marr, Val and Terry Gendron, Roxanne Dobson, Jan Taylor, and Sue Pringle.

FROM THE FELLOWSHIP TEAM



Please plan to join us on Sunday March 17th for a soup and chili potluck after the worship service at approximately 11:15 am.

All are invited and we will be reaching out to the neighborhood to invite everyone.

The Fellowship Team will provide drinks, dessert, and corn bread. Please bring your own table service and a soup or chili to pass.

A flyer for an Easter Bunny Breakfast fundraiser. The background is teal with several colorful Easter eggs scattered around. The title 'Breakfast with the Easter Bunny' is in a large, light green, rounded font. Below it, the date 'SATURDAY, MARCH 23 2024' and time '8AM-11AM AT WESTERN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH' are in a smaller, yellow, sans-serif font. A white cartoon bunny holding a carrot is on the right. The menu items are listed in white text: 'Come enjoy a breakfast of: pancakes, sausage, muffins & applesauce milk, juice & coffee'. The main attraction is 'Get your picture taken with the Easter Bunny for FREE!!' in a large, white, rounded font. The cost is '\$5' and 'Children 3 and under are free'. A red banner at the bottom contains the text 'PROCEEDS GO TO THE ROBERT D. GUNKLER CAMBERSHIP FUND' in white, all-caps, sans-serif font.

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The CE team is excited for the Easter Bunny Breakfast on March 23, 2024. 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 is a sign-up sheet outside of Fellowship Hall, please sign up for what you can donate. Thank you for your consideration!

THE TIPPED HALO'S SOCIETY.....

What is that you ask?

In Women's Circle the 16 of us acknowledged that we are far from perfect followers of Christ. There is a quote that states, "There is no saint without a past, no sinner without a future. Our tradition is a mixture of good and imperfect attempts at living the faith." This is the faith we live and grow through with successes and errors. Perhaps we are a society where our halos get tipped from time to time.



We don't exist to serve the past, but we do learn from it, its success, and its errors; it informs our present and our future. Keep in mind, Hebrews looks at the past to envision hope for the unseen future. This was the focus Lesson #5 from "Cloud of Witnesses" Bible study. Our discussions spanned from selecting the Bible scriptures that best anchor our faith; Determining those that were part of our past faith community and still enrich us today to talking about the kinds of traditions in various faiths and how they are morphed with society norms through time.

The Apostle's Creed was discussed looking at the various forms it has taken on from its origin to how creeds have changed over time. Interestingly, the original creed may not have been written by an Apostle, but reflects thoughts and insights shared by Apostles. It was way back in the 5th century AD when the Apostle's Creed was developed into the form as it is now used today. The first attempt to create a uniform consensus in the church liturgy prayer was the Nicaea creed created in 325AD.

In 2016 a new creed was included in the Book of Confessions in the Pres. Church, the Belhar Confession. This was written as a protest against a heretical theological stance to define just behavior/beliefs during the Apartheid, racial segregation in South Africa back in 1982. This begs the question; how does a document gain the right to be used as a confession or creed? Here are a few criteria; there has to be a sense of urgency warranting change. The change needs to speak to different generations and must stand the test of time.

Keep in mind, it is in our DNA as Presbyterians, as Christians, as people of faith to have a variety of points of view. We are so very diverse in thought, experience and more, however, we celebrated in recognizing that despite our differences, we join together with common ground, one in Christ. We see what our gifts are and join together and are not divided by how we are different. As one from our church used to say, "It's never wrong to be kind." So true. God bless you.



How does your halo tilt??

Women's Circle meets monthly,

Wednesdays, March 20th and April 10th at 1pm.

We are rich in conversation, fellowship, and some great snacks. All are welcome.





HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March 4	Barbara Pieters
March 4	Ruth Dantz
March 11	Eric Chapman
March 19	Doris Chriswell
March 21	Cheyenne Lane
March 22	Cassandra Hughes
March 22	Sue Pringle
March 22	Bill Bush
March 26	Mary Beth LaBerge
March 27	Tricia Owen
March 29	Jacqueline DeBrine
March 20	Scott Bush
March 31	Walter Lester

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

March 21	Bill & Elaine Hassler
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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 February include:

WPC Christian Education Team

Minutes February 13, 2024

Building Faith, Family, and Fellowship. WPC nurtures spiritual growth, joyful fellowship, meaningful community, and global involvement: worshipping 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 18- No Sunday School February Break

February 20-22- East Avon mini-VBS

March 3- Palm Sunday Bulletin Cover Production

March 10- Easter Card Production

March 23- Easter Bunny Breakfast

March 24- Palm Sunday Parade during worship

March 31- No Sunday School- Easter Sunday

April 7- Special Session Meeting after worship for confirmands to present Statements of Faith

April 28- Confirmation Sunday

May 2- First Aid Class 6:00

May 5- Nutrition Class 11:00

May 19- Sunday School Led Service/Last Day of Sunday School

May 22- Meditation Class 6:30

July 29-August 2- VBS

New Business

Wellness Theme May- We planned our May Wellness Theme Education Events. We will be running 4 classes in the month of May to support the theme of Wellness. They will be:

- Meditation Class with Crofton Celentano. Crofton will lead the class in a meditation class on May 22 at 6:30 in Fellowship Hall. The class will cost \$10 per participant. We will be asking participants to pay at the event. Participants will be asked to bring a yoga mat or towel and water to the class. (we will have some extras in case people forget)
- Nutrition Class with Cortney Underwood. Cortney will lead a class in nutrition on May 5 after worship (around 11) in Fellowship Hall.
- First Aid Class with Pat Dlugosh. Pat will lead a basic first aid class on May 2 at 6:00. The cost will be \$25 per participant. There is an additional cost of \$3 per person if you would like to take a book home. Participants can bring in cash or a check made out to Patricia Dlugosh. People taking the class will be certified in basic first aid and will receive the book and a card. It is a two-hour class. Participants must RSVP so enough materials can be brought to the class. Sign up on the bulletin board outside of Fellowship Hall or call the church office.

Action Items

- Emily will contact Crofton, Pat, and Courtney to confirm dates and times.
- Emily will create a blurb about Wellness May.
- Cim will create a Canva ad for the Spire, Facebook, etc.
- Emily will fill out all property forms once dates have been secured.
- Emily will put a sign-up sheet for the First Aid class outside of Fellowship Hall and inform Kathy that some people may call the church office to sign up.

Future Themes

We discussed a future theme of Pray and Play (goal for November of 2024 advertise with Trick or Treat on Main Street).

Retirement theme for 2025 (March??).

Next meeting: March 12, 2024 at 7:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Emily Hunt

Deacons Team Meeting Minutes

January 8th, 2024

Present: Sandy McMenamin, Randy Kennard, Nancy Talma, Patti Dlugosh, Linda Pulcini

In Support: Sara Bush

Meeting opening with lighting of the Christ Candle *Encouragement for New Year*

1. **Approval of last month's minutes and EOY report** *Motion:___Patty D. Second___Sandy M.*
2. **Treasurer's Report:** Current balance & expense/donation Status— Sandy M. —

Jan-24	Deacons Checking Account
Initial balance	\$1,010.57
Additions	\$78.00
Deductions	
Ending balance **	\$1,088.57

- a. Balances **** balance also included in EOY report**
 - b. note Line item of \$500 Removal from Budget 2024
 - c. Vote of team to approve the addition of Patty Dlugosh on checking account and removal of Sylvia Lyon
Motion: Nancy T. Second: Randy K. Unnanamously approval vote
 - d. Transactions: there has been a trend that with each Sunday, there are donations in the offertory to support Deacon's expenses.
 - e. EOY status/rpt – review of financial state reported to team by Sandy McMenamin
3. Sharing Correspondence: letters/emails/cards - D.H.
 4. Communion – on January 14th Purchase all new Gluten Free Pita // create an insert to be included with each communion bulletin... re. both changes from norm. This was not done... (Cover for bread is in for repair and will cost \$100-\$150)
 5. Update of prayer concerns: adds, Removals & status
 6. Group Prayer – Lord, hear our prayers.
 7. Visits/ Calls/ cards counts - visits with special meaningful moments of faith.

2023		As of April, Counts taken from remaining elements during serving			
Month	Visits	Phone Calls	and Email	Served	Date
Year to Date	122	174	746	635	

Status of Pointsettoa deliveries...

8. Special Care Mailings Current Roster and others were included in the cards, poinsettias, and small gifts.
9. Monthly Notes: Bible
Luke 21:34 – “Take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighted down with ... cares of this life.”

Old Business:

1. Reports of Prayer List contacts what extra care is needed??
2. Session- Spoke of gluten free pitas. Delivery of 23 poinsettias.

New Business: Looking for suggestions of Deacons to join team – invitation was made and accepted by Sandy Betts

- Discussion to reinvigorate the prayer shawl ministry. One was delivered to Sandy Campbell. *[Anita Adams had assembled the previous kits.]*

Meeting closed with prayer.

Next meeting Tuesday 2/6/2024 @ 10:00am

Respectfully - Randy Kennard, Chairperson

Fellowship Minutes

2/5/24 2:00 PM

Present: Ray Marr, Jan Taylor, Sue Pringle, Val & Terry Gendron, Roxanne Dobson, Norm Underwood

Sweets & treats: meet at 9:15 to set up. Will have 2 tables down center and use multicolored table covers. Roxanne will do decorations. Sue will set up drinks. Norm will research "King Cake" and see what we need to do.

Soup & Chili Potluck 3/17. We will meet at 9:15 for set up. Norm will get an announcement in the Spire and for screen. Ray will bring cornbread and cheese. Sue and Norm will make cupcakes or cookies. Val will bring mint candies and oyster crackers. Jan will make mint brownies. Roxie will bring tablecloths and decorations. Need to get sour cream and juice drinks. Will have usual coffee and tea and water.

Game/movie night in April. Norm will put an article in the Spire asking for suggestions/preferences. Norm will speak with Emily at the Session meeting.

Brainstormed some ideas for church growth and community involvement. Jan will contact Cim to see if more can be done during Tot and me classes. Perhaps serve refreshments. Roxie will contact John Cook about the possibility of holding a walk to fund the Good Neighbor Fund. It was brought up that we could use a sign in back entry to direct visitors to the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall. Other ideas considered were a monthly community dinner, and community picnic.

Next meeting 3/4 at 2:00 PM

Norm Underwood

PROPERTY MINISTRY TEAM - MINUTES

January 17, 2024
WPC

Present: James McFarlane, Gary LaBerge, Phil Opdycke

Absent: Don Dantz

The new Boiler System is working again after some issues and reprogramming by techs from Emcor. Will still need to bleed some air from the system, but almost all locations are working ok now. North hallway is getting warm, but not reaching set temp on the thermostat. May be related to need to bleed air from that zone. Chimney covers are in process. Will need to review and install/replace air vents for at least Fellowship Hall and north entrance.

Will acquire costs and details for recommended annual maintenance on the new boiler system.

Something has gone wrong with the heating unit in the kitchen. Leaving doors to Fellowship Hall open for now until the unit can be tested and repaired. Hot water is reaching unit, but the ceiling mounted unit is not turning on.

An air purifier has been purchased for use in the church office. 2 spare filters are in the office closet.

New computers for the AV system and Sunday School Director have arrived and are being configured for use. Expect both to be in operation by early February.

Gary to check with local handyman/carpenter about options for covering boiler water pipes and water supply pipes that are near the ceiling in the basement bathroom. This is part of plans to make the bathroom a more child and family friendly place as the toddler program becomes more active at the church.

Phil has been planning the next areas to be scraped, sealed, and painted (especially in the sanctuary) with plans to start in the spring.

Gary is still looking into options for lightening protection system repair.

May want to replace the outdoor storage shed as at least the door needs major repair.

Considering restarting volunteer cleanup days several times per year. Spring and Fall outdoor cleanup, Sanctuary deep clean before Easter and Christmas, storage areas organization and declutter (close to rummage sale times?). Other times and areas?

With recent weather events this year, an aging electric grid, and regulatory push for more electric consumption, there seems like a higher likelihood of power outages. Should a standby generator system be installed? At a minimum would expect the system to run heating systems. Possibly the lights, freezer, and fridge in the kitchen and Fellowship Hall. Heat is needed to protect the pipes from freezing if there is a prolonged outage in cold months and church could be used as additional warming shelter for the community.

Next Meeting: Currently scheduled for 2/21/24 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 HoDong Hwang at 7:00PM in Fellowship Hall. The meeting was opened with prayer and lighting of The Christ Candle.

9 Present: Susan Leonard, Courtney Marr, James McFarlane, Norman Underwood, Irene Fadden, Alicia Lynch, Emily Hunt, Randy Kennard, Janet Manktelow

1 Excused: Philip Opdycke

0 Absent

A quorum was present.

- Motion made by Irene Fadden seconded and carried to approve the meeting agenda.
- Motion made by Susan Leonard seconded and carried to give Courtney Marr a voice at this meeting.

We took time to have devotions to get us started.

Clerks Report

- Motion made by Irene Fadden seconded and carried to approve the minutes from the November 2023 session meeting.

I gave a reminder to the few people left to complete the Sexual Harassment Training and provide us with the certificate.

Financial Secretary's Report

November 2023

	<u>Current</u> <u>Month</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>YTD</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>YTD%</u> <u>Budget</u>
Receipts	\$8,217	\$162,955	\$147,077	110.80%
Expenditures	\$10,998	\$ 105,149	\$140,046	75.08%
Total Receipts/Expenditures	(\$2,782)	\$ 57,806	\$ 7,031	

Business of the Church

Norm brought a request he received asking if the chorale from Finger Lakes Community College could use the sanctuary for a concert. It would be held April 27 or 28th at 3:00PM. We would like a little more information such as what they would expect from us. The consensus is to say yes pending the rest of the information.

The Finance Team provided us with the 2024 budget for discussion and approval.

- Motion made by James McFarlane and seconded by Norman Underwood. The budget as presented was passed with 1 opposed with a follow up meeting with finance in the first quarter to discuss the possible amendments for the Mission Team and an audit.

Team Reports

Worship Ministry Team – great turnout for Christmas Eve services, asking for prayers for Sandy Campbell one of our organists after she had a stroke and fell and broke her arm, we will need to find a new organist.

Fellowship Ministry Team – No meeting in Dec, will meet Jan 8th.

Deacons Ministry Team – the communion bread will all be gluten free from now on, they delivered 23 plants after Christmas.

Mission Ministry Team – no meeting in Dec., thinking of ways to do mission differently, Mission Sunday will be March 17th.

CE Ministry Team -Youth led Sunday Jan 7th, Jan 15th will be when the new confirmation class will start.

Property Ministry Team – no meeting in Dec., getting the heat fixed, checking on the Pal Mac Select Choir recital which they have held in our sanctuary for several years.

Finance Ministry Team -

- Motion made by Finance Ministry team to add a live giving button on our website. Motion passed.
- Motion made by Finance Ministry Team to move forward using Pay Pal. Motion passed with one abstained.
- Motion made by Finance Ministry Team to open a dedicated bank account for using Pay Pal. Motion passed.

It was suggested that we take a collection at the Christmas Eve Service.

HoDong asked if we could move our session meetings to the first Tuesday of the month. Everyone agreed.

Courtney's ordination will be held on February 4th after she has completed her meetings and training with HoDong.

Next meeting will be Feb 6, 2024.

Alicia Lynch will do devotions.

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

Janet Manktelow

Clerk

The annual meeting of the congregation of Western Presbyterian Church & Society, Palmyra, New York was called to order by the moderator, Reverend HoDong Hwang, in the church sanctuary at 11:10AM immediately following the 10:00AM worship service. The meeting was opened with prayer.

A quorum was present.

Courtney Marr has been nominated to serve as head of the Worship Ministry Team, Philip Opdycke has been nominated to serve as head of the Property Ministry Team, and Sandy Betts to serve as a member of the Deacons Ministry Team. Further nominations were called for from the floor. Hearing none, nominations were closed.

- Motion made by Randy Kennard seconded by Dave Taylor and passed to elect Courtney Marr to be an ordained ruling elder.
- Motion made by Cimberly McFarlane seconded by Philip Opdycke and passed to elect Courtney Marr as head of the Worship Ministry Team and Phil Opdycke as head of the Property Ministry Team and Sandy Betts as a team member on the Deacons Ministry Team.

The following reports were presented for approval: Christian Ed. Ministry Team, Church Statistics -Report of Clerk of Session, Deacons Ministry Team, Deacons Treasurer's Report, Fellowship Ministry Team, Finance Ministry Team, Mission and Social Concerns Ministry Team, Good Neighbor Fund, Weekend Wellness, Property Ministry Team, Pastors Postscript Report, Women's Association Finance Report, Angel Tree Project, Endowment/Operations Account Balance Report, 2023/ 2024 Budget, 2023/2024 Salaries and Summary of Receipts and Expenditures.

Reverend HoDong asked if there were any questions about the reports. Hearing none, a motion was called for.

- Motion made by Philip Opdycke seconded by Donald Dantz and passed to approve all reports as written.
- Motion made by Philip Opdycke seconded by Irene Fadden and passed to have session read and approve the minutes of the congregational meeting.
- Motion made by Susan Pringle seconded by Carol Sloan and passed to adjourn with prayer at 11:17AM.

Janet Manktelow
Clerk

Reverend HoDong Hwang
Moderator

During Lent 2024 the Mission and Social Concerns Ministry Team invites your family to ponder all the blessings you have. "Put in the loaf bank amounts" that are suggestions and you may give as you are able. On Sundays, we have put a Bible verse about food, faith, and good deeds. We hope it will remind you of all the blessings you have.

The donations will be collected on Palm Sunday, March 24th, but you may bring them back at your convenience. The money collected will be sent to the Presbytery for Hunger Grants and will be used at food ministries throughout the Presbytery.

Thank you for caring and sharing during Lent of 2024.

Sharing is Caring Calendar

Each day, take a moment to think about the blessings that you have from God and how you can share with those who are in need.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Proverbs 22:9</p> <p><i>The LORD blesses everyone who freely gives food to the poor.</i></p>	<p>Feb 26</p> <p>Some people don't have meat to eat. Give 10¢ for each time your family had meat today.</p>	<p>Feb 27</p> <p>"I was thirsty and you gave me a drink."</p>  <p>Put in 2¢ for each drink you had today.</p>	<p>Feb 28</p> <p>Give 1¢ for each time a family member opened the refrigerator today.</p> 	<p>Feb 29</p> <p>For each time you used your washing machine this week put in 10 cents. It costs much more at a laundromat.</p>	<p>March 1</p> <p>Be thankful. For each tree in your yard, add 10 cents</p> 	<p>March 2</p> <p>Some people need to walk everywhere they go. Put in 15¢ for each bike or car that your family has.</p>
<p>Luke 3:11b</p> <p><i>"Anyone who has food should give to the one who has none."</i></p>	<p>March 4</p> <p>"I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat."</p> <p>Put in 3¢ for each time you had something to eat today, including snacks and treats.</p>	<p>March 5</p> <p>If you were able to go to bed NOT hungry add 25¢</p> 	<p>March 6</p>  <p>If you don't have to cook over an open fire, put in 25¢ for each range, microwave, slow cooker, etc.</p>	<p>March 7</p> <p>Imagine living without a refrigerator and freezer.</p> <p>Put in a quarter for each appliance you have to keep your food edible.</p>	<p>March 8</p> <p>We are so blessed to have electricity. Give 4¢ for each light in your home.</p> 	<p>March 9</p> <p>Some people live in huts or one-room homes.</p> <p>Give 5¢ for each room in your home</p>
<p>Mathew 25: 31-46</p> <p><i>Whenever you give food to the hungry and drink to those who are thirsty, "you do it for me."</i></p>	<p>March 11</p> <p>How many Bibles are in your home?</p>  <p>Give 10¢ for each one.</p>	<p>March 12</p> <p>Education is denied to many.</p>  <p>Give 5¢ for each high school diploma and 10¢ for each college degree</p>	<p>March 13</p> <p>Sing Praises to God</p>  <p>Put in 10¢ for each musical instrument in your house. Don't forget your voice.</p>	<p>March 14</p> <p>Medicine bottles</p>  <p>Give 5¢ for each medicine bottle in your home.</p>	<p>March 15</p> <p>Have a sink?</p>  <p>Put in 5¢ for each sink in your home.</p>	<p>March 16</p> <p>Add 5¢ for each chair at your dining table.</p> 
<p>James 2:16</p> <p><i>15 If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, 16 and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that?!</i></p>	<p>March 18</p> <p>Put in 5¢ for every device that connects to the internet.</p> 	<p>March 19</p> <p>We are so blessed to have electricity. Give 2¢ for each electric outlet in your home.</p> 	<p>March 20</p>  <p>Put in 25¢ for each soap dispenser in your house.</p>	<p>March 21</p> <p>Put in 5 cents for every pair of shoes in your family.</p> 	<p>March 22</p> <p>Add a nickel every time you used water today.</p> <p>Flushing Bathing Dishes Drink Cleaning</p>	<p>March 23</p>

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Our Prayer Concerns (updated February 21, 2024)

Grieving:

Family & Friends of Rev. Fred Magley (requested by the Presbytery)

Family & Friends of David Everhart (requested by Joan & Lloyd Durfey)

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, Sandy Campbell, Sarah Carone, Tracy D'Arduini & Linda Pulcini, Ann Davis, Lousia Diakogianvi, Irene Fadden, Jonathan Groff, Linda Hanna, Jessie Karalunas, Deb Merla, Mary Greenlaw-Meyer, Rowena Redmond, Fran Storm, Frank Surace, Connie West

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

Others for whom we continue to pray:

Wes Barager, Joyce Clark, Ed Cole, Janet Hassler Costa, Jacquie DeBrine, Kathleen Dougherty, Joan Durfey, Ted & Nancy Elsenheimer, Janet Haigh, Marge Harloff, Russell Harris, Bobby & Eileen Haurand, Christine Stachecki Johanessen, Roger King, Gary Lashway, Frank Lawrence, Jessica Locey Otto, Angelo Mascioli, Cim McFarlane, Karley Mott, Tracy Murphy, Dawn VerStraete Nieskes, Sue Nussbaumer, Wilma Redman, Kathy Rynders, Dennis & wife Ann Sapienza, David Squier, Joan Verstringhe, Marguerite Vizzini

Congregation members in nursing homes or shut-in:

Beverly Koeberle, Rochelle Morse, Bev Mouton

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.



MARCH 2024

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
					1 World Day of Prayer	2
3 3rd Sunday in Lent 9 am Sunday School 10 am worship service 1-4 pm Muscle Room birthday party 2 pm FH & Sanctuary Eagle Scouts	4 2 pm Fellowship 6-7 pm FH Confirmation Class	5 10 am Deacons 7 pm Boy Scouts Muscle Room 7 pm Session	6 10 am Mission/Social Concerns	7	8	9 10 am FH Faith Paint
10 4th Sunday in Lent Daylight Savings Time Begins 9 am Sunday School 10 am worship service	11 6-7 pm FH Confirmation Class	12 10 am to Noon Toddler Time 3:15 pm Worship 7 pm Boy Scouts Muscle Room 7 pm Christian Ed.	13 7 pm FH Boy Scouts	14	15	16 2 to 5 pm FH Baby Shower Cheyenne Mate
17 5th Sunday in Lent 9 am Sunday School 10 am Mission Team worship service Soup/Chili Potluck	18 6-7 pm FH Confirmation Class	19 SPIRE DEADLINE 7 pm Boy Scouts Muscle Room	20 1 pm FH Women's Circle Bible Study 6 pm FH "Won't You Be My Neighbor" Dinner 6:30 pm Property	21	22 5-7 pm Set Up for Easter Bunny Breakfast	23 8 am to 11 am Easter Bunny Breakfast
24 Palm/Passion Sunday 9 am Sunday School 10 am worship service Palm Sunday Parade	25	26 10 am to Noon Toddler Time 7 pm Boy Scouts Muscle Room	27	28 Maundy Thursday	29 Good Friday 7 pm combined service with Farmington Friends Church	30
31 Easter Sunday Communion & Cereal Sunday No Sunday School 10 am worship service						



APRIL 2024

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
	1 2 pm Fellowship	2 10 am Deacons 7 pm Boy Scouts Muscle Room 7 pm Session	3 10 am Mission/ Social Concerns	4	5	6
7 2 nd Sunday of Easter 9 am Sunday School 10 am worship service 11:30 am Confirmands to present Statements of Faith	8	9 10 am-Noon Toddler Time 3:15 pm Worship 7 pm Boy Scouts Muscle Room 7 pm Christian Ed.	10 1 pm FH Women's Circle Bible Study 7 pm Boy Scouts FH	11	12	13
14 3 rd Sunday of Easter Communion & Cereal Sunday 9 am Sunday School 10 am worship service	15	16 SPIRE DEADLINE 7 pm Boy Scouts Muscle Room	17 6:30 pm Property	18 6-7 pm FH Family Storytime	19	20
21 4 th Sunday of Easter 9 am Sunday School 10 am worship service	22 Earth Day	23 10 am-Noon Toddler Time 7 pm Boy Scouts Muscle Room	24	25	26	27
28 Confirmation Sunday 9 am Sunday School 10 am worship service	29	30 7 pm Boy Scouts Muscle Room				