



CHURCH OFFICERS FOR 2016

Session

Moderator, Rev. Dr. Jeri-Lynne Bouterse

Clerk, Alice Harker

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Class of 2017

Wallace Higgins
Bill Richards
Darrell Smith
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Class of 2018

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Charles Hedges
Steve Johnson
Myron Rorick

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Moderator – Carla Mavis

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Amber Johnson
Carla Mavis

Class of 2017

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Lynn Kraus
Libby Rushley
Kim Williams

Class of 2018

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President, Bob Parker

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Kent Hardin
Rich Johnson
Al Kershaw

Class of 2017

Jack Mader
Bob Parker
Paula Thomerson

Class of 2018

Norm Baldinger
Jayme Fountain
Grace Moore

Welcome to the New Year!

Welcome to all the new officers joining the church leadership team in 2016. Our annual service of ordination and installation of officers will be held on January 10 during the worship service.

Many thanks to those officers who completed their term of service at the end of 2015:

Session: Judy Corbett, Eugene Dowler, Steve Johnson, Doyle Painter, Jr.

Deacons: Alison Davis, Larry Davis, Emily Kershaw, Brian Weller

Trustees: Sarah Baehr, Fred Mavis, Christina Piper

Jeri-Lynne's Jottings.....

Have you thought about your New Year's Resolutions yet? It's a little early, but it's never too early to plan to grow in your Christian faith and discipleship. MEET THE BIBLE IN 2016 is a wonderful opportunity to walk with others in your church family through the pages of scripture. You'll meet Abraham and Moses and David. You'll hear once again the life-changing words of Jesus and walk with Paul on the road to Damascus. You won't read every word of the Bible, but you'll get an incredible sense of the Bible as a whole. Your companion on this journey will be the book MEET THE BIBLE by Philip Yancey and Brenda Quinn. You will read a portion of scripture each day and you might find yourself so captivated you even read ahead!

In addition to your personal (or family) Bible reading, you will have the opportunity to join a small group to discuss what you are reading. This will be an added time of fellowship and learning as you share thoughts and questions with others on the same journey. In addition I will be preaching each week on one of the previous week's daily readings from MEET THE BIBLE. (There will be some breaks from the preaching schedule for church liturgical seasons) All of us learn and grow better when we invest our time personally, have an opportunity to share with a small group and get encouraged and strengthened by the whole community.

MEET THE BIBLE 2016 is your opportunity to do all those things. Sign up now using the sign-up sheet on the office window to reserve your copy of meet the BIBLE and get ready to start the journey of a lifetime!

Shalom,
Pastor Jeri-Lynne

"Thy Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." Psalm 119:105

Small Group Meetings will begin in January; Mondays at 2:00p.m. and Thursdays at 5:30p.m.
Date of First Meetings: January 11 @ 2:00p.m. & January 14 @ 5:30p.m.
Meet the Bible Preaching Schedule January

January 17	Genesis 4:1-24	"Cain and Abel"
January 24	Genesis 9:1-17	"God's Covenant Rainbow"
January 31	Genesis 19:1-29	"Sodom and Gomorrah Destroyed"

THANK YOU

On behalf of the Richards' family I thank the Circleville Presbyterian Church for the wonderful love in your prayers, cards, and the funeral service. Thank you Jeri Lyn for a magnificent service, Jack on the organ, and the deacons for great meals both at the visiting hours and the gathering after the service. Many of you attended and your love made us very proud to be part of the church and the service was a tribute to Grace. Her "grace" will be remembered here in Circleville and around the country. She truly made a difference and we miss her so much.

Bill Richards

ANNUAL REPORTS

Annual Reports are due in the office by Sunday, January 10, 2016. Following is a list of reports needed. Please send your report as an attachment via e-mail (circpres@frontier.com)

Report of the Pastor

Session Reports

Clerk of Session, Congregational Care Commission, Mission/Evangelism Commission, Worship, Music, & Arts Commission, Stewardship Commission, and Christian Education

Deacon Reports

Board of Deacons, Board of Deacons Finance Report, Emergency Clearinghouse-Food Pantry

Christian Education

Director, Christian Education

Music Reports

Chancel Choir, Children's/Youth Choir, Burkhart Memorial Handbells, Mary Gans Memorial Chimes

Church Ministries & Organizations

Around the Cross, Community Kitchen, Prayer Chain, POTHATALA, Presbyterian Women, Presbyterian Women Finance Report, Brown Memorial Home, Library

We offer our condolences to the family and friends.....



...of Sue Phillips who died
November 29, 2015.

...of Grace Richards who died
December 4, 2015.

...of George Schenck who died December 7, 2015.
George was a former member in the 60's and 70's.

...of the uncle of Ron Rushley who died December 24, 2015 (Uncle Bruno)

ONE YEAR OLDER

Please note the master birthday list for the year is also in this Pres-Line. Each monthly Pres-Line will include the birthdays for that month, but for January we are providing a full list. If you have been missed on this list and want to be included, please contact the office.

CHRISTMAS PAST AGAIN

Congregational Care has been asked to have the Christmas Past sale again in 2016. We will set the date at our next meeting in January. As you pack away your Christmas decorations this year, please think of us once again. We will collect your donations after church on Sunday, January 3 and January 10. Items can be dropped off at other times. Just let Judy Corbett know (474-7988 or judy35corbett@yahoo.com) and arrangements will be made for someone on Cong. Care to meet you there. New this year, we will also take Longaberger baskets. Due to storage limitations, we ask you keep larger items until closer to the sale. Members of the community have asked if they too can donate items. We will try this, so spread the word to your friends and neighbors. Thank you for all your help and support for the first Christmas Past sale. We look forward to another successful sale next year.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

If you itemize for income tax purposes, the IRS has implemented rules that require you to have a cancelled check or a written statement from the church for any cash contributions. Final Contribution Statements will be available for **PICK-UP on the table outside the office**, no later than the last Sunday of January. If you may be out of state for a while and want your statement mailed, contact the office.

BEGINNING BELL CLASS

Everyone from 4th grade to grandparents is invited to join a beginning bell choir. Although it helps if you can read music, it is not absolutely necessary. (That's what high-lighters are for). Reading music is not as hard as you may think, and I can easily teach you what you need to know. It *is* necessary that you can count to 2, 3, 4 or sometimes 6. That, and a desire to ring are all the qualifications needed.

The first get together will be Sunday, January 17, at 11:30 in the bell choir room at the back of the overflow area. The bells will be out so come and see what bell ringing is all about. Come if you just want see what it is like to ring a bell.

Ringling bells is a great activity for families. Many parents have rung in the bell choir with their children and it is very rewarding to do so. Many close friendships have also begun by ringling bells together.

This is an intergenerational activity and one that will be a lot a fun. Four people have already committed but we would love to have more. Call Judy Corbett (474-7988) or judy35corbett@yahoo.com for more information.

THANK YOU NOTE

The Phillips family would like to express their gratitude for everyone who assisted from the Presbyterian Church for the ceremony of Susane Phillips. It was beautiful and we appreciate everyone's effort.

Thank You Kindly,
David, Robert, and Jan

NOTE FROM DORIS

Doris Gruebel called to thank everyone for the Christmas cards and to say....

Merry Christmas!

NOTE FROM GRANDDAUGHTER

Dear Rev. Jeri-Lynne,

I just wanted to thank you from the bottom of my heart for the most beautiful service I've attended and I'm beyond blessed that it was in honor and remembrance of my grandma, Grace. Every aspect was so heartfelt, and I was completely overwhelmed by the outpouring of love and support shown not only at the funeral service, but the days leading up to it. All of the church ladies that helped prepare was more than I could handle. Seeing them work so hard all morning, afternoon, and into the evening, day after day has not only restored my faith in humanity because I know these ladies did it out of pure love and expect nothing in return. I see why Grandma and Grandpa attend such a beautiful church, not only the building, but the members that make it truly what it is. As I was sitting through the service, weeping and praying for our family to even make it through the days ahead without her, I kept staring at each of the beautiful stained glass windows and noticed the sun through every one of them throughout the entire time we were sitting there. I know it was Grandma's way of letting me know she was with all of us. If there is just one more thing that I could ask of you...would you please thank all of the ladies (and men!) who helped throughout this heartbreaking time—from beginning to end. I speak for the entire family when I say from the bottom of our hearts, thank you.

Merry Christmas to each and everyone of you! This will undoubtedly be one of (if not) the most difficult times for our family this year, but I am grateful for the memories we all have with her. There will never be another Grace Stevenson Richards, that I'm sure of. I am so proud and blessed to have been her granddaughter.

Thank You,
Lisa Salyers

Focus on...

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

By Diana Jones, D.C.E.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EACH OF YOU. May 2016 bring good health, love, and happiness to all.

IT WAS A MAGICAL DECEMBER FOR C.E. AS WE spent almost each Sunday with each other, not only at church, but in the afternoon and/or evening too. The 13th was a long day for our youth groups as they shopped for the two adopted families and then came back to the church to wrap all their goodies. Not long after, we hopped into cars/trucks and headed out to carol to nursing homes and some residences. What fun we had meeting some new people and getting compliments on our singing!!!! After our caroling we joined up with the other singing groups and some wee ones to have dinner and a birthday party for Jesus complete with balloons! We didn't forget our gifts for Jesus – a canned good for the clearinghouse.

OUR ANNUAL ADVENT BRUNCH WAS RECEIVED WELL BY OUR CHURCH FAMILY. Many thanks to all our cooks and bakers from Congregational Care and C.E. They did a fabulous job and we even had many middle school and high school students cleaning up. Way to go!!

THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON WAS PROBABLY THE Christmas Program presented by the children/youth, age 3 to grade 12. The speakers were wonderful as they retold the Christmas Story. So proud of the students who gave their personal testimonies to "Joy at Christmas". The children's choir was terrific and managed to learn their long song as well as their poem. The smiles were contagious! As the youth read the story, the children, ages 3 – 4th grades pantomimed the play complete with angels, shepherds, and wise men. Special thanks to Jesseca LaConti, baby Gweneth for portraying Mary and Jesus and to Avery Clouse for portraying Joseph. Words cannot express the emotions of the morning with some laughter and some tears. My thanks to Clare, Alice, and Carla for helping our children dress and to Jeri-Lynne for being such a good storyteller.

OUR C.E. COMMISSION recognized the effort and love of our former caregiver, Margaret Quincel. She had been the caregiver of our children for over 12 years. Thanks again Margaret.

NOW THE NEW YEAR BEGINS ON JANUARY 3rd. The elementary class will be studying "Moses and the Ten Commandments". Middle School, Senior Highs, and Confirmation Classes will resume their regular schedule.

THE YOUTH GROUPS WILL MEET ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 31ST with the Senior Highs at Diana's for a Mexican Night and games at 5:30 and the Middle School will meet in the Youth Area with the Crego's. Please plan to attend.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMISSION WILL HOLD THEIR ANNUAL RETREAT ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 10TH FOLLOWING WORSHIP WITH LUNCH PROVIDED. More details later. Mark your calendar please.

ANNUAL REPORTS ARE DUE JANUARY 10TH.

**Love,
Diana**

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Brookdale at Lakeview

Woody Jones

Caring Touch

Linda Stevenson

Clearmont Retirement Village

Doris Gruebel

Franklin Woods

Judy Palm

The James

Gwen Painter

Logan Elm Health Care

Tom Cooper

Donald Maxson

Nancy Weitendorf (Sue Twining's mother)

Pickaway Manor

Mildred Dyer (Blaine Keckley's mother)

Doris Luna

Riverside Hospital

Carol Higgins

Convalescing at Home

Ellie Butler

George Butler

Bill Campbell

Carol Campbell

Lou Ann Clark

Scot Clydesdale

Katie Hedges

Marcella Hostetler

Alfred Johnson

Bob Parker

Sharon Ryan

Dorothy Sampson

Sage Sill

Brendt Utts

Also Convalescing

Eloise Beers (Kathy Studebaker's mother)

Lindsey Beshear (Larry Logan's daughter)

Susan Bouterse

Vernon Cahill (Donna Solovey's father)

Charley Edgar & Corrine Edgar

Sara Mofield Goga (Judy Spicer's daughter)

George Grigg

Rich Harker (Alice's grandson)

Marty (Ward) Hart (Marcella Hostetler's sister)

Nathan Mofield (Judy Spicer's son)

Phyllis Smith (Rod Smith's mother)

Betty Topliff (LibbyRushley's mother)

Kim Welter (Pastor Steve's daughter)

**We are sorry if we have missed anyone!
If you want someone added or removed,
PLEASE call the church office.**

NEW OFFICE HOURS

One of the great joys of serving you as transitional pastor at Circleville Presbyterian Church is working with your dedicated staff! Over the past six months I, along with staff and the administrative commission, have been evaluating staff and the working environment of the church. In light of these evaluations a recommendation was made to the session at our December 21 meeting to change the church office hours and post the following staff hours.

Office will be open: Tues.–Thurs. 9a.m. to 5p.m.

The office is *closed* for lunch from **12-1**

Susie Hollar office hours Tues.–Thurs. 8a.m. to 5p.m. Monday hours 8am. -5p.m. (her day to work on financial secretary responsibilities, **office closed**)

John Williams office hours Tues.-Fri. with additional hours on Monday a.m. and Sunday a.m.

Diana Jones office hours: Tues. 9-11:30, Wed. 9-11:30 and 12:30-3:00, Thurs. 9-12 and 1-5, Fri. 10-2:00

Jeri-Lynne Bouterse office hours Mon.–Thurs. 10a.m. -5p.m.

Music staff hours are determined by rehearsals and practice hours.

Please note:

If you have a request for any of the staff please respect their regular hours and responsibilities by giving them plenty of notice in writing. The administrative commission will be developing a form and process to use when making such requests.

Although there are set hours for staff we ask that you call and make an appointment if you need to meet with one of us. There are circumstances that arise in ministry which may keep us from being in the office during our specified schedule and/or we may be working on a something that is time-sensitive.

If you have any questions regarding office hours, staff hours or you have any concerns regarding staff performance, please make an appointment to speak with me.

In Christ's Service with you,
Pastor Jeri-Lynne



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Looking ahead to.....



FEBRUARY

- 7- Annual Meeting
- 9- Sorting Day at the Clothing Center
- 14- First Sunday in Lent
- 18- Deadline for March Pres-Line
- 21- Second Sunday in Lent
- Super Soapy Sunday
- Pickaway Manor Service