



## Annual Meeting Scheduled

The Session of The Presbyterian Church of Circleville calls for an annual meeting to be held on Sunday, February 7, 2016, immediately following the worship service in Campbell Hall, for the following purposes:

1. *To acknowledge those members who entered the Church Triumphant during 2015.*
2. *To receive the annual reports of the various boards, commissions, and organizations of the church, including financial reports.*
3. *To present the church budget for 2016 as adopted by Session.*
4. *To elect four members from the congregation to the church Nominating Committee. (Those being proposed should be contacted ahead of time regarding their willingness to serve, and may not currently be serving on Session, Deaconate, or Board of Trustees.)*
5. *Approve Amended By-Laws.*

Prior to the meeting a homemade soup and salad lunch will be provided by the Christian Education Commission.

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### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Ash Wednesday—February 10, Service in Sanctuary at 7:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday—March 25, Service in Sanctuary at 7:00 p.m.

Palm Sunday—March 20

Easter—March 27

May Luncheon—Wednesday, May 11, 2016

## February Jeri-Lynne's Jottings

Ash Wednesday Already!

It is hard to believe that we will be entering the season of Lent in February! The season of Lent is a time of preparation for the celebration of Easter. The word Lent comes from the Anglo-Saxon *lencten*, and it means "spring". It is the beginning of the lengthening of days. It used to be a time to prepare new converts for baptism on Easter Eve. Eventually it became a time of reflection and self-examination for all Christians. With our increasingly busy and secular world, Lent has become a time to remember Jesus by walking with him in study, prayer and service to others. It is a time to engage in personal and family worship. We want to help you do just this!

Ash Wednesday is February 10. That evening at we will begin the 2016 season of Lent with a traditional worship service which will include the imposition of ashes. There will be other opportunities throughout the Lenten season for worship, study and prayer. The ministerial association of Circleville provides a Lenten luncheon series and I will finish the Bible study on Handel's Messiah as well.

In February we will also have our Annual Congregational Meeting. At this meeting we will elect a nominating committee. The nominating committee will have an additional responsibility this year. Along with providing us with a slate of nominees for officers for the class of 2019, they will be given the task of providing us with a slate of nominees to serve on the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC). Once the nominating committee provides us with a slate of PNC nominees we will hold a special congregational meeting for election. If elected these individuals serving as our Pastor Nominating Committee will begin to meet regularly with the Rev. Bob Getty (our liaison from Scioto Valley Presbytery) to complete the tasks of: reviewing our mission study, filling out a Ministry Information Form, and beginning the process of interviewing candidates for pastor of Circleville Presbyterian Church! Each of these tasks has multiple steps and requires approvals by session and presbytery. It is a process that requires great care and discernment.

Other exciting things in our future include adding audio/visual capacity in our worship service. By the time you receive this newsletter we will have three bids for this work to be done in the sanctuary and a task force team will be formed (using the names of those who signed up as having interest in this project and those interested in alternative style worship). This task force will review the bids, the needs of the congregation and present their recommendation to session. Once the session has all the information they will make a decision on which bid best meets our needs. The "Grace Richard's Memorial" will fund the project.

Once we have the capacity to use audio visual in the sanctuary we will also add an alternative worship service to our worship schedule. The time and date of that service will be determined by session utilizing the input of our congregation.

Other projects of for the year 2016 include forming a task group to plan more family outings, the implementation of Children's Church, and exploring the possibility of continuing some form of the Adult Literacy program as a mission.

One way we will fund some of these new projects involves launching the opportunity for you to contribute to the church through electronic giving. The provider we are utilizing is Push Pay. You will be able to give within 10 seconds using our website via your computer; tablet or you can download the app and use your smart phone! Push Pay guarantees that church giving will increase by 5%! My prayers are for more of course!

Why more...a sign of a healthy church can be found in their stewardship. This is why in February I will be preaching a series on "love". God loves us, we love God, and in love we serve God's Kingdom. February 21 we will dedicate our pledges of time, money and prayers to God. Each of you will receive an envelope with the churches return address and stamped. We will ask you to seal your pledge to God in the envelope and write your address on it. These pledges to God will be held without opening in the office for 6 months. Then they will be sent to you for your review.

**We are:**

Committing our time to God

Committing our money to the ministry of God

Committing our prayers to God

Your commitment is between you and God. This is about your relationship with God. I trust this process helps us all to remember why we give.

2016 is full of adventures and changes. I hope you will be as excited as I am to see what God has in store for the future of Circleville Presbyterian Church's ministry for the Kingdom!

In Christ's Service,

Jeri-Lynne Bouterse  
Transitional Pastor

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**NEW ARRIVALS**

Simon David Marshall was born January 24, 2016 to Gray and Anne Marshall. Andy and Donna Solovey are the grandparents. Anne and Gray now live in Washington C.H.  
220 N. Hinde St., Washington C.H., OH 43160

Rhys Michael Ankrom was born January 26, 2016 to Sean and Jolie Ankrom. John and Teresa Ankrom are the grandparents.  
Sean and Jolie Ankrom  
371 Park Blvd.  
Worthington, OH 43085

**NEW EMAIL ADDRESS:**

Marilyn Herel  
marilynsherel@gmail.com

*Focus on.....*

## *Nancy and Norman Baldinger*

Builders have strange ways when it comes to numbering condo units. It took two phone calls and Nancy standing out in the middle of the intersection before I could find their home! Following the adage “Ladies First,” I will begin with **Nancy**.

Nancy was born in Akron City Hospital many moons ago, graduated from Uniontown High School, which is halfway between Akron and Canton, studied for one year at Heidelberg University and one year at Akron University.

Nancy grew up in the local Evangelical and Reformed Church where her mother, bedeviled by poor health but possessing a very strong faith, was a Sunday School teacher. “God will take care of us.” Catechism, youth fellowship and singing in the choir were normal activities. Her dad died when she was twelve and her school teacher mom who didn’t drive, rented a room to a young woman named Mickey. It was Mickey who taught Nancy how to drive on a stick-shift 1939 Chevy.

Nancy’s association with the Presbyterian denomination began when she and Norman were married February 16, 1957. In our church she has served as a deacon and an elder. Her other denominational work included 12 years on Staff Services for the Presbytery of Scioto Valley, a three year stint on the committee to guide candidates in preparation for ministry, and she attended General Assembly in 1993.

Her employment record included quite an interesting list: two part-time jobs with a community action organization in Wilmington, Ohio, where she taught sewing, years as a bus driver for Logan Elm Schools, a stint at American Garden Products (a.k.a. Cole’s Nursery) until it closed, and most recently as an executive recruiter. (a glorified word for “Head Hunter”)

Her main hobby has been sewing. Formerly this skill included tailoring of men’s suits, but now she is more into creating craft items: purses, wallets, and bags for walkers when people, like me, need to use this ambulatory aid. You can see an example of her talent by checking out my walker as I roll around for church activities. She also enjoys playing golf.

As a life-long learner, Nancy is now attending Jeri-Lynne's Monday afternoon "Meet the Bible" study group.

**Norm** was also born in Akron City Hospital and claims they held hands in the nursery, which isn't likely since he is nine months older than she. When he was a child the family moved to Marion where his father went into farming with his grandfather. It was a difference of opinion about farming methods---Grandfather believed one did not use any type of mechanical equipment while Norm's dad favored a tractor---that caused the family to move back to the Akron area.

Norm is a lifelong Presbyterian currently serving this church as a Trustee. While living in Marion they were members of a small rural church on a multi-point charge, so when the pastor was preaching elsewhere, Norm's grandfather, an elder in the church, was often the morning pulpit supply pastor. According to Norm, years ago people chose whichever church was most convenient without caring as much about the denomination.

As a youth, Norm studied catechism in the First Presbyterian Church in Ellet, Ohio. He attended Suffield School until the tenth grade and then moved to Uniontown where he met the love of his life Nancy. Following graduation in 1953, he was unable to get a job so he joined the Air National Guard as a full-time technician. He served during Desert Storm from December 1990 to early 1991. He was honorably discharged in 1993. He worked at the Akron/Canton Airport, then Wilmington Airport in Clinton County and was later transferred to Rickenbacker. He retired from the Air National Guard which is a division of the U.S. Air Force.

His hobbies include hunting, fishing and playing golf. They both chuckled when they told me "Golfing together is now history." While out hunting, he frequently finds a limb that he turns into an interesting walking stick. We had a brief discussion on eating venison and when I stated the flavor was not to my liking, they told me whoever had fixed it didn't have a good recipe.

~Diane Berger

*Focus on ...*      **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

*By Diana Jones, D.C.E.*

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE. We wish each member of our church family a wonderful 2016 filled with love for all people; good health in your family; a renewal of your obedience to God; and peace for the world.

THE C.E. COMMISSION HELD THEIR ANNUAL RETREAT on January 10<sup>th</sup> . We were treated to lunch by Curtis which was delicious! Several goals were set for the year including a new curriculum for the Sunday school, moving the nursery to the upper level, and moving classrooms to accommodate the new curriculum. Among other items discussed were teaching our children how to be caretakers of their church with some hands on activities throughout the year; and to increase the children's ministry area in order to foster a closer relationship between students and parents in a social arena. Background checks for all people that work with children in our church is almost completed.

THE CONFIRMATION CLASS is moving right along with their studies on becoming members of the Presbyterian faith. They have had a variety of experiences in the last couple of months. During Advent, they led devotional services each week for the elementary and pre-school classes as well as some hands on experiences of teaching crafts and reading stories to this group. They are learning the key parts to the Apostles Creed as well as having a movie day on the "10 Commandments".

THE YOUTH GROUPS will be having a "taco night" and planning for a very special mission this month. In addition to SOUPER BOWL Sunday (remember the pots at the doors of the sanctuary on February 7<sup>th</sup>). They will pick the mission as to where the money goes locally. They also will be planning their annual "VALENTINE TEA" for any of our church family over 75 young years of age! This year it will be a luncheon following worship in the youth area. In case of bad weather we do not want our guests to have to come back to the church. The youth groups will be decorating and preparing the lunch as well as serving. ALL GUESTS WILL HAVE TO R.S.V.P. SO THAT WE KNOW HOW MANY TO PREPARE FOR. You may let Diana know if you can attend by calling the church, email, text (7404127965) or calling her at home. Please do this by February 10<sup>th</sup>.

FEBRUARY 7<sup>TH</sup> IS THE SOUP AND SALAD LUNCHEON which is the fundraiser for our VBS programs. It will be held before the annual meeting. We are asking for a donation of \$5.00, but will not turn anyone away. There will be lots of "homemade" soup and you can sample up to 3 bowls if you like! There also will be salad, dessert, and drink provided.

OUR ADULT CLASSES are doing quite well and experiencing good attendance. Each week our Progressive Christianity class has a key in the weekly announcements. Our Challengers Class has their scheduled topics on their classroom door and our Seekers Breakfast Club always has a nice synopsis of the series they will be studying in our Pres-Line once every six or so weeks. It is always great to have such dedicated teachers as well as regular students. Keep up the good work.

That's about all the news from C.E. Stay warm

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

### Logan Elm Health Care

Tom Cooper

Donald Maxson

Nancy Weitendorf (Sue Twining's mother)

### Pickaway Manor

Mildred Dyer (Blaine Keckley's mother)

Doris Luna

Carol Mader

Gwen Painter

### Convalescing at Home

Ellie Butler

George Butler

Bill Campbell

Carol Campbell

Lou Ann Clark

Scot Clydesdale

Betty Estes

Carol Higgins

Marcella Hostetler

Alfred Johnson

Sharon Ryan

Dorothy Sampson

Sage Sill

Sue Twining

Brendt Utts

### Also Convalescing

Eloise Beers (Kathy Studebaker's mother)

Lindsey Beshear (Larry Logan's daughter)

Mark Bouterse

Susan Bouterse

Vernon Cahill (Donna Solovey's father)

Charley Edgar & Corrine Edgar

Sara Mofield Goga (Judy Spicer's daughter)

George Grigg

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.**

## **THANK YOU NOTES**

Dear Cookie Lovers!

Thank you so much for your time and talent. Cookie Walk was a success this past December due to your efforts. The dedicated bakers and buyers make Cookie Walk a fun and profitable project.

Thank You,

Cookie Committee

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Mitten Tree Thank You

Dear Presbyterian Church Women,

We send our thanks for the warm and wonderful hats, gloves and mittens you gave to the children and families of our Early Head Start and Head Start program. We counted 20 hats, 19 sets of gloves and hats, 12 pairs of baby mittens, and 75 pairs of gloves and mittens. It is our tradition to have a Tour of Lights in December to celebrate the season. Moms, Dads, siblings and extended family members come along with our enrolled children to our centers for crafts and a bus ride to enjoy the outdoor lights in the community. When they sign in we invite them to choose an item from the hats, mittens and gloves you have donated. It is such a delight to be able to offer something to everyone who comes and see what fun they have choosing the item they like the best! You are truly wonderful to provide for us during this time of giving. Many thanks, and blessings to you for your caring.

The Early Head Start and Head Start Staff

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To all my church friends,

We want to thank you for coming by and caroling for us. We enjoyed it very much. I also want to thank everyone for the many cards I received on my birthday. It was so much fun opening all the cards. Thanks for all you have done for us.

Marian and Zach Hallum



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## *Looking ahead to...March*

- 2- **Lenten Service & Lunch  
Here at Presbyterian Church**
- 6- **Fourth Sunday in Lent**
- 13- **Fifth Sunday in Lent**
- 18- **Pres-Line Deadline for April**
- 20- **Palm Sunday**
- 24- **Maundy Thursday**
- 25- **Good Friday—Office Closed**
- 27- **EASTER  
Sunrise Service, Breakfast  
Egg Hunt**

