



THE PRESBYTERIAN NEWS



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Friends,

How blessed are we, to be a congregation full of people who are dedicated to serving God and the Church. At the turn of every New Year, I am always especially grateful for those of you who volunteer your time to teach Sunday School, to sing in the choir or play instruments, to lend a hand at Daily Bread, Community Action, or the Warming Station, to cook or clean on Wednesday nights, or to serve on committees or the Session.

You are a congregation who says “yes.” You say “yes” to your neighbors, but more importantly you say “yes” to the Lord. You have a reputation throughout Pulaski as a church whose doors are open, and I am grateful for your witness to the love of Christ.

Thank You! Thank you to all of you who pray, give, teach, and sing. Thank you to all of you who deliberate in meetings – trying to discern God’s will for us. As they finish their service among us, I am especially grateful to those who are rotating off of the session this year: **Archie Boothe, Eddie Hale, Tommy Haller, and Bob Ingram**. Please give them your thanks for their years of service. I am equally grateful for those who have accepted a call to begin service on Session: Carla Hallstead, Ronnie Powers, Chris Utt, and Kathy Weddle. Please pray for them, and look forward to their ordination and installation during worship on Sunday, January 15.

In Christ,

Melissa McNair-King

NEWS FROM PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

From Day Circle by Phyllis Vice:

Day Circle will meet on Monday, January 9th, at 11 a.m. We will be on the fifth lesson, *Who Is Jesus? According to Paul*. Background scripture is I Corinthians 2:1-2; 2 Corinthians 5:17-20; Philippians 2:1-4 and Acts 18. Bring a sack lunch and stay for fellowship after the meeting.

From Night Circle by Dianne Wallace:

Night Circle will meet on Monday, January 9th, at *Al's On First* at 6:30 p.m. Day Circle members are invited to join us. This would be a great time for any lady of our church to join us in fellowship and learn about the mission of Presbyterian Women. Our January service project is to bring items needed by *The Warming Station*. The most urgent needs are disposable pillow cases which have to be changed nightly and cleaning supplies. A complete list follows:

Specific needs for the Warming Station:

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| Disposable pillow cases (available at Wal-Mart) | Towels |
| Cleaning supplies (Pinesol, Clorox wipes, bleach) | Underwear, bras, socks, t-shirts |
| Hand sanitizers (large and small) | Feminine hygiene products |
| Laundry detergent | Shoes (tennis shoes, flip-flops) |
| Rolls of quarters for laundry | Paper Towels |
| DVD movies (clean, Christian based if possible) | |
| Home furnishings for people that have been placed in an apartment of their own (end tables, lamps, pots, pans, silverware, dishes, etc.) | |

A collection box will be placed at the entrances of the Sanctuary for members of the congregation to contribute.



Presbyterian Women –
Praying, Studying, Loving, Serving

PW Annual Report 2016

Day Circle finished the PW Bible Study *Come To the Waters* and began the study *Who Is Jesus? What A Difference a Lens Makes*. Evening Circle continued the study *Women Who Dare to Believe*.

Listed below are the projects of both circles:

- ❖ Blankets for Project Linus.
- ❖ Distributed fourteen Valentine plates of cookies to our shut-ins along with cards made by our Sunday School children.
- ❖ Stuffed 200 eggs for the church Easter egg hunt with candy, stickers, and small toys.
- ❖ Collected various items needed to be given to nursing home residents in the area.
- ❖ Food items for Community Action pantry.
- ❖ Food items for the Backpack Ministry.
- ❖ Several of our PW ladies participated in the CWU World Day of Prayer in March.
- ❖ Attended the PW Neighborhood Gathering at Fairlawn Presbyterian Church in April.
- ❖ Many women in the church along with the members of our two circles participated in the Celebrating the Gifts of Women worship service.
- ❖ In May members of Evening Circle and two husbands spent the evening together at Fairview Home playing Bingo with the residents providing many prizes for them to win.
- ❖ Also in May four PW members participated in the Church Women United Fellowship Day observance and luncheon at Trinity Lutheran.
- ❖ Three of our PW women attended the CWU meeting on November 4th at Jordan's Chapel UMC. Pastor Melissa participated in the program.
- ❖ Several ladies assisted Daily Bread patrons in making ornaments out of old Christmas cards.

Distributions for 2016:

January:

\$50 Feed My Lambs Backpack Program
\$70 Mission Pledge
\$20 Project Linus Blankets

February:

\$20 Women's Resource Center

April:

\$50 Women's Resource Center
\$50 Pulaski Y
\$50 Free Clinic

June:

\$280 Birthday Offering (congregation giving included)

October:

\$100 For Baby Room (ENTF)

November:

\$50 Daily Bread in memory of Betty Tourney Hall

Total: \$740

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HAPPENINGS

NEW YEAR'S DAY there will be no Sunday School. Worship will be at 11 a.m.

CHURCH OFFICE will be closed on Monday, January 2nd, for the New Year holiday.

HANDBELLS: Both the Bell Choir and Chime Choir will be taking a hiatus during the month of January. Both choirs will begin again in February.

YOUTH GROUP: Join us for our annual "Epiphany Party" on Sunday, January 8th. We will remember the Magi's gifts for Jesus with a "White Elephant" gift exchange. Bring a gift to share - secondhand, silly, or serious are all welcome. Join us in the Manse from 5:30 - 7 p.m.

THE ELDERS FOR 2019 will be ordained and installed on Sunday, January 15th. They are: Carla Hallstead, Ron Powers, Chris Utt and Kathy Weddle.

PLEASE SUBMIT ITEMS to the church office for the February newsletter no later than Monday, January 16th.

UPDATE FROM BRADLEY & JESSICA LONG: Bradley, Jessica & Susie continue to prepare to serve overseas in Central Asia! They continue to make great progress towards their funding goal and expect to leave next fall. They are also happy to announce that their family will be growing with the arrival of their second child in June! If you would like to receive email newsletters from the Longs or find out more about their work and how you can personally partner them, please email Bradley at bradleydlong1@gmail.com.

IF YOU HAVE pledged for 2017, please pick up your offering envelopes in the back of the sanctuary. If you need offering envelopes, please see Archie Boothe.

FLOWERS: The new calendar for 2017 is in the back of the sanctuary. Please select a special Sunday or Sundays and sign up to put flowers in our sanctuary. Fresh flowers add to our worship experience and are a wonderful way to glorify God and remember or honor people we love. You may order flowers from a florist and have them delivered or bring flowers from your garden and put them in a vase. If you need a vase, you can borrow one from the church. Also, please let Doreen in the church office know what wording you want in the bulletin by Wednesday of that week.



PLEASE REMEMBER these members of our church family, and make note of their new contact information:

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CHECK IT OUT!



What better way to start a new year than to highlight books that are new to the church library collection. Take a look, maybe you'll find one that piques your interest. Check it out!

222.5 ROP A Beacon in the Darkness by David Roper - He lived during an age of incredible spiritual decline. His people had turned from the one true God. One lone man could have no reason to hope, find no power to help. Common sense called for surrender. But God called him to a miracle.

227.8 ART Standing Firm in These Last Days by Kay Arthur - If you long to stand firm in your faith through difficult times...if you want to present the gospel effectively to others who don't know Christ...if you desire to become a person whose faith is worthy of imitation...this study will start you on your way.

227.8 PFE The Epistle to the Hebrews by Charles F. Pfeiffer - Dr. Pfeiffer's helpful commentary on this profound New Testament book systematically covers each passage while singling out difficult phrases and verses for special attention.

242 STO Stories for the Heart - A picture is worth a thousand words and a good story spans generations. This book holds a collection of many timeless stories of compassion and encouragement.

811 IFO I Found God - Inspirational poems reflecting His presence in all things bright and beautiful.

811.5 RIC Heart Gifts by Helen Steiner Rice - A joyous volume of poetry that reminds us of God's continual presence and loving guidance.

940.5 TEN Prison Letters by Corrie Ten Boom - The deeply-moving letters that were the only tie between Corrie, her loved ones and the outside world during her time of trial and triumph.

FIC GUT Jesse Hodge: A Story of Redemption by Patricia Hall Guthrie - All the while Jesse is resisting, God is pursuing him, faithfully at work in his confused, rebellious mind and heart.

Patricia Hall Guthrie is a native of Pulaski and a former member of First Presbyterian Church. She was married in the church by George Ogilvie and her mother served as the church secretary. We are pleased to have her book as a part of our church library. Thank you, Patricia.

If there is a book you would like to read from our church library but are unable to get it, give Phyllis Vice a call (980-3106) and she will be happy to get the book to you. To check out a book write your name and the date you are taking the book on the card that is in the pocket in the back of the book. Place the card on the black and white spotted box (the card catalog) on the shelf nearest to the windows.

Join us for Wonderful Wednesdays!

6:00-7:30 PM, Fellowship Hall

Each Wednesday night, we enjoy a home-cooked meal and Bible study or activity together. We rely on donations to cover the cost of the meal – please give as you are able, but do not let it be a barrier to participation. A suggested amount is \$4 per person, or no more than \$15 per family.

Thank you to those who are serving in January:

Date	Cooking Team	Clean-Up Team	Program
January 4	OFF	OFF	OFF
January 11	Melissa & Chasity	Andy, Mary, Bonnie	Jacob and Esau: Genesis 25 & 27
January 18	Dianne, Phyllis, Jenny, Martha	Ernie, Phyllis, Carla	Jacob's ladder: Genesis 28
January 25	Melissa & Chasity	Robbie, Jessie, Mardia	Rachel & Leah: Genesis 29-30

IN CASE OF SNOW...

We follow the Pulaski County School system's decision for snow days. If schools are closed, Wonderful Wednesdays will not meet. In case of severe weather that occurs later in the day, please check the TV stations or call the church office when in doubt.

We will always post cancellations (for either Wednesday or Sunday activities) on WDBJ, WSLS, and Facebook.



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DATE:

1/1/17

1/8/17

1/15/17

1/22/17

1/29/17

LAY READERS:

Barry Long

Ernie Wallace

Bonnie Spivey

Dave Spivey

Chasity Stevens

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS:

Dot Cash

Debi Fox

Ashley Hale

Lynn King

Doreen Latimer