



February

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A Message from Our Pastor Rev. Lou Ellen Hartley

Every once in a while, my cell phone notifies me that it needs a system update in order to fix “bugs”, security threats, and other things I honestly do not really understand. I don’t really ask any questions about it, I just click on the little icon and the phone does the rest. I honestly can’t really tell anything has happened. I just trust whatever bugs were plaguing my phone has been worked out.

The Session of First Presbyterian Church has determined it is time for a system update for its committees. For several years we have had the following committees: Personnel, Stewardship, Mission, Worship, Membership, Preschool Management, and Christian Education. These committees were formed to meet the needs of the Session and congregation years ago, but now we need an update. The Session decided it is time to rearrange some of the committees’ responsibilities and adjust for our current setting.

Here is our new committee structure:

Administration Committee (Ken Kwantes, chair and Lee Bennett vice chair): combines the former stewardship and personnel committees

Congregational Life (Jan Roberts, chair): combines Christian education with some of the responsibilities of the former membership committee such as fellowship and member follow-up.

Outreach (Maudanne Pursley, chair): combines the responsibilities of our former mission committee with some of the former membership committee such as follow up with visitors.

The Way Forward (Jonathan Kimball, chair), Worship (Pam Cottingham, chair), and Preschool Management (Nora Sandquist, chair) committees will remain the same.

If you are interested in serving on any of these committees, please contact me in the church office or the committee chairperson for more information.

Peace,

Lou Ellen

February Sermons

February 3 “More Than Morality Jeremiah” 1:4-10, 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

February 10 “When Reality Hits” Isaiah 6:1-13, Luke 5:1-11

February 17 “Blessings and Curses” Luke 6:17-26

February 24 “Sometimes Jesus Does Not Make Sense” Luke 6:27-38

Common Call Campus Ministry

Jonathan Kimball, Advisor; January 2019

Common Call is a joint ministry of our church, Christ Episcopal, and Hope Lutheran (ELCA). Our goal is to help college students as they transition from the received faith of their youth to the active, personal faith of adulthood. We meet at Christ Episcopal biweekly on Sunday evenings for dinner and a study. (Christ Episcopal is more walkable for students than the other two sponsoring churches.) Last semester, we used Alpha (<https://alphausa.org/>). It's a good program, but a little too basic for the students who participated.

This semester, we are using **Living the Questions 2.0** (<https://livingthequestions.com/>). From their description: “LtQ2 is an open-minded alternative to studies that attempt to give participants all the answers and instead strives to create an environment where participants can interact with one another in exploring what's next for Christianity.” We are particularly focusing on “Call to Covenant,” which among other things asks participants to live out their faith.

We are continuing to search for ways to connect with students on campus. Your prayers are appreciated. To find our schedule or more information, visit <https://commoncall.org/> or ask Pam Gahr or me.

Congregational Life

Chili Cook Off Feb 17th Chili Cook-off contest – 5 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Sign up board will be posted outside the office Wednesday (January 30).

SOUPER BOWL – We will again be voting with our dollars on our favorite Super Bowl Team – The Rams, the Patriots, or the Clydesdales (for those who do not care who wins the game). Soup pots will be at the back of the sanctuary following worship. Proceeds will go to GRACE

Annual Cardinals Game on May 6

Join us for our annual trip to St. Louis as we cheer on the Cardinals vs. the Phillies. The cost for each person is \$25 which includes your bus ride to and from the stadium, admission to the ball game, and a brown bag snack for the ride. This is always a great time! Invite a friend! If you would like to reserve your place, please contact Britt Whitaker or Katie in the church office.

FROM THE OFFICE
Katie Sands, Office Manager

2019 Per Capita remains at **\$35.00**

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE for March letter is February 26th.

Our Deacons for 2019 are: Cheryl Koederitz, Carrie Aswegan, Carol Bennett, Bill Neely, Jr., Dixie Finley, Amy Whitaker, and Deanne Jackson.

Our Elders for 2019 are: Ken Kwantes, Pam Cottingham, Lee Bennett, Jan Roberts, Susan Murray, Britt Whitaker, Jonathan Kimball, Maudanne Pursley and Nora Sandquist.

Our Trustees for 2019 are: Bill Cottingham, Steve Zap, Ray Evans, Clayton Read, Ray Fox and Steve Day.

UPCOMING EVENTS

3rd Souper Bowl of Caring offering

17th Chili Cook-Off/ 5:00 pm Fellowship Hall



18th Church office closed for President's Day

21st Brown Bag Book Club/ 11:30 am Fellowship Hall

Our [Birthday](#) wishes go out to:

1st Joan Williams

8th Fredi Zobrist

10th Kaylee Denbo

13th George Zobrist
Teresa Fox

19th Andrew Isaac
Tina Sands

28th Mary Wallen



Our [Anniversary](#) wishes go out to:

14th David & Mary Wallen

26th Lou Ellen & Brett Hartley

