



New Year, New Practices
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And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.'

~ Matthew 25:40

Our church is very generous. Whenever Mission & Outreach asks, we respond. Whether it's a planned collection like our four PC(USA) Special Offerings or a pop-up need like the Presbyterian Manor Secret Santa or our current collection for GRACE, we give to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and comfort the lonely.

Yet as much as we do, God asks us to do more. Always more. We have been richly blessed, and in response, we are to bless others. When we join a church, we pledge to support its mission in the community and, in so doing, to exhibit the kingdom of God to the world. The PC(USA) Book of Common Worship asks new members if they will "be a faithful member of this congregation [and] share in its worship and mission through your prayers and gifts, your study and service."

Everything we do is rooted in and empowered by prayer. As we strive to live into this calling to participate in the coming of God's kingdom, we need to pray for and with one another. We do that each Sunday in worship, but Paul counsels us to "pray without ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:17). That's every day, not just Sunday. That's in public and in private, when we are together and when we are apart.

So as I have asked in sermons, and as Susan has also mentioned, I am asking for everyone who is a part of our church: Find a prayer partner. Pray with and for one another. In so doing, you will grow closer in Christ and energize our congregation to do God's work.

Here are some guidelines:

- Everyone should have at least one partner. Possibly as many as three, but start with just one.
- Your prayer partner should not be a member of your household. I do encourage you to pray with your family, but please find a prayer partner elsewhere in the congregation.
- If you are an officer, find a partner who does not hold the same office. Elders should all be praying together and deacons should all be praying together anyway.
- Find someone soon. Take a chance. If it doesn't work out, find a different one. If you aren't sure who to ask, talk with me or talk with another officer for suggestions.
- Talk to one another, in person, at least weekly. Email and phone are fine supplements, but physical togetherness is essential to forging a relationship.

- When you get together, you can talk about the church. You can talk about your family. You can talk about your work or hobbies. Anything at all, as long as it is true and meaningful. Talk with one another, pray together, and pray for one another when you are apart.

There will be more to come over the course of the year, but for now, prayer is enough. Through prayer, we start noticing the hints that God is sending us to guide our work. Through prayer, we tap into the limitless power of the love of God in Christ Jesus. This love will flow through us and bind us together, molding us into the church that God desires us to be. Amen.

From Your Administrative Committee

The per capita cost assigned by the John Calvin Presbytery for 2025 is
\$42 per member:

- **General Assembly: \$10.84**
- **Synod of Mid-America: \$3.15**
- **John Calvin Presbytery: \$28.01**

Please include "per capita" in the memo line when contributing to ensure these funds apply to the church's per capita expenses.

Due to a missed worship service for inclement weather, January contributions totaled \$10,880.00, which was \$2887.00 short of the projected revenue. Please reconsider your pledges and giving for February and March.

Thank you,
Your Admin Committee

Preschool News



*February brought us
FUN, FOOD,
FRIENDSHIPS, & VALENTINES*



Mission and Outreach

The committee would like to **THANK YOU** for the donations for GRACE this month, we will continue to collect those items throughout the month.

With your contributions to our Super Bowl Fund, we were able collect \$254.25 that was donated to GRACE.

The Outreach & Mission Committe Invites & encourages us all to fill our Easter Basket of Hope for Russell House, Grace, and The Rolla Mission.

We will collect items each week of Lent



Basket of Hope



March 2nd- Toilet Paper

March 9th - Paper Towels

March 16th- Laundry Products

March 23rd - Liquid Dishwashing Detergent

March 30th - Hair Care Products (shampoo, conditioner, brushes, combs etc.)

April 6th - Personal Hygiene Products (toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, feminine hygiene products)

Prayer Request

Connie & Bob Dewitt - Continuing health care

Ruby Malone & Family - loss of Lee.

Bob Yenzer - Continuing health challenges.

Illa Bell - Recovering from fall, surgery on leg.

Bill Neely- Headaches, Back & Hip pain.

Bill Cottingham & family-Loss of Pam

Infant Child - RSV

Zobrist Family - Loss of George

Please pray for those named and their families as well as their caregivers. The prayer request will start over every two months. If you have someone that needs put on or taken off the list, Please contact Katie in the office.



*February Birthday wishes
go out to:*

1st Joan Williams

19th Tina Sands