



***We VIEW Life  
through the Cross***  
**First Presbyterian  
Church**  
 Rev. Burnetta Armour  
*Pastor*

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*Rev. Burnetta Armour*  
***Pastor's Pondering***



**Thankful for What?**

In 1 Thessalonians 5:15-18, Paul writes the following charge to the church gathered in Thessalonica:

*See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.*

**Give thanks in all circumstances** ... really, Paul? Why don't you just tell us to count the grains of sand on the beach or number the stars in the sky? Those things seem more doable than what we are charged to do in this passage.

Giving thanks for the good things that happen to us and the good things given to us is easy. We could probably list at least three things that we are thankful for just off the top of our heads. I encourage you to pause your reading here and think of, or write down those things that just popped into your head when you thought of the people and things for which you are thankful, and then say a quick prayer of thanksgiving for them. You probably thought about family, friends, church, and material blessings. But how many of you thought about things like dirty dishes, piles of laundry, and utility bills? I know I didn't until Sunday.

During the Minute for Mission on January 22nd, Lindalee Walters read the following from a meditation written by Sue Mummert in honor of Presbyterian Women's Thank Offering:

*So, what are you thankful for today? Family? Friends? Faith? You probably can write out a long list. But what about dirty dishes? Consider them a remembrance of having food on the table. Dirty laundry? They point to your blessing of clothes to wear. Pile of utility bills?*

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### Pastor's Pondering

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*They show that you have a home to care for, a place to rest your head in safety.*

To be honest, I hadn't thought about the huge mountain of clothes piled in the corner of our bedroom waiting to be washed as a blessing. I hadn't thought about dirty dishes as something to be thankful for. I haven't looked at a power bill and been grateful. Yet, in all these things we are blessed.

What would it look like in our lives if we went to the mailbox, saw the utility bill waiting for us, and gave God a big thank you for it (no matter what we owe)? What would it look like in our lives if we put our clothes in the washing machine with a quick, *Thank you, God, for the blessing of clothes to wear?* What if we looked in our fridge and saw our leftovers as a sign of God's overabundance and goodness toward us? Maybe, if we did, then we would be able to live Paul's charge and be thankful in **ALL** circumstances.

Being thankful in ALL circumstances means seeing God's blessings all around us, even in the most unlikely of places. Where do you see God's blessing right now? May we all have eyes to see God's blessings in the most unusual places and tongues to speak our thanks to the one and only God who gives us blessings in all circumstances.

*Peace and Love in Christ  
Pastor Burnett*

### Ushers & Greeters

We need 2 people each Sunday who will help where needed. Contact Charles Massingale at 706-725-9540 or [massigale@windstream.net](mailto:massigale@windstream.net) with your willingness to serve.

## SCRIPTURES for FEBRUARY

### FEBRUARY 5, 2023

Scripture: Isaiah 58:1-12  
*God's Promise of Guidance*

### FEBRUARY 12, 2023

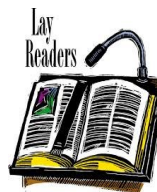
Scripture: Deuteronomy 30:15-20  
*God's Promise of Freedom*

## Lent is . . .



Lent begins on February 22nd, with Ash Wednesday, as a day of mourning for our sin and the sins of all humanity before God, a recognition of our mortality save for the grace of God and a request that the Lord remember our creation and breathe new life into our burned-out, dusty lives once more.

The season of Lent is a time of prayer, fasting and self-examination in preparation for the celebration of the resurrection of the Lord at Easter. It is a period of 40 days, like the flood of Genesis, Moses' sojourn at Mount Sinai, Elijah's journey to Mount Horeb, Jonah's call to Ninevah to repent, and Jesus' time of testing in the wilderness. (The Sundays in Lent are not counted in this reckoning of the time between Ash Wednesday and Easter, as every Lord's Day is a celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.)



## Liturgists for the Month FEBRUARY

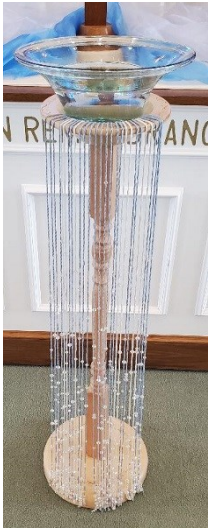
*Becky Clark*

- FEBRUARY 5 ..... Mary Ann Clyburn
- FEBRUARY 12 ..... Mil Clyburn
- FEBRUARY 19 ..... Penny Murdoch
- FEBRUARY 26 ..... Debbie Wessely

*Thanks to all who serve so willingly!*



# Reaffirmation of Baptism



The reaffirmation of the baptismal covenant was held during the Sunday Worship Service on January 8th. It focused on God's grace extended through baptism and the response of the individual for faithful Christian living.

What does this mean? If you affirm something, you are saying "I believe in this!" So reaffirming repeats your belief, making it clear that you still feel that way.

A reaffirmation of faith involves the same profession of faith, but it is done when an individual has previously made a profession of faith.

Those who wanted to reaffirm their baptism, came forward to dip their hand in the baptism font and reaffirm their belief.

Special thanks to the "Baptismal Decorating Fairy", as Burnetta made reference to, for the beautiful display. Your talents were greatly appreciated.



# Elders & Deacons Installed & Award for Jim Crawford



On Sunday, January 15th, during the Worship Service, the new Elders and Deacons were installed. Bruce Morgan, Hugh Walters, and Elaine Wiegert were installed as Elders, and Rita Morgan, Adele Page, and Kim Ciriello (in absentia) were installed as Deacons.

Becky Clark assisted Burnetta in the installation.



After the installation, the Elders and Deacons who are going off the Boards were recognized and thanked for their service. Much to his dismay, Jim Crawford was asked to come forward. He was given a framed Golden Hammer Award and Lifetime Membership on the Building and Grounds Committee along with a golden hammer for his faithful, dedicated, unselfish service and responsible fiscal management for the last 22 years. Thank you, Jim, for ALL you've done!





# The Old Building Got a Facelift

I guess if you are 129 years-old you could use a facelift and some repair work too. So it is with our Old Mauney Homestead House. Over the years numerous leaks in the roof have been patched, rotten wood replaced, etc., but a full-blown repair was desperately needed.

As you probably noticed, there was a lot of activity in and around the Mauney House. All the siding on the upper floor



was removed, new windows and insulation installed, roof repairs made, and new paint

outside, all completed before the holidays. Repairs to the inside Narthex were also done. There are many more repairs to be addressed in the Sanctuary as well as Fellowship Hall, but that all takes time and money. Thank goodness we could burn the mortgage and have most of the funds set aside to make badly needed repairs.



On top of all this, on Christmas Eve the water pipes at church froze and burst, gushing water down the back parking lot, leaving very icy conditions. Luckily this situation was discovered fairly quickly so the water could be shut off.

A huge thank you to Phil Baughman, Becky Clark, Jim Crawford, and Hugh Walters for making the necessary repairs, again saving the church big repairs bills. FPC is so fortunate to have so many capable and willing hands to do this kind of work. There is still more work to be done on the plumbing but all in due time.



## Like Old Times for Adele

During the construction work on the Mauney House, Adele Page was shocked, yet very pleased, to realize she knew two of the construction workers, from Cantrell Construction. The two of them are cousins and knew Adele from childhood. Corey was a former fifth grade student of hers, and is son of the owner of Cantrell Construction. Josh Anderson played Park and Recreation sports with Adele's son, Adrian, and Andrew Thomason, Melody and Bob's son.

The workers recognized her but of course, they have changed a lot through the years.



Corey Anderson



Josh Anderson





Hello!

Our year has started out well in the classroom! Learning letters and numbers will continue along with learning and practicing how to share, love our friends as Jesus does, and interact well alongside



each other. We started out January

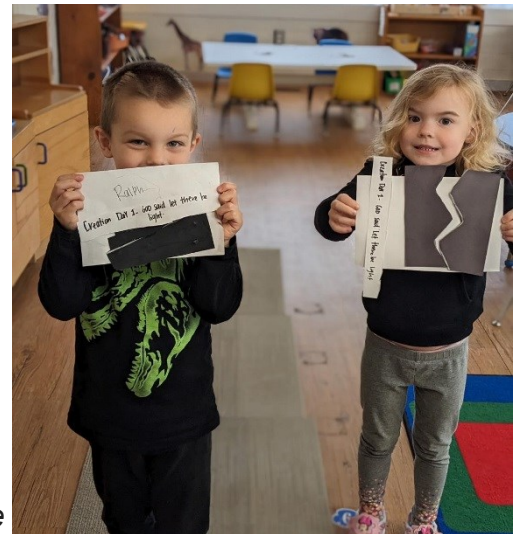
with the days of God's Creation and plan to continue through the Bible in story form.

Learning about winter and finding cold weather activities for inside will continue, and we are thankful for the warm days we get sprinkled on.

February we will hold a Valentine's party focused on loving and giving as Jesus loves us. We'll continue learning and growing in our Growing Place Classroom.

We would also like to say thank you for all the construction work that went into making our classroom nice and dry!

*God bless,  
Ms. Chloe and Ms. Adele*



## Thank You and Good Luck

At the January Session Meeting, it was announced that January 27th would be Jennifer White's last day as our Administrative Assistant in our Church Office. Jennifer, her mother, and daughter, moved here from South Carolina and they are moving back there. Jennifer has been offered a job with Michelin, whom she worked for before. We thank you, Jennifer, for all your hard work for the congregation and its staff, and we wish you all God Speed and Good Luck in your new endeavors.



**Souper Bowl Sunday  
is February 26th**

PLEASE

**Please** remember to wear your **NEW** name tags every Sunday. We want our guests to be able to learn who we are.

Happy  
Valentine's Day!

# Point of View

Jean Kelly

## Thank you, again!

Communications at First Presbyterian Church is blessed to have a great team working together for our church. As we look ahead to a new year, I'm looking back with gratitude for all the good work done in 2022. I want to give a "shout out" to each member of the team. Let's start with Penny Murdoch, graphics person extraordinaire. Penny does a wonderful job on the newsletter, never hesitates to design a flyer or brochure on short notice, and always steps up with smart and pragmatic advice. She's a joy to work with.



Then, there's Kim Ciriello, Penny's daughter. In addition to being at the sound board and laptop every Sunday, Kim puts together the very professional worship PowerPoint each week for those worshipping with us online.

She often does this when she's really tired after a full day at work. Kim also posts on Facebook and the website.



Adele Page is a great photographer and contributes crisp, candid photos capturing the many memories for the church and The Growing Place.

Then there's the loyal, and often beleaguered, proofers:

Pastor Burnetta,

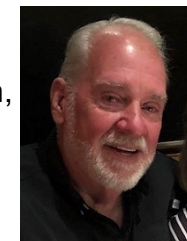
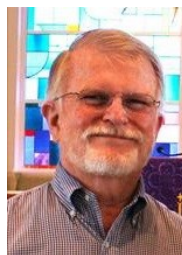
Dick Frost,

Bruce Morgan,

Lindalee Walters,

Elaine Wiegert,

and our newest member,  
Nancy Webber.



During the past year we'd send them the newsletter and push them to get it back to us, asap. And they did.

Thanks to all of you, and let me be clear, Grammarly will never replace you.

# Session Scripts

Bruce Morgan

At the January 15th Session Meeting we

- ◆ Welcomed Roy and Rachel Ficklin into membership,
- ◆ Received Thank You notes for PW's gift to Family Connection, Linda Watkins and Back Pack Buddies,
- ◆ Approved the November and December Financial Reports and the 2023 Budget,
- ◆ Elected Judy Wiinski to the position of Church Treasurer,

- ◆ Recommended changes to the Pastor's Call to the Annual Meeting of the Congregation,
- ◆ Nominated Elders Clark and Thomason to the 2023 Congregational Nominating Committee to be elected at the Annual Meeting,
- ◆ Confirmed earlier email votes on the 2023 Communion Schedule and Staff Salaries,
- ◆ Accepted Elder Kelly's offer to look into improvements that can be made to the sound of our music on streaming,
- ◆ Prayed for many needs in the church family and set the next meeting for February 19th.





## Youth Fellowship/ Study Group

*Lily Geiger*

The Youth Partnership met up at FPC Clarkesville this month after a break during the month of December to celebrate Epiphany. Now, I understand that some of you might be thinking, “We don’t celebrate Epiphany.” No, as an American society, we don’t observe the coming of the Magi like we observe the coming of Christ. We might have a service dedicated to reading passages describing the Wise Men’s arrival and discuss what that means for us now, but we don’t give gifts and sing carols like people do in certain countries in Europe.

We celebrated Epiphany in our own way. We played a fun trivia game, answering questions about hymns and popular Christmas tunes, the Biblical Christmas story, Christmas traditions around the world, and Christmas movies. We had a fun gift exchange as well with mini waffle makers and loads of candy being the most popular items given. As you can see in the picture, Charles got my gift, a fun dinosaur game. I received a Starbucks gift card, which will go to very good use (between me and my dad).

Pastor Matt Henderson gave us a parting “sermon” of sorts about how we should continue to marvel at the mysteries of the Christmas story, of Christ’s humility and saving power, even when Christmas is over. In the new year, we should aim to deepen our faith.

Next month, we will gather mid-February at FPC Cornelia for another fun 3 hours of fun, food, and fellowship.



*Kim Ciriello*

Game Day is back after a break for the holidays. We will meet on Saturday, February 18th, at 2:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, for GAME DAY. Popcorn and beverages will be provided.

If you have a favorite game and want to bring it with you, that would be wonderful. For you MahJong enthusiasts, please bring your game and have at it.

This Game Day is open to all so feel free to invite your friends, family, and neighbors. The more the merrier!

In March, we will show a movie that will be Easter related. If you have a good movie that you would recommend, please let me know by contacting me at:

Cell: 706-725-0060

or

Email: [zacktcsmom@aol.com](mailto:zacktcsmom@aol.com)

The movie in March will be on Saturday, March 18th, at 2:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Again, popcorn and beverages will be provided.

*Y'all come now, ya hear!!!!*



### WHITE COUNTY FOOD PANTRY BENEFIT

Our traditional Souper Bowl Sunday lunch, scheduled for February 12th, is being postponed until after church Sunday, February 26th. This is the day we will be having a soup luncheon to benefit our local White County Food Pantry. Monetary donations will be taken along with canned goods collected for our local Food Pantry. If you would like to make a pot of soup or a dessert for that day please let me know. Come enjoy some good soup, fellowship with your church family, and contribute to a worthy cause.

### FIRST LUNCH

We are continuing with our First Lunch program the first Monday of each month. Our next meal will be February 6th. We offer a hot meal to anyone who stops by 11:30-12:30. It is always a good time for those of us working as we are serving food, showing hospitality, and enjoying the camaraderie of being together. We have many return guests month after month that are complimentary of our generosity and good food.

FPC church members are cordially invited to volunteer to help or just come eat and socialize.

### FRIENDSHIP NURSING HOME

Friendship Nursing Home Activities Director, Felicia Sutton has requested some volunteers to come do activities with residents. This is something we at FPC have talked about doing in the past, but Covid has kept us from entering the building. Well, here's our chance. We have a tentative plan to go once a month in the

morning before lunch to meet residents and participate in an activity. Bob and I will begin by going and playing Gospel music and singing with them. Other church members could go along to sing and get to know the residents and staff. I'm thinking as we are there, other ideas of things we can do may come to light. If anyone has ideas or would like to be part of this new Mission, please let me know. I will announce the date we will go as soon as it is confirmed. AND....



Keep those coffee K-cups coming in. They make wonderful Valentine gifts for the staff and residents of the Nursing Home and are very much appreciated. K-cups can be put on the Missions table in the upper Narthex.

### CHRISTMAS HELP

Thanks for all who supplied gifts or gave monetary donations to be used for Christmas gifts. We helped numerous people in our community have a happier Christmas and know the joy of being remembered.



If you'd like to be a part of the Mission Team or have some ideas for projects, contact me and we can talk it over. We can do more together!

Melody Thomason, FPC Mission Elder  
Melodymagee@gmail.com  
706-969-0130







# ONEsies

Jean Kelly

It's always great to get-together and Friday, January 20th, was no exception. A smiling group of FPC ONEsies' members met for lunch at The Soda Fountain Cafe in Cleveland. We enjoyed burgers, smiles, and special moments together.



It was great to see each other but missed some of our regulars who couldn't make it this month.

In February we're going to Javi's Mexican Restaurant where rumor has it, there's a robot on the wait staff! If you're alone, why not plan to meet us for lunch? You're always welcome!

*Jean Kelly passed along her Trumpy Bear to Howard Miller, who is very active in local and state politics. He calls himself the most "deplorable" man in White County!*



# Membership

Phil Baughman

On Sunday, January 22nd, we were thrilled to welcome new members into our church family; **Rachel and Roy Ficklin**, by affirmation of faith and letter of transfer from the Zion Hill Baptist Church in Buford, and **Rebecca (Becky) Wiegert, Emily Hassell and Willian (Trey) Hassell III**, by affirmation of faith and letter of transfer from Buford Presbyterian Church. Elaine Wiegert is the proud mother of Becky and grandmother of Emily and Trey!



Rachel has already led the PW in their monthly Bible Study, and has accompanied the Choir when James Geiger could not be there. Rachel was pianist at the Zion Hill Baptist Church in Buford for 15 years. Roy has become an active member of the Building and Grounds Committee, which is a great asset to FPC. Thank you both.

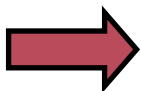


Rebecca Wiegert, and two of her children, William (Trey) and Emily Hassell, are also great members of our FPC Church. Trey and Emily are seniors at Mill Creek High School and work part-time at Chick-Fil-A in Buford. Emily will start at Georgia College & State University in the Fall of 2023, to pursue a degree in nursing. With an interest in graphics and history, Trey is trying to determine which school will be the best fit for him. Rebecca is a Marketing Manager with CRB Group, an A/E/C firm specializing in life sciences, and food and beverage projects globally.

When you see them, introduce yourself and welcome them. **A great BIG welcome to y'all!**



Lindalee Walters



## PW LUNCHEON AND THANK OFFERING

**Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>**, will be an opportunity for food and fellowship in observance of a non-traditional Thanksgiving. PW will provide a lunch consisting of soup, salad, and sliders, complete with desserts and beverages following worship. The PW Thank Offering will be explained, and donations will be accepted to support this fund. Donations will be accepted at the meal, or they may be made through on-line giving.

## CT COMMITTEE MEETING

PW Coordinating Team will meet on Wednesday, February 1st, at 1:30 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall, immediately following Burnetta's Wednesday Bible Study.

## PW BIBLE STUDY

We will meet Thursday, February 9th, at 10 a.m. in Fellowship Hall, to study Lesson 5, "Sabbath and Servitude," of the *Celebrating Sabbath* series. Lindalee Walters will lead the lesson and Judy Winski will be the hostess. The author plays the harp, and we enjoyed hearing her perform as part of the study. All ladies are invited to attend. We will set up Zoom for anyone who needs to join Bible Study by Zoom.

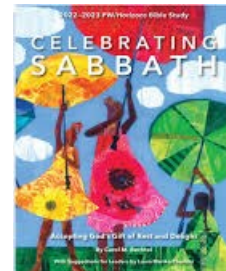
## KNIT'n'STITCH

We will have a Knit'n'Stitch session on Thursday, February 9th, at Noon, immediately following the PW Bible Study. Then we will meet on Wednesdays, February 15th and 22nd, at 1:30 p.m., immediately following Burnetta's Wednesday Bible Study. This is a new schedule. We are looking for new ideas of things to

make and sell. Put your thinking caps on and bring those ideas with you. All women are invited even if you do not knit, crochet, or sew.

## PW SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Several ladies have expressed an interest in attending the PW Bible Studies but are unable to attend on Thursday mornings. We are happy to announce that a PW Bible Study will be available on the third Sunday of each month at 10:00 a.m., prior to worship. No prior readings and study are necessary. The study is introduced with a video presentation by the author with discussion following. The focus of the study this year is Sabbath. Carol Bechtel, the author introduces each lesson and also shares a musical treat as she plays her harp. Those women who are employed outside the home are encouraged to attend.



We hope to see you on **February 19<sup>th</sup>** for Lesson One in the small conference room off the upper narthex.

## OPPORTUNITY FOR SHARING

There is a need for reading glasses for adults and children with whom our mission partners serve on the mission field. At the March Annual Gathering in Athens, PW will be collecting used prescription glasses, as well as "reading" glasses, which can be purchased at retail stores such as Dollar Tree and WalMart. A basket will be available in the Narthex to accept the donations. If possible, please attach a note with the prescription strength of the glasses. This is not necessary, but would be helpful.

## ZOOM PRAYER MEETINGS

**Zoom Prayer Meetings** will be on February 2nd, 16th, and 23rd, at 10 a.m. If you need the info on how to 'Zoom-In', contact the church office for the link.

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# Presbyterian Women

Lindalee Walters

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The Presbyterian Women were very successful in their fundraising projects during 2022. The Knit'n'Stitch items, craft items, plant sales, Belk Coupon sales, and donations all made it possible for us to distribute a total of \$2,800 to missions in January, as follows:

- ◆ Loatian "Backyard" Ministry ..... \$300 in Cornelia
- ◆ Warmest Winter Wishes ..... \$300 coats for White County children
- ◆ Rehab Center for Women..... \$300 recovering from addiction

- ◆ Mission Haven ..... \$300
- ◆ Christmas gift cards ..... \$200 for mission partners at Mission Haven
- ◆ Columbia Friendship Circle..... \$300
- ◆ Cheryl Barnes ..... \$300 Malawi Mission Partner
- ◆ Caring Hands Medical Clinic ..... \$300 in Cleveland
- ◆ Sharing and Caring..... \$300 of White County
- ◆ Pastor's Discretionary Fund..... \$200

Additionally we paid to have the Sanctuary carpets cleaned in December.

Thank you for your support as we continue to strive to be the Hands and Feet of Christ.



## Building & Grounds

Hugh Walters

The first meeting of the Building & Grounds Committee met on Wednesday, January 18th, with many volunteers. Current projects were discussed along with areas that need our attention.

If you have volunteered to help, I will text you (as I don't hear well on the phone) about a project that you could help with. Most communication will be via text so please keep checking for messages.

As you go around the church, if you see something that needs attention, please text me and we will add it to our list of concerns. My email and cell phone number are:

Email: the29fordman@windstream.net

Cell: 770-361-1698

**ATTENTION**

**Sunday  
January 29th, 2023**

### Annual Congregational Meeting

*immediately following Worship*

*Members are encouraged to attend  
as quorum is needed*

*ALL are invited to attend  
even if you are not a member*

### PW Luncheon to benefit Thanks Offering

*immediately following Worship*

*ALL are invited to attend*

*Food provided by the Presbyterian Women*

*Donations are encouraged for their  
'Thanks Offering' which goes to Missions*

*Happy Valentine's Day*

# Coffee & Conversation

Elaine Wiegert

Please join us at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings for Coffee and Conversation. During February, we will be discussing texts from Matthew, Deuteronomy, and Genesis. The topics for discussion in February will be:

- February 5.....Matthew 5:13-20  
*Seasoning and Shining*
- February 12.....Deuteronomy 30:15-20  
*Choose Life!*
- February 19.....Matthew 17:1-9  
*Who is Jesus?*
- February 26.....Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7  
*Our Limited Freedom*

# Amazing Kids Conversation

We invite all our children to join us at 10:00 a.m. Sundays, for Amazing Kids. During February, our Amazing Kids will be studying:



- February 5..... *Patience*  
Psalms and Isaiah
- February 12..... *Love*  
1 Corinthians 13:1  
Samuel 16:7  
Matthew 25:34-40
- February 19..... *Lent*  
Prayer and Bible Reading
- February 26..... *Respect for Authority*  
The Epistles



- FEBRUARY 5 ..... Lily Geiger  
Jennie Geiger
- FEBRUARY 12 ..... Judy Massingale  
Charles Massingale
- FEBRUARY 19 ..... Penny Murdoch  
Rachel Romfo
- FEBRUARY 26 ..... Lindalee Walters  
Hugh Walters

*Thank you all for serving.*

## February Birthdays

- RACHEL ROMFO
- LINDALEE WALTERS
- BILL FRANCIS
- BRUCE MORGAN
- DOUG RICHARDSON
- NATALIE LEONARD
- NANETTE BAUGHMAN



Hot Lunch provided

**FREE LUNCH**

**Monday, Feb. 6, 2023**

**11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**



**First Presbyterian Church**

147 N. Main Street / Cleveland, GA

*Pick-up inside*

*There is inside seating available.  
Outdoor seating is at our  
Pavillion in the lower parking lot.*



*An Outreach Ministry for our  
Community*





## What does this logo mean?

How many times do we see a logo and just accept it as a logo but not really analyze the meaning of its parts? Designers may spend days to months to design a logo for an organization or company, so that become synonymous and easily recognized as that organization or company.

Upon the establishment of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in 1983, the General Assembly commissioned graphic artist Malcolm Grear to create a church seal that would honor the historic symbols of the Reformed tradition, and also provide a fresh new symbol to represent the new PC(USA). Since its adoption in 1985, the seal has been widely accepted across the church and used in a variety of ways and on many different objects, from church bulletins and signs to needlework, ties, and jackets. In fact, it may be so familiar that we no longer really see the symbol for what it is.

The following picture should explain all those parts.



THE CROSS



THE PULPIT



THE DOVE



THE FISH



THE CUP



THE FIRE



THE BOOK



THE TRINITY

## God's Garden

If you'd like to provide flowers for Sunday service, please sign up in the Upper Narthex or contact the church office with the preferred date and the occasion you're commemorating.

***If you are willing to be a Flower Coordinator please contact the Church Office or speak to Pastor Burnetta.***

## Welcome Lynne

*Bruce Morgan*

We welcome Lynne Pendleton as our new Administrative Assistant as Jennifer White returns to South Carolina with her family. Lynne has been retired and a resident in our area for the past four years. She came to North Georgia from Rhode Island to reunite with a long-time friend who had relocated here. Her many years of working in offices for the school system, a non-profit organization aiding diabetes patients, and a large service company make her well-qualified to fill our needs. She is looking forward to making new friends and getting to know many of our church family.











- ◆ February is mostly recognized for **Valentine's Day**, flowers, and, depending on where you are, being incredibly cold!
- ◆ Oddly enough, even though it's just another month, there's a lot of history behind this month of romance and **love!**
- ◆ For those born in February, your birthstone is an amethyst, and your flower is a primrose. The western zodiac signs in February are Aquarius which is until February 19th, and Pisces, which starts February 20th.
- ◆ The **length of February** was finalized when Julius Caesar remade the Roman calendar and assigned the month 28 days and 29 days. In 713 B.C., February was officially added to the Roman calendar. Over time, the length of February kept changing. At one point, it had as little as 23 days.
- ◆ In the Northern Hemisphere, February is the third month of winter. Meanwhile, in the Southern Hemisphere, February is the last month of summer. Between the Northern and Southern Hemispheres, **February is the equivalent of August.**
- ◆ The name of February comes from the Latin word "februum," which means purification. February was named after a purification ritual which was like an early Roman spring cleaning festival. In Welsh, February is sometimes known as "y mis bach," which means "little month."
- ◆ The **Saxons called February "Sol-monath"** which means "cake month," because they would offer cakes to the gods during the month of February.
- ◆ **February and January** were two months added to the Roman numeral calendar.
- ◆ Of all the words you can misspell, February is one of the most misspelled words in the English language. Even the White House has misprinted the word "February" before in a press release!
- ◆ February is the only month where it's possible to go the entire time without having a full moon.
- ◆ February has been **Black History Month** for over 40 years.
- ◆ The odds of being born on February 29th are about 1 in 1,461. Those born on a leap day can be called a "**leaper**" or "**leapling.**"
- ◆ February, March, and November always start on the same day of the week unless it is a leap year.
- ◆ It was in **February, 1964**, when The Beatles made their first American television appearance on the "Ed Sullivan Show." Over 73 million Americans watched!
- ◆ There are many U.S. states that entered the Union during the month of February; these include Massachusetts, Oregon, Arizona, and Mississippi.
- ◆ Sadly, on **February 1, 2003**, the Space Shuttle "Columbia" broke apart in flight, which killed all seven crew members. The accident was believed to be a result of damage that occurred during lift-off. The tragedy occurred only 16 minutes before the shuttle was scheduled to land.
- ◆ On **February 2, 1848**, U.S. and Mexico signed the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, which ended their war. The U.S. paid Mexico \$15 million in exchange for **California, Nevada, Utah, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, and Texas.**

*Information gathered from The#FactSite*



**SUNDAYS**  
 Coffee & Conversation & Conversations for the Young Ones 10 AM  
 Church Services 11:00 AM In-Person and Online  
 \*Wednesday Bible Study at 12:30 pm In-Person & Facebook BYOL  
 Bring Your Own Lunch  
 Prayer Meeting, PW CT Meeting & PW Bible Study In-Person/Zoom  
 NEW ... PW Sunday Bible Study 10 a.m. Every Third Sunday



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
<b>Introducing</b> PW Sunday Bible Study Third Sunday 10:00 am			<b>1</b> BIBLE STUDY* 12:30 pm In-Person & FB PW CT Meeting 1:30 pm In-Person & Zoom CHOIR - 6:30 pm	<b>2</b> Prayer Meeting 10 am Zoom	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	
<b>5</b> Communion and Worship Service 11 am and Online	<b>6</b>  Project 11:30-12:30	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> BIBLE STUDY* 12:30 pm In-Person & FB CHOIR - 6:30 pm	<b>9</b> PW Bible Study 10 am & Zoom Knit 'n' Stitch 1:30 pm	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	
<b>12</b> Worship Service 11 am and Online	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 	<b>15</b> BIBLE STUDY* 12:30 pm In-Person & FB Knit 'n' Stitch 1:30 pm CHOIR - 6:30 pm	<b>16</b> Prayer Meeting 10 am Zoom	<b>17</b>  Javi's Mexican Grill 1:00 pm	<b>18</b>  2:00 pm Fellowship Hall	
<b>19</b> NEW PW Sunday Bible Study 10 am Worship Service 11 am and Online Session Meeting 12:15 pm	<b>20</b> 	<b>21</b> PM Luncheon Noon	<b>22</b> BIBLE STUDY* 12:30 pm In-Person & FB Knit 'n' Stitch ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE CHOIR - 7:00 pm	<b>23</b> Prayer Meeting 10 am Zoom	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	
<b>26</b> Worship Service 11 am and Online  Following Worship	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>LENT</b> begins on Ash Wednesday February 22nd				<b>MASKS</b> are welcome!



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