

The Union Press

“To know Him and make Him known”

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The Due Date for
the March
Newsletter is
February 17th.

SESSION HAPPENINGS

The session held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, December 12 at 7PM. Rev. William Davies, retired from Bellvue Pres. in Gap represented EPC and opened with prayer and served as moderator.

The meeting began with discussion about the departure from Donegal Presbytery to EPC. Donegal is requiring that a reversion clause, until 2024, be attached to our deed denoting that if we leave an official Presbyterian denomination or cease to exist that our property reverts to PCUSA. The problem has been that there are 5 different deeds, listing several different names and it was never consolidated by previous church leaders into one deed. It is felt that this must be done before Donegal will sign the release papers. We are studying old church records and working through the necessary procedures to complete this. It is a very difficult process, but we are making headway and will have to involve an attorney.

The annual congregational meeting has been set for January 27th and we are working on the committees that must be filled for this purpose as the previous session did not appoint a nominating committee. We are notifying people to prepare their annual reports.

We approved March 3rd, April 21st, Oct 6th and December 24th as probable 2019 communion dates. Ken Beiler and Marty Greenleaf presented a first draft of the 2019 budget they are working on. A few revisions will be made as we get more information.

Kurt Schenk met with a committee of EPC ministers to verify that his beliefs match with EPC beliefs. Tom Chase did this previously. We were asked by EPC to verify that anyone ministering for us meet this criteria.

We will be having a Christmas Music program and a Christmas Eve candlelight service. We decided to get Christmas gift cards for Bob Trimble, Bill Kistler, Julie Walton and Gerald Phillips.

We decided upon a bad weather notification system for the winter that relied primarily on the email system and the phone chain. In GENERAL, except for EXTREME conditions, Church will be held and it should be a personal decision based on your own location and personal circumstances whether or not to attend. Five former Union members have asked to have their letters transferred to Oxford Pres. Church.

We discussed changing our accounting system to a less expensive one. The one we use is nice but very costly and we are only using a small part of its capabilities. Pat McCardell will be replacing Greg Nixon as one of the financial secretaries.

Meeting closed with prayer to meet again on January 9th, 2019.

FOOD BANK

Mayonnaise Saltines
Granulated Sugar
Diapers size 6

LECTIONARY PASSAGES

February 3rd

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6;
1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30

February 10th

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13); Psalm 138;
1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

February 17th

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jeremiah 17:5-10; Psalm 1:1-6;
1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Luke 6:17-26

February 24th

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Genesis 45:3-11, 15; Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40;
1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50; Luke 6:27-38



The flower calendar for 2019 is on the bulletin board in the main lobby. Please choose the dates you would wish to provide

FEB. FLOWERS & GREETERS

3 (Still Available)	3 Bill & Trudy Bard
10 (Still Available)	10 Don & Arlene Hastings
17 Dwight & Cheryl Wallace	17 Elise Vaughan & Jeanne Stone
24 Dorothy & Verna Herr	24 Charlotte Stoner

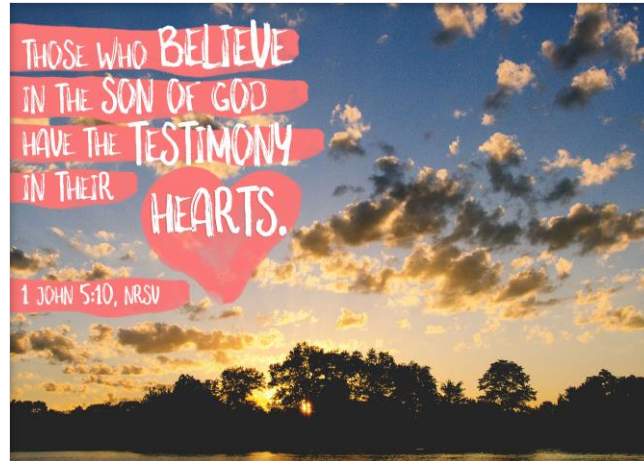


FEB. BIRTHDAYS

1	Joan Probst
2	Michael Ferguson
3	Blanche Church Lori Kelley Allen Weicksel
5	Bradley Fuller Russ Gilmore Faye Chase Whyte
7	Nathan Supplee
9	Olivia Williams
10	Dorothy Walton
11	Allison Reed Mary Nickle Wayne Letterman
12	Verna Herr
14	Jerry Whiteside
19	Betty Lou Griffith
23	Dorothy Herr Robert Whiteside II
25	Frankie O'Connell, III
26	Thomas Hastings Austin Murray
28	Nancy Ambler
29	Peter Graziano Jr.

February

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Groundhog's Day
3 9:00 Sunday School 9:45 Fellowship 10:00 Worship – Tom Chase	4 7:00 Trustees	5 6:30 Girl Scouts	6 9:00 Art Class 9:00 Quilting	7	8	9
10 9:00 Sunday School 9:45 Fellowship 10:00 Worship – Elaine Swinehart	11 1:00 Circles	12 1:30 Deacons 6:30 Girl Scouts 7:00 Choir Practice	13 9:00 Art Class 9:00 Quilting 7:00 Session	14 Valentine's Day	15	16
17 Newsletter Deadline 9:00 Sunday School 9:45 Fellowship 10:00 Worship – Tom Chase	18 Presidents Day	19 6:30 Girl Scouts 7:00 Choir Practice	20 9:00 Art Class 9:00 Quilting	21	22	23
24 9:00 Sunday School 9:45 Fellowship 10:00 Worship – Elaine Swinehart Choir Singing	25	26 6:30 Girl Scouts	27 9:00 Art Class 9:00 Quilting	28		

Thank You



Union Church Family,

Thank you for the hand-written card. It truly has become a lost artform in my generation, but it really is a nice feeling to receive something someone put time into.

Thank you,
Brandon Harvey

I wish to thank the UPC Women’s Circle; the Sunday School class and individuals who have sent me cards and get-well messages this fall.

It is nice to still be remembered and your prayers were a help in my recoveries from falls in September and November.

I also appreciated the fruit basket and the poinsettia plant. A thank you to Joan Whiteside and Betty for their deliveries. Best wishes to all in 2019.

~Janet Dougherty



DECEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT

**Church offering: \$18,699.55 Expenses: \$12,600.12 Sunday School giving to Glovers: \$253.00
2018 Giving to the Glovers: \$3,687.00**

UNION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH “PER CAPITA” ASSESSMENT

As we move from PCUSA to EPC we must learn some new terms. What we annually paid to Donegal Presbytery as per capita assessment is known in the Evangelical Presbyterian Church as “PMA” or Per Member Asking. This figure represents \$13 which goes to the local presbytery (The Presbytery of the East) and \$23 which goes to the national General Assembly for a total of \$36.00.

We would ask that each of you prayerfully consider contributing this amount to Union which will be sent on to presbytery, over and above your usual contribution to our church operating needs. These funds are used by EPC for their ongoing operating expenses and is our share of the need shared by all EPC churches.

Your Session

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BIBLE STUDY

As the weather becomes colder and the days become shorter, we invite each of you to a Bible Study. The next session will be on Monday, February 11th at 1:00.

QUILTING

Wednesdays starting in February until we are done. We would love to see you on Wednesday, February 6th at 9:00 a.m.

