

WESTERN SPIRE APRIL 2022

Spotlight on WPC's Sunday School Teachers

The Christian Education Team is so lucky to shine the spotlight on our amazing Sunday School teachers.

Read on to find out about this talented group.

Emily McFarlane Emily has been teaching Sunday School at WPC for two years. Her favorite Bible verse is Romans 12:11 "Don't hesitate to be enthusiastic, be on fire with the holy spirit as you serve the Lord". She says the best part of teaching Sunday School is "discovering all the amazing ideas and perspectives the students bring each day." Emily's favorite Sunday School lesson was about the tradition of Passover.

Jody Pruitt

Jody has been teaching Sunday School for about 10 years. Jody's favorite part of teaching Sunday School is the interaction between youth, teens, and adults. She loves so many Bible verses and says the messages stay with her, but she forgets the actual verse. Jody's favorite part of Sunday School is when a sermon in worship can follow suit with a Sunday School Lesson without either following the Lectionary. God is Good, God is Love, and God is Protection.

Logan Babcock
Logan has taught Sunday
School for 3 years. He
loves helping the youth
and giving back to his
church family. His
favorite Bible verse is
Romans 8:18. Logan's
favorite Sunday School
lesson was on the
Christmas story.

Kelly Babcock Kelly has taught Sunday School between 12-15 years. The best part of being a Sunday School teacher for Kelly is the fellowship with the kids. She feels it is a great way to kick off a week. Kelly's favorite Bible verse is John 3:16. Her favorite Sunday School lesson was on Holy week, teaching the children about the time of sadness and all of the happiness Easter brings.

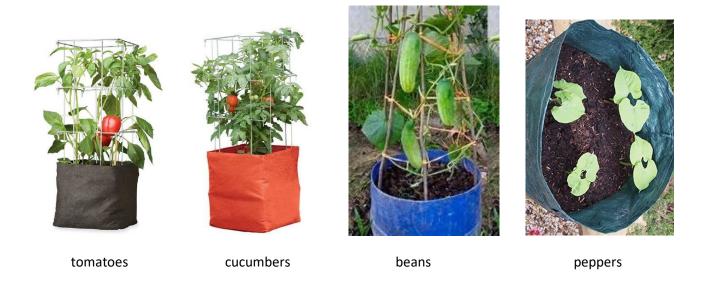


Cim McFarlane Cim has been the WPC **Sunday School director** for 17 years. Cim's favorite part of teaching Sunday School is reading God's word and listening to all the different perspectives. Her favorite Bible verse is Romans 8:28. Cim's favorite Sunday School memory is from 2017, when the children and Bell Choir came together and sang/rang "Arky, Arky." She also loves Palm Sunday parades.

Mission and Social Concerns Team

We hope everyone is becoming aware of the many blessings we each have that those who are food insecure probably not have. During Lent, we are using a **Sharing is Caring Calendar** and making donations into a bread bank. There are extra banks and calendars on the buffet outside the office. Remember the banks will be returned Palm Sunday, April 10th. Whatever you can give will be given to Presbytery for Hunger Missions.

We won't be doing the **garden** to grow fresh vegetables for the food pantries and apartments like Tow Path. Instead, we are using a donation from Terry Goodwin to buy grow bags that members can take home, fill with dirt, and grow a cherry tomato, pepper, green bean, or cucumber plant.



Last year we had many donations of tomato cages, so you can have one of those with the bag. The fresh vegetables can be brought to church so they can be shared at the food pantries this summer.

Another project we will help families and seniors to sign up for SNAP benefits. **SNAP** is a federal program. Seniors may feel others need benefits more and so do not apply. **If you know a senior (over 60 years of age) whose monthly income is less than \$2147 a month, she or he may qualify for SNAP.** The Mission and Social Concerns Team will gladly help with the online applications.

The following fact sheets are from <u>Hunger Solutions New York (hungersolutionsny.org)</u>.

New York

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program *January 15th, 2021*





The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is the nation's most important anti-hunger program.

Whom Does SNAP Reach?

In fiscal year 2019,^a it reached:

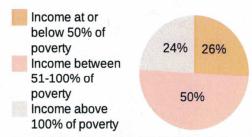
- 2,661,000 New York residents, or 14% of the state population (1 in 7)
- 38,000,000 participants in the United States, or 12% of the total population (1 in 9)

NEW YORK	more than	almost	almost
	54%	48%	37%
	of SNAP participants are in families with children	are in families with members who are elderly or have disabilities	are in working families
NATIONALLY	more than 66 %	almost 36%	almost 42%
	of SNAP participants are in families with children	are in families with members who are elderly or have disabilities	are in working families

Source: CBPP analysis of data from USDA Food and Nutrition Service, FY 2019

Most SNAP Participants in New York Are Poor

Share of participants by household income, FY 2019



Source: CBPP analysis of data from USDA Food and Nutrition Service, FY 2019

Many New York households struggle to put food on the table. The most recent data show:

- 10.8% of households were "food insecure," or struggled to afford a nutritionally adequate diet.
- Median income was 9% above the 2007 level, after adjusting for inflation.
- 13% of the population lived below the poverty line.
- 18.1% of children lived below the poverty line.
- 12% of elderly lived below the poverty line.

SNAP reaches needy populations: 93% of eligible individuals participated in SNAP in **New York** in 2017, and **83%** of eligible workers participated.

SNAP kept **600,000** people out of poverty in **New York**, including **255,000** children, per year between 2013 and 2017, on average. (These figures adjust for households' underreporting of benefits.)

What Benefits Do SNAP Recipients Receive?

SNAP targets benefits according to need. Very poor households receive more SNAP benefits than households closer to the poverty line since they need more help affording an adequate diet. SNAP recipients in New York received \$4.34 billion in benefits in 2019.¹



Average monthly SNAP benefit for each household member:

Average SNAP benefit per person per meal:

\$1.49

\$136

Fiscal Year 2019

Average Monthly SNAP Benefit By Demographic Group, FY 2019, New York

All Households
\$230

Households with children
\$377

Working households
\$285

Households with seniors
\$166

Households with non-elderly disabled individuals
\$204

Source: CBPP analysis of data from USDA Food and Nutrition Service, FY 2019

How Does SNAP Benefit the Economy?

Moody's Analytics estimates that in a weak economy, \$1 in SNAP benefits generates \$1.70 in economic activity. Households receive SNAP benefits on electronic benefit transfer (EBT) cards, which can be used only to purchase food at one of about 247,600 authorized retail locations around the country, including some 17,300 in New York.



For more information on SNAP, including New York-specific information, please see:

Center on Budget and Policy Priorities Chart Book: https://www.cbpp.org/research/food-assistance/chart-book-snaphelps-struggling-families-put-food-on-the-table

USDA SNAP data: http://www.fns.usda.gov/pd/supplemental-nutrition-assistance-program-snap

New York SNAP program: http://otda.ny.gov/programs/snap/

Advocates: Hunger Free America, https://www.hungerfreeamerica.org/, Hunger Solutions New York Inc,

http://hungersolutionsny.org

Notes: In addition to SNAP, in FY 2019, based on preliminary data, an average of about 200 individuals in New York received benefits through the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), which is a federal program that provides commodity foods to low-income households, including the elderly, living on Indian reservations, and to Native American families residing in designated areas near reservations and in the State of Oklahoma.

¹ Published SNAP participation data from USDA are adjusted for January and February 2019 to account for early issuance of February 2019 benefits in January 2019. Published benefit data from USDA have not been adjusted.







HAPPY BIRTHDAY

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

April 8	Emily Hunt	April 12	Terry & Val Gendron
April 10	Jonnie Fontaine		
April 15	Paul Dlugosh		
April 18	Lloyd Durfey		
April 18	David Pinkney		
April 22	Val Gendron		
April 24	Benjamin Dlugosh		
April 24	Jan Semans		

If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please contact the office at 597-9171 so we can add it to our list next time!

The team minutes received for April include:

WPC Christian Education Team
Minutes March 1, 2022
In-person Meeting

Building Faith, Family, and Fellowship. WPC nurtures spiritual growth, joyful fellowship, meaningful community and global involvement: worshipping and serving God with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love.

Present: Emily Hunt, Jody Pruitt, Cim McFarlane, Ellen Avery

Excused:

Absent:

Meeting opened at 7:00 with a devotional.

Motion to Accept the February minutes was approved by the team.

Upcoming Events:

Make Easter Cards March 13
Bible Jeopardy March 26
Palm Sunday Parade April 10
No Sunday School April 17
Pentecost Service Rehearsal May 15
Last Day of Sunday School May 22
Pentecost Service May 22
Youth Retreat July 24-27
2022 VBS August 1-5

Continuing and New Business

Thank you and good news- Emily shared a few thank you and praise emails recently received.

Sunday School Happenings: a new family came to church on 2/27 and have a three-year-old. They inquired about Sunday School. We discussed the possibility of options if he joins-whole group with breaks to play VS break up with preschool/primary school children and intermediate/middle school children. We will see what happens.

Masking optional policy now in schools. Emily will seek Session input on how to proceed for Sunday School. CE team feels comfortable with any decision.

Palm Sunday Parade- We discussed this year's Palm Sunday parade. We are going to ask Pastor Val to lead the children in the parade, possibly with a song and his guitar. We will have the children help with the love loaves. Emily checked with Sue L and she thinks it is a great idea. Emily will send an email to Pastor Val asking if he would be willing.

Spire- Emily shared progress on the April Spire cover article.

Bible Jeopardy- Emily shared progress on plans. The Kahoot game is done and ready to go with 50 Bible trivia questions on places, people, angels and demons, miracles, and books of the Bible. We are all very excited about the big event.

Summer VBS- Weird Animals- ads are on the announcements before worship, Cim will keep us updated when more information is needed. Session approved the usage of the sanctuary during VBS week.

Easter cards - Sunday School will make Easter cards on 3/13. Emily contacted Irene and invited any available Mission team members to join us on 3/13 to create Easter cards.

Triennium/Youth Retreat-Cim shared her plans for the youth retreat (July 24-27) in place of Triennium. At least 3 Presbyteries will participate. High and middle school students (going into 7-12) are able to participate. The location is at the Watson Homestead at Painted Post. They are asking Pastor Colin to be in charge of music and are looking for a keynote speaker. They have been working on COVID protocols and brainstorming. Cim is meeting often with Pastor Michelle and others to plan the event.

Annual Gifts- we have two seniors this year- Logan and Elijah. We will purchase the bracelets we have purchased the past few years. Jody has a blanket for Logan from the Sunday School program. We would also like to honor. We have no 2nd graders this year.

Camp Whitman- Cim shared with us information about a Youth and Young Adult Leadership Development Grant from the Synod of the Northeast. Camp Whitman will pilot a Finger Lakes Youth Ministry project. Check the Camp Whitman website (www.campwhitman.org) for more information on youth retreats (ages 11-17), young adult retreats (ages 18-25), and adults and family retreats.

Next meeting: April 5, 2022 at 7:00

Meeting was closed with prayer at 8:00 by Jody Pruitt.

Respectfully Submitted,

Emily Hunt

Deacons Team Meeting Minutes

March 1st, 2022

Present: Sandy McMenamin, Nancy Talma, Randy Kennard, Esther Hargrave

In Support: Linda Pulcini, Sara Bush, Sylvia Lyon

Meeting opening with lighting of the Christ Candle – Sea shell symbolism- resilience and prayer

Approval of last month's minutes- Motion by Sandy and seconded by Nancy

Treasurer's Report: Current balance – sandy M. \$___738.32 new balance [\$17.25 for stationary]

Sharing Correspondence: another Anthony Bliss card returned... Forwarded

Volunteers to handle Communion on 3/13/2022: Nancy & Esther

Update of Prayer Concerns: Adds, Removals and Status

Prayer – Circle spoken of names to lift to the Lord

Visit/Calls/Card Counts - circulate sheet

2022	Counts reflect the Covid-19 Distancing protocals
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Month	Visits	Phone Calls	Cards sent	Communion Served	Communion Date
January	11	3	55	29	16-Jan-22
February	0	6	39	37	13-Feb-22
March	3	9	38	42	13-Mar-22
Year to Date	14	18	132	108	

Shut-in Care: - remove Rose Prober and modify Madelyn Jagger's mailing address to Newark Manor

Special Care mailings:

Current Roster: listed

Monthly Notes: Bible verse - Mathew 3:3

For this is the one referred to by Isaiah the prophet when he said, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness, 'Make ready the way of the Lord, Make his paths straight!"

Old Business:

- 1) Reports of any contacts
- 2) Session Status quick summary

New Business:

Meeting closed with prayer round table of ways God's resilience is a blessing

Next meeting Tues 4/12 @ 10 am

Respectfully - Randy Kennard, Chairperson

Mission and Social Concerns Team Minutes

2-24-2022

Present via zoom: Irene Fadden, Edie Chapman, Rena Haigh, Jan Taylor, Ruth Dantz, Cassie Hughes. Sally Chase called in.

Opening Scripture and Prayer from Bread for Life: "But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven." (1 Corinthians 15:47-48). Let us pray, O God, giver of life, You call us into being. You gave us physical bodies that are part of the interconnected web of your creation. Give us the wisdom to be your agents of care for our bodies and all of the bodies in your creation. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen

Discussion of Session decision to not approve 10% of pledges and offerings for 2021 giving. The extra \$22,000 might have been money from those who returned to the church after Kyle left, even if it was not pledged, but just given as offering.

Budget for 2022 \$6,780 from pledges made for 2022. Mission Team made a tentative budget for 2022. Presbytery Mission Support \$2,532, Synod Mission Support \$90, Food Cupboard \$1,200 and storage cabinet \$183.65, Qholaqhoe

Mountain Connections \$500, Home Meals \$500, Clint McCoy Feeding Center \$500, Healthy Ninos \$300, ARC Home residents \$250, Family Promise \$1,500, Good Neighbor Fund \$2,000. Mission Team understands that this totals more than \$6,780. (\$1,200 budgeted for GNF was written to Palmyra Best Western for Fire Victim.)

Calendar for 2022 projects

- March Caring is Sharing Calendar Hunger Fund
- April Caring is Sharing Calendar Hunger Fund
- May Gardening Bags purchased with funds from Terry Goodwin donation given in 2021. Cherry tomatoes, peppers, green beans, cucumbers to be grown at homes to give to the food pantries this year.
- June Invite ARC residents to church picnic
- September Bread for the World letters
- October One Great Hour of Sharing
- December Reverse Advent Calendar

Becoming a Hunger Action Congregation – The online application was partially filled out and projects were discussed to qualify for a certified Congregation.

Mission and Social Concerns Ministry Team will plan a worship service to present to the congregation our plans as well as encourage congregants to take a bag home to use for vegetable gardening.

Plan for transportation to take shoppers who used Breen's to get groceries out of town. Wegman's does provide transportation on Thursdays at specific apartments, and they would take anyone who was waiting at the apartments. The RTS will do for \$3 per person. Office of the Aging does not do transportation for groceries at this time. We will continue this discussion in April, but if anyone has an idea, please let someone on the Mission Team know.

Respectfully submitted,

Irene Fadden

Property Ministry Team - Minutes

Present: James McFarlane, Gary LaBerge, Phil Opdycke, Steve Kennard

Absent: John Dobson, Don Dantz

Meeting Started with Prayer at 6:35 pm

- Sanctuary Furnace install.
 - East furnaces complete at time of meeting. Expect the west furnaces to be complete by end of week.
 - Plan to change settings on new thermostats to be 7 day program so each day can be programmed independently for those days when organ is being tuned or we have a week day holiday service.
 - o Will be buying another shelving unit to keep area around furnaces organized.
 - o Finishing items left to do
 - Build and install finishing cover plates around vent pipes.
 - Acquire any required paperwork and fill out documents to get rebate from NYSEG.
 - Investigate the option of buying 7 more thermostats to replace units in rest of church.
- Light updates to LED and stock of Fluorescent.
 - o Entire first floor hallway and a couple fixtures in Muscle Room have been converted to LED.
 - o 22 of the 302 bulbs have been updated to LED.
 - Plan to buy another set of LED bulbs to continue upgrade.
 - Will start working thru offices and classrooms.
 - Any working fluorescent bulbs that are removed as part of update will be used as emergency replacements if bulbs fail in older fixtures.
 - Steve created a "project document" that is a summary of the LED update.
 - Will likely do Fellowship Hall last and will attempt to schedule it as a full crew (Property and other volunteers) single afternoon/day change of all the fixtures.
- Stairlift chair not functioning both fuses in charging brick are OK, but no lights when plugged in?
 - o Steve plans to check on battery and power system on the chair to determine what is wrong.
- Larry cleaning of church:
 - o Larry has been asked to check the bathroom in basement at least 1x per month.
 - Talked with Larry about his plans moving forward. In the past year he had mentioned the
 possibility of moving on to other things in life. He said he plans to stay with us for now and plans to
 give enough notice when he feels it is time to leave his position.
- Green room storage shelving as Eagle Project for another member of Troop 96.
 - Member of Troop 96 is investigating options for Eagle Project. Mentioned the possibility of moving forward with the Green Room Storage project that Jacob McFarlane did not complete. He is interested so will make contact to see if we can get the project completed this time.
- Basement Bathroom update as Eagle Project for member of Troop 6166.
 - Need to check with Troop 6166 to see if someone is still interested in making the basement bathroom (and potentially part of the hallway) more kid friendly.

Next Meeting: 4/20/22 at 6:30 PM

The stated meeting of the session of Western Presbyterian Church & Society, Palmyra, New York was called to order by the moderator, Reverend Carol Wilson in Fellowship Hall at 7:00 PM. We opened the meeting with the Lighting of the Christ Candle, prayer, and scripture from Luke 6: 37-38.

<u>9 Present:</u> Susan Leonard, Emily Hunt, William Hassler, Norman Underwood, Philip Opdycke, Irene Fadden, Randy Kennard, Janet Manktelow

0 Excused

0 absent

A quorum was present.

• Motion made by William Hassler seconded and carried to approve the agenda.

Clerks Report

- Motion made by Susan Leonard seconded and carried to approve the minutes from the January session meeting.
- Motion made by Norman Underwood seconded and carried to approve the minutes from the Annual Congregational Meeting.

Financial Secretary's Report

	Current	2022	2022	YTD of
	<u>Month</u>	YTD	Budget	Budget
Receipts	\$26,460	\$37,609	\$141,377	26.60%
Expenditures	\$ 5,827	\$ 5,827	\$121,777	
Total Receipts & Expe	nditures \$20,633	\$31,782	\$19,600	

• Motion made by Financial Ministry Team to add \$5000.00 to budget to be used by the PNC if needed. Motion passed.

Business of the Church

- Motion made by William Hassler seconded and approved to have the wedding of Lisa Schram in the sanctuary on October 8, 2022.
- Motion made by William Hassler seconded and approved to renew our copyright license with CCLI. Sue Leonard will contact Courtney Marr for more info on this renewal.

Ministry Team Reports

Worship Ministry Team – Sue will work on a new form for weddings and memorials service and bring to the next meeting. The team is going to Zoom with Pastor Val to discuss Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, Palm Sunday, and Easter services. The worship team has received permission from Sister Barbara to use 2 of her sermons on her blog for our worship when we don't have pulpit supply. We will stop asking people to sign in before our worship services.

Deacons Ministry Team – They are sending cards to people we haven't seen in a while.

Communion served: Jan. 2022 29 Feb. 2022 37

Christian Ed Ministry Team - They will be hosting a bible jeopardy Game Night on March 26th. This year's Youth Triennium has been canceled. They will try to host a youth event instead.

Mission Ministry Team – They will get 10% of \$67,000 for their 2022 budget.

• Motion made by Irene Fadden seconded and carried to send a grant request to Presbytery for \$3000.00 for The Good Neighbor Fund.

Fellowship Ministry Team - They would like to serve refreshments for the bible Jeopardy Game Night.

• Motion made by Fellowship Team to serve refreshments at Bible Jeopardy Game Night. Motion passed. They will host a Faith Paint with Randy Kennard on April 2nd at 10:30AM. A couple people asked about having coffee hour before church. This idea was turned down.

Property Ministry Team – James would appreciate more notice to set up Zoom meetings for session when possible.

Motion made by Property Ministry Team to allow Vacation Bible School use of the sanctuary Aug. 1 − 5, 2022.
 Motion passed.

The new furnaces for the sanctuary should be installed soon. James provided a printout of his job description for running the AV system. We will look it over and discuss at the next meeting.

Finance Ministry Team – The church received a bequest of \$5000,00 from the Lois Daniels Estate. The money will be placed in an investment of the Francis and Lois Daniels fund to be used for operating expenses. We are overwhelmed by this generosity and will send a thank you to the executor. Randy will write this letter.

CTNS received the rug for the muscle room.

Presbytery - Phil gave us an insurance form that Presbytery may require in the future.

Next meeting: March 22, 2022

• Motion made by Phil to adjourn with prayer at 8:20PM.

Janet Manktelow Clerk

Devotions – Irene

A special meeting of the session of Western Presbyterian Church & Society, Palmyra, New York was called to order with prayer, by the moderator, Reverend Carol Wilson, in Fellowship Hall at 7:00PM.

<u>9 Present:</u> Emily Hunt, William Hassler, Irene Fadden, Norman Underwood, Randy Kennard, Susan Leonard, James McFarlane, Philip Opdycke, Janet Manktelow

<u>7 PNC Members</u>: Sharon Marr, David Taylor, Courtney Marr, Carol Sloan, Emily McFarlane, (James McFarlane, Norman Underwood-also listed above)

0 excused 0 Absent

Business of the Session

• Motion made by Randy Kennard seconded and carried to pay the per capita and mission to Presbytery as requested.

MIF with the PNC

The main purpose of this meeting was to work with the PNC on the MIF. James led us in discussion. He showed us what the PNC had come up with so far for the MIF. They were asking for the session's input on the MIF responses. Much discussion followed.

We also needed to figure out the most informative and efficient way to share with the congregation what the PNC is doing and what the MIF is. We need their input. Many ideas we shared. In the end we decided to share a skit on Sunday. Randy will write the skit which will be shared by Randy, Emily M., and Janet M. There will be info on the screens in the sanctuary as the skit is done. There will also be an insert in the bulletin for the congregation to fill out their wishes for our new pastor's characteristics. Session and PNC members will be available at coffee hour for questions and discussion.

• Motion made by Irene Fadden seconded and carried to adjourn with prayer at 8:55PM.

Janet Manktelow Clerk March Worship Meeting 3/8/2022

Present- Alicia Lynch, Carol Sloan, Sharon Marr, Sue Leonard, and Courtney Marr

Absent: Mary Beth LaBerge, Linda Pulcini, and Joan Durfey

Opened with Prayer

Sue gave a "Shout Out" to Pastor Val for everything he does for us.

Palm Sunday- Discussed the Palm Parade on Palm Sunday

Ordering Palms- Irene sent an email about Eco-friendly palms that Sue sent the committee. We all agreed that this would be where we would order palms if needed. Alicia volunteered to order palms.

Easter Lilies- Alicia will contact Jack at the Settlers Post to get prices for Easter lilies. Carol will be the money and paper collector of the orders. Courtney will do promotion and Google Form ordering. March 27 will be the ordering deadline.

Good Friday- We will have a service lead by Pastor Val. More information to come- Sue to ask Val if we need an organist for the service. Courtney will be out of town so we will have to find some to make the slides if they are needed.

Easter- More information to come- communion to be served. We wonder if we can go back to our traditional communion bread and cup. Sharon will look into finding individual bread or an alternative to the wafer and cup.

Closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Courtney Marr

Our Prayer Concerns (updated March 23, 2022)

Grieving:

Family & Friends of Jim Murray (requested by Ann Guest)

Family & Friends of Bertie Underwood (requested by the Deacons)

Family & Friends of Mark Melling (requested by the Deacons)

Family & Friends of Madelyn Jagger (requested by the Deacons)

Family & Friends of John Koeberle (requested by Sheila Koeberle)

Serving in the Armed Forces:

AJ Bliss, Adam Hill, Sarah Jagger, Joe Krebbeks, Josh Polli, Dylan Smith

Others for whom prayers have been requested:

All caregivers, All those who have been affected by the Coronavirus, All those who have no one to pray for them, All victims of violence, hatred and hunger, Jeff Barrett, Dave & Joanne Burley, Molly Campbell, Kyle Chapman, Skylar Chardeen, Ed Cole, Barb Culver, John Davis, Joan Durfey, Evelyn Elsenheimer, Kurt Forman, Ann Guest, Kara Hart, Dave & Holly Jankowski, Kaliyah & family, Sandy Kelly, Gerald Kuhn, Diana Lagenor, Charlotte Lawrence & family, Tom Lynch, Phyllis Olsen, Virginia Parrott, Rhonda, Ken Rice, Kathy Rynders, Scott Schreiner, Douglas Stell Family, Dave Taylor, Ralph Waters, Joyce Whalen, Bob Wyllie

Please pray for those who wish to remain anonymous as they, too, need our prayers.

Others for whom we continue to pray:

Tracy D'Arduini, Harold M. Delhagen, Kathleen Dougherty, Ian Guest, Janet Haigh, Bobby Haurand, Christine Stachecki Johanessen, Ed Kasperwicz, Jessica Locey, Ashley Maragas, Iris McConnell, Cim McFarlane, Wesley Pruitt, Wilma Redman, Pastor Ricardo, David Squier, Hannah Ruth Stell, Fran Storm, Marguerite Vizzini,

Deborah Wilder & family

Congregation members in nursing homes or shut-in:

Beverly Koeberle, Rochelle Morse, Bev Mouton

Prayers of Intercession are offered each day by our Deacons.

To request prayer for yourself or another, please contact Randy Kennard, chair of Deacons, Sandy McMenamin, or Kathy in the Church office. Please remember that all prayer requests are automatically removed from the list after one month unless the giver specifically requests continuation.

Sharing is Caring Calendar

Each day, take a moment to think about the blessings that you have from God and how you can share with those who are in need.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Matthew 6:19-21 "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal.	²⁰ But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.	21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.	March 2 Start off by giving 4¢ for each meal your family enjoyed today. Don't forget snacks.	March 3 Some people are out of a job. Give 5¢ for everyone in your family that has a job.	March 4 Family members are so precious, give 10¢ for each member of your family.	March 5 Some people sleep on the ground. Put in 5¢ for each bed you have in your house.
Isaiah 58:10 Give your food to the hungry and care for the homeless. Then your light will shine in the dark; your darkest hour will be like the noonday sun.	March 7 Do you have clean running water? Put in 5¢ for each faucet in your house.	March 8 "Give us our daily bread."	March 9 Be thankful for vision. Give 20¢ for each family member who wears glasses.	March 10 Many people have an "outdoor" bathroom. Give 15¢ for each bathroom in your house.	March 11 Did you stop for a coffee or latte today? If so, give 50¢ for each "fancy" drink you had.	March 12 Many in the world have never "eaten out." Give 5¢ for each time you have eaten out this week. McDs, Wendy's, Dunkin, Tim Hortons
Proverbs 22:9 The LORD blesses everyone who freely gives food to the poor.	March 14 Some people don't have meat to eat. Give 10¢ for each time your family had meat today.	March 15 "I was thirsty and you gave me a drink." Put in 2¢ for each drink you had today.	March 16 Give 1¢ for each time a family member opened the refrigerator today.	March 17 Give 10¢ for each time you used your washing machine this week. It costs much more at laundromat.	March 18 Be thankful for nature. Give 2¢ for each tree in your yard.	March 19 Some people need to walk everywhere they go. Put in 15¢ for each bike or car that your family has.
Luke 3:11 11 "If you have two coats, give one to someone who doesn't have any. If you have food, share it with someone else."	March 21 "I was hungry and you gave me something to eat." Put in 3¢ for each time you had something to eat today, including snacks and treats.	March 22 Some people have only enough food for just one day. Give 2¢ for each can or box of food in your house.	March 23 If you don't have to cook over an open fire. Put in 25¢ for each range, microwave, slow cooker, etc.	March 24 Imagine living without a refrigerator and freezer. Put in a quarter for each appliance you have to keep your food edible.	March 25 We are so blessed to have electricity. Give 4¢ for each light in your home.	March 26 Some people live in huts or one-room homes. Give 5¢ for each room in your house

James 2:17 17 Faith that doesn't lead us to do good deeds is all alone and dead!	March 28 How many Bibles are in your home? Give 10¢ for each one.	March 29 Education is denied to many. Give 5¢ for each high school diploma and 10¢ for each college degree	March 30 Sing Praises to God Put in 10¢ for each musical instrument in your house. Don't forget your voice.	March 31 Medicine bottles Give 10¢ for each medicine bottle in your home	April 1 Have a sink? Put in 5¢ for each sink in your home.	April 2 Fruit? Put in 20¢ for each type of fruit.
Proverbs 19:17 Caring for the poor is lending to the LORD, and you will be well repaid.	April 4 Put in 5¢ for every devide that connects to the internet.	April 5 We are so blessed to have electricity. Give 2¢ for each electric outlet in your home.	April 6 Put in 25¢ for each soap dispenser in your house.	April 7 Put in 5 cents for every pair of shoes in your family.	April 8 Put in 10 cents for every meal you ate out this week.	April 9 Put in a little extra and bring your loaf to church on Palm Sunday.

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During Lent 2022 the Mission and Social Concerns Ministry Team invites your family to ponder all the blessings you have. "Put in the loaf bank amounts" are suggestions and you may give as you are able. On Sundays, we have put a Bible verse about food, faith, and good deeds. We hope it will remind you of all the blessings you have.

The donations will be collected on Palm Sunday, but you may bring them back at your convenience. The money collected will be sent to the Presbytery for the Hunger Grants and will be used at food ministries throughout the Presbytery.

Thank you for caring and sharing during Lent of 2022.



APRIL 2022

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
					1	2 10 am to Noon FH Faith Paint
3 5th Sunday in Lent 9 am Sunday School Rev. Steven Becker preaching	4 9 am to Noon FH CTNS Easter Bunny 7 pm Fellowship	5 7 pm Christian Ed. 7 pm Boy Scouts Muscle Room 7 pm Choir	6 10 am Mission/Social Concerns Weekend Wellness Delivery	7	8 Food Link Delivery	9
Palm/Passion Sunday 9 am Sunday School Pastor Val Fowler preaching Palm Sunday Parade	11	12 SPIRE DEADLINE 10 am Deacons 7 pm Worship 7 pm Boy Scouts Muscle Room 7 pm Choir	13 Weekend Wellness Delivery 7 pm Boy Scouts FH	14 Maundy Thursday	15 Good Friday 7 pm Service Pastor Val Fowler preaching	16
17 Easter Sunday No Sunday School Communion Sunday Pastor Val Fowler preaching	18	19 7 pm Boy Scouts Muscle Room	20 1 pm Cyprus Mission Presentation FH 6:30 pm Property	21	22 Earth Day	23
24 2 nd Sunday of Easter 9 am Sunday School Pastor Carol Wilson preaching	25 6 pm CTNS	26 7 pm Session 7 pm Scouts Muscle Room	27 Weekend Wellness Delivery	28	29	30



MAY 2022

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
1 3 rd Sunday of Easter 9 am Sunday School Sister Barbara Moore preaching	2 7 pm Fellowship	3 10 am Deacons 7 pm Christian Ed. 7 pm Boy Scouts Muscle Room	4 Weekend Wellness Delivery 10 am Mission/Social Concerns	5 National Day of Prayer	6 Food Link Delivery	7
8 Mother's Day 9 am Sunday School Communion Sunday Pentecost Rehearsal	9 Office Open 8:30 am to 2 pm	10 Office Open 8:30 am to 2 pm 7 pm Worship 7 pm Boy Scouts Muscle Room	11 Office Open 8:30 am to 2 pm Weekend Wellness Delivery 7 pm Boy Scouts FH	12 Office Closed	13 Office Closed	14
15 5 th Sunday of Easter 9 am Sunday School Children led Pentecost Service	16	17 SPIRE DEADLINE 7 pm Boy Scouts Muscle Room	18 Weekend Wellness Delivery 1 pm Women's Circle Study FH 6:30 pm Property	19	20	21
22 Last Day of Sunday School Randy Kennard: Living Waters of the World	23	24 7 pm Session 7 pm Boy Scouts Muscle Room	25 4 pm CTNS Graduation	26	27	28
29 7 th Sunday of Easter Pastor Carol Wilson preaching	30 Memorial Day Office Closed	31 10 am to 8 pm Set Up for Rummage Sale 7 pm Boy Scouts Muscle Room				