



# The Presby

February 2018

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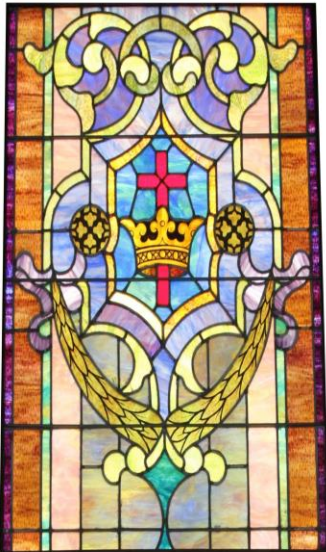
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## **From the Pastor**

Many people in our church serve as caregivers for members of their families and their friends. Firsthand, I am told story after story of adult children who are caring for parents, parents who are caring for special-need children or grandchildren, friends who are reaching out to provide support for friends who are receiving long-term medical care, and spouses who are trying to meet the needs of a husband or wife who invite special care. Interestingly, these stories have many common concerns and “themes” and, often, I find myself wanting the stories shared with others who are going through similar circumstances. With our sharing comes a sense of comfort and support for the caregivers as we learn from each other about resources available for caregiving and as we realize that we are not alone.

In Scripture, we find numerous passages that call us to care for others (eg. The Parables of the Good Samaritan and the Prodigal Son). Deuteronomy 5:16 also states, “Honor your father and your mother, exactly as the Lord your God requires, so that your life will be long and so that things will go well for you on the fertile land that the Lord your God is giving you.” Other passages related to the care of parents are Proverbs 23:22, “Pay attention to your father, and don’t neglect your mother when she grows old,” and Proverbs 23:25, “Let your father and your mother be glad, and let her rejoice who gave birth to you.” Our care for our parents and families reflects the care and love that God has for us and we rejoice that our church is known as a caring and loving congregation.

During this season of Lent, I hope that you will use these days to consider prayerfully the direction that God is guiding you as you continue your journeys of faith with others in our congregation and community. You are invited and encouraged to participate in the following activities and services during Lent:

- Wed., Feb. 14 – 6:00 PM (Pancake Supper) and 7:30 PM (Ash Wed. service)
- Tues., Feb. 20, 27 and Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27 – Noon - Soup and the Word services, beginning with our church on Feb. 20.
- Thur., Mar. 29 – 7:30 PM - Maundy Thursday Service
- Sun., Apr. 1 – 7:00 AM – Easter Sunrise (WPC) and 11:00 AM – Easter Worship service

Peace and Grace, Brad

**Session Digest:**

The Session meet on Sunday, January 28, 2018 for a Stated Session Meeting. Committee reports were received and discussed.

Pastoral Concerns: Kitty Baird, Ron Blevins, Beulah Bing, Pastor Bing, Joann Cannoy, Ethan Challgren, Jared Cregger, June Crockett, Steven Ford, Nonia Gamble, Mary Gearhart, Kay Gilmer, Jim Gleaves, Carola Hider, Herley Hudson, Art Inman, Maxine Manuel, Kathy McAllister, George Mock, Fran Rochelle, Family of Johnny Thompson, Ernest Williams, Sr., Louella Williams, Earnest Wilson, Millie Wilson, the family of Robert Wiseman, and Mary Jane Wysor.

Motions approved by the Session:

1. To accept the Church Financial Report as presented.
2. Approve the statistical Church Report for 2017.
3. Jim Gearhart to serve as Commissioner, with Kat McCoy as the alternate, for the Abingdon Presbyterian Meeting.
4. Appoint Sarah Angliker and Jim Gearhart to serve as Co-assistant Clerks for 2018.

Next stated Session meeting will be held in conjunction with the Session Retreat on February 24<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am – noon, at the PCHH. Elder in charge for February is Sarah Angliker; Hatcher Hall door is Kat McCoy.

Blessings,

Beth Pulliam, Clerk

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**Presbyterian Women:**

The PW Circle 1 will meet on Monday, February 5 at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall and Circle 3 will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the Jones Parlor.

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**Flower Chart**

If you would like to sign up to place flowers in the church in 2018, the flower chart is now up in the room going into the sanctuary from Hatcher Hall.

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**Be My Valentine**

For God so lo**V**ed the world that  
He g**A**ve His  
o**N**Ly  
b**E**gotten  
So**N** That whosoever  
believ**E**Th on Him  
should not per**I**sh but have  
everlasti**N**g  
lif**E**!

**God gave the best  
Valentine  
Jesus Christ!!**

**God is love!!!**

*Submitted by Ann Harrison*

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**Souper Bowl of Caring:**

This donation will be received on Sunday, February 4 at the door of the Sanctuary as you depart. This special offering will be given to the Agape Food Pantry this year which serves Wythe County.


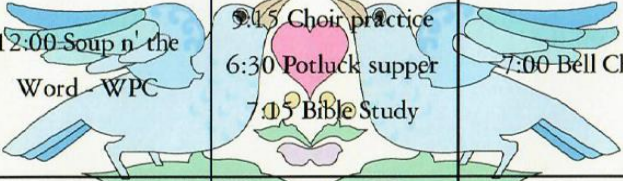
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**Pancake Supper and Ash Wednesday:**

The will be a Fellowship Pancake Supper on Wednesday, February 14 to celebrate Valentine's Day. Pancakes and all the extras will be served from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in Hatcher Hall. Following supper we will meet in the Sanctuary for the Ash Wednesday Service at 7:30 p.m. Please join us!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				7:00 Bell Choir <b>Betty Grubb</b>	1 7:30 Men's Breakfast <b>Nonia Gamble Kevin Craft</b>	2 <b>Laurie Dean</b>
9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship <i>Soup Bowl of Caring Boy Scout</i>	5 11:00 Circle 1 7:00 Circle 3	6	7 5:15 Choir practice 6:30 Potluck supper 7:15 Bible Study	8 7:00 Bell Choir	9 7:30 Men's Breakfast <b>Rebecca Lane</b>	10
9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:15 Stewardship Committee	11 4:00 Finance Committee	12	13  6:00 - 7:00 Pancake supper 7:30 Ash Wednesday	14 7:00 Bell Choir <b>Art Inman</b>	15 7:30 Men's Breakfast	16 17
18 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship <i>5 cents a meal</i>	19	20  12:00 Soup n' the Word - WPC	21 9:15 Choir practice 6:30 Potluck supper 7:15 Bible Study	22 7:00 Bell Choir	23 7:30 Men's Breakfast	24 9:00 Session Retreat & Meeting
25 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship	26 5:00 Worship Committee	27 12:00 Soup n' the Word - St. Paul Methodist	28 5:15 Choir practice 6:30 Potluck supper 7:15 Bible Study			