



## **“One Little Word”**

*Greetings Members and Friends,*

*As the people of God who strive to learn all that God desires for us to learn, it can be quite overwhelming at times to learn what we need to learn and understand what we need to understand.*

*The bible, itself, is full of teachings and lessons; some easy to grasp, others not so much. Therefore, it is a wonder at times that we learn anything at all.*

*I truly believe God was aware of how overwhelming this can all be. Therefore, God condensed hundreds of laws all down to ten. Then Jesus condensed the ten down to two and then ultimately down to one. The one is to Love; to simply love.*

*In the gospel of John in Chapter 13:34-35, we read,*

***“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”***

*As we enter into the month of February, we are all reminded that this is the month that we are to focus on this “one little word” called “love.”*

*However, it can be so hard to do so. How can it be so hard to do just one thing? The challenge we face not only this month, but every month and even every day is to love one another as Christ has loved us. By doing so, may the world know to whom we belong.*

*Peace and Love,*

*Pastor John*

## *The Presby*

**February 2023**

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## Session Digest:

The Session met for its Stated January meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> in the Session Room.  
Pastoral Concerns: Joanne Cannoy, Tony Cannoy, Vaughn Cassell, Joe & Shirley Cavender, Ruth Anne Chitwood, Kevin Craft, Eddie Dillon, Colleen Dunford, Mary Gearhart, Ann Harrison, June Helton, Kay Langham, Janine Madden, Bill & Susan Pollard, Michael & Rachel Weller.

The Session welcomed Clerk April DiYorio and Elders Chuck Lacy and Kat McCoy.  
Motions approved by the Session:

- To allow the Kiwanis Club to use Hatcher Hall on February 13, 5 p.m. – 8 p.m., for their Valentine Dinner.
- To allow the Adventure Cycling Association to use the Parlor for an overnight stay from 4 p.m. on May 15 to 9 a.m. on May 16.
- To elect Charlie Madden as Elder Commissioner and Linda DiYorio as alternate to the Presbytery for 2023.
- To elect Charlie Madden as Assistant Clerk of Session for 2023.
- To approve the Annual Statistical Report to the Presbytery.
- To move Warren and Diane Corderman to inactive membership status.
- To approve Committee Chairs for 2023.
- To accept a report from the Finance Committee from the January 10 meeting.
- To approve hiring Mark Umberger to build the closets and cabinets in Hatcher Hall with expenses not to exceed \$19,000.

## Information from the Meeting:

- Received Thank You notes from Pastor John and Wendy Morrison for their Christmas gifts.

## Review of Calendar of Events for February

*February 9, 2023 – Abingdon Presbytery meeting – Central PC, Bristol*

*February 12, 2023 - Souper Bowl Offering*

*February 14, 2023 - Valentine's Day*

*February 22, 2023 – Ash Wednesday*

*February 23, 2023 – Paint Night*

*February 24, 2023 – Lifeline Screening - Hatcher Hall*

*February 26, 2023 – Stated Session Meeting*

Submitted by April DiYorio, Clerk of Session

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## **A Stewardship Thought For The New Year:**

“Discipleship and stewardship can sound more complicated to us than they really are” is a quote from Rich Cleveland in ***Serving the Master***. That’s because we often emphasize the results we desire instead of the means to get there. He says in reality, living as a steward of the gospel is simply the natural response of people who have developed a deep and lasting love for Jesus. When love for Christ is at the center of our lives, we want to do the things that please him and that bring joy to our own lives because we are expressing our love for him. When not motivated by love and devotion, discipleship and stewardship become burdensome chores. That sounds harsh but true. When you give your time and talents to God in whatever form, you receive more (from God) than you could ever give in response to discipleship or stewardship.

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## **The Winter Weather Policy for our congregation includes the following guidelines:**

1. Worship services and Sunday School on Sunday morning will be as scheduled (9:45 and 11:00 AM) regardless of the weather. If some teachers are unable to travel safely to church because of weather conditions, some classes might be consolidated for a particular Sunday.
2. During weekdays, all congregational events will be cancelled if the Wythe County schools are closed for the day or dismissed early because of weather conditions. These events will not be cancelled if schools are operating on a delayed schedule (when school begins 1 or 2 hours late).
3. During weekdays, if other activities are scheduled by smaller groups, the groups will contact their members about any changes of schedules due to weather conditions. These include: choir rehearsals, Presbyterian Women Circle meetings, Presbyterian Men’s Prayer Breakfast, and all committee meetings.

4. On weekends, if weather conditions cause the cancellation of an event, the church will communicate this information as efficiently as possible. If you have a question about a particular event, you may call Pastor John (919) 607-6448 or 228-4715).

Most important, if weather conditions are not safe because of ice, snow, or temperature, please exercise caution in making a decision about whether or not to come for a church service or activity.

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**5 Cents a Meal:**

Please remember the 5 cents a meal offering on February 22. There will be a basket in the narthex. Please make a separate check.

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**Newsletter & Office Information:**

Information for the March newsletter needs to be in the church office by Wednesday, February 22.

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**Hope Packs:**

We will be packing bags for Hope Packs on the last Wednesday of the month February 22 at 5:00 p.m. Please plan to help with this project!

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**Presbyterian Women:**

The Presbyterian Women, Circle 1 will meet at 11:00 A.M. on Monday, February 6 in the Fellowship Hall.

Also on February 6 at 7:00 P.M. Circle 3 will meet in the Fellowship Hall

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Fellowship CMTE meets @ 10AM	2	3 Happy Birthday Laurie Dean	4
5 Worship 11:00 AM	6 Circle 1 at 11AM Circle 3 at 7PM	7 Happy Birthday Kevin Craft	8	9 Happy Birthday Rebecca Lane	10	11
12 Worship 11:00 AM	13 Kiwanis Club Valentine Dance 5-8 P	14 Finance CMTE meet @ 4PM	15	16	17	18
19 Worship 11:00 AM 5 cents a meal	20	21 Worship CMTE meet @ at 10AM	22 Hope Packs at 5PM	23 Paint Night	24 Life Screening 8-5PM	25
26 Worship 11:00 AM Session will meet after worship	27	28				