



January 2023 Wytheville Presbyterian Church 285 Church Street Wytheville, VA 24382 Phone: (276)228-4715 Email: wpchurch@embargmail.com

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Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00am - 1:00pm

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Wyheville Presbyterian

Greetings Members and Friends,

Anyone who knows anything about computers or anyone who has even had just a little bit of experience with computers, knows that computers can act up sometimes.

Sometimes computers can lose our work, sometimes certain keys or functions fail to perform properly and sometimes computers can totally crash.

When these things happen it can be very frustrating and downright irritating. When this happens we often have to start all over again and begin from the beginning. Sometimes we even must reboot our computers to get them back on track and working properly.

I think very much in the same way our lives can be that way. Sometimes we have mishaps and sometimes we have to reboot and start all over again.

In many ways that is what the New Year can bring and in many ways that is what we are offered each New Year; the opportunity to start all over and begin again

This is also true in our faith and our relationship with God, for I am convinced that as much as our God is about anything else, our God is about new beginnings and about starting over.

In fact, we read from, II Corinthians 5:17, which reads, "If anyone is in Christ they are a new beginning, for the old has gone and the new has come."

Therefore, as we enter into this New Year, let us be reminded of our new life and our new identity in Jesus Christ.

Happy New Year,

Pastor John

#### Observed, Office Closed

### **Session Digest:**

The Session met for its Stated December meeting on the 18th in the Session Room.

<u>Pastoral Concerns:</u> Joanne Cannoy, Tony Cannoy, Vaughn Cassell, Joe & Shirley Cavender, Ruth Anne Chitwood, Kevin Craft, Colleen Dunford, Mary Gearhart, June Helton, Kay Langham, Janine Madden, Bill & Susan Pollard, Lois Seagle, Michael & Rachel Weller.

The Session Welcomed the Incoming Clerk April DiYorio and Elders Chuck Lacy and Kat McCoy. The Session thanked outgoing Elders Sarah Angliker, Sid Crockett, and Jim Gearhart for their service.

Motions approved by the Session:

\* To accept a report from the Finance Committee from the December 13, 2022 Meeting.

- \* To receive the favorable annual audit report.
- \* To approve the 2023 Operating Budget.

As Information from the Meeting Thank you notes from Pastor John and Becky Absher for their Christmas Gifts.

Sarah Angliker will represent the Session at the Called Zoom Meeting of Abingdon Presbytery on January 12, 2023.

52 People attended the Christmas Extravaganza on December 2<sup>nd</sup> 27 Children attended Parent's Night Out on December 16th.

<u>Review of Calendar of Events for December</u> January 1, 2023 - New Year's Day Worship Service

January 8, 2023 - Communion Observed

January 12, 2023 - Called Zoom Meeting of Abingdon Presbytery

January 15, 2023 - Installation of Elders during Morning Worship

January 15, 2023 - Annual Congregational Meeting following Worship

January 16, 2023 - Martin Luther King Birthday

January 22, 2023 - Stated Session Meeting

Submitted by Jim Gearhart, Clerk of Session

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#### Stewardship Message:

GRATITUDE - We are much blessed

As our Church moves into the New Year, we have much for which to be grateful. In spite of losing some of our precious saints to death and transfer, we are on solid footing financially as the Church enters the year of its 200th anniversary. A number of our members and our regular attendees have made a pledge and others have increased their pledge in support of the operating budget for 2023.

As Stewards of our Church participation is required from each of us to do God's work. It is so important to have the financial ability to pay our staff, support our congregation and its programs, support our missional work, and maintain our building.

The Stewardship Theme for 2022 was "Becoming God's Cheerful Givers" 2 Corinthians 9:6-9 "... for God loves a cheerful giver...". The Committee wishes to thank our congregation for stepping up during the fall campaign in support of the Operating Budget.

Your Stewardship Committee - Shirley Cavender, Judy Crouse, Jim Gearhart, Ann Harrison, Gail Kendrick, Ethan Lavallee, and Bill Pollard

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#### 5 Cents a Meal:

Please remember the 5 cents a meal offering on January 15. There will be a basket in the narthex or one for the people in the parking lot as they leave. Please make a separate check.

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# Congregational Meeting

There will be a congregational meeting following worship service on Sunday, January 15 to review the 2023 Budget and to approve the Terms of Call for the pastor.

# **Giving Statements**

The final giving statements for 2022 will be in the narthex on Sunday, January 8. Please review these as soon as possible, and if there are any discrepancies, please notify Wendy at 276-620-7820. Thank you!

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# Hope Packs:

We will be packing bags for Hope Packs on Wednesday, January 25 at 5:00 p.m. Please plan to help with this project!

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# Newsletter & Office Information:

The Office will be closed Monday, January 2, in observation of the New Year's holiday.

The office will resume our regular hours of 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM on Tuesday, January 3, 2023.

The office will be closed on Monday, January 16, in observation of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

The office will reopen Tuesday, January 17, on a regular schedule.

Information for the February newsletter needs to be in the church office by Wednesday, January 26.

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# Presbyterian Women:

Circle 1 will meet at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, January 2, in the Fellowship Hall.

Circle 3 will meet on Monday, January 2, in Fellowship Hall.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Worship 11:00 am	2 Office Closed Circle 1@ 11am Circle 3 @ 7pm	3 Happy Birthday Chantel Repass	4 Happy Birthday Grace Williams, Bella Ozmar	5	6	7 Happy Birthday Scottie Kegley
8 Worship 11:00 am Communion observed	9	10 Finance committee meets @ 4pm	11 Happy Birthday Heidi Pulliam	12	13	14 Happy Birthday Marty Dunford
15 Worship 11:00 am Mission CMTE meets following Worship 5 cents a meal Happy Birthday Judy Walters	16 Office will be closed	17 Worship committee meets @ 10am	18	19 Happy Birthday Kathy Williams, Lois Seagle	20	21 Happy Birthday Hal Absher
22 Worship 11:00 am Session meets following Worship	23 Happy Birthday John DiYorio	24	25 Hope Packs @ 5pm Happy Birthday Lisa Moore, Shirley	26	27	28 Happy Birthday Alex Dunford
29 Worship 11:00 am	30	31				