



March Newsletter 2023

The High Cost

Unless we have been hiding out in a cave over the past year or so, we all realize how the cost of living has increased and increased at an uncomfortable pace. In fact, the inflation rate for 2022 was 9.1 %, making this last year a year that was the highest in many years.

However, even though the cost of living has gone up, we are still willing to pay what we need to pay in order to have what we have. We of course may have to make some decisions about all of this. We may choose to do things a little differently, like travel a little less, or cook more at home or even cut out some our luxuries, but for many, we are still willing to pay the price for what we want.

All of this reminds us of the price and the cost that our God was willing to pay for us. During this season of Lent, we are reminded of the life that Jesus lived, but more importantly the high cost of his death for us.

All of this speaks to the degree in which God loves us and was willing to demonstrate this through the death of his Son. For we read.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. (John 3:16-17)

In the end, there is no way for us to repay God or add to anything God has done for us. However, we can live our lives in response to what God has done and we can recognize the responsibility we have to thank God for the gift we have in Jesus Christ.

Grace and Peace,

The Presby

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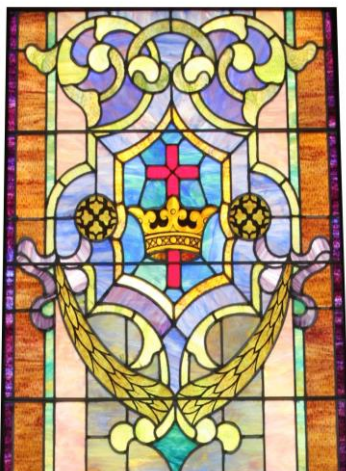
Rev. Dr. John Langham, Pastor

April DiYorio, Clerk of Session

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Session Digest:

The Session met for its Stated February meeting on the 26th in the Session Room.

Pastoral Concerns: Joanne Cannoy, Tony Cannoy, Vaughn Cassell, Joe & Shirley Cavender, Ruth Anne Chitwood, Kevin Craft, Charles Crockett, Eddie Dillon, Colleen Dunford, Mary Gearhart, Ann Harrison, June Helton, Pastor John Langham, Kay Langham, Janine Madden, Kat McCoy, Bill & Susan Pollard, Emily Sword, Michael & Rachel Weller, Mary Whitehead.

Motions approved by the Session:

- To allow the Wythe Arts Council to use Hatcher Hall from 10 am – 6 pm on June 17 – June 24, for the Toy & Doll Show and Flower Show.
- To allow Jennifer Hall to use Hatcher Hall from 12 p.m. – 5 p.m. on April 22.
- To accept a report from the Finance Committee from the February 14 meeting.
- To approve co-hosting the Presbytery meeting on August 10 at the Children’s Home with Anchor of Hope and Galena churches.

Review of Calendar of Events for March

- March 12, 2023 – Daylight Savings Time begins
- March 14, 2023 – Soup and the Word
- March 17, 2023 – *St. Patrick’s Day*
- March 19, 2023 - Potluck Luncheon
- March 26, 2023 – Stated Session Meeting

Submitted by April DiYorio, Clerk of Session

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Stewardship:

Stewardship isn't a program or a fundraising campaign. Stewardship is the personal virtue that allows each of us to use God's gifts wisely, to the best of our ability, and for the good of the church. Stewardship is answering the call of God to fulfill our larger purpose and it begins with two questions: What matters to you? What is important to your church? “Making Stewardship a Year-Round Reality” by Robyn Davis Sekula in “Presbyterians Today” has the March monthly focus of practice good stewardship of the earth and acts of kindness during Lent . This projects the idea of an act of kindness each day during the 40 days of the season. Think about that!!

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5 Cents a Meal:

Please remember the 5 cents a meal offering on Sunday, March 19. 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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Newsletter & Office Information:

Information for the April newsletter needs to be in the church office by Wednesday, March 26.

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Hope Packs:

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

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Presbyterian Women:

Circle 1 will meet at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, March 6, in the Fellowship Hall and Circle 3 will meet on Monday, March 6, at 7:00 P.M.

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Soup and the Word

March 7 - Soup and the Word
Wytheville Baptist Church
12 Noon

March 14 - Soup and the Word
Wytheville Presbyterian Church
12 noon

March 21 - Soup and the Word
St Paul Methodist Church
12 noon

March 28
Soup and the Word
Wytheville Baptist Church
12 noon

April 4 - Soup and the Word
Wytheville Presbyterian Church
12 noon

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 Happy Birthday Robert Williams	4
5 Worship 11:00 Happy Birthday Beth Pulliam	6 Circle 1 10:00 A.M. Circle 3:00 P.M.	7	8 Christian Ed 10:00 A.M.	9 Happy Birthday Katherine Minton Kathy McAllister Carroll Gordon	10	11
12 Worship 11:00	13	14 Finance at 4:00 P.M. Church Growth 2:00 P.M.	15 Happy Birthday June Helton	16 Happy Birthday Jacob McCoy	17	18
19 Worship 11:00 5 cents a meal	20	21 Worship Cmte 10:00A.M. Happy Birthday Megan Lacy	22 Hope Packs at 5:00 P.M.	23 Happy Birthday Chris Lane	24	25
26 Worship 11:00 Session meets after Worship Happy Birthday Solomon Moore	27 Happy Birthday Robert Kendrick	28	29	30 Happy Birthday Jeannie Moore	31	