



January Newsletter 2024

Greetings Members and Friends,

As we enter into a brand new year, we all look forward to putting last year behind and looking forward many new things that this New Year might bring.

We maybe look forward to a new job opportunity, we maybe look forward to a new addition to the family, we maybe even look forward to a new life after graduation or a new life in retirement. Suffice it to say, the possibilities for new things are limitless.

In reflection of these thoughts, as much as we think we are the author of new things at times, we are reminded that our God is the original author of new things and even new life.

In fact, we read from Romans 6:4,

“We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

Here we are reminded that in Jesus Christ, our ultimate new life is found and we are invited into this new life.

We are invited to experience this new life and enjoy all that God has for us this New Year and every year beyond.

Happy New Year,

Pastor John

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9:00am - Noon

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Session Digest:

Stated Meeting, December 17, 2023

Pastoral Concerns: Joanne Cannoy, Joe & Shirley Cavender, Colleen Dunford, Pastor John Langham, Janine Madden, Bill & Susan Pollard, Dorothy Repass, Judy Walters, Annette Washburn, Michael & Rachel Weller.

Motions approved by the Session:

- To allow the Kiwanis Club of Wythe County (Roy Hand/Sid Crockett) use of Hatcher Hall on Monday, February 19, 2024, 4:00 pm – 9:00 pm for their Valentine meeting and meal.
- To accept the Finance Report for November 2023.
- To accept the 2022 financial audit.
- Approved the 2024 budget as presented.
- To appoint Vaughn Cassell as Treasurer.
- Approved recommended Christmas bonuses for staff.
- To allow the Church Growth and Evangelism Committee to proceed with an outreach program by forming a group of approximately five people to work at the Open Door Café one every other or every third month from 10:45 am to 2:00 pm.

Review of Calendar of Events for January:

1 – *New Year's Day, Office Closed*

7 – Communion, Election of Elders, Congregational Meeting

14 or 21 - Installation of newly elected Elders

28 – Stated Session Meeting

Submitted by April DiYorio, Clerk of Session

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

1. Sunday School and Worship services 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 (eg. Wednesday supper and program) 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 January 21st. 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 February newsletter needs to be in the church office by Tuesday, January 23rd.

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Hope Packs:

We will be packing bags for Hope Packs on Wednesday, January 24th 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, January 8th in the Fellowship Hall and Circle 3 will meet on Tuesday, January 9th at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

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Stewardship Message for the New Year:

There seems to be nothing in the Bible or notable in Christian tradition about New Year's resolutions. Many good stewards take advantage of this time of year to become closer to the Lord. Here are some ideas for your New Year's resolutions. (1) **Practice gratitude.** Find time to be with the Lord every day whether it is ten minutes or an hour. (2) **Be present to others.** The gift of your presence to others is much more valuable than you realize. (3) **Nurture**

friendships. Friends are gifts from God who give us a greater appreciation of God's love for us. (4) **Give More.** Good stewards realize that everything they have is entrusted to them as a gift to be shared. No better place to begin sharing than in your church and community. (5) **Make a difference in your church community.** Offering your talents to your church is one of the most effective ways to feel useful and connected to others. In Phil 4:13, Paul writes "I can do everything through Him who gives me strength." If God is the center of our New Year's resolutions, then we have a better chance for success.

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Mission Committee Update

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Appreciation Message

Thank you to Nancy Crockett and her Committee for the beautiful Sanctuary decorations and to the Don Wysor Sunday School Class for setting up and decorating the Christmas tree and taking it down. Your dedication to the Wytheville Presbyterian Church is so appreciated. From the Worship Committee.

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Special Event

Our church will be hosting a Wytheville Concert Series event on **Friday, January 19th at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.** This event features Dvorak and Faure Piano trios.

Judy Clark, piano
Julia Goudimova, cello
Kevin Matheson, violin

Please join us on January 19th and enjoy these accomplished musicians performing outstanding works.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Happy Birthday Chantel Repass	4 Happy Birthday Grace Williams &	5	6
7 Congregational Meeting at end of Service Happy Birthday Scottie Kegley	8 Circle 1 meets 11:am A.D.K. meets 6-8pm H.H.	9 Church Growth Comm 2:00pm Finance Comm	10	11 Happy Birthday Heidi Pulliam	12	13
14 Happy Birthday Marty Dunford	15 Happy Birthday Judy Walters	16 Worship Comm. 10:00am	17	18	19 Happy Birthday Kathy Williams & Lois Seagle	20
21 5-Cents-A-Meal Offering Happy Birthday Hal Absher	22	23 Happy Birthday John DiYorio	24 Back Packs assembly 5:00pm	25 Happy Birthday Lisa Moore & Shirley Cavender	26	27
28 Session Meets Happy Birthday Alex Dunford	29	30	31			