

**Auburn Presbyterian Church**  
**111 West 12<sup>th</sup> St.**  
**Auburn, IN 46706**  
**Rev. David Lawrence**



## **FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER 2019**



### **SCOUT SUNDAY - February 10**

Scout Sunday will be held on February 10. On this day we will celebrate all of our Scouting Programs that are sponsored by the church. Scouts will be participating in worship, as well as ushering and acolyting. We will have a minute for mission during worship explaining the importance of the Scouting Program. After worship refreshments will be offered in Fellowship Hall. Please mark your calendars and show support to our Scouts!

#### **PW CIRCLES:**

**Priscilla Circle** will meet on Wednesday, February 13 at 11:30 a.m. for lunch at the Auburn Deli (corner of 6th and Main).

**Ruth Circle** will meet on Wednesday, February 13 at 1:30 in the church lounge.

FROM THE PASTOR:

Brothers and Sisters-During this last year we have explored the meaning behind the church calendar, the changing colors of the paraments and my stoles, and the significance of special Sundays throughout the year. I think this is interesting and I hope you do, too.

These are practices and traditions of the larger Church and when we intentionally participate in these traditions we are drawn more deeply into the larger community of faith. It's really sort of fascinating to think that we are not alone in these practices. We share them with both the church on the other side of town and the church on the other side of the world. We are part of a much larger movement than it seems when we look around our sanctuary.

I think many people are aware of the Scriptures in John, Corinthians, Philippians, and Ephesians that say we are in but not of this world. This means we are joined with the church as part of the great circle of faith, but we are also different from the rest of the world in several ways. This difference includes our practice of telling time. We have different seasons in the church and our days carry much different meaning than the world in which we live. As people of faith we orient our days around the risen Lord.

There are deep Biblical and theological meanings to nearly everything about the church—from the architecture to our actions—and that includes our calendar. We might have always done it that way, but there is a reason. A deeper understanding of the “why” we do things and the rationale behind it adds understanding to our faith.

Moving ahead, we are going to take some steps designed to explain some of the meanings behind the things we do, which will shed light on our faith. One of these steps is a shift in the days we celebrate communion. For at least the next year we are going to celebrate communion on Sundays that are liturgically significant. This is a change that makes us more aware of the church calendar and enhances our awareness of Jesus' life and ministry.

This still works out to be monthly communion, but we are not going to always celebrate that sacrament on the first Sunday of the month. For example, in February and March we will have communion on the first Sunday because there are no significant Sundays in those months. Then, in April we will have two communions—one for Palm Sunday and one for Easter. As you can see, our communion will be linked with significant events in the church year and in the flow of the lectionary.

Together with the Worship and Music Committee we will explore what is liturgically significant about the Sundays on which we have communion. I will work to remind you about our place in the larger Church and how our common practices unite us with Christians throughout the world. Not only are we reviving a tradition, but we are also affirming our connectional nature with the larger church and being aware of how the gospel influences our lives.

*Pastor David*



#### **COMMUNION DATES APPROVED BY SESSION**

During the Session meeting on January 21, 2019 communion dates were approved as follows:

## **Sundays:**

Feb 3, 2019

March 3, 2019 – Transfiguration of the Lord

April 14, 2019 – Palm Sunday

April 21, 2019 – Easter

May 5, 2019

June 9, 2019 – Pentecost

June 16, 2019 – Trinity Sunday

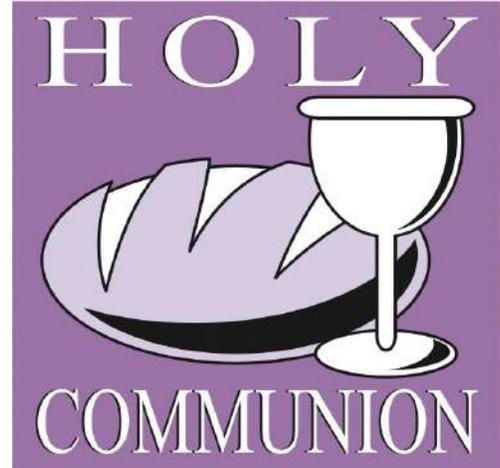
July 7, 2019

August 4, 2019

September 8, 20189

October 6, 2019 – World Communion Sunday

November 24 – Christ the King/ Reign of Christ



## **Other 2019 Worship Services**

Wednesday, Mary 6, 2019 – Ash Wednesday

Thursday, April 18, 2019 – Maundy Thursday

December 24, 2019 – Christmas Eve

**COMMUNION SERVERS NEEDED:** If you would like to help serve communion we need you! Please call the church office and let us know that you would like to be a part of this important service.

## **FLOWERS FOR MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES**



The following dates are still dates available if you would like to give altar flowers for morning worship service:

August 4

December 15

December 29

Acknowledgments will be printed in the Sunday bulletin. Flowers are delivered each week from the Sprinkling Can Florists, and you will be billed directly by the church. The total cost is \$30.00 for two vases of flowers. You may wish to take your floral tribute home following the services.

## **HELPING WITH OUR WORSHIP: FEBRUARY 2019**

**USHERS:**

- 3: Paul & Becky Yoder
- 10: Kevin Bassett, Mark Bassett, Bill Bassett, Myron Wentworth
- 17: Paul & Leah Watson
- 24: Hilda Kennedy and Jan Nagel

**ACOLYTES:**

- 3: Gabe Ackerman
- 10: Aidan Smith, Marcus Smith
- 17: Evan Zielke
- 24: Isabella Gettys

**LITURGIST:** Julia Nixon

**COMMUNION SERVERS:**

- 3: Leah Watson, Carl Smith, Julia Nixon, Barbara Morrow, Joe Dick

**FLOWERS:**

- 3: Susan Buttermore
- 10: Carl & Melinda Smith
- 17: Norm & Peg Yoder
- 24: John & Linda Jackson

**we can  
help**

Would you like to be a liturgist during the worship service? Pastor David would like to encourage anyone that has an interest in serving the Lord and your church sign up to be a liturgist. The responsibilities are very easy, are just a one month commitment, and he will be glad to work with you if you are unsure of what to do. Please call the church office and let us know that you are interested. We have the following months available: June, August, September, October and November.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ at Auburn Presbyterian Church,

Thank you for providing me and the other staff members with a very generous and thoughtful Christmas bonus gift again this year. It is greatly appreciated, as is your continued support and encouragement to me and the Chancel Choir.

May God grant us all a new year filled with His joy, love and peace!

Sincerely, Judy Rhoades



On Sunday, January 13, 2019 the following individuals were ordained/installed as new officers.



Elders (Class of 2021): Richard Reichard, Melinda Smith, Norm Yoder  
 Deacons (Class of 2021):, Jim Nixon, Veronique Poudrier,  
 Jr. Deacon (Class of 2019): Marcus Smith  
 2019 Leadership Development Team: Polly Bassett, Peggy Jones  
 APC Foundation Board (Class of 2021): Barbara Pietracatella, (Congregational Rep.)

Cherri Wolf and Joey Aiken were unavailable to attend on the 13th so they will be installed as Deacons at a later date.

**2019 ELDERS ON SESSION**

<u>Class of 2019</u>	<u>Class of 2020</u>	<u>Class of 2021</u>
Susan Buttermore	Joe Dick	Richard Reichard
Jerri Imus	Barbara Morrow	Melinda Smith
Marjorie Reinsch	Julia Nixon	Norm Yoder

**2019 DEACONS**

<u>Class of 2019</u>	<u>Class of 2020</u>	<u>Class of 2021</u>
Cheryl John	Katherine Bassett	Joey Aiken
Lisa Magsamen	Christine Cross	Jim Nixon
Sue Peterson	Carl Smith	Veronique Poudrier
Linda Pulver-Jackson	Leah Watson	Cherri Wolf

**JR DEACON:** Marcus Smith

**TREASURER AND CLERK OF SESSION:**

During the Session meeting on January 21, Barbara Bushnell was re-elected as Treasurer of Auburn Presbyterian Church for 2019 and Kay Finchum was re-elected as Clerk of Session of Auburn Presbyterian for 2019. A special thank you to both of these women, for their service and dedication to the church for many years.

A special "Thank-you to the following who served their 3 year commitment and went off in 2019 as an officer of the church:

- Elders: John Jackson, Peggy Jones, Stan Lowe
- Deacons: Nancy Clark, Ray Smith, Kathie Wentworth, Jeff Zielke
- Jr. Deacon: Isabella Getty (serving 1 year of 2018)



I would like to thank everyone in the church for all your concerns, prayers, cards and encouraging words while I was in the hospital and during my illness. It means the world to me to have such a loving and caring church family.  
 Sincerely,  
 Joey Aiken

We're excited to offer a strong February line-up of classes. As usual, class will meet in the lounge immediately after worship – with one exception. On Feb. 24, class will meet in the back of the sanctuary. That day we take people on a walking tour of our building – an art/architectural tour to celebrate our church's 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Feb. 3: Ministry, Social Justice and a New Generation of Leaders. Join us as we welcome Zach Heimach, a recent graduate of Louisville (Presbyterian Theological) Seminary. Zach, who grew up in our church, will share his thoughts about how the church at large can best speak to millennials on issues they care about, especially issues relating social justice.

Feb. 10: An Enduring Partnership – Our Church and the Scouts. On this Scout Sunday, Scout members and leaders will participate in our worship service and then join us in the lounge, where they will discuss the rich history of our church's partnership with Scout troops – a history that dates to the 1930s. Treats will be served.

Feb. 17: Called to Serve/Mission in Action in Florida. Nancy Beedy Clark will discuss her experiences last October and November as she volunteered with the Red Cross to help with "mass sheltering" in Florida's Panhandle in the immediate aftermath of Hurricane Michael. She gave up two weeks of her time to serve vulnerable hurricane victims – and she received, as she'll explain, much in return.

February 24: Nooks, Crannies, and a Building Full of Beauty. Join us for a walking tour of our church focusing on its architecture, arrangement of the chancel, art-glass windows, symbolism behind the furnishings, various paintings/artwork within building, church expansion and explanation of how the floorplan changed over the years. Meet in the back of the sanctuary immediately after worship. This tour is one of many activities planned this year as we celebrate our church's 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

## **FROM THE CE DIRECTOR:**

I hope this month finds everyone warm and safe, as we move into this year. The Youth will be focusing on the Chapter of Luke this Month.

The youth will be kicking off our 175th Anniversary Celebration by hosting a Spaghetti Dinner on February 23rd from 5-7 pm. We hope to have a great turn out. Tickets will be on sale for \$10.00 a piece . We will also have a bake and craft sale during this time. Please invite friends and family. The youth are working hard to make this a great public event to celebrate our church.

God Bless,  
Kari

