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JANUARY NEWSLETTER 2020

NOTES FROM SESSION...

Per Capita is assessed on the number of active members on the church's roll. Each governing body beyond our Session determines how much Per Capita it will assess the membership. For next year, our church **Per Capita Apportionment is: \$42.00 per member**. You may make your checks out to the Auburn Presbyterian Church and either mail to the church office or drop in the offering plate. Be sure to mark at the bottom of your check "per capita" so the treasurer will apply the funds appropriately.

THE CALL OF THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:

The Annual Congregational meeting of the Auburn Presbyterian Church will be held in Fellowship Hall on Sun., January 26, 2020 for the purpose of receiving annual committee reports, receiving the 2019 budget, and transacting any other business that may properly come before said meeting. A meal will precede the actual business meeting. Officers and anyone who has to submit a report for our **2019 Annual Report**, please have it to the church secretary no later than January 14.

NEW OFFICERS FOR 2020:

A unanimous ballot was cast for the following officers for 2020 during the congregational meeting which was held on Sunday, November 10, 2019:

Elders (Class of 2022): Mark Bassett, Jan Nagel, Mary Wilson

Deacons (Class of 2022): Theresa Clark, Tim Miller, Joyce Phillips, Ray Smith

Jr. Deacon (Class of 2020): Marcus Smith

2020 Leadership Development Team: Susan Buttermore, Nancy Beedy Clark

APC Foundation Board (Class of 2022): Peggy Jones (Congregational Rep.), Jan Nagel (Session Rep.)



INSTALLATION/ORDINATION OF NEW OFFICERS: January 12, 2020 is the date set for the installation/ordination of new officers. Please mark your calendars!

FROM THE PASTOR:

Brothers and Sisters-I hope you are all caught up in Christmas preparations. I had an interesting thought about my own preparations this week.

We are in the season of Advent. This is a time of preparation in which we are getting ready for the coming of the Lord—the first or second coming, however you think about it. Anyway, the season in and out of the church is all about getting ready. It's no wonder we're busy!

I know when I'm getting ready for something it's a really busy time. It seems like there is always something else to do or something I have to run to the store and pick up. This is the stress I have preparing for something as simple as a small gathering. It's no wonder we're busy during this time. We are in the process of getting ready for what is arguably the largest event in our lives. We are preparing for God!

I know a lot of us think that our preparation for Advent should be solemn, thoughtful, and prayerful. I don't want to discourage you in those practices, but I want to encourage you to find God in the busy-ness of life. Not that the season is about stuff, but the season is about the journey. God's Spirit is at work in the Krogers, Walmart, and Macy's, no matter how rushed we are. God waits for us at work as we grind through those final tasks before year end. Advent is an opportunity to be especially aware of how God is working in our world. In fact, it is the individual practices that prepare us to see and join in God's work in our lives.

I hope you are busy during this Advent season. I hope you are preparing inside and out to encounter God's presence. However, I hope you don't let all this preparation be for nothing. God's Spirit is bubbling up all around us and God is calling us to a new awareness and a greater participation. We're invited to be a part of the divine drama that surrounds us.

Behold, I am doing a new thing. Do you not perceive it?

Shalom, *Pastor David*

THE 175th WRAP-UP – AND A BIG THANK YOU!

Many thanks to the entire congregation for supporting the programs and activities associated with our church's 175th anniversary celebration in 2019. The grand finale weekend of Dec. 7-8 was especially memorable, with more than 70 people attending Saturday night's concert by the New York City-based jazz trio, which included Pastor David's son Jonathan Gardner. Sunday was equally memorable as congregation members lined up at the start of worship to ring the church bell 175 times (members were so enthusiastic that the bell was actually rung more than 200 times). Joining us in worship that day were members of LaGrange Presbyterian Church, which also celebrated its 175th anniversary in 2019. Following worship, members gathered in Fellowship Hall for more celebrating – with party hats and balloons, a delicious lunch, and a beautifully decorated cake.



As a gift to commemorate the anniversary, Boy Scoutmaster Tom Bassett arranged for a flag from the U.S. Capitol to be given to Auburn Presbyterian. During the party, David John presented the flag, properly folded in a wooden case, to Pastor David. The case will be displayed in the newly painted room outside the treasurer's office.

The church 175th anniversary committee included: co-chairs Kari Ackerman and Barb Morrow, Jerri Imus, Susan Buttermore, Janet Nagel, Julia Nixon, Rachel Roberts, Nancy Derrow, Polly Bassett, Melinda Smith, Veronique Poudrier, Isabella Gettys, and Cherri Wolf.

Look for the updated church history book, compiled for the 175th celebration, to be released in early 2020.

Presbyterian Womens Circle will meet at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, January 8 in the church lounge. Lesson five will be given by Cheryl John. Lunch out after is an option.

Don't miss out on our special Anniversary Edition - Celebrating 175 Years! We still have a few cookbooks left to sell. The cookbooks are filled with many wonderful recipes and are available to purchase at a cost of \$15.00 each. If you would like to purchase one, contact Barbara Bushnell or the church office. Checks need to be made out to Auburn Presbyterian Women.

Our **2020 Calendars** have arrived from Pinnington-McComb Funeral Home. Please help yourself to as many as you like. They are located at the back of the sanctuary.

FLOWERS FOR MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES

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.

AVAILABLE DATES FOR 2020:

JANUARY: 12, 19, 26

MARCH: 1, 8, 15

MAY: 10, 24, 31

JULY: none available

SEPTEMBER: 6, 20, 27

NOVEMBER: 8

FEBRUARY: 16, 23

APRIL: 12, 26

JUNE: 7, 14, 21, 28

AUGUST: 2, 9, 16, 30

OCTOBER: 11

DECEMBER: 13

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Class will resume on January 12. Please join us in the lounge after worship as we welcome guest speakers, exchange points of view on contemporary issues, and engage in stimulating conversation. Looking forward to seeing you. All are welcome!

ANGEL TREE WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!

Many thanks to all that took a name from the Angel Tree this year. What a blessing it is to see how everyone joins together to help make someone else Christmas a little brighter!

Special thanks to the Mission Committee and John and Linda Jackson for the delivery of all the gifts!



NEW 2020 SCHEDULED FOR OUR ACOLYTES AND USHERS:

ACOLYTES:

15: Kay Finchum, Troy Ackerman
22: Ross & Nancy Clark
29: Don & Nancy Derrow

JANUARY:

5: Aidan Smith
12: Eva Hoolihan
19: Aadon Beck
26: Gabe Ackerman

APRIL:

5: Mark Bassett, Polly Bassett
12: David & Cheryl John
19: Paul & Becky Yoder
26: Judy Ditmars, Hilda Kennedy

FEBRUARY:

2: Aidan Smith
9: Marcus Smith
16: Eva Hoolihan
23: Aadon Beck

MAY:

3: Doug Morrow, Joe Dick
10: Vinnie & Barbara Pietracatella
17: Kelli & Jeff Johnson
24: Ruth Randinelli, Joey Aiken
31: Jim & Rachel Roberts

MARCH:

1: Isabella Gettys
8: Gabe Ackerman
15: Marcus Smith
22: Eva Hoolihan
29: Sylvia Benbow

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12: Gabe Ackerman
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MAY:

3: Sylvia Benbow
10: Marcus Smith
17: Aadon Beck
24: Isabella Gettys
31: Aidan Smith

USHERS:

JANUARY:

5: Carl & Melinda Smith
12: Kevin & Stasia Bassett
19: Peggy Jones, Dick Reichard
26: Cherri Wolf, Tim Miller

FEBRUARY:

2: Joyce Phillips, Polly Bassett
9: David & Veronique Poudrier
16: Teresa Clark, Jan Nagel
23: Bill & Kathryn Bassett

MARCH:

1: Doug Morrow, Dick Reichard
8: Sue Peterson, Ed Benbow

If anyone would like to be a liturgist or serve communion during the year please call the church secretary and let you know and she will get you on the schedule. Or if you would like to be an usher and did not see your name on the usher scheduled let the secretary know as well.

Again, we thank all of you for your commitment to the church!