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PASTOR'S COLUMN

REV. DR. ROBERT COOK *Interim Pastor*

In leu of a Pastor's Pen this month, I thought this article is worth reading and sharing with all of you. Enjoy. –Pastor Bob

"Mr. Tayer" by Jean Houston

When I was about fourteen I was seized by enormous waves of grief over my parents' breakup. I had read somewhere that running would help dispel anguish, so I began to run to school every day down Park Avenue in New York City. I was a great big overgrown girl (5 feet eleven by the age of eleven) and one day I ran into a rather frail old gentleman in his seventies and knocked the wind out of him. He laughed as I helped him to his feet and asked me in French- accented speech, "Are you planning to run like that for the rest of your life?"

"Yes, sir" I replied. "It looks that way."

"Well, Bon Voyage!" he said.

"Bon Voyage!" I answered and sped on my way.

About a week later I was walking down Park Avenue with my fox terrier, Champ, and again I met the old gentleman.

"Ah." he greeted me, "my friend the runner, and with a fox terrier. I knew one like that years ago in France. Where are you going?"

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"Well, sir." I replied, "I'm taking Champ to Central Park."

"I will go with you." he informed me. "I will take my constitutional."

And thereafter, for about a year or so, the old gentleman and I would meet and walk together often several times a week in Central Park. He had a long French name but asked me to call him by the first part of it, which was "Mr. Tayer" as far as I could make out.

The walks were magical and full of delight. Not only did Mr. Tayer seem to have absolutely no self-consciousness, but he was always being seized by wonder and astonishment over the simplest things. He was constantly and literally falling into love. I remember one time when he suddenly fell on his knees, his long Gallic nose raking the ground, and exclaimed to me, "Jeanne, look at the caterpillar. Ahhhh!" I joined him on the ground to see what had evoked so profound a response that he was seized by the essence of caterpillar. "How beautiful it is", he remarked, "this little green being with its wonderful funny little feet. Exquisite! Little furry body, little green feet on the road to metamorphosis." He then regarded me with equal delight. "Jeanne, can you feel yourself to be a caterpillar?"

"Oh yes." I replied with the baleful knowing of a gangly, pimply faced teenager.

"Then think of your own metamorphosis." he suggested. "What will you be when you become a butterfly, une papillon, eh? What is the butterfly of Jeanne?" (What a great question for a fourteen-year-old girl!) His long, gothic, comic-tragic face would nod with wonder. "Eh, Jeanne, look at the clouds! God's calligraphy in the sky! All that transforming. moving, changing, dissolving, becoming. Jeanne, become a cloud and become all the forms that ever were."

Or there was the time that Mr. Tayer and I leaned into the strong wind that suddenly whipped

through Central Park, and he told me, "Jeanne, sniff the wind." I joined him in taking great snorts of wind. "The same wind may once have been sniffed by Jesus Christ (sniff). by Alexander the Great (sniff), by Napoleon (sniff), by Voltaire (sniff), by Marie Antoinette (sniff)!" (There seemed to be a lot of French people in that wind.) "Now sniff this next gust of wind in very deeply for it contains.. . Jeanne d'Arc! Sniff the wind once sniffed by Jeanne d'Arc. Be filled with the winds of history."

It was wonderful. People of all ages followed us around, laughing—not at us but with us. Old Mr. Tayer was truly diaphanous to every moment and being with him was like being in attendance at God's own party, a continuous celebration of life and its mysteries. But mostly Mr. Tayer was so full of vital sap and juice that he seemed to flow with everything. Always he saw the interconnections between things—the way that everything in the universe, from fox terriers to tree bark to somebody's red hat to the mind of God, was related to everything else and was very, very good.



He wasn't merely a great appreciator, engaged by all his senses. He was truly penetrated by the reality that was yearning for him as much as he was yearning for it. He talked to the trees, to the wind, to the rocks as dear friends, as beloved even. 'Ah, my friend, the mica schist layer, do you remember when...?' And I would swear that the mica schist would begin to glitter back. I mean, mica schist will do that, but on a cloudy day?! Everything was treated as personal, as sentient, as "thou." And everything that was thou was ensouled with being. and it thou-ed back to him. So when I walked with him, I felt as though a spotlight was following us, bringing radiance and light everywhere. And I was constantly seized by astonishment in the presence of this infinitely beautiful man, who radiated such sweetness, such kindness.

I remember one occasion when he was quietly watching a very old woman watching a young boy play a game. "Madame", he suddenly addressed her. She looked up, sur-

PROPERTY & MAINTENANCE

DAVID LINDECAMP *Moderator*

Several weeks ago, I was walking past the kitchen windows and glanced outside. It was a quick glance, but something caught my eye that I had to turn around and look again. Was I really seeing what I was seeing, or was it just hopeful imagination? It was the first hint of green, some buds were starting to emerge on the shrubs. I have to admit, there was a tinge of excitement at the first sign of spring. After weeks of cold temperatures and the gray skies of winter, I must say I look forward to the blessing of Easter and of spring. By the time you will read this newsletter, Easter will just have passed, spring will have just begun. May the new season be a blessing to all of you.

As one final reminder, please mark your calendars for the following.

**Saturday, April 6 th , 2024 at 9am
Spring Clean-up at the Church grounds
and Moss Spring Cemetery.**

A brief update on our activities:

PROJECTS STARTED:

- We have started to make repairs to the peeling and damaged paint on the stairwell from the west vestibule to the Social Room. This project has seemed to grow in magnitude from the start, so please have patience while we figure it out.

PROJECTS COMPLETED:

- As was mentioned last month, the annual inspection of our fire alarm system commenced in late February and was completed without any major issues. One power supply and four batteries needed to be replaced to keep the system functioning, and the church has already received the updated Inspection Certificate.
- With the completion of the air conditioning work in the education wing, the old portable window units were no longer needed. Since there was no apparent need or interest from anyone in the congregation, these units have been removed from storage and properly recycled.

Thanks to Brian Rice for his assistance in completing this task.

- We were notified of some issues regarding several of the door closures in the church. Adjustments and repairs have been made to the doors. With the age of the sanctuary and many structural elements, please use as much care as possible as many of these features are rather difficult to repair.

Until next month, Peace and Love in Christ!

One Great Hour of Sharing brings hope and healing to the most vulnerable

<https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/story/one-great-hour-of-sharing-brings-hope-and-healing/>

March 19, 2024 by by Emily Enders Odom

Annual offering helps restore lives and livelihoods across the U.S. and around the world

For Shawn Duncan, it's the little things — like getting a birthday card — that mean a lot.

Duncan, a military veteran living in Las Vegas, hadn't had a mailbox in years. Or a home.

The Michigan native had been struggling for years with homelessness and mental health issues — including PTSD — when a chance encounter on Facebook with his former youth pastor changed the direction of his life.

"I hadn't talked to him in years, but he called me and said, 'Hey, let's talk,'" Duncan recalled. "And we prayed. That's when he introduced me to Caridad and Merideth."

Caridad Gardens, a Las Vegas-based nonprofit dedicated to helping and "humanizing the homeless," offers job skills training and mental, emotional and physical wellness programs. Its founder, Merideth Spriggs, a former youth pastor, was once homeless herself.

Spriggs started the organization in San Diego not long after the university where she had been employed laid her off. As a result, she lost everything, including her home.

CLERK'S REPORT

JENNIFER ROBERTSON *Clerk of Session*

Greencastle Presbyterian Church REGULAR SESSION MEETING was held on February 8, 2024 in the Social Room at 6:31 p.m.

The meeting was opened by Moderator Reverend Dr. Robert Cook with the lighting of the candle by Ruling Elder Anne Larew.

RULING ELDERS PRESENT: Mindy Barnhart, Brian Keck, Anne Larew, David Lindecamp, Racheal Marconi, Jim Papa, Scott Peterson, Jenn Robertson, Ed Wine. **Clerk of Session:** Jennifer Robertson

Pastor Bob offered a devotion and prayer.

Session accepted the amended December, 2023 Financial Report Brian Keck presented an explained.

Financial Report

	DEC, 2023	AMENDED DEC, 2023
Beginning Balance	\$16,613.21	\$16,613.21
Revenue.....	\$22,537.44	\$22,537.44
Expenditures.....	\$19,814.64	\$19,939.64
Ending Balance.....	\$19,336.01	\$19,211.01

Clerk's Report ACTION. Approved amended minutes of the January 11, 2024 Regular Session Meeting; approved minutes of the January 23, 2024 Called Special Session Meeting; approved minutes of the January 28, 2024 Special Called Congregational Meeting. As of January 31, 2024 our Church Roll was 151. Worship attendance on February 4, 2024 was 81 with Communion received by all. Communion was served to Russ and Jane Everetts on January 23, 2024 by Mary Ann Ackerman and Deb Shank; to Bernice Walck on February 5, 2024 by Diane Mills and Deb Shank. **ACTION:** Approved Clerk's Report.

Financial Report January, 2024

Beginning Balance	\$19,211.01
Revenue.....	\$41,489.56
Expenditures.....	\$29,029.16
Ending Balance.....	\$31,671.41

ACTION. Approved January, 2024 Financial Report.

Technology: ACTION. Approved the expenditure of \$1,415.32 to TDP Trades, LLP of Harrisburg, PA for the installation of two screens in the Sanctuary; with one to the left and one to the right of the chancel.

Worship: ACTION. Approved Kelsey Marhsall, M. Div. for pulpit supply on May 5, 2024 and May 12, 2024. **ACTION.** Approved a combined Maundy Thursday service with Grace United Church of Christ in our Sanctuary. Pastor Bob will partner with Pastor Mark Ruzicka; Fred Davison will lead a combined choir for the service.

Christian Education: ACTION. Approved the Easter Sunrise Service to be performed by youth at 7:30 am on March 31, 2024. Location planned for the church grounds. In case of inclement weather, the service will be in the Sanctuary.

Mission: ACTION. Approved a privileged motion to approve a special collection for the Bentley family of Kentucky. Recommendation made to open the Angel Breakfast in December to the community.

Pastor's Report: Will be officiating two funerals on February 10, 2024. New member Sunday will be February 11, 2024; the Deacons have developed a mentoring program for our new members. Will be attending Boundary Training on March 7, 2024 as required by the Presbytery. Pastor Ron Martin-Minnick will serve as Moderator for the May 9, 2024 Regular Session Meeting.

Old Business: ACTION. Consensus on moving forward with the names of six (6) members to be removed from the membership roll. Clerk will gather input from Deacons at their February meeting before proceeding with a letter to each.

New Business: ACTION. Approved amending the Greencastle Presbyterian Church Bylaws to include information about 1. Electronic Meetings and 2. Virtual Motions. These amendments to the bylaws will be presented to the congregational membership for approval at the April 21, 2024 Annual Congregational Meeting.

Nominating Committee: Pastor Bob will continue discussions with Rev. Kristal Smith and Rev. Dr. Vern Gauthier for clarification on our next step for developing a Pastor Nominating Committee.

The meeting closed in prayer by **Moderator** Reverend Dr. Robert Cook and The Lord's Prayer in unison at 8:07 p.m.

GREENCASCADE-ANTRIM CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Tuesday, April 23, 2024
9:30 a.m.

Evangelical Lutheran Church
Memorial Fellowship Hall
130 N. Washington Street
Greencastle

Mike Straley

"Turning Pain into Passion"

- ◆ No reservations necessary
- ◆ Lunch optional
- ◆ Free-will offering

*All are welcome to attend
and bring a friend!*

MISSION COMMITTEE

CANDACE RUTHERFORD *Moderator*

Mission Committee Minutes — March 13, 2024

In attendance: Candace Rutherford, chair, Debra Miller, Pastor, Bob Cook, Mary Ann Ackerman, and visitor Scott Peterson.

The committee reviewed the 2024 budget and Missions Payment Schedule. Candace will ask Bonnie to provide her a quarterly email of the payment schedule.

Matthew Anderson Scholarship Fund - \$315 was donated to the fund on the special collection Sunday, 2-25-24. Candace reviewed that 5% of the investment fund is the highest amount of the investment fund that can be spent on the scholarship(s). The amount which can be given this year is \$1000 + \$3838.15 from the designated fund balance + investment fund up to 5%.

The committee discussed previous fundraisers for the scholarship fund which was the yard sale and discussed other fundraising possibilities. No decision was made as to a fundraiser.

Grace and Michael, missionaries, are moving to a safer place and are in need of financial help for moving. Debra made a motion to move \$350 from Designated Fund International Missions 850007 and \$150 donated by Pastor Bob to send \$500 to Grace and Michael. The motion was approved.

Scott, Chair of Outreach, spoke about possibly combining Outreach and Mission committees. Ideas for action, getting out into the community, were discussed. Scott will talk to session about combining these committees in June at the Elder/Deacon training meeting on June 13 at 5:30.

During the next meeting, the committee will review the MASF scholarship applications and choose the recipient(s).

The committee discussed May 19 as a date to invite the winners of the MASF to worship.

Pastor Bob closed the meeting in prayer.

Next Meeting — April 10, 2024 at 7:00 PM.

Submitted by Mary Ann Ackerman

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

ANNE LAREW *Moderator*

Our committee has worked over the last six weeks to fill vacancies on the Session and the Board of Deacons, as well as nominating members-at-large on next year's Nominating Committee. You will see their names and short biographies below. This slate will be presented for a vote at the Congregational Meeting scheduled for Sunday, April 21 after worship.

Our bylaws state that we may be flexible in the number of elders and deacons who serve in a given year. We still have a one-year term for Deacon that is vacant due to a resignation. We will ask for nominations from the floor, or, if you feel a call to fill this vacancy, please approach any member of the Nominating Committee.

— ELDERS —

JOANNE LEWIS

Hello! My name is JoAnne Lewis and I have been attending GPC for just over a year or so. I am honored to have been nominated to become an Elder. I moved to Greencastle from California four years ago, I was searching for a church home. Thanks to Jan McClain for introducing me to GPC and the community that embraced me from day one! Over the past year, I have worked on worship, special events and volunteered for the Thanksgiving meal prep event.

CAROLE LONG MALIN

I was born in Cumberland, Maryland. Growing up our family was active in the Evangelical United Brethren Church (EUB). I graduated from Frostburg State University. For over 40 years I was in the healthcare field as a Nursing Home Administrator and as Chief Operating Officer of Social Services agencies in Maryland and Central Pennsylvania. With my husband, David Rutherford, moved to Greencastle in 2005 and joined GPC in 2022.

DEE PATTON

I'm Dee Patton. I would like to be one of your Elders. My husband, Dan, and I joined the Presbyterian Church in 1991. I was a Deacon, a Sunday School teacher, director of the Children's music, played bells, and was part of the Special Events committee. After a short absence from the church, we once again became part of this congregation in 2019. I once again became a Deacon, play the bells and am part of the Special Events committee. We have a 32 year old son, Rob, a 28 year old daughter, Jen, and a 2 year old granddaughter named Emry.

— DEACONS —

POLLY COULTER

I am Polly J. Coulter. I have been attending GPC for going on 2 years now and became a member in February officially. Whether it's been volunteering at Bible Camp, Food Pantry, Sunday school, joining in special services, prayer group, Bible studies or attending church on Sunday; I truly believe that I am where I belong to do God's work as a Deacon for our church. My husband, Tony, and I are both originally from Ky. currently living in WV. I am the proud mother of 2 sons, 2 daughters-in-love, and 3 grandsons. I am a retired 30+year educator. At my previous churches, I have served on Building & Grounds, Bible School, Education, Special Events and Watch Night Committees. I look forward to many years in service with my GPC family.

KELLY KERSTETTER

My name is Kelly Kerstetter and I have been a member of GPC for the past 25 years. I am looking forward to serving on the Board of Deacons. I have previously served as an Elder and spent many years teaching Sunday School and helping with Youth Group. I play in the bell choir and am heading up the Ladies Night out group. My husband Matt and I have been married for 36 years and have 2 daughters. I am a Medical Laboratory Technician at Chambersburg Hospital for the past 36 years.

DEBRA MILLER

My family moved from Hagerstown to Greencastle in 2006. I came to GPC by way of The Presbyterian Church and Covenant Presbyterian Church in Hagerstown, where I was ordained and installed as deacon and elder. Along with my family, we joined the congregation of GPC in 2022. My husband, Albert and I have been married for 49 years. We have three children, Andrew, David and Jennifer, one grandson, Aiden, and four granddaughters, Laiken, Aubrey, Reagan and Madeline. I enjoy reading and camping with the family. I have been asked to serve a 3-year term on the Board of Deacons.

GINNY VALLILLO

I have lived in Greencastle with my husband, Tony, for 12 years. We have traveled a good deal and lived in many places over the years and we are happy to be settled in Greencastle. I have been involved in church work for many years. I served as a Treasury Secretary and Sunday School Teacher at the Woodbury Methodist Church, Woodbury CT. I also served as a Deacon at both Seaside Presbyterian Church in Milford, CT and Central Presbyterian Church, Chambersburg, PA. At Central Presbyterian, I became a Stephen Minister and served the Congregation in that capacity. I hope to continue this ministry at Greencastle Presbyterian Church.

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE**SUE BELL**

I became a GPC member when I moved to Greencastle in 1987. I have had the privilege of serving as an elementary Sunday School teacher, coordinator of the Women Of Faith Women's group, a volunteer Parish Nurse for 30 years and also as a Deacon. I have already served several terms as a member of the nominating committee and look forward to continuing to serve in this capacity.

SHEILA GATES

I will be serving a second year on the Nominating Committee as a member-at-large. I have previously served two consecutive terms on Session. My husband Gabe and I have attended GPC since 2006. We are parents of two children and are known as Buddy and Gigi to five wonderful grandchildren.

ALBERT MILLER

I grew up near Fairfield VA, attended Virginia Tech and graduated with a degree in Civil Engineering. After marrying Debra, we moved to Hagerstown where we've raised three children. We were members of The Presbyterian Church in Hagerstown where I was an ordained Elder and later were members of Covenant Presbyterian Church. We moved to Greencastle in 2006 and joined GPC in 2022. Also in 2022, I was elected as a Councilperson for the Borough of Greencastle. I have been asked to serve as a member-at-large on the Nominating Committee.

MARCIE TINNINIS

My name is Marcie Tinninis and I will be completing my third year as member-at-large. I have served as a Deacon (6 years), taught Sunday School with Sue Bell (Hi Bryan) for many years, helped with Community Camp each year and have also helped with a multitude of Youth Group activities as well as the food pantry. Chuck and I have a large family, 7 children, (4 with spouses/partners) and 4 grandchildren, all who fill our days with much joy.

Thank you to all who have discerned a call to serve GPC at this time.

2023 GPC Nominating Committee
Ben Herrmann, Brian Rice, Marcie Tinninis,
Sheila Gates, Kelly Kerstetter, Albert Miller,
Anne Larew, Moderator

**APRIL
LITURGISTS**

- 4/7 Jan Eppleman (no communion)
- 4/14 Anne Larew
- 4/21 Liam Papa
- 4/28 David Rutherford

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prised that a stranger in Central Park would speak to her. "Madame," he repeated, "why are you so fascinated by what that little boy is doing?" The old woman was startled by the question, but the kindly face of Mr. Tayer seemed to allay her fears and evoke her memories. "Well, sir," she replied in an ancient but pensive voice, "the game that boy is playing is like one I played in this park around 1880, only it's a mite different." We noticed that the boy was listening, so Mr. Tayer promptly included him in the conversation. "Young fellow, would you like to learn the game as it was played so many years ago?"

"Well. . .yeah. sure, why not?" the boy replied. And soon the young boy and the old woman were making friends and sharing old and new variations on the game—as unlikely an incident to occur in Central Park as could be imagined.

But perhaps the most extraordinary thing about Mr. Tayer was the way that he would suddenly look at you. He looked at you with wonder and astonishment joined to unconditional love joined to a whimsical regarding of you as the cluttered house that hides the holy one. I felt myself primed to the depths by such seeing. I felt evolutionary forces wake up in me by such seeing, every cell and thought and potential palpably changed. I was yeasted, greened, awakened by such seeing, and the defeats and denigrations of adolescence redeemed. I would go home and tell my mother, who was a little skeptical about my walking with an old man in the park so often, "Mother, I was with my old man again, and when I am with him, I leave my littleness behind." That deeply moved her. You could not be stuck in littleness and be in the radiant field of Mr. Tayer.

The last time that I ever saw him was the Thursday before Easter Sunday, 1955. I brought him the shell of a snail. "Ah. Escargot." he exclaimed and then proceeded to wax ecstatic for the better part of an hour. Snail shells, and galaxies, and the convolutions in the brain, the whorl of flowers and the meanderings of rivers were taken up into a great hymn to the spiralling evolution of spirit and matter. When he had finished, his voice dropped, and

he whispered almost in prayer, "Omega ...omega. . .omega.." Finally he looked up and said to me quietly, "Au revoir, Jeanne".

"Au revoir, Mr. Tayer," I replied, "I'll meet you at the same time next Tuesday."

For some reason. Champ, my fox terrier didn't want to budge, and when I pulled him along, he whimpered, looking back at Mr. Tayer, his tail between his legs. The following Tuesday I was there waiting where we always met at the corner of Park Avenue and 83rd Street. He didn't come. The following Thursday I waited again. Still he didn't come. The dog looked up at me sadly. For the next eight weeks I continued to wait, but he never came again. It turned out that he had suddenly died that Easter Sunday but I didn't find that out for years.

Some years later, someone handed me a book without a cover which was titled *The Phenomenon of Man*. As I read the book I found it strangely familiar in its concepts. Occasional words and expressions loomed up as echoes from my past. When, later in the book, I came across the concept of the "Omega point." I was certain. I asked to see the jacket of the book, looked at the author's picture, and, of course, recognized him immediately. There was no forgetting or mistaking that face. Mr. Tayer was Teilhard de Chardin, the great priest-scientist, poet and mystic, and during that lovely and luminous year I had been meeting him outside the Jesuit rectory of St. Ignatius where he was living most of the time.

I have often wondered if it was my simplicity and innocence that allowed the fullness of Teilhard's being to be revealed. To me he was never the great priest-paleontologist Pere Teilhard. He was old Mr. Tayer. Why did he always come and walk with me every Tuesday and Thursday, even though I'm sure he had better things to do? Was it that in seeing me so completely, he himself could be completely seen at a time when his writings, his work, were proscribed by the Church, when he was not permitted to teach, or even to talk about his ideas? As I later found out, he was undergoing at that time the most excruciating agony that there is—the agony of utter disempowerment and psychological crucifixion. And yet to me he was always so present—whimsical, engaging, empowering.

How could that be?

I think it was because Teilhard had what few Church officials did—the power and grace of the Love that passes all understanding. He could write about love being the evolutionary force, the Omega point, that lures the world and ourselves into becoming, because he experienced that love in a piece of rock, in the wag of a dog’s tail, in the eyes of a child. He was so in love with everything that he talked in great particularity, even to me as an adolescent, about the desire atoms have for each other, the yearning of molecules, of organisms, of bodies, of planets, of galaxies, all of creation longing for that radiant bonding, for joining, for the deepening of their condition, for becoming more

by virtue of yearning for and finding the other. He knew about the search for the Beloved. His model was Christ. For Teilhard de Chardin, Christ was the Beloved of the soul.

Years later, while addressing some Jesuits, a very old Jesuit came up to me. He was a friend of Teilhard’s—and he told me how Teilhard used to talk of his encounters in the Park with a girl called Jeanne.

JEAN HOUSTON
Pomona, New York March, 1988

Jean Houston is internationally known for her work in the field of human development. She is the author or co-author of many books. This story is reprinted from *Godseed: The Journey of Christ*

BOARD OF DEACONS

MARY ANN ACKERMAN

Moderator

Deacon Meeting Minutes — March 21, 2024

In attendance: Moderator Mary Ann Ackerman, Ben Herrmann, Louise Kemper, Evelyn Lindecamp, Kelsey Marshall, Diane Mills, Brian Rice, Candace Rutherford, Deb Shank, Rev. Dr. Robert Cook, Efren Creamer (sign language interpreter)

Brian opened our meeting with a devotion from Psalm 118, followed by prayer.

Pastor Cook reported on several Pastoral visits this past month. He shared too that his Bible Study at Brio is coming to a close and was well attended.

Diane reported that as of February 29, we have used 6% of our budget.

Care Cell reports were given. Easter cards and service reminders have been mailed. This month’s Communion flowers were delivered to Debbie Wine and Frank Tosten by Candace. Communion was served to Dan Patton by Pastor Cook.

New Business:

Mary Ann compiled a list of food expenses from the March 10 Deacon Luncheon, along with a suggestion of adjustments to make in the event we have the luncheon again next year.

Ben gave a nominating committee update. Three of the four deacon seats have been filled. Nominations will be taken at the upcoming Congregational meeting to fill the fourth seat which will complete our total of nine deacon seats.

Mary Ann shared recent prayer requests.

Deacon Sunday was discussed and it was decided not to plan for it this spring, but to revisit it again in the fall.

Louise closed our meeting with prayer.

Next meeting: Thursday, April 18, at 7 P.M.

April devotions and prayer: Ben

Easter Communion flowers: Diane

Coffee Hour: hosted by Care Cell 1 on April 28.

Joyfully submitted,
Deb Shank

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

KERI PAPA *Director of Christian Education*

MINDY BARNHART Moderator

Our next committee meeting is on Tuesday, April 2nd at 6:30pm.

Come share your ideas on how to improve our program! We are also well on our way to planning a great week of Community Camp for 2024. Your input is important.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

We as a committee are very appreciative of those people who have volunteered this year in the nursery or the Sunday School classroom. Our program cannot exist without volunteers! To the right are the links to the clearances if you haven't filled yours out yet. It is important that we have two people signed up to help each week or we risk having to cancel Sunday School that week.

<https://www.dhs.pa.gov/KeepKidsSafe/Clearances/Pages/PA-Child-Abuse-History-Clearance.aspx>

<https://www.dhs.pa.gov/KeepKidsSafe/Clearances/Pages/Criminal-Background-Check.aspx>

YOUTH GROUP

We are meeting on Sunday evenings at 6pm unless we have a special event for the weekend. All youth in grades 6-12th are invited and encouraged to join us. Our activities include Bible studies, games, mission & outreach work etc. We are also asking for guest leaders. If you have a special talent or idea to share with our youth, please see Keri.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOOD COLLECTIONS

Our Sunday School class will be collecting donations each month to give to the food pantry. This month we are collecting canned fruit & boxes of cereal. All items must be new, prepackaged items (no homemade treats). We'll have a plastic tub in the classroom.

COMMUNITY CAMP

Planning has begun. We need lots of volunteers to make this week happen. Camp will take place from June 17-21. If you'd like to be a part of this week, you can attend upcoming Christian Ed meetings (we work on camp during the first part of our meetings in case you don't plan to stay for the whole meeting). See Keri with questions. Last year we had 40 campers signed up with a few on a wait list. We are in need of many helpers to make this week happen and be a blessing to our community. There are volunteer forms outside the Sanctuary.



Thank you!

THANK YOU!

We appreciate your support of our Easter activities. Your donations of candy were enjoyed by many children. We are thankful for your attendance at the Youth Sunrise Service as well and the ongoing support of our youth programs.



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through
5th grade

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June 17-21, 2024

Greencastle
Presbyterian Church

Monday - Friday
8:30am - 3:00pm

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For more information or to register:
717-597-8333

TEA FOR TEAL

Sunday, April 14, 2024

The Blue Heron

Doors Open at 2 PM / High Tea Begins at 3 PM

\$45 per person



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OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

Marna Yingling recovering from COVID-19 *(submitted by Anne Larew)*

Becky Hess health concerns *(friend of Ed & Debbie Wine)*

June Marshall health concerns

Nancy McIntyre health concerns

Nursing Home Residents Herb Layton, Bernice Walck

Patti Sechrist health concerns *(submitted by Marcie Tinninis)*

Alan Shope health concerns

Tim Walck health concerns

Mary Lou Riddle health concerns *(submitted by Mary Ann Ackerman)*

Steven Bishop health concerns

Mindy Grosh health concerns *(Dick & Donna Grosh's daughter-in-law)*

Michael Paylor complications from leg amputation due to hit and run accident in 2012 *(cousin of Weslie Johnson)*

Linda Pittman health concerns *(submitted by Jan McClain)*

Rachael, Christopher & Anna Lee Massieu *(submitted by Evelyn Lindecamp)*

Mary Buhl health concerns

Cullen Gaston young child with Leukemia

Bob & Sandy Seidel *(submitted by Marcie Tinninis)*

The Gagne family mom was diagnosed with acute transverse myelitis *(submitted by Jan McClain)*

Bill & Kathy Kendall health concerns *(submitted by Weslie Johnson)*

Aaron Frick *(submitted by Mary Ann Ackerman)*

Ray Spitz *(brother-in-law of Ed & Debbie Wine)*

Sue Angle health concerns

Rev. Bill Beck *(submitted by Patti Divelbiss)*

Caroline Robinson going through chemo for leukemia *(submitted by Patti Divelbiss)*

Dian Bishop health concerns

Dan Patton health concerns

Vasilija Milanovic health concerns

Penny Mohler battling ovarian cancer *(submitted by Nancy Lee Moore)*

Tracey Hammond and family struggling with loss of a loved one *(Scott Peterson & Candace Rutherford's cousin)*

Bethany Yeager missionary work in South America *(submitted by Scott Peterson & Candace Rutherford)*

Cathy Thomas health concerns *(Beth Taylor's mother / submitted by Sheila Gates)*

Dominic Frampton health concerns

Bobbi Biesecker, health concerns

Sue Lum, recovering from broken kneecap *(Fred Davison's sister)*

Jan Shafer health concerns *(submitted by Patti Divelbiss)*

Rowan Stotler recovering from brain surgery *(submitted by Mary Ann Ackerman)*

Jane Everetts health concerns

Laura diagnosis of breast cancer, chemo *(submitted by Bonnie Speaks)*

Shawn Schaeffer *(submitted by Diane Mills)*

Sandra Meadows oral cancer *(submitted by Kim Tarlaglia)*

Frank Marconi knee replacement at age 84 *(submitted by Racheal Marconi)*

Frank & Tracey Toston health concerns *(submitted by Scott Peterson)*

Bill Horst health concerns *(submitted by Cindy Marconi)*

Colin Rinker health concerns

Tiffany Robinson health concerns

The Bentley Family displaced by house fire

Pastor Bob traveling mercies during upcoming trip

Good and gracious God, we surrender all worries and concerns to you. Knowing that we are your beloved children. Let us rest in our faith. Amen.

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"I realized if homelessness could happen to me, it could happen to anybody," said Spriggs, who moved Caridad to Las Vegas in 2013.

The street-centered V.I.P. "concierge approach" of Caridad Gardens is made possible, in part, through a grant from the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People (SDOP), which is in turn supported by Presbyterians' generous gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing.

For 75 years, its purpose of helping neighbors in need around the world has remained constant, giving the PC(USA) and other Christian denominations a tangible way to share God's love. In addition to SDOP, One Great Hour of Sharing also supports the ministries of the Presbyterian Hunger Program and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

Although the Offering may be taken anytime, most congregations receive it on Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday, which this year fall on March 24 and March 31, respectively.

"Merideth is not someone who is just talking about something," said Duncan. "She's actually doing something. She's not necessarily beating people over the head with the Bible; she's living it — walking the walk and treating people with kindness and respect. It gives me something to be a part of. It tells me something that I want to be."

As Caridad's mission continues to expand, the organization has added two new partners. Caridad assumed oversight of Hebron, a low-income housing complex for veter-

ans, people experiencing homelessness and seniors, and they gained use of a farm through the Las Vegas Rescue Mission.



Duncan is grateful to Caridad for providing him with stable housing and employment as well as for helping him get the counseling and medications he needs.

But for Duncan, it's the sense of community that is paramount.

"Meeting people and forming relationships, where we share common things — our struggle with mental health, our struggle with homelessness — we're able to support each other," he said.

Give to One Great Hour of Sharing to support Self-Development of People, the Presbyterian Hunger Program and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.



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Rev. Dr. Robert Cook
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Finance Manager

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Bryan Larew
Groundskeeper

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SESSION MEMBERS

Class of 2024
Mindy Barnhart,
Brian Keck, Jim Papa

Class of 2025
Anne Larew,
David Lindecamp, Ed Wine

Class of 2026
Racheal Marconi, Scott Peterson,
Jenn Robertson

BOARD OF DEACONS

Class of 2024
Mary Ann Ackerman,
Kelsey Marshall, Diane Mills

Class of 2025
Evelyn Lindecamp,
Brian Rice, Deb Shank

Class of 2026
Ben Herrmann, Louise Kemper,
Candace Rutherford



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| 1 | Mary Ann Ackerman |
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| 3 | Vasilija Milanovic |
| 6 | Ed Wine |
| 7 | Randy & Susan Miller |
| 8 | Dottie Davison |
| 8 | Anne Larew |
| 12 | Tony & Polly Coulter |
| 12 | Ashley Widder |
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| 18 | Deb Shank |
| 19 | Julie Craig |
| 19 | Rick McClain |
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| 21 | Dan & Dee Patton |
| 22 | Tylar Nitzke |
| 23 | Polly Coulter |
| 23 | Amber Kerstetter |
| 23 | Bonnie Speaks |
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| 24 | Morgan Johnson |
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**GREENCASTLE-ANTRIM
FOOD PANTRY**



717-597-8333 ext. 2

gafoodpantry@gmail.com

**Call or email to schedule a time
to drop off the food donations.**

Thursday, April 4

**NOTE TIME
CHANGE**

6:00 to 8:00 pm

Wednesday, April 10 & 17

9:00 am to 12:00 noon

CURRENT FOOD NEEDS

Cereal

Pasta sauce in cans or plastic

Canned fruit

Rice mixes

Canned pasta (*Chef Boyardee*)

Canned meats

Baked beans

Dry Pasta

Vegetables

Any non-perishable food items
are greatly appreciated.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED
SUPPORT OF THE FOOD PANTRY!**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 2024

Tue April 2

CHRISTIAN ED MEETING 6:30pm
WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING 6:30pm

Wed April 3

Wednesday Prayer Circle 9:00am
NO BELL OR CHANCEL CHOIR
Ladies AA Meeting 7:00pm

Thur April 4

Greencastle-Antrim Food Pantry 6:00pm

Sat April 6

Spring Clean-up at GPC and
Moss Spring Cemetery 9:00am

Sun April 7 *2nd Sunday of Easter*

Worship 10:00am followed by Coffee Fellowship
1st Sunday Food Drive
2023 Annual Report Distribution
Youth Group 6:00pm

Wed April 10

Greencastle-Antrim Food Pantry 9:00am
Wednesday Prayer Circle 9:00am
Bell Choir 6:00pm
Chancel Choir 7:00pm
Ladies AA Meeting 7:00pm
MISSION COMMITTEE MEETING 7:00pm

Thur April 11

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S MEETING 1:00pm
SESSION MEETING 6:30pm

Sun April 14 *3rd Sunday of Easter*

Worship 10:00am followed by Coffee Fellowship
Youth Group 6:00pm

Wed April 17

Greencastle-Antrim Food Pantry 9:00am
Wednesday Prayer Circle 9:00am
Bell Choir 6:00pm
Chancel Choir 7:00pm
Ladies AA Meeting 7:00pm

Thur April 18

BOARD OF DEACONS MEETING 7:00pm

Sun April 21 *4th Sunday of Easter*

Worship 10:00am
Annual Congregational Meeting following Worship
Dementia Caregivers 2:00pm
Youth Group 6:00pm

Mon April 22 Earth Day

Tue April 23

Greencastle-Antrim Christian Women's Fellowship
9:30am at Evangelical Lutheran Church

Wed April 24

Wednesday Prayer Circle 9:00am
Bell Choir 6:00pm
Chancel Choir 7:00pm
Ladies AA Meeting 7:00pm

Sun April 28 *5th Sunday of Easter*

Worship 10:00am followed by Coffee Fellowship
Youth Group 6:00pm

SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2024



NOTICE

The **2023 Annual Report** will be made available
to the congregation on Sunday, April 7



Annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled
for Sunday, April 21 following Worship Service.