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PASTOR’S COLUMN

REV. DR. ROBERT COOK *Interim Pastor*

It’s Hard Work Doing Nothing

While on a pastoral visit years ago, I sat with an 82-year-old lady on a July afternoon. It was a warm day with the sky as blue as God made it and not a cloud in sight. The lady I was visiting had worked hard all of her life in a sewing factory. In her day, a machine operator did piece-work. That is, they were paid by how many pieces were sewed in a shift. Years of doing piece work made her very conscious of being productive. Despite being long retired, being productive was so deeply ingrained that was just how she organized each day. She had to check things off from her to-do list.

She shared with me the many chores facing her each day. And then she expressed that some days she feels so tired that she can’t get anything done. I asked if taking an afternoon nap might be helpful. She looked as if I said something crazy and said, *“Oh pastor, I daresn’t nap! What if someone came to the door and found me napping?!”*

Doing nothing is a foreign concept to most of us. At best, it makes us feel lazy to relax when there’s a mile-long list waiting for your attention; at worst, you might beat yourself up about being lazy and wasting time as though there might be something morally wrong with taking time to rest and relax.

We are not human-doings; rather we are human beings. The operant word is not “doing”, but “being.” In the creation story in Genesis 1 and 2, God communed with Adam and Eve in the cool of the day. I like to think they gazed at the stars and listened to the night sounds. They soaked up God’s presence and felt the love which created all things living, including themselves. This was worth everything else and more to them. For, production was not what God desired of them. God created them for fellowship together. For that reason, worship is not about doing or performing. Rather it is about being together in God’s presence and soaking in that same love which God created us to receive and to give.

“...it is awfully hard work doing nothing,” as Algernon said in Oscar Wilde’s The Importance of Being Earnest. You may have to pause and think about it because we don’t do nothing very often. We tell ourselves that we feel better when we can look back on the day and say to ourselves that at least we accomplished something. When we are not working, we often feel that we should be doing something. We feel obligated to no one but ourselves to do something we can say is productive. If we are not being productive, we seem always to feel guilty about it—as if our self-worth is based on how much we can get done in a day, a year a lifetime.

Not only that, but our culture places a high value on busyness and quantifying what an employee can get done. We have translated that value into a moral virtue. Some actually work themselves to death trying to measure up to a standard God never intended for us. Again, we are human beings and not human doings.

The Gospel of Jesus is the best antidote to the cultural brainwashing we all have experienced. Here is a fact: Jesus did not invent the Protestant work ethic. Instead, Jesus teaches us to take time, become aware of God’s presence in the flight of the birds around us, the roar of the ocean, the majesty of the mountains and in the play of children. There is great value to resting, observing,

contemplating and listening to our own lives without a cell phone, or a podcast, or the news media blaring in our ears.



Jesus took time to sit quietly, without distraction in God’s presence. This is a method of prayer well worth emulating. At first it will be difficult. Of course, when you start, something akin to releasing a compressed spring seems to take place. Every random thought seems to jump up into our minds. Those who practice meditation call this our “monkey mind.” Bringing the monkey mind in control takes a bit of time. Don’t give up; give yourself time to learn the practice.

One way to control the monkey mind is by walking --prayerful walking. For example, dedicate your walk to praying for a particular person, or a situation or for greater insight. Stay with that thought for the duration of your walk. Another way is by focusing on your breathing. Sit comfortably, relax your shoulders, and count your breaths. Or, use the words, “breathe in, breathe out,” and repeat them to the rhythm of your breathing. Soon enough you’ll discover you don’t have to use the words, but you will clear your mind. Then, wait on God to speak. (*How will we ever hear God speak unless we offer a time of silence to hear?*)

This is not just something you do to check off your to do list. It is a way of getting in touch with yourself and God’s Spirit. It is a way to catch what is important and not urgent, for we know how the urgent is most often not even important. So many people I’ve known have reflected to me at the end

of their life about their regrets for not listening more, slowing down, being with those they love and enjoying their life.

Its summertime. Don't miss it. Don't miss the moments and days of your life. If you insist on living as a human doing, you'll never catch up with yourself, you'll never feel like you've finally done enough and you'll miss the blessings God wants to give to you. Nap, walk, taste your sweet tea, greet the morning sun and stand in the dewy grass and learn the call of the cardinals nesting in the trees. Slow down to watch the sun go down. Listen to the crickets, tree toads, and cicadas sing. Listen to your life. Discover how much glory God has given to this world. And hear in the beating of your heart how much you are loved.

– Pastor Robert Cook



CLERK'S REPORT

JENNIFER ROBERTSON *Clerk of Session*

GREENCASCADE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH REGULAR SESSION MEETING

April 11, 2024 at 6:30 pm in the Social Room

The meeting was opened by **Moderator** Reverend Dr. Robert Cook with the lighting of the candle.

RULING ELDERS PRESENT: Mindy Barnhart, Brian Keck, Anne Larew, David Lindecamp, Racheal Marconi, Jim Papa, Ed Wine.

Absent: Scott Peterson, Jenn Robertson

Secretary Pro Tem: Brian Keck

Ruling Elder David Lindecamp offered a devotion and prayer.

Clerk's Report: ACTION. Approved minutes of the March 14, 2024 Regular Session Meeting. Communion was served to Dan Patton by Pastor Bob Cook on March 27, 2024. Attendance at the combined Maundy Thursday worship service with Grace United Church of Christ was 78 with all celebrating Communion. Worship attendance on

Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024 at the 10:00 am service was 148, with Communion celebrated by 102. Forty people attended the Sunrise Service. We have received no communication from the following; each will be removed our roll effective today, April 11, 2024: Patrice Hellane Brown, Janet Belleau Miller, Brian Oliver, Katie Russell, Keith Russell, Sr. As of March 31, 2024 our Church Roll was 151. **ACTION.** Approved Clerk's Report.

Financial Report **March, 2024**

Beginning Balance	\$25,978.93
Revenue	\$24,530.94
Expenditures	\$19,431.24
Ending Balance.....	\$31,078.63

ACTION. Approved March, 2024 Financial Report.

Virtual Motions. ACTION. Approved cancelling the previously approved celebration of Communion on April 7, 2024, with Communion having been celebrated on March 3, 28 (Maundy Thursday) and 31 (Easter). **ACTION .** Approved Musselman's Plastering LLC to make repairs to the plaster in the west vestibule stairwell.

Notes: Scott Peterson completed Boundary Training on March 27, 2024; Sue Miller completed Boundary Training on April 10, 2024.

Worship: ACTION. Consensus to move Ordination and Installation to May 26, 2024.

ACTION. Approved the reallocation of funds budgeted by the Worship Committee to purchase carnations for Mother's Day and Father's Day celebrations to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program. **ACTION.** Approved a request to the congregation to make special offerings to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance on Mother's Day and Father's Day.

Christian Education and Mission: ACTION. Approved the celebration of GPC graduates and the recognition Matthew Anderson Scholarship Awardees on Sunday, May 19, 2024.

Moss Spring Graveyard Association: ACTION.

Approved motion to move to recess the Session Meeting at 7:40 p.m. for the Moss Spring Graveyard Association Directors Meeting.

ACTION: Approved expenditure of up to \$5,000 for surveying and recording fees with Frederick Seibert for the Moss Spring Graveyard property.

ACTION. Approved motion to return to Session meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Property and Maintenance: ACTION.

Tabled. Purchase of extension ladder.

Pastor's Report: Privileged Motion: ACTION.

Approved the recognition of Sue Miller, Office Manager, for her excellent work and dedication to Greencastle Presbyterian Church.

New Business: ACTION. Approved the agenda for the 2024 Annual Congregational Meeting by consensus.

Pastoral Call Process: There was extensive discussion regarding the Pastor Call process, including the financial projection that was prepared. An ad hoc committee (Mindy Barnhart, Brian Keck and Anne Larew) was established to develop a plan of meetings and other activities for presentation at the Annual Congregational Meeting on April 21, 2024. Session's goal is to complete membership solicitation and feedback during May with information presented to the Commission on Ministry by July 15, 2024, so that GPC is granted permission to proceed with a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC).

The meeting closed in prayer by **Moderator** Reverend Dr. Robert Cook and The Lord's Prayer in unison at 8:45 p.m.



CALLED ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION GREENCASTLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024 at 11:05 am

The Called Annual Meeting of the Congregation of the Greencastle Presbyterian Church was held on Sunday, April 21, 2024, in the church Sanctuary following the worship service. The meeting was opened with prayer by the Moderator, Rev. Dr. Robert Cook. It was established by the Clerk that a quorum was present.

Ruling Elder Brian Keck presented a review of the 2023 financial records and the 2024 annual budget with an offering for questions; none received.

Action: Approved 2023 Annual Report with no questions received. Gratitude extended to Elder Keck for his and the committee's stewardship of the church's financial resources.

Remembered our dedicated member Paul L. McClain who joined the Church Triumphant in 2023.

Ruling Elder Anne Larew, Moderator of the 2024 Nominating Committee, presented the following nominations for the Board of Deacons: Polly Coulter (Class of 2027), Kelly Kerstetter (Class of 2026), Debra Miller (Class of 2027), and Virginia Vallillo (Class of 2027); Ruling Elders: JoAnne Lewis (Class of 2027), Carole Long Malin (Class of 2027) and Dee Patton (Class of 2027) and for the 2025 Nominating Committee's Congregational Members -At-Large: Sue Bell, Sheila Gates, Albert Miller and Marcie Tinninis. Pastor opened nominations from the floor for an open, one-year Deacon appointment, no nominations offered. **Action:** Unanimously approved all as presented via voice vote.

Thanked with gratitude those concluding their terms of service: Mindy Barnhart, Brian Keck and Jim Papa as Ruling Elders; Mary Ann Ackerman, Louise Kemper, Evelyn Lindecamp, Kelsey Marshall and Diane Mills as Deacons.

Ruling Elder and Clerk of Session Jennifer Turner Robertson presented the following Bylaw Amendments for consideration and vote:

Electronic Meetings.

1. The Greencastle Presbyterian Church Session and Board of Deacons may meet by electronic means if all members eligible to participate and vote in such electronic meetings have reasonable notice of the electronic meeting and the ability to discuss, deliberate, discern the will of God, and vote on all business items. The quorum for such a meeting will be over fifty percent of the membership of the group. All electronic meetings shall use technology that allows for simultaneous visual and/or aural communications, with clear instructions that allow all to vote. Minutes shall be taken and distributed in the usual manner and shall indicate that the meeting took place electronically.

2. Committees of the Greencastle Presbyterian Church are likewise permitted to meet by electronic means, when called by the chair authorized to convene the meeting, following the same rules as outlined in 1 above.

3. Partial in-person/electronic meetings (where some of the meeting members attend electronically and some attend in person) are permitted when the same rules outlined in 1. and 2. above are followed.

ACTION: Approved by ballot vote: 41 votes received - 38 approved, 3 disapproved.

Motions-Voting by E-mail.

The Clerk of Session or Moderator of the Board of Deacons may call for an e-mail vote on a matter using sound judgment as to the nature of the matter. Those matters deemed as complicated or controversial shall not be voted on by e-mail. If any member of the specific group objects to voting by e-mail, no e-mail vote shall take place. All e-mail votes are to be taken using the following procedure:

1. The Clerk of Session or Deacon Moderator shall send an e-mail to each member of their respective

group advising them of the matter and asking for a vote by e-mail by using "reply all."

2. The Clerk of Session or Deacon Moderator shall set a deadline for receiving votes. If a voting member of a group votes after the deadline, such a vote shall not be counted. The vote total must be at least equal to the quorum for meetings established by the Board.

3. Once the Clerk of Session or Deacon Moderator has tallied the votes, he/she shall advise, by e-mail, the outcome to all the members of the group.

4. At the next regularly stated meeting of the Session or Board of Deacons, the minutes of the meeting shall reflect that an e-mail vote was taken on the specific issue and record the results.

ACTION: Approved by ballot vote: 41 votes received - 38 approved, 3 disapproved.

Ruling Elder Anne Larew, Moderator of the 2024 Nominating Committee presented an overview of the Pastoral Call process and work with the leadership of the Carlisle Presbytery to allow Greencastle Presbyterian to form a Pastor Nominating Committee. Pastor Bob reiterated his commitment to Greencastle Presbyterian and his assurance to continue to lead our church until a Pastor is selected and ordained.

No other business was presented for discussion.

The meeting was closed at 11:25 am by the Moderator, Rev. Dr. Robert Cook with all singing *The Doxology*.



**GREENCASTLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
REGULAR SESSION MEETING
May 9, 2024 at 6:30 pm in the Edwards Room**

The meeting was opened with the lighting of the candle.

RULING ELDERS PRESENT: Mindy Barnhart, Brian Keck, Anne Larew, David Lindecamp, Racheal Marconi, Jenn Robertson, Ed Wine.

Absent: Jim Papa, Scott Peterson

Clerk: Jenn Robertson

Ruling Elder Anne Larew offered a devotion and prayer.

Our substitute Moderator was not able to attend the meeting. With this being the case, the Ruling Elders took the opportunity to be together to discuss important issues.

The service of Mindy Barnhart, Brian Keck and Jim Papa was recognized as they complete their terms of service.

The meeting closed in prayer with The Lord's Prayer in unison at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully Attested by

Jennifer Turner Robertson, *Clerk of Session*

PROPERTY & MAINTENANCE

DAVID LINDECAMP *Moderator*

We certainly hope that you are enjoying the summer months and the activities that accompany the warm weather season. The church yard summer cleanup was held on Saturday, June 15th and a special thanks to Fred Davison, Bryan Larew, Brian and Bonnie Rice and Fred young for their efforts in keeping the property looking great.

A brief update on our activities:

PROJECTS STARTED:

As I mentioned last month, there are some other items that are in the quotation process that have not been presented yet for approval. More information will follow.

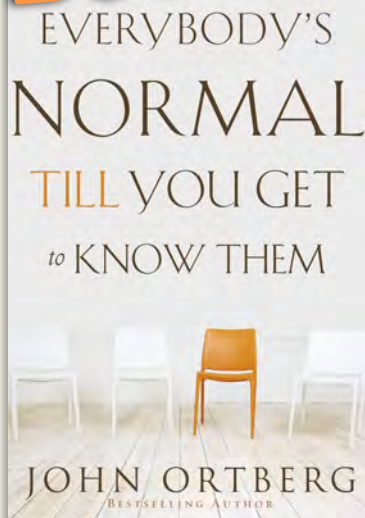
PROJECTS COMPLETED:

Premier HVAC Services visited in June to complete a maintenance check on our new mini-splits. There were no issues found and there was no charge at present for completing this service.

Until next month, Peace and Love in Christ!

Summer Book Study

**Thursday Mornings 9:30 AM
at the Greencastle Brio on Route 11**



Beginning July 11th, Pastor Cook will host a study group at the Brio Coffee shop. We will be using the book, *“Everybody’s Normal Till You Get To Know Them.”* The author, John Ortberg, with winsome humor and a fondness for well-spun stories, pops the myth of normalcy and hands us the keys to creating and sustaining relationships. “God’s dream for community encompasses the redemption of all spheres of life,” he says. Who doesn’t want to be liked; to be wanted; to have solid, satisfying friendships! Ortberg shows what such relationships are made of, revealing the benefits of authenticity—what it means to live with an “unveiled face,” as the Bible puts it. He encourages us to trade the stones it’s so easy to cast at others for acceptance. He opens our eyes and heart to empathy, the art of reading people. Ortberg takes us through the ins and outs of conflict, forgiveness, confrontation, inclusion, and gratitude.

Order your coffee, tea, latte and scone and grab a seat. You can order the book online; or just join in the dialogue. We will spend eight weeks on this study.

MUSIC PROGRAM AT GPC

DR. J. FREDERICK DAVISON *Director of Music Ministry*

GPC Bell Choir and Chancel Choir Gather to Close the 2023-24 Season

On Sunday evening, June 9 members of the GPC Bell Choir, the Chancel Choir, and pastor Bob gathered for a social outing to celebrate the end of the 2023-2024 Season. The event was organized and hosted by Mary Ann and Randall Ackerman at their home on McDowell Road.

Even though choir members see one another each week at rehearsals, it was wonderful to spend some down together without a music agenda. Those who were able to attend enjoyed delicious pulled pork and potluck cuisine on a pleasant evening in a meticulously maintained tree-canopied landscape. We all thank Mary Ann and Randall for their hospitality and generosity.

I wish to thank all those listed below for their participation singing and ringing at GPC this 2023-24 Season.



pictured above, back row: Rebecca Wertime, Margie Benson, Fred Davison, Matt Kerstetter, Becky Fic, Pastor Bob Cook, (Benny . . . squirrel!); *front row:* Mary Ann Ackerman, Patsy Lee, Dottie Davison, Dot Wilson, Kelly Kerstetter

GPC Bells

Mary Ann Ackerman
Polly Coulter
Jan Eppleman
Brian Keck
Kelly Kerstetter
Wanda Koons
Barry Leap
Kaylynn Leap
Dee Patton
Liam Papa
Dot Wilson

GPC Chancel Choir

Randall Ackerman
Margie Benson
Roberta Biesecker
Becky Fic
Barbara Grane
Donna Grosh
Brian Keck
Barry Leap
Patsy Lee
JoAnne Lewis
Rebecca Wertime
Dot Wilson



The 2024-2025 Season for Bell Choir and Chancel Choir will begin after Labor Day.

If you have an interest in singing or ringing, please contact Fred Davison. jfdavison50@gmail.com

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

KERI PAPA *Director of Christian Education*

As you may have heard, I will be resigning at the end of August. If you know someone looking for a part-time position as the Christian Ed Director, please have them contact the church office. I am thankful for the opportunity to serve this church and our community over the past 6 years. ~Keri

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

CHILDREN'S CHURCH We will resume in September. We will staff the **nursery** as able this summer for children **ages BIRTH THROUGH PRE-SCHOOL. Volunteers needed!** Older children are asked to stay in the sanctuary with their families. There are busy bags in the cabinet by the elevator if your child would like one.

YOUTH GROUP is also on break for the summer. As a reminder, when we resume meetings in the fall, meetings are for children in grades 6th-12th only.

COMMUNITY CAMP: Thank you, thank you, thank you! We are appreciative of the prayers, monetary donations, donations of supplies and many, many hours volunteered to help make camp

a success. The community is lucky to have such dedicated individuals.

FAITHFUL FAMILIES: Potluck Pool Party @ Moss Springs on Tuesday, July 30th @ 5pm. You do not need to be a Swim Club member to attend, but if you are, please inform pool staff upon arrival. We purchase guest passes for all non-pool swim club members to attend. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Hot dogs, steamers, drinks and paper products are provided. Lawn chairs are encouraged too.

Blessing of the Backpacks will take place on Sunday, August 18th during our regular church service.



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, July 3 • 6:00 to 8:00 pm

CLOSED JULY 4th

Wednesday, July 10 & 17 • 9:00 am to 12:00 noon

CURRENT FOOD NEEDS

CEREAL SOUPS
 PEANUT BUTTER VEGETABLES
 PASTA SAUCE IN CANS OR PLASTIC
 POTATO MIXES RICE MIXES DRY PASTA
 Any non-perishable food items are greatly appreciated.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE FOOD PANTRY!



JOYS, CARES, & CONCERNS

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

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*)

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

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

Dominic Frampton 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

Jean Zimmerman health concerns

Archer Hohl young child with seizures (*submitted by
Mary Ann Ackerman*)

The family of Keith Russell (*submitted by Jenn Robertson*)

Leona Cain health concerns (*Deb Wine's mother*)

Mary Steel health concerns

Happy Birthday

Rev. Dr. Julia Dawson turns 98 on July 9

June Marshall turns 93 on July 23

Bob Jones turns 93 on July 30

*May the good Lord bless you on your birthday, and
may your day be filled with joy and blessings.*

FROM YOUR GPC CHURCH FAMILY



BOARD OF DEACONS

DEB SHANK *Moderator*

Deacon Meeting Thursday, June 13, 2024

Notes of Discussion and Actions

7:00 pm Deb opened the meeting with prayer: "As we look to YOU..."

Deacons verified all received a 2024 photo directory draft in their mailbox

Welcome and introduction of deacons new to the board: Polly, Kelly, Debra, Virginia (**Ginny**)

Each Deacon shared personal stories & connected.

In attendance:

Care Cell 1: Ben Herrmann, Kelly Kerstetter, Virginia Vallillo

Care Cell 2: Deb Shank

Care Cell 3: Brian Rice, Candace Rutherford, Polly Coulter

Absent: Care Cell 2: Debra Miller

Volunteers for the following offices:

secretary (take meeting minutes, type and e-mail to Deacons, church office and Pastor Cook); **Ben**

purchaser (order cards and stamps for our card ministry; order Christmas ornaments). **Polly**

Deb will be filling the role of moderator and

Brian treasurer.

Report distributed to demonstrate 47% of budget is used.

Question about when funds will be replenished for the next year.

Review list of Deacon responsibilities: (handout page)

"Ways we share the love of Christ:"

"Additional ways we serve:"

Meeting dates

Discussion about meeting in July and August.

Confirmed: July 18

Wait and see...: August

Flower Delivery ministry and expectations

Shut ins who receive communion- Training TBD in coordination with Pastor Cook.

Directories and Structure of Care Cells

Care Cell 1: Ben Herrmann, **Kelly Kerstetter, Virginia Vallillo**

Care Cell 2: Deb Shank, **Debra Miller**

Care Cell 3: Brian Rice, Candace Rutherford, **Polly Coulter**

Discuss 2 column organization of those attending worship regularly and those not attending.

Discussion: care cell lists and any changes to be made???

Time to divide care cell members within your group

Discuss restructuring of Care cells and sharing members amongst Deacons

Navigate how to serve those not attending and delegate Deacon to each member

Look to connect those not attending with those who are regularly at GPC

This month-July, send note card to your care cell members introducing yourself

Suggested to pause on this action.

Candace will contact Office Manager, Sue Miller, to produce an insert for the card.

Develop an idea to include a picture of each Deacon and a preliminary message.

Discussion of how to best use a sticker or magnet to communicate with our members.

Check the July birthday list in the directory and send cards to your cell members

Also send cards for Christmas, Easter and grieving. We no longer send anniversary cards.

Discuss a need for new cards: provide a variety of messages rather than the same card each year.

Additional business:

Do we continue Google Docs for flower delivery and home Communion? Yes.

How do we handle boxed sympathy cards donated to the church? Discussion about a variety of resources that could benefit from this ministry.

Business for next month:

July Coffee Hour hosts:

July 21

Care Cell 1 (minus Ben, replaced by Brian)

Volunteer to deliver July altar flowers:

Ginny volunteered

Suggestions for those who receive this ministry:

Gratitude, birthday, anniversary, sympathy, struggling through adversity

Visit to the office/workroom: mailboxes, purchase orders, church note cards, file cabinet with Deacon materials (cards and stamps), church keys

Revisit a discussion about February Love Gifts: TBD

Visit to Sanctuary: to review altar flower delivery

July devotion and prayer to open our meeting:

Ben volunteered: "Sound Advice in a Noisy World" (June 13) by Tony Dungy from the daily devotional: *The One Year Uncommon Life Daily Challenge*

"A Deacon's Prayer"

Deb closed the meeting with prayer: "...catalysts for Christ's love."

8:45 Adjournment

Next Meeting: July 18, 2024 at 7:00pm – Edwards Room

Respectfully submitted:

Ben Herrmann

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 2024

Tue July 2

CHRISTIAN ED MEETING 6:30pm

Wed July 3

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

Thur July 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Sun July 7

Worship with Communion 10:00am

Coffee Fellowship / 1st Sunday Food Drive

Wed July 10

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

Thurs July 11

Summer Book Study at Brio Coffeehouse 9:30am

Sun July 14

Worship 10:00am followed by Coffee Fellowship

Wed July 17

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

Thurs July 18

Summer Book Study at Brio Coffeehouse 9:30am

Sun July 21

Worship 10:00am followed by Coffee Fellowship
Dementia Caregivers 2:00pm

Wed July 24

Wednesday Prayer Circle 9:00am
Ladies AA Meeting 7:00pm

Thurs July 25

Summer Book Study at Brio Coffeehouse 9:30am

Sun July 28

Worship 10:00am followed by Coffee Fellowship
Men's Corn Boil Picnic 5:00pm

Tue July 30

Pool Party at Moss Spring Swim Club 5:00pm

Wed July 31

Wednesday Prayer Circle 9:00am
Ladies AA Meeting 7:00pm

Servers & Liturgists

Servers July 7th – Brian Rice, Dee Patton,
Carole Malin, Mindy Barnhart

Liturgists for July

July 7 – JoAnne Lewis

July 14 – Luke Barnhart

July 21 – Debbie Young

July 27 – Randall Ackerman



GPC

JULY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Marcie Tinninis
- 2 Zachary Myers
- 2 **Paul & Mary Sauder**
- 4 Adelyn Dinsmoore
- 4 Page Etchison
- 4 Debbie Young
- 6 Isaac Seidel
- 7 Sue Bell
- 9 Rev. Dr. Julia Dawson
- 9 Kelsey Marshall
- 9 Liam Taylor
- 10 **Stanley & Sally Jo Bowser**
- 11 Phil Pearce
- 12 **Ed & Debbie Wine**
- 15 Berkley Johnson
- 19 Jim Papa
- 19 Colleen Seidel
- 20 Julia Herrmann
- 20 **George & Pamela Price**
- 21 Ben Herrmann
- 23 June Marshall
- 30 Bob Jones