

February 2020

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:

Kerry Levett 2/02
Joan Hladky 2/02
Jane Emmett 2/03
Emily Dayton 2/04
Marilyn Graham 2/04
Elaine Stewart 2/04
Luke Puskedra 2/08
Roberta Cooper 2/10
Eileen Sanders 2/10
Daniel Long 2/11
Marian Little 2/13
Virginia Robertson 2/14
Adam Marwitz 2/15
Scott Sanquist 2/15
Cindy Sanquist 2/15
Kathryn Cotton 2/17
Pat Diller 2/19
Bill Reynolds 2/22
Barb Mack 2/23
Sue Walker 2/23
Sophia Nance 2/25
Whitney Schaaf 2/25
Doris Hayes 2/26
Kelly Schukart 2/28
Carolyn Sinclair 2/29

From the Pastor:

Dear Friends,

As I've mentioned, I'm planning on starting up a mid-week Bible study at the church, most likely starting in late February. I got this idea after a few people mentioned that they missed having our Meet the Bible devotional readings and the weekly e-votionals (or email devotionals). Based on these comments, I decided that for 2020, I'll continue to offer weekly e-votionals for anyone who wants them (just email Brooke in the office). These weekly emails won't be as long as with Meet the Bible, and they will mostly be quotes from others that I forward along. While they won't be long, I think people sometimes enjoy just getting a thoughtful religious quote in the midst of their weeks.

As for the Bible Study, I initially wondered what subject or book of the Bible to cover. I knew I wanted it to be less of a straight Bible Study and more of a conversation and feeling of community that grew up around reading a book of the Bible together. For this reason, I decided to go with the book of Acts. I know some of you have already studied this book in other Bible Studies, but what I like about studying Acts is that the subject of the book and the main point of the group are similar. Acts describes the birth of the church and early Christian communities, and community is also what I hope our group is able to find.

Although I plan to have some lecture and content at the start of our group, my hope is that before too long, we just take turns reading the text and then looking for ways that we find our lives in the stories. I'm less interested in book knowledge and more interested in the way the Bible stories meet us in our everyday lives. I find Acts to be very contemporary in many ways, and it has a way of connecting with who we are as individual Christians and as a faith community.

My current plan is to meet twice a month. I'm still working on a time, but it will be mid-week sometime, probably meeting for about an hour and a half. My apologies if the time doesn't work for everyone, but I've found I usually just have to pick a time and go with it. Please remember there are other adult study options, such as Sunday morning adult education, as well as Presbyterian Women circles that meet regularly. My hope with all of these is that we will all find and experience community, even as we study it as a subject.

Blessings, David



SOCKS!!!

Lots of socks were donated for the Egan Warming Centers for those wet, cold nights this winter. Although it has been mild, there are still nights ahead when many will seek shelter with wet socks and cold feet. Your gifts will be used to warm their feet and comfort them.

The No Bell Prize

This is something for which we are definitely not competing! - - - the "no bell prize"! You may have noticed in recent months the smaller group ringing our beautiful hand bells in worship. In January, we played a piece requiring just six ringers. (There isn't a lot of music written for that size bell choir.) In February, we are grateful for a couple of ringers who stepped in temporarily to play the lovely medley of "shepherd" themes. The reduced number of ringers is due to attrition - people moving in different directions in their lives. What we need is for others to move in the direction of the bell choir! We urge you to pray for us and to talk among yourselves encouraging each other to come to Donna with fresh ideas, courage and a sense of adventure. The bell choir is intergenerational and only a basic acquaintance with music is necessary. Donna Snyder, 541-681-9247 dsnyderh2o@gmail.com

SUNSHINE IN FEBRUARY

It's time for our "SOUPER" Sunshine in February Fellowship Potluck. Please join us on February 16th from 5:30-7:00 PM for a fun, church wide dinner.

A variety of hearty soups will be provided and we ask that members and guests bring salads or desserts to complete the meal. Sign up will be available in the Narthex starting February 2nd. Let's take this opportunity to spread a little sunshine by getting to know someone new to you and/or new to the church. We hope to see you there!



"What Life Is Like, in Christ and in Church: Colossians, Ephesians, Philemon."

A Bible Class, Sundays after Worship, February 23-April 19. Led by Jack Maddex.

"Colossians and Ephesians are Bible gems of expression about what it's like to live "in Christ" and in his body, the church. Colossians is more a Christ-focused congregational letter, and Ephesians is more a church-focused essay. Both move from beatific visions of overarching theological realities to guidance for living in mucky social realities. Philemon is a personal-guidance letter written apparently in the same situation as the others. In searching these letters together, we'll seek to learn how, by God's power and grace, to connect the ideal and the practical."

The Minor Prophets?

Starting Jan. 5, "The Minor Prophets?" will be the Sunday morning Bible study at 11:15am led by John Mahon. This Old Testament will class will focus on the so-called minor prophets: Amos, Hosea, and Micah, and their relevance for today. Each class will look at a prophet or his message. This is an opportunity to discover what God may be speaking to us in our troubled time.

January 5	Historical Setting	Amos 1:1; Hosea 1:1; Micah 1:1; II Kings 14:23-15:20
January 12	Amos: The Prophet	Amos 7: 1-17
January 19	Amos: The Message	Amos 4:1-6; 5:18-24
January 26	Hosea: The Prophet	Hosea 1-3
February 2	Hosea: The Message	Hosea 4:1-10; 11:1-11
February 9	Micah: The Prophet	Micah 3: 5-8; Micah 2:1-6
February 16	Micah: The Message	Micah 4:1-4; 5:2-5; 6:6-8

FEBRUARY MISSION NEEDS DRIVE

February 9-19 is our Mission Needs Drive. We will be collecting items for numerous agencies. Below are lists of what each agency is collecting:

Gilham Elementary School Clothing Closet: New, unopened underwear (sizes 5T-Kid's XL), new socks (all kid's sizes), New or gently used light jackets or sweatshirts (5T and up)

Eugene Mission: Bedding (clean, and new or almost new): Twin sheets, pillow cases, blankets, quilts, pillows, Clothing (clean, and new or lightly used): Children's underwear, Clothing appropriate for teens, Men's dress pants & jeans, 34, 36, 38 waist, 32 & 34 length, Men's underwear, med, large & XL, Women's dress pants & jeans, all larger sizes, Women's underwear, all sizes, Coffee (caffeinated), Eating utensils, dinnerware, silverware. Furniture: dressers, lamps, end tables, decent chairs, rugs, Household goods, all types, including small appliances, Kitchen utensils, pots and pans, Washers and dryers.

First Place Family: Baby needs: disposable diapers (especially sizes 4,5,6) baby wipes, baby wash & baby bottles, Hygiene Items: soap, body wash, shampoo/conditioner, tampons/pads, deodorant, disposable razors, toothbrushes/paste, facial tissues, toilet paper, Laundry detergent pods, and dryer sheets, Bedding, Twin sheets, pillow cases, blankets, quilts, pillows, Eating utensils, dinnerware, silverware, Kitchen utensils, pots and pans, School supplies: binders & dividers, notebooks, graph paper, pens, pencils, scissors, colored pencils, folders with pockets, Paper towels, Trash bags (13 & 45 gal)

Sponsors: Backpacks, Clothing, Good raingear (for working outdoors) Men's dress pants & jeans, 34, 36, 38 waist, 32 & 34 length, Men's underwear, Socks, Winter coats, hats & gloves, Women's dress pants & jeans, all larger sizes Women's underwear, sizes 9, 10, 11 & 12, Kitchen utensils, pots and pans, Personal hygiene items: soap, shampoo, conditioner, tampons & pads, deodorant, makeup, facial tissues, cough drops, disposable razors.

ShelterCare Supported Housing/Hawthorn House: Lamps, Coffee tables, End tables, Sets of dishes, Pots and pans, Art supplies.

HIV Alliance: Socks, Razors, Stocking caps and gloves, Feminine hygiene products, Wipes, Sunscreen, Can openers, Water bottles, Sleeping bags, Tents and tarps, Backpacks, School supplies: Pencils, Notebooks, Backpacks, Pencil holders.

Square One Villages: Pain relievers, Umbrellas, Rain coats or ponchos, Rain pants, Sweatshirts, Large flat hot water bottles, Pillowcases to make rice bags for keeping warm at night, Toe warmers, Hand warmers, Winter gloves, 6-volt batteries, Fuzzy blankets.

Looking Glass, Station 7/New Roads: Personal hygiene items (unused): soap, shampoo, conditioner, tampons & pads, deodorant, makeup, facial tissues, disposable razors, toothbrushes, Sleeping bags, Clothing (clean, and new or lightly used) excluding underwear, Socks, shoes, shirts, pants, bicycles, pumps, blankets, board games, puzzles, books, brooms, mops, vacuum, duffle bags, silverware, dinnerware, cleaning supplies, hair brushes, combs, trash cans, luggage, microwaves, toasters, school supplies (all).

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

February 2, 2020 is our Annual Souper Bowl of Caring where Westminster's Youth ask that you bring in your canned and boxed foods for **GILHAM ELEMENTARY** and **SHELDON HIGH SCHOOL FOOD PANTRYS**. Last year we collected 330 cans and over \$150 in cash. Let's beat these numbers this year! Youth meet in the Youth Room by 9:30 am for donuts and to decorate!



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YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE:

February 23: Youth Group at 5:30 pm. We will have pizza, play games and plan the Youth Sabbath.

CONFIRMATION CLASS SCHEDULE:

February 9: Confirmation Class 6 starts right after Worship in the Youth Room until 1:00pm.

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REMINDER:

The 3rd SUNDAY of each month is our SHOPPING CART SUNDAY for: FOOD FOR LANE COUNTY

Please remember to bring in your canned and boxed food items. Every donation is very much appreciated !



WPC's Youth visited Northwest Burgers (in 5th street market) owned by a wonderful Westminster family, The Kirsch's. Felicia and Garrett's daughter, Eloise, is a part of our Youth Group and she made sure the group had a fantastic time. She gave us a tour of the restaurant and even taught us how to make delicious, hand-scooped shakes. Serving delicious foods, this place certainly won't disappoint. Go visit them for your next meal!

