



# January 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 	2	3 Morning Devotions	4	5	6	7 <i>Georgann Simmons</i>
8 <b>Baptism of the Lord Sunday-Communion</b>	9	10 Morning Devotions <b>Stewardship/Finance Comm.-6:30pm via – Zoom Teresa Harry</b>	11 <b>Worship Committee- 4:30pm</b>	12	13 <i>Teresa Eckman</i>	14 <i>Mary Louise Kistner Stone</i>
15	16	17 Morning Devotions  <b>Session-6:30pm</b>	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 Morning Devotions	25	26 <i>Chuck Denham</i>	27 <i>Audrey Light</i>	28
29	30	31 Morning Devotion	28	29	30	31

In the coming years we will be putting the Christmas candelabras up at the ends of the pews at the same time as Hanging of the Greens as it is an incredible amount of work to do to just have them up for Christmas Eve and it was felt by all that they do add so much to the seasonal beauty of the sanctuary

The subject of spouses serving on Session at the same time was brought to my attention by a church member and was discussed at the meeting. There is nothing in the Book of Order that says this is not permissible. There is also nothing in our Church Policy Manual that prohibits this. I had talked with Ed Thompson, our General Presbyter, about it prior to the installation of new Elders and he advised that while some may feel it is not ideal that there is no rule against it. This was simply the preference of a previous minister and there is no rule that says it cannot be done. Therefore, no changes will be made. I hope this eases any concerns that any of you might have had.

Session will meet again on January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Wishing all of you Gods' greatest blessings in the coming year! Let us all work together as He would have us do to accomplish great things in 2023! Thanks to ALL of you for all you do to support our church and each other!

Becky Allen

#### News from the Pastor Nominating Committee

The PNC is putting the final touches on the MIF (Minister Information Form). They will be meeting again in the new year with Ed Thompson to review this form and discuss interviews.

#### Blessing Box Update

*Our Mission Outreach Team is beginning 2023 with an Attitude of Gratitude and everyone is invited to begin their year the same way! We are so grateful for all the generous donations of winter clothing, food items, and money that you have given in support of the Blessing Box ministry. We have put together snack bags, hygiene bags, and cold weather bags that we will be putting in the Blessing Box along with warm clothing and other appropriate food items. Again, we wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to all those who are helping to make this ministry the great success that it is. When we are willing to give, we receive even more than we could imagine. Blessings all!*

#### SESSION STREAM

Session met on December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Kristi Moore moderated the meeting via ZOOM.

**Clerk Report:** Melinda and Greg had attended the Presbytery meeting in November at Davis-Elkins and gave a brief report from the meeting where many resolutions had been voted on by those in attendance. Becky advised the group that year end reports for presbytery will be due in January and February and she will be working on those along with Stephanie to get them completed and submitted. Each year a financial review is required by presbytery (this is NOT an official audit) and must be done by 2 people from the church, neither of whom may be the treasurer or related to the treasurer. This will need to be done before the Session book is submitted for review in the Spring. Also, our current insurance carrier has sent a letter that they will no longer be insuring churches in WV so we are looking for a new insurance provider for the church. We are working on creating a system to make sure cleaning supplies and toiletries get ordered in a timely manner.

The Stewardship /Finance committee has completed the 2023 budge and it will be submitted for approval at the January meeting after Session has had time to review it.

The Congregational Care committee made up and distributed 15 gift bags to shut-ins for Christmas.

The Missions Committee Blessing Box cold weather project has been very successful.

The Worship Committee Chair Daveen has pulpit supply for January covered and Lay Leaders scheduled for January and February.

The PNC met just prior to Session meeting and made revisions to the Minister form for submission to Ed Thompson from presbytery.

John Feuchtenberger has contacted the radio station about the inadequacies in the radio broadcast and Eric is going to go speak with them in person to see what can be done to improve this service.

A new nominating committee will be addressed in February so if you have any wish to serve on this committee please let the church office or John Eckman know.

An update was received from Presbytery about incorporation. If any church had already completed their incorporation paperwork the incorporation will be honored by the State. Those who have not completed it should simply hold off until further notice. (Continued on page after calendar.)