



July 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 <i>Daveen Denardo</i>
2 Communion	3	4 Morning Devotions 	5	6	7	8 <i>Jennifer Testerman Railey</i>
9 <i>Suzanne Compton</i>	10	11 Morning Devotions Finance Meeting- 6:30pm via Zoom	12	13	14	15 <i>Rebecca Allen</i>
16	17	18 Morning Devotions Session-6:30pm <i>Jacob Akers</i>	19 <i>Daniel Back</i>	20	21	22
23 Centsability Offering <i>Judy Lambert</i>	24	25 Morning Devotions <i>Tony Morris</i>	26	27	28	29
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SESSION STREAM

Session met on Tuesday, June 27.

Clerk Report (Becky)- A letter was received from Amy Belcher about Bible In The Schools which has been approved for school year 2023-2024. She will canvass schools to gauge interest in the program and will be back in touch. Pentecost offering materials are in the coat room on the counter. Addresses and information on the revised church directory have been coming in. If you have not or you know someone who has not turned their information in, please give them a shout out and get the information in to the church office. Our patriotic concert had to be cancelled due to inability to coordinate with an accompanist. Harold is planning a Christmas concert on December 17th so mark your calendars! He will go ahead and secure our accompanist early on! New Elders will be installed on August 13th. Bob, Joyce and Becky will be going off Session and Ellen, Jimbo and Ken will be coming on.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Stewardship/Finance (Bob)-We are thinking to add to our MIF to attract a pastoral candidate that we can pay or help pay off student loan debt from an account that is specifically designated to aid in Christian education. We received a letter from Presbytery about paying \$75.00 to pastors who moderate meetings for us and are setting that up with Ann to automatically pay when that occurs.

Property/Personnel (Fred)- Third floor dorm area just needs some decorative items and touch up painting taken care of and it will be complete. The Recovery area is nearly completed. They are buying new tables for their meeting area and an open house is planned for a date when both areas are completed. We had another water leak in the parking lot area which has been repaired. The courtyard floor needs repair work and we have enough funds left over from other projects in that area to hopefully complete that. The Recovery group wishes to contribute financially and to help with the actual work as well since they use that area when the weather is nice.

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Congregational Care: (Joyce)-Cards, calls, visits and gifts continue to be provided to our shut-ins and those in our church who need assistance. If you know of anyone who may need something, please let Joyce know.

Worship: (Daveen)- Elders were secured to serve communion on July 2nd. The pulpit supply and lay leaders for July are taken care of.

Mission Outreach: (Sharon)- Community Picnic with Christ Episcopal is planned for August 17th. Christ Episcopal is taking the lead on this project and First Pres will be supplying drinks and desserts.

PNC: (Betse)-Received several matches to our MIF but no acceptances for interviews at present. She will be talking to Ed Thompson about how to check for more matches.

Nominating: (John Eckman) They will be meeting soon to get members for a new nominating committee.

Cathy Dodson raised the subject of needing someone to teach Sunday School for the children. If you or someone you know might be interested in this please let the church office know. In the meantime, Cathy will check with Susan Sharp Campbell to see if there are any ZOOM Sunday School classes available or other options to explore. Session agreed to pay someone outside the church (like a student from Bluefield University) if someone was interested to teach.

Betse asked that the Children's Sermon not be listed each Sunday in the bulletin, but be more of a spontaneous thing as we rarely have children in attendance. This was approved by common consent.

That's it for this month. Until next time remember to treat people with kindness and be happy in God's love.

Becky----Clerk of Session