



# The Highlander

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## 2018 Per Capita Campaign

Each year, our congregation is apportioned a share of the expenses for the mission and ministry of the presbytery, the synod, and the General Assembly for ecclesiastical purposes. The apportionment is based on church membership. The amount varies with the needs of the presbytery, synod, and General Assembly, and is a regular expense payable by our congregation at the spring meeting of presbytery. Per Capita contributions have been a part of what it means to be Presbyterian since 1734.

This year our Per Capita apportionment is **\$32 per active, confirmed member**. (That's per member, *not* household!) In order to meet our obligation to the denomination, and not draw down our reserves or take critical monies from our General Operating Budget, **we are asking that each of you help us out by paying your Per Capita apportionment.**

We are collecting this apportionment in two ways. You may send your Per Capita back to the church in the blue envelope provided via mail, or you are invited to bring your Per Capita contribution on Per Capita Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, where we will make a special dedication of these funds, and celebrate with a Per Capita Sunday Deacon's Luncheon following worship. This will make it possible for us to pay our congregation's apportioned share of the expenses of the Presbytery, the Synod, and the denomination in a timely fashion. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Finance & Stewardship Chair Dick Fetterman. We would like to say a big "Thank You" for helping us be fiscally responsible this year.

*From the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Department of the Stated Clerk and the Book of Order, G-4.0101:*

Per capita funding is how Presbyterians mutually share the costs of coming together to discern the Spirit's leading for the future. It is how Presbyterians are trained to become better elders and ministers. It is how Presbyterians discern God's call in their lives. It is how Presbyterians participate in the life of the wider church by serving on GA committees and commissions. It is how Presbyterians participate in the life of the Church universal as we commit ourselves to work and live in fellowship with "all persons in every nation".

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*Please stop in, call or email the office by **TUESDAY FEBRUARY 27<sup>th</sup>** with any information, announcements, updates, etc. that you would like to see in March's newsletter!*

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### Per Capita Apportionment

1 Member = \$32	2 Members = \$64
3 Members = \$96	4 Members = \$128
5 Members = \$160	

*Per Capita is 100% voluntary and is not connected to your annual financial pledge or weekly giving.*

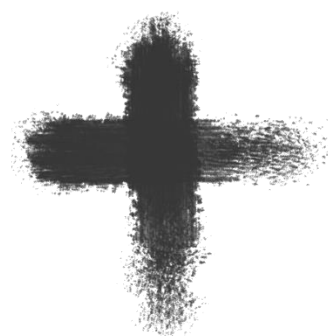
# **THANK YOU to all our WORSHIP volunteers!**

Have a question, or would you like to volunteer to help with some part of worship?

Contact either Chairperson Roberta Dinsmore or the office!



## **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE** Wednesday, February 14 6 P.M.



*Join us for the start of  
the Season of Lent*

DATE	FEBRUARY 4	FEBRUARY 11 Transfiguration of the Lord
PASTOR/LEADER	Ben Fitzgerald-Fye	Ben Fitzgerald-Fye
LITURGIST	Madilyn Fye	Dana Hartman
**SCREEN & SOUND	George Momyer	Nick Suntheimer
ACOLYTE		
NURSERY	Dee Blose	Kayla Brothers
FLOWERS	Kay Nesbitt	Lee Blose
USHERS	R. Barrett, W. Divelbiss, D. Forsythe, J. Hughes	J. Haire, T. Fezell, C. Haire, P. Young
DATE	FEBRUARY 18 with the Celebration of the Lord's Supper	FEBRUARY 25
PASTOR/LEADER	Rev. Steve Hendrickson	Marty Neal
LITURGIST	Holly Hartman	Pam Hogan
**SCREEN & SOUND	<b>**OPEN**</b>	Nick Suntheimer
ACOLYTE		
NURSERY	Deb Himes	Bev Keeley
FLOWERS	Kathi Cessna	Jean Hughes
USHERS	R. Dinsmore, R. Fetterman, R. Dinsmore, B. Burkett	K. Hughes, R. Lettie, D. Hartman, L. Lettie

**\*\*We NEED more volunteers for screen and sound on Sundays!\*\***  
It's as simple as coming to worship and clicking a button on a laptop!

There is even an instruction sheet!

Please contact the office or ask a current screen volunteer  
for more information.

## FINANCE & GENEROSITY

Thank you for donating funds, time, and energy to PCOP!

Date	Attendance in worship	Weekly offering	% to Current Fund
January 7	39	\$2,990.00	91.14%
January 14	46	\$4,170.00	97.12%
January 21	43	\$1,695.00	84.96%
January 28	52	\$2,145.00	95.80%
JANUARY 2018 FINANCIAL HEALTH			
	Current	Year to Date	2018 Total Budget
Receipts	\$14,319.12	\$14,319.12	\$163,584.00
Expenses	\$9,238.70	\$9,238.70	
Excess or [Deficient]	\$5,080.42	\$5,080.42	



### CHANGE THE GAME

More than 28 years ago, the **Souper Bowl of Caring** began with a simple prayer from a single youth group: “Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat.”

Since that day, more than \$135 million has been raised for local charities across the country through Souper Bowl of Caring. It has become a powerful movement that is transforming the time around the Big Game into the nation’s largest celebration of giving and serving.

Through this mission, young people learn what it’s like to make a positive difference in the world—as they collect food, raise money and volunteer to work in charities that provide shelter to the homeless, food to the hungry and compassion to those in need.

Be part of this movement that is sharing God’s love with those in need. Please give generously on Super Bowl Sunday.

Every dollar donated goes to Crosstown Food Pantry, our 2018 Souper Bowl of Caring charity of choice.

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**Monthly Giving  
Spotlight:  
Souper Bowl  
of Caring**

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# MEMBERSHIP & PCOP UPDATES

Birthdays, prayer requests, moving and more!



*There are still twelve boxes of weekly offering envelopes ready for pick-up!  
Please contact the office to make arrangements, or send a friend in to get them.  
There are also a few 2018 directories and Living Word calendars available as well!*

## Those Needing Our Prayers

Arianna Aires	Angie Barkley	DJ Bianco
Betty Brumbaugh	Pam Carr	Betty Cessna
Annabelle Divelbiss	Gillen Geary	The Graham Family
Jacob Hielman	John Hughes	Martha Irvin
Dorothy Jenks	Marie Jenks	Kathy Kopp
Geraldine VanWhy	The Ward Family	The White Family



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...



February 2	Donna Anderson
February 3	Laura Craig John Hodgson
February 7	Robert Barrett
February 18	Max Roberts
February 20	Loni Studebaker
February 24	Richard Nesbitt
February 27	Flo West



*Our deepest Christian sympathies to the friends and family of members Guy Lester, who entered into rest on January 3, and Richard L. Fait II, who entered into rest on January 9.*

*Our Christian sympathies to member Lyndsay Bowers and family on the passing of her grandmother Gloria Bowers on January 20.*



# SESSION & THE BOARD OF DEACONS

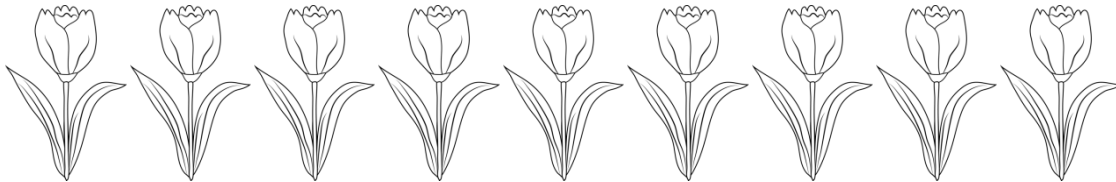
Keeping up with the committees and officers of PCOP!



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The next meeting of the Board of Deacons will be:  
**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 18<sup>TH</sup>**  
9:45 a.m.  
Memorial Parlor

The next meeting of Session (Unicameral Board)  
will be:  
**MONDAY FEBRUARY 26<sup>TH</sup>**  
7:00 p.m.  
Lester Seminar Room



**If you would like to beautify the sanctuary by purchasing flowers for Easter Sunday, please contact the office or fill out the order form in the bulletin.**

**Place cash or check with a note for "Easter flowers" in the offering plate or mail to the church office.**

**When filling out the order form, please clearly print the names and/or phrases the way you want them to appear in the Easter Sunday bulletin insert.**

**LILIES are \$9.00 each ~ TULIPS are \$10 each**  
**Order forms will be available February 18 & 25 and March 4 & 11**  
**FINAL DAY to order Easter flowers is: SUNDAY MARCH 11**



### *Beautify the sanctuary with flowers*

Write "Deacons Flowers" in check memo line (\$25) and call the office to place your order. Available dates:

February 4, 18, 25  
March 4, 11, 25



## MISSION & OUTREACH

A "Choose Your Own Adventure" to get more involved at PCOP!

*Volunteers are always  
welcome to help at the next  
First Tuesday  
Community Meal!*



*Creamy Baked Ham,  
Mac & Cheese*

*Garlic Butter Green Beans*

*Dinner Rolls & Butter*

*Cherry Bubble Bars*

*\*Recipes and sign-up sheets for food, kitchen  
help, serving, and clean-up are located on the  
bulletin board outside the Memorial Parlor\**

**Crosstown Ministries Food Pantry  
Woodland Avenue United Methodist Church  
203 Woodland Ave.  
February 19<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 P.M.**

Volunteers are always needed throughout the month to:  
donate food, unload the food truck, prepare boxes for the distribution,  
and distribute the boxes to those who need them

*Please contact Pastor Clint Phillips @ (814) 938-8160 for more information*



# FELLOWSHIP

Have fun and spend time with your PCOP family!



**Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>  
@ 8 A.M.**

Questions? Ask Keith Hughes or Rex Lettie  
Men's Breakfast meets 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of every month!  
*(unless otherwise noted)*

## MEN'S BREAKFAST

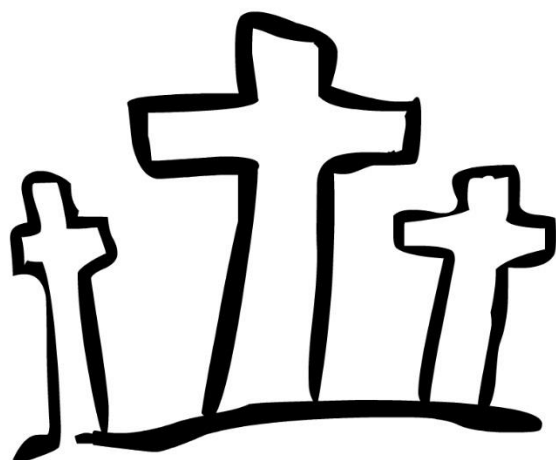
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### *Saturday Friends Out*

**Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup>  
@ 11:45 A.M.**

**Join us @ Gimmick's Restaurant  
(no reservations!)**

Questions? Ask Ann Mumper  
Saturday Friends Out meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every month!



***Announcements will be  
made about Fellowship  
opportunities during  
the Season of Lent,  
including Lenten Dinners  
& Study in the  
basement dining hall***

Questions? Ask Keith Hughes

# YOUTH & CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

How to love God, share the gospel, and live as Disciples of Christ



*A DVD and Discussion based exploration of an open and broad-minded mature faith*

Offered two days a week in the Lester Seminar Room:  
Tuesdays @ 10 a.m. ~ Sundays @ 9:45 a.m.

*Children's In-worship Sunday School*  
Following "A Time for Young  
Worshippers"

February 4	TBD
February 11	TBD
February 18	TBD
February 25	TBD

**VOLUNTEER**  
to be a Sunday School  
Teacher!

Help lead our kids in  
faith and fun!

Interested? Ask Janey London



# WHO DO I CONTACT?

“I have a question about . . .”

Schedules, quarterly financial statement, newsletter, ordering flowers, bulletin information, ordering church supplies, using church facilities, etc. <i>And anything else!</i>	Keri in PCOP office
Hospitalizations, Emergencies, Member Care	Keri in PCOP Office Board of Deacons
Worship information, pulpit supply	Worship Committee Chair Roberta Dinsmore
Baptisms & Weddings	Clerk of Session Doug Chambers
Funerals & Memorial Services	Keri in PCOP Office Funeral Director
Mission Opportunities	Mission Chair Rex Lettie
Youth Group & Children's Sunday School	Youth Group—Dana Hartman Christian Education Chair—Janey London
Finances & Giving	Finance Chair Richard Fetterman
New Members (Joining PCOP)	Clerk of Session Doug Chambers
Choir & Music	Music Director Nancy Pearce
First Tuesday Community Meal	Donna Anderson
Current Members of Session	Richard Fetterman, Keith Hughes, George West, Roberta Dinsmore, Janey London, Rick Nesbitt, William Cooper, Dana Hartman, Rex Lettie
Current Board of Deacons	Jennifer Gaston, Carole Haire, Melissa Polczynski, Greg Gaston, Pam Hogan, Kay Nesbitt, Lee Blose, Kathi Cessna, Jean Hughes

# FEBRUARY 2018 CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<p><i>Be sure to check the bulletin board for coffee hour sign-ups! Everyone loves cookies and coffee!</i></p>			1 7 P.M. Choir	2 Groundhog Day	3
4 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany	5	6 10 A.M. Tues @ 10  5:30 P.M. Community Meal	7	8 7 P.M. Choir	9	10
11 Transfiguration of the Lord	12	13 10 A.M. Tues @ 10	14 6 P.M. Ash Wednesday Service	15 7 P.M. Choir	16	17 11:45 A.M. Saturday Friends Out @ Gimmick's
18 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent with the Celebration of the Lord's Supper  9:45 A.M. Deacons Meeting	19 President's Day  5:30 P.M. Crosstown Food Pantry	20 10 A.M. Tues @ 10	21	22 7 P.M. Choir	23	24 8 A.M. Men's Breakfast
25 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent	26 7 P.M. Session Meeting	27 March Newsletter info deadline  10 A.M. Tues @ 10	28			

## ~ Sunday Morning Schedule ~

9:45 A.M. Adult Sunday School in Lester Seminar Room

11:00 A.M. Worship in Sanctuary

Youth Sunday School following "A Time for Young Worshipers"

Fellowship Coffee Hour following Worship



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LENT



- February 14 Ash Wednesday
- February 18 Celebration of the Lord's Supper
- March 18 Per Capita Sunday & Deacon's Luncheon
- March 25 Palm (Passion) Sunday & Holy Week begins
- March 29 Maundy Thursday
- March 30 Good Friday
- March 31 Great Vigil of Easter
- April 1 Resurrection of the Lord (Easter Sunday)

