



The Highlander

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~Per Capita Sunday & Luncheon~

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**. 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.

This year, Per Capita Sunday and the Deacon's Luncheon falls on March 18th. You are invited to bring your Per Capita contribution on this day where will make a special dedication of these funds. Following worship in the basement dining hall, the Board of Deacons will provide a sandwich luncheon for all to enjoy together. If you cannot make it to Per Capita Sunday to celebrate with us, you may send your Per Capita back to the church in the blue envelope provided via mail.

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.

*Please stop in, call or email the office by **TUESDAY MARCH 27th** with any information, announcements, updates, etc. that you would like to see in April's newsletter!*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

and don't miss out on joining us during Lent!

March 7th, 14th, 21st ~ Lenten Dinners

March 11th ~ Spring forward for Daylight Savings Time

March 25th ~ Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast

March 29th ~ Maundy Thursday Tenebrae & Communion

April 1st ~ Easter Sunday

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!



MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE Thursday, March 29 7 P.M.



Join us for Tenebrae and communion during this special Holy Week evening service

DATE	MARCH 4	MARCH 11
PASTOR/LEADER	Richard Fetterman	Rhiannon Bair
LITURGIST	Donna Kengersky	Janey London
SCREEN & SOUND	**OPEN	**OPEN**
ACOLYTE		
NURSERY	Dee Blose	Debby Elder
FLOWERS	Jennifer Gaston	Carole Haire
USHERS	R. Barrett, W. Divelbiss, D. Forsythe, J. Hughes	J. Haire, T. Fezell, C. Haire, P. Young
DATE	MARCH 18 Per Capita Sunday	MARCH 25 Palm Sunday
PASTOR/LEADER	Rev. Steve Hendrickson	Rev. Steve Hendrickson
LITURGIST	Bev Divelbiss	Lee Blose
**SCREEN & SOUND	George Momyer	George Momyer
ACOLYTE		
NURSERY	Bev Keeley	TBD
FLOWERS	Melissa Polczynski	Greg Gaston
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
February 4	54	\$4,898.00	75.52%
February 11	52	\$5,619.00	84.37%
February 18	47	\$1,455.00	77.04%
February 25	53	\$3,088.00	90.25%
FEBRUARY 2018 FINANCIAL HEALTH			
	Current	Year to Date	2018 Total Budget
Receipts	\$15,185.17	\$29,504.29	\$163,584.00
Expenses	\$11,920.46	\$21,159.16	
Excess or [Deficient]	\$3,264.71	\$8,345.13	

During the season of Lent, the **One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)** special offering through the Presbyterian Mission Agency culminates on Easter Sunday. As stated by PCUSA, “Presbyterians share God’s love through ministries that provide relief to those affected by disasters, food for the hungry and support toward the self-development of poor and oppressed communities.”

Donations received during One Great Hour of Sharing are split into three areas:

32% goes to Restoring Hope via Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, helping communities as they recover and find hope after natural or human-caused disasters.

36% goes to Reducing Hunger via Presbyterian Hunger Program, supporting initiatives that create sustainable food systems and alleviate root causes of poverty.

32% goes to Partnering in Progress via Self-Development of People, providing resources and education to oppressed and disadvantaged communities working to overcome poverty and injustice through initiatives they own and directly benefit from.

Traditionally, the One Great Hour of Sharing special offering is received on Easter Sunday—in 2018, this Sunday falls on April 1st. More information can be found at presbyterianmission.org/OGHS or in the two bulletin inserts on March 18th and March 25th.

*Monthly Giving
Spotlight:
One Great Hour
of Sharing*

MEMBERSHIP & PCOP UPDATES

Birthdays, prayer requests, moving and more!



Congratulations to Roberta Dinsmore,
*named 2017 Punxsutawney Woman of the Year
 on Thursday, February 1st at the annual
 Groundhog Club Banquet.*

*This honor was bestowed upon Roberta for her many
 years of dedication and service in groups and
 committees in the Punxsutawney area and beyond.
 We are so very proud to have Roberta Dinsmore
 as a member of our family of faith!*

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...



March 1	Cathy Wilson
March 4	Timothy Pearce
March 7	Dana Hartman
March 10	Peyton Petrini Jessica Suntheimer
March 14	Sandra Philliber
March 16	Nancy Pearce
March 19	Keith Hughes
March 20	Keith Shields
March 28	Jim Cessna

God's Closet

Due to recent fires in the area, the First Church of God is seeking donations of gently used clothing.

To make arrangements for drop-offs,
 please call Robin at (814) 938-6670

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9 A.M. to 3 P.M.

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE CLOTHING OUTSIDE CHURCH

Thank you!



SESSION & THE BOARD OF DEACONS

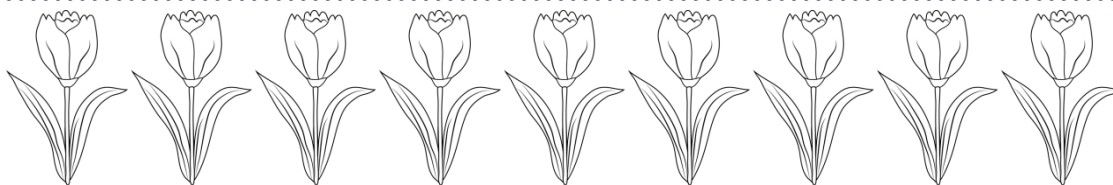
Keeping up with the committees and officers of PCOP!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The next meeting of the Board of Deacons will be:
SUNDAY MARCH 18TH
9:45 a.m.
Memorial Parlor

The next meeting of Session (Unicameral Board)
will be:
MONDAY MARCH 26TH
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:
March 4, 11, 18, 25
April 8, 15, 22, 29



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!*



*Baked Potato Bar
w/Condiments:*

**Chili* *Broccoli* *Cheese Sauce*
Sour Cream *Butter**

French Bread & Butter

Glazed Fruit Salad

Dreamsicle Cake

**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.
March 19th @ 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, March 24th
@ 8 A.M.**

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

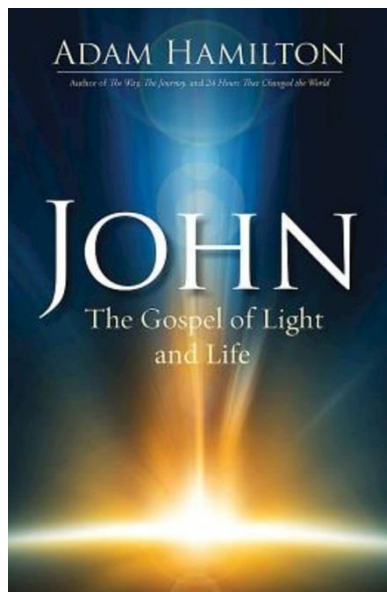
MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday Friends Out

**Saturday, March 17th
@ 11:45 A.M.**

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

Questions? Ask Ann Mumper
Saturday Friends Out meets 3rd Saturday of every month!



Lenten Evening Meal and Program
6 P.M. in the Dining Room
March 7, 14, 21

This year's series:
John: The Gospel of Light and Life
by Adam Hamilton

Questions? Ask Keith Hughes

YOUTH & CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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



Youth Group Pancake Breakfast Palm Sunday, March 25th

Join us before worship in the basement dining hall for a hot homemade breakfast made by our Youth Group members!

Questions? See Dana Hartman

LIVING THE QUESTIONS

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 Worshipers"

March 4	TBD
March 11	TBD
March 18	TBD
March 25	TBD

VOLUNTEER
as 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

MARCH 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 5:15 P.M. Worship Committee Meeting	2 World Day of Prayer	3
4 3 rd Sunday in Lent	5	6 10 A.M. Tues @ 10 5 P.M. Community Meal	7 6 P.M. Lenten Dinner	8 7 P.M. Choir International Women's Day	9	10
11 4 th Sunday in Lent <i>Daylight savings begins</i>	12	13 10 A.M. Tues @ 10	14 6 P.M. Lenten Dinner	15 7 P.M. Choir	16	17 11:45 A.M. Saturday Friends Out @ Gimmick's
18 Per Capita Sunday & Luncheon 9:45 A.M. Deacons Meeting	19 5:30 P.M. Crosstown Food Pantry	20 10 A.M. Tues @ 10	21 6 P.M. Lenten Dinner	22 7 P.M. Choir	23	24 8 A.M. Men's Breakfast
25 Palm Sunday Youth Group Pancake Breakfast	26 Monday of Holy Week 7 P.M. Session Meeting	27 Tuesday of Holy Week April Newsletter info deadline 10 A.M. Tues @ 10	28 Wednesday of Holy Week	29 7 P.M. Maundy Thursday Tenebrae with the Celebration of the Lord's Supper	30 Good Friday	31 Great Vigil of Easter

~ 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

- 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)

~PCOP SPRING SPRUCE-UP~

Is there an area of the church property that needs some attention?
 Please see the sheet on the bulletin board outside the Memorial Parlor
 to let the Property Committee know so we can plan for spring cleaning!
 For more information, see Dana Hartman