



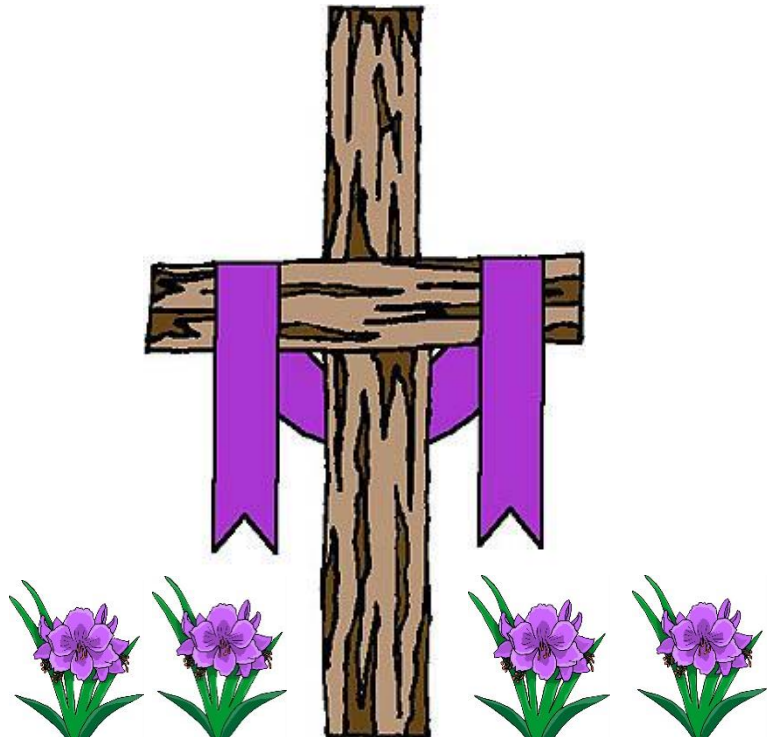
# The Highlander

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*Check out Page 8 for a special opportunity for PCOP children & youth!*

*\*\*Information on ordering Easter lilies & tulips can be found on Page 7\*\**

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*Please stop in, call or email the office **by TUESDAY APRIL 2<sup>nd</sup>** with any information, announcements, updates, etc. that you would like to see in April's newsletter!*

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## THANK YOU

*to all who donated during Souper Bowl of Caring held on February 3<sup>rd</sup>!*

*\$485.50 was raised for Crosstown Food Pantry!*

*--PCOP Youth Group*

## **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!



***The Season of Lent***  
begins this year with  
**Ash Wednesday on March 6!**

If you would like to volunteer for any Lenten activities or special worship services, please contact the office to find out how!

DATE	MARCH 3 Transfiguration of the Lord with Communion	MARCH 10 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent	MARCH 17 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent & Per Capita Sunday
PASTOR/LEADER	Rev. Dr. Clair Lundberg	Rev. Dr. Clair Lundberg	Karina Blose
LITURGIST	Kathi Cessna	Debra Dinsmore	Kathy Dinsmore
SCREEN & SOUND			
ACOLYTE			
NURSERY	Dee Blose	Debby Elder	Donna Kengersky
FLOWERS	Pam Hogan	Kay Nesbitt	Lee Blose
USHERS	R. Barrett, W. Divelbiss, D. Forsythe, J. Hughes	J. Haire, T. Fezell, C. Haire, P. Young	R. Dinsmore, R. Fetterman, R. Dinsmore, B. Burkett
DATE	MARCH 24 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent	March 31 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent	
PASTOR/LEADER	Douglas Wright	Jef Dinsmore	
LITURGIST	Bev Divelbiss	Barbara Endress	
SCREEN & SOUND			
ACOLYTE			
NURSERY	Bev Keeley	Kathi Cessna	
FLOWERS	Kathi Cessna	Jean Hughes	
USHERS	K. Hughes, R. Lettie, D. Hartman, L. Lettie	R. Dinsmore, R. Fetterman, R. Dinsmore, B. Burkett	

*Since some of our supply ministers do not choose hymns, we would like to use YOUR favorites!*

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*If you have a hymn that you would like to sing in church or at a hymn sing, please let Nancy know. You can email her at npearce@hotmail.com or write the name and give it to her at church.*

## FINANCE & GENEROSITY

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

Date	Attendance in worship	Weekly offering	% to General Fund
February 3	53	\$4,320.00	100.00%
February 10	54	\$3,310.50	78.39%
February 17	47	\$4,352.00	85.25%
February 24	45	\$3,355.00	90.79%
FEBRUARY 2019 FINANCIAL HEALTH			
	Current	Year to Date	2019 Total Budget
<b>Receipts</b>	\$15,338.04	\$25,033.65	\$163,003.00
<b>Expenses</b>	\$9,961.03	\$19,215.52	
<b>Excess or [Deficient]</b>	\$5,377.01	\$5,818.13	

Each year our congregation is apportioned a share of the expenses 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.

This year our per capita apportionment is **\$35** per active, confirmed member. (That’s per member, not household!). In order to meet our obligation to the denomination, 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 “Per Capita” envelope provided [extras are available from the office if you lose yours], or you are invited to bring your per capita contribution on Per Capita Sunday, March 17<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 Nickolas Suntheimer. We would like to say a big “Thank You” for helping us be fiscally responsible this year.

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**Monthly Giving  
Spotlight:  
2019 Per Capita  
Campaign**

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*Please see page 5 for more information about Per Capita from PCUSA and a table of Per Capita apportionment by household size*

# MEMBERSHIP & PCOP UPDATES

Birthdays, prayer requests, moving and more!



**HOMEBOUND COMMUNION**  
 will be celebrated with the Board of Deacons  
 on Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>!  
*If you or a loved one would like more  
 information on Homebound Communion, please  
 contact Coordinator Kathi Cessna or the office*

## Those Needing Our Prayers

Arianna Aires	Betty Brumbaugh	Duane & Pam Carr
Betty Cessna	Gillen Geary	The Graham Family
Martha Irvin	Dorothy Jenks	Marie Jenks
Kathy Kopp	The Ward Family	The White Family

*Please contact the office to add a name to the newsletter/bulletin "Needing Our Prayers" list. Please contact Rex Lettie at [pcop.prayer.chain@gmail.com](mailto:pcop.prayer.chain@gmail.com) to join or to add a name to the PCOP Prayer Chain.*



## 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 26 Nancy Pearce
- March 19 Keith Hughes
- March 20 Keith Shields
- March 28 Jim Cessna



*Our Christian sympathies to Robin Biesinger and Butch Young, whose mother Geraldine Van Why entered into rest on Saturday February 16, 2019.*



# 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 17<sup>th</sup>**  
 9:45 a.m.  
 Memorial Parlor

The next meeting of Session (Unicameral Board)  
 will be:  
*Scheduled in April*  
 7:00 p.m.  
 Lester Seminar Room

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

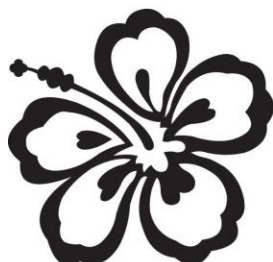
**Per capita funding is how Presbyterians mutually share the costs of coming together to discern the Spirit's leading for the future. It is how Presbyterians are trained to become better elders and ministers. It is how Presbyterians discern God's call in their lives. It is how Presbyterians participate 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."**

**PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT**

**1 Member = \$35      2 Members = \$70      3 Members = \$105  
 4 Members = \$140      5 Members = \$175**

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

***Please see page 3 for a copy of the letter sent to each household in February  
 about Per Capita apportionment.***



***Beautify the sanctuary with flowers***  
 Write "Deacons Flowers" in check memo  
 line (\$25) and call the office to place  
 your order. Available dates:  
 March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31  
 April 7, 14, 28



## MISSION & OUTREACH

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

### A Message & Request for the First Tuesday Community Meals from Donna Anderson:

1. Winter is here and sometimes that tends to encourage hibernation. If that happens to you, please keep in mind that the Community Meals must go on...but, not without you...your donation of time, money, and recipe preparation. If you are unable to personally check out the bulletin board and sign up, please call Keri and ask her to mail you the recipe(s) of the month. Your participation is appreciated more than you know!
2. Keep in mind that twice a year we have the Goodwill clothing collection that provides financial support to our First Tuesday Community Meal mission. As you clear out your closets, bag up your unwanted wearable items and bring them into the church. These items are stored then until the next drive. Suggestion: ask your family, friends and neighbors to donate their unwanted items to you to bring into church. Every little bit helps!

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



*Easter Ham Loaf*

*Creamed Parsley Potatoes*

*Spring Vegetable Medley*

*Hawaiian Rolls & Butter*

*Lemon French Velvet*

*\*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 18<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!



## MEN'S BREAKFAST

**Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>  
@ 8 A.M. @ Clearfield  
Presbyterian Church**

Carpool from PCOP leaves at 7 A.M.  
Visits to Grice's Gun Shop, Bob's Army & Navy  
and/or Rural King after breakfast with  
Clearfield Men's Fellowship!  
**\*\*Please RSVP with Rex Lettie at (814) 938-4743  
or mocha2000@verizon.net**

## Saturday Friends Out

**Saturday, March 16<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!



If you would like to beautify the sanctuary by purchasing flowers for Easter Sunday, order forms are available in the weekly bulletin or in the office through **SUNDAY MARCH 24.**

Please attach cash or check with "Easter flowers" written in the memo line, and place in the offering plate or mail to the church office.

Be sure the names and/or phrase are the way you want them to appear in the bulletin insert.



Lilies -- \$9.00 each

Tulips -- \$10.00 each

--The Board of Deacons' Flower Fund



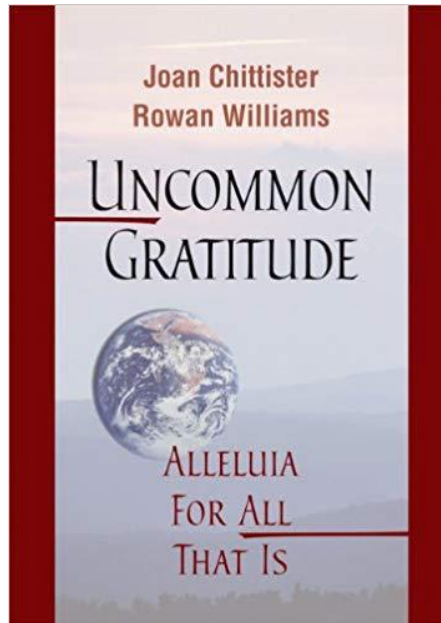
# YOUTH & CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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

## Adult Sunday School

*Uncommon Gratitude:  
Alleluia for All That Is*  
by Joan Chittister and Rowan  
Williams

Offered Sundays @ 9:45 a.m.  
in the Lester Seminar Room  
\*All are welcome to participate\*



Join Tuesdays @ 10  
in March  
to read and discuss

*Uncommon  
Gratitude: Alleluia  
for All That Is*

by Joan Chittister  
and  
Rowan Williams



## PALM SUNDAY

The youth of the church will be delivering the Palm Sunday service and message.

**\*\*All young people from preschool-age through high school are welcome to participate!\*\***

**Rehearsals will be held on March 24, March 31, and April 7 from 9:45 to 10:30 AM.**

Anyone that cannot attend every rehearsal is still welcome to participate.

After rehearsal, children from preschool–2<sup>nd</sup> grade will go to the nursery until time for worship. Youth from 3<sup>rd</sup> grade–high school will have activities until time for worship.

After the children's message, the younger children may go back to the nursery and the older students will have activities.

Those students who want to stay in worship are welcome to do so.

**On Palm Sunday, the children will rehearse from 9:45 to 10:15 AM**  
(this is subject to change if more time is needed).

The children may then attend breakfast in the dining room.



# 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
PCOP Property & Grounds, maintenance requests	Property Co-Chairs Dana Hartman & William Cooper
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 & Fellowship Opportunities	Mission & Outreach Chair—Rex Lettie Fellowship Chair—Barbara Burkett
Youth Group & Children’s Sunday School	Youth Group—Dana Hartman Christian Education Chair—
Finances & Giving	Finance/Stewardship Chair Nick Suntheimer
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	Roberta Dinsmore, Janey London, Rick Nesbitt, William Cooper, Dana Hartman, Rex Lettie, Barbara Burkett, Deborah Elder, Nick Suntheimer
Current Board of Deacons	Pam Hogan, Kay Nesbitt, Lee Blose, Kathi Cessna, Jean Hughes, Debra Dinsmore, Carole Haire

# MARCH 2019 CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b><i>Be sure to check the bulletin board for coffee hour sign-ups! Everyone loves cookies and coffee!</i></b>					1 World Day of Prayer	2
3  Transfiguration of the Lord with the Celebration of the Lord's Supper	4	5  10 A.M. Tues @ 10  5 P.M. Community Meal	6  Ash Wednesday	7	8  International Women's Day	9
10  1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent  Daylight Savings Time begins	11	12  10 A.M. Tues @ 10	13	14	15	16  8 A.M. Men's Breakfast  11:45 A.M. Saturday Friends Out @ Gimmick's
17  9:45 A.M. Deacons Meeting  2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent & Per Capita Sunday w/Luncheon	18  5:30 P.M. Crosstown Food Pantry	19  10 A.M. Tues @ 10	20	21	22	23
24  3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent	25	26  10 A.M. Tues @ 10	27	28	29	30
31  4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent	April 1	2  10 A.M. Tues @ 10 April newsletter info deadline				

## ~ Sunday Morning Schedule ~

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

11:00 A.M. Worship in Sanctuary

During worship: A Time for Young Worshippers

Fellowship Coffee Hour following Worship



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*Did you miss the Annual Congregational Meeting  
held on Sunday February 17<sup>th</sup>?*

*Extra copies of the Annual Congregational Meeting  
report packet are available at the office!*