

February

2021

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Special Dates of Interest:

- African-American History Month
- Transfiguration Sunday, February 14, 2021
- Valentine's Day, February 14, 2021
- Presidents Day, February 15, 2021
- Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021

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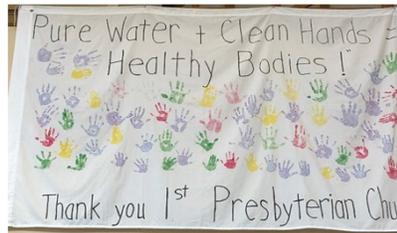
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NOTES FROM THE PASTOR

We had five Sundays in January and I believe that we got 2021 off to a great start! We started the month with a trip with the Three Wise Men and ended the month with our 5th Sunday service. A big thanks again goes to Mike, Ann and Brianna for providing the music and to Rick and Patsy for keeping the live stream going so well!

The Synod of Living Waters held its annual meeting by Zoom on Monday, January 25. Our Synod in an important part of our congregation as can be seen by this Living Waters of the World banner hanging in our sanctuary:



The Souper Bowl of Caring annual food drive will conclude on Sunday, February 7. Please bring in your canned good to donate to the local food bank on Sundays through February 7. There will be a collection box in the church entrance.



Mid-week Bible studies continue. On Tuesdays at 1:30, a study of the book of Hebrews continues, led by Peggy Phalen. On Wednesday February 10 and 24, the Theology of the Three Stooges study will continue at 5:30. Both mid-week studies are held in Fellowship Hall and CDC guidelines apply.

The Season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday with a special service at 6:00 p.m. May we use the Lenten season as a time of spiritual self-evaluation to prepare us for the joy of Easter morning.

From Pastor Pete

At Hebrews Bible Study it dawned on me that NIV and NLT use the pronoun ‘them’ and NKJ, ESV, and others use ‘he and him’ in verses 6-8. Not much of a problem until you read it as Jesus vs Adam (man). If you read it as “You made them a little lower than the angels” with the meaning man (Adam) was made to have dominion over the earth as in the Book of Genesis, or “You made him a little lower than the angels” and interpret him as Jesus as in the New Testament Churches the difference becomes a problem. What exacerbates the problem is when one looks to the commentaries. In commentaries we learn that most of the scholars want to show they studied Greek and Hebrew and they pontificate on the different pronouns and nuance. Another problem is that many of us don’t read the whole Bible, we just read portions that please us, or like a woman who attended the seminary classes with me stated: “I only read the red letters.” Simplistic, yes. But that is who many of us are. And then there are those of us who think we need a testimony. You know, if I don’t

go through trial and heartache, I am not worthy of God’s redemption. We search for meaning in our everyday lives to earn enough points to get into Heaven.

Well, Ladies and Gentlemen, you don’t need commentary and you don’t need testimony, what you need is to build your relationship with God by reading his whole Word, cover to cover. And over and over again. God will give you His Message. Our denomination likes to quibble whether the Bible is inerrant, infallible, or inspired. Such quibbling leads to doubt. The Bible says that in the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God. Today, the Word still is. It also says that Jesus suffered death so that we by the Grace of God won’t taste spiritual death, but have life everlasting. In Genesis, I learn that God created Adam (man) in his image and gave him dominion over the earth. In the Old Testament I learn that God was sending his Messiah to save the world (man), and in the New Testament I learn that Jesus will return to judge us for every

thought, word and deed. Here is something to think about: The Old Testament is the New Testament concealed and the New Testament is the Old Testament revealed. When you read Revelation you will find Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Zechariah and a whole lot more. And for those of you who got so excited on Facebook that in Deuteronomy it says that God will never leave you nor forsake you, that same message is in the rest of the Bible over 25 more times.

Hopefully I won’t see you in jail, but will see you in church, in Bible study, and in fellowship.

Keep it in your heart,

Pete

PRAYER FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH



The 2021 World Watch List is an annual report on the global persecution of Christians ranking the top 50 countries where Christians are persecuted for their faith.

Over the last year, Open Doors has seen record increases in modern-day persecution—from oppressive surveillance and arrests in China and Iran to brutal violence in Nigeria and sub-Saharan Africa. Throughout the world, the COVID-19 pandemic exposed the ugliness of persecution in a new way, as thousands of families were refused government relief due to their faith. I encourage you to watch this

video and charge your heart to pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ who endure persecution for their faith. They need our prayer undergirding for God’s strength to endure. [https://](https://www.opendoorsusa.org/christian-persecution/world-watch-list/)

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Extreme Persecution Countries:

1. North Korea, 2. Afghanistan,
3. Somalia, 4. Libya, 5. Pakistan,
6. Eritrea, 7. Yemen, 8. Iran,
9. Nigeria, 10. India, 11. Iraq,
12. Syria

For the complete list of persecuted countries and the criteria for ranking the countries:

[https://www.opendoorsusa.org/christian-persecution/world-watch-](https://www.opendoorsusa.org/christian-persecution/world-watch-list/)

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Where there is persecution, you can be sure that God is moving in the hearts of people, strengthening them to share His love and stand resilient (Isaiah 43:19).

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP [FEBRUARY 17]

Join us on Wednesday, February 17 at 6:00 p.m. as we begin the Lenten Season with our Ash Wednesday service. We will gather in the sanctuary for a

short worship service and the imposition of ashes will be offered to anyone who would like to receive them.



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DECEMBER 2020 FINANCES AT A GLANCE

December 2020

		YTD	
Income	\$14,210.11	YTD Income	\$310,754.77
Expense	<u>-\$25,732.66</u>	YTD Expense	<u>-\$251,011.29</u>
Net	-\$11,522.55	YTD Net	\$59,743.48

<u>Undesignated</u>		YTD Undesignated	
Income	\$9,795.11	Income	\$279,743.80
Expense	<u>-\$24,642.51</u>	Expense	<u>-\$234,636.54</u>
Net	-\$14,847.40	Net	\$45,107.26

<u>Designated</u>		YTD Designated	
Income	\$4,415.00	Income	\$31,010.97
Expense	<u>-\$1,090.15</u>	Expense	<u>-\$16,374.75</u>
	\$3,324.85		\$14,636.22

Operating Funds

Beginning Balance	\$138,323.83
Ending Balance	\$132,182.74
Investment Balance	\$207,470.74

FEBRUARY



- 4th Burl Milligan
- 7th Bettye Riddle
- 17th Lyndi Bryan
- 19th Susanna Lee
- 20th Jim & Janet Agin (A)
- 22nd Serenity Agin
- 23rd Glori Cope
- 24th Stuart Sherrell
- 25th Folmer Starr
- Tim Lester
- 28th Nancy Franklin

February 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 <i>1:30 Bible Study</i> <i>6:00 Session Meeting</i>	3	4	5	6
7 <i>10:15 Worship</i> <i>Communion</i> <i>Souper Bowl of Caring</i>	8	9 <i>1:30 Bible Study</i>	10 <i>5:30 Bible Study</i>	11	12	13
14 <i>10:15 Worship</i>	15  <i>Presidents Day</i>	16 <i>1:30 Bible Study</i>	17  <i>6:00 Ash Wednesday Service</i>	18	19	20
21 <i>10:15 Worship</i>	22	23 <i>1:30 Bible Study</i>	24 <i>5:30 Bible Study</i>	25	26	27
28 <i>10:15 Worship</i>						