



church matters

Monthly Newsletter

Official Newsletter of the First Presbyterian Church of Ferguson- Faith in Ferguson

WELCOME FEBRUARY!

In our last session meeting we discussed several topics that may be of interest to you. Underlying each of those topics was a sense of importance that the next year will bring to us as a church. LaHaji Thomas talked to us about his work as our point person in the community in working with youth. LaHaji has a passion to work with those most at risk in the community along with our kids. Need I say that 23 young people have had their lives ended by shootings. The oldest 17 and the youngest 3; it is an epidemic and LaHaji and his colleagues at Next Step are committed to bringing this violence to an end through mentoring and love.

Russ Watts will have an article updating us on the Pastor Nominating Committee. We talked about the challenges before us with hope and a commitment to be a place of hope, inclusion and empowerment. We are hopeful of filling the church musician position very soon. We lifted up the sick and those recovering from surgery in prayer. We laughed, we checked our egos at the door and realized that God is at work in the midst of us and that we have all that we'll need to be God's people in the time and place.

I am especially thankful for each and everyone of you. It is your spirit of faith and trust that gives us the energy and hope to move forward into what lies before us!

Peace,
-Mike

WEEKLY WORSHIP SERVICES

We continue to host weekly worship services on Facebook Live. Weather permitting we have been able to have parking lot services.



Please remember, for the safety of the community, we are continuing to practice physical distancing, mask wearing, and good hygiene practices.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb 4 8:00 am - ROMEOS at Cracker Barrel

Feb 4 12:30 pm - Card Making (upstairs)

Feb 8 8:00am - American Organ Guild

Feb 11 12:30 pm - Card Making (upstairs)

Feb 12 11:00 am - Bible Study with Mike

Feb 13 10:00 am - 2nd. Thurs. Women Circle

Feb 14 Happy Valentine's Day

Feb 16 11:30 am - Congregation Meeting

Feb 16 No Session Meeting this month

Feb 17 Presidents' Day

Feb 18 8:00 am - ROMEOS at Cracker Barrel

Feb 18 12:30 pm - Card Making (upstairs)

Feb 19 10:00 am - Voucher Program

Feb 22 2:00pm - Kehlani Birthday

Feb 25 12:30 pm - Card Making (upstairs)

Feb 26 11:00 am - Bible Study with Mike

Feb 28 9:00 am - PEO

COOKIES, COOKIES, COOKIES!

We will be collecting cookies through the month of February for the Bellefontaine Habilitation Center. Cookies must be store bought, no homemade cookies please.

Thanks, Lovene Hartman





- “They say a person needs just three things to be truly happy in this world: someone to love, something to do, and something to hope for.” — **Tom Bodett**

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2** – Ken Mohesky & Garry Wade
- 3** – Nancy Tempel
- 5** – John Lipka
- 11** – Karen Rybacki
- 18** – Caroline Cobb & Charlie Woods
- 20** – Adam Koser, Robert Rybacki & Russ Watts
- 21** – Charlie Sullivan
- 25** – George Vrabel
- 26** – Ken Jones

If someone's birthday is missing or incorrect, please; let the office know.



CONCERN LIST

Betty Allen

Betty Allen's Children– Ken, Patty and Tom

Jean Bird – Bud Panetti's Cousin

Santiago Casas –Great Grandson of Becky Henderson

Joe Cieniceros, Jr. – Nephew of Earleen Lawrence

Robert Elliott – Lovene Hartman's Brother

Nancy Fedorchak

Matt Helm – Betty & Bob Rybacki's Grandson-in-Law

Aaron Hotze

Joan – Jane Rauth-Coldewe twin sister

Karen – Barbara Bowyer's Sister

Delaney Knowles – daughter of James (III) & Lisa Knowles, Granddaughter of Jim (Jr.) & Patti Knowles

Brian Lamkemeyer – Son-in-Law of Jeannie Dobrich

Steve Langford – Mike's friend

Jerry Miller

Nora – Great Granddaughter of Becky Henderson

Marie Phipps – Paula Bujewski's Mother

David Rutherford – Son of Maureen Rutherford

Sue Schmidt – Friend of Jamie McDonald

Carson Shelley - Mike Trautman's Friend

Todd Shelton- "Big Todd"

Rich Shugert – Brother of John Shugert

Great crowds came to Him, bringing the lame, the blind, the crippled, the mute and many others, and laid them at His feet; and He healed them. —

Matthew 15:30



Please contact the church office if you have additional names.



“Being deeply loved by someone gives you strength, while loving someone deeply gives you courage.”
— **Lao Tzu**

DO YOU BUY GROCERIES? WE THOUGHT SO!

Schnucks offers e Script Community Cards that donates 3 percent of our member purchases back to our church! Pick up a card from Jan Foster and take advantage of this easy method of adding to our mission. Our account is under the name: 1st Presbyterian Church. While you're at the grocery store, don't forget to pick up a peanut butter for the Food Voucher Program.

Speaking of groceries we have a team in place to deliver groceries to those of you, who may worry about going out to the stores. Contact Mike Trautman if you need those services.





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