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# The Hive

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## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

### **HEAR OUR PRAYER, O LORD . . .**

for the transforming work of your Spirit within, among and through us, for your comforting presence with: **Becky Mase Crawford and her family.**

for renewed health: **Bev Chipman, Betty Bateman, Nancy Keller, Jim Crawford, and Jerry Irwin.**

for those homebound and in nursing homes: **Dorothy Donley, Lucille Estridge and Geneva Slanker.**

for family and friends: **Maegan and Rhylee Doggett, Rene Aube, Matt Engelhardt, Nancy Spinning and Jane Adams.**

for those in military service: **James Rath and Jesse Daniel.**

## **BIRTHDAYS**

Feb. 1	Dottie Bennett
Feb. 1	Mike Hatcher
Feb. 2	Dorothy Donley
Feb. 3	Adam Sluterbeck
Feb. 14	Mary Jane Sterrett
Feb. 18	Elaine Brubaker
Feb. 21	Marilyn Perkins
Feb. 23	Brandi Picek
Feb. 28	Nancy Keller

## Pastor's Column:

We are in the season of Epiphany. While Epiphany has been an important church holiday in both Eastern Orthodox and Roman Catholic churches for centuries, it was not always practiced in Protestant traditions until more recently. In the past few decades, however, many Christian communities have been placing more emphasis on the need to celebrate the various markers of the life of faith, and so Epiphany has become more and more a part of many denominations. The word *epiphany* means "manifestation" or "revelation," and thus becomes linked in Christianity to the manifestation of God in Jesus as the Christ. There is a link, then, with the Magi (three wise men) who, according to the gospel of Matthew, visit the child Jesus and acknowledge that he is the Messiah, as well as with Jesus himself who we proclaim is "God With Us." If you read Matthew 2: 1-12, you'll note that Mary, Joseph, and the baby Jesus are no longer in a stable at an inn, but in a house, and so the idea behind this is that time has passed since the birth, and the Magi find Jesus at home with his mother, and then offer him gifts. Because of this distance in time, historically Epiphany has been celebrated on January 6th, the twelfth day after Christmas, and is also called "Three Kings Day." Some other Christian groups place emphasis on the baptism of Jesus as one of those times when people recognize the divinity of Christ, and others even lift up the story of Jesus turning water into wine at a wedding feast from the gospel of John as a sign of his divinity, and so all of those are

included in the idea of Epiphany. And these days, many parts of the church recognize the entire season from January 6<sup>th</sup> through the beginning of Lent as the season of Epiphany, a time for us to reflect on God's light shining for us, even in the midst of spiritual darkness. That means the theological importance of Epiphany is in the way it lifts up God being with us in this world. My prayer for all of us during these cold days of February, during this season of Epiphany, is that we will feel God's presence, seek God's presence, think about God's presence, and celebrate that God's light can shine through all that we do as we live as disciples of Christ Jesus.

Blessings, Shelley

### HIGHLIGHTS FROM SESSION MEETING ON JANUARY 15, 2014

1 – It was moved, seconded and passed to re-elect Cindi Cook as Clerk of Session and Jay Peterson as Treasurer.

2 – It was moved, seconded and passed to pay the repair bill for the boiler from Clark's Heating & Air Conditioning with funds in the Building Fund account.

3 – It was moved by MOM Committee to split the funds that were left from the Christmas baskets between the Food Pantry and the summer lunch program. Motion passed.

4 – It was moved, second and passed to elect Elder Sterrett the church's Commissioner to the Feb 8<sup>th</sup> Presbytery meeting.

Respectively submitted,

Cindi Cook  
Clerk of Session

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## FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Clark's Heating and Air Conditioning replaced a bearing assembly and coupler due to a leak in the boiler in the CE building. Total cost was \$898.00.

There was another small leak noticed and Clark's "tweaked" the valve, not wanting to tighten too much due to the noticeable rust and age of the valve. This has so far stopped the leak. This is a main water supply shut off valve and would be a very involved process to repair, including inside and outside work and shutting the water off to both buildings. So include our boiler in your prayers.

The toilet in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor men's bathroom has been temporarily fixed. John Huston is going to follow-up with new parts to repair.

The first of the stained glass windows has been repaired and reinstalled with the new storm window. Dayton Art Glass will be starting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> window soon. The rest of the windows should not take as long since they now have enough matching glass for all windows.

The Presbytery funding proposal will be evaluated by the Facilities Committee, with input from the pastor and reported back to Session at the March meeting.

The Facilities Committee will hold their first scheduled committee meeting under the new structure on February 16<sup>th</sup> after church.

Jane Fowler,  
Chairperson

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## MISSION, OUTREACH & MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Thanks to all of you who generously donated food and money for the Christmas baskets. The money not needed to purchase food (\$281.58) will be given to the Food Pantry and Summer Lunch Programs.

Also, thank you for the food and monetary donations for the Food Pantry in January. The shelves were getting low so the food was much needed.

A special thank you to the 2013 MOM Committee members who will also continue in 2014: Cindi Cook, June Crawford, Sue Nichols and Brandi Picek. Welcome to Don Perkins who is joining the committee as Session representative. If anyone else would like to join the committee or has any concerns or suggestions, please contact Mary Jane Sterrett. The committee usually meets the second Thursday of the month @ 6:30 p.m. in the Memorial Room.

Mary Jane Sterrett,  
Chairperson

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## CHRISTIAN NURTURE COMMITTEE

Thank you to those who ushered and greeted during the month of December including the Christmas Eve service. They were the following: Larry Allingham, Jo Campbell, Doug Chaffins, Stu Cummins, Hal and Janet Dusko, Bonnie Hawthorn and family, Libby McCabe, Imy McFarland and family, Barb Meyerhoeffer, Linda Oliver, and Marilyn

Perkins. Thank you also to Bonnie Hawthorn who had the task of getting participants.

Thanks to all those who donated poinsettias as well as to those who helped to decorate the church for Advent. All added to the beauty of the sanctuary.

Communion was served to 25 on January 5<sup>th</sup>, the first Sunday of 2014, along with an ordination and installation service for Ruling Elders John Huston and Andrew Picek. This was followed by a reception to welcome them and to thank the retiring elders: Janice Cook, Marilyn Perkins and Mary Quinn. I also thank Janice Cook for providing a notebook of the duties of the former Worship Committee to facilitate this new committee.

Thanks to the MOM Committee for serving the coffee hours in December. Christian Nurture Committee is currently providing for the first three Sundays in January. There is a sign-up sheet in the Memorial Room for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday and any 5<sup>th</sup> ones. MOM will again serve for the first 3 Sundays in February.

The pulpit supply for February 2<sup>nd</sup> will be the Rev. Linda Niece. I am working on finding someone for the March 2<sup>nd</sup> service.

Members of this committee include Andrew Picek, Janice Cook, Bonnie Hawthorn, Jamie Huston, Linda Oliver and Mary Quinn. Our first committee meeting will be February 16<sup>th</sup> after worship.

Ann Peters  
Chairperson

The next scheduled Session meeting is March 19, 2014.

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## HIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Presbyterian Women

The next meeting will be announced at a later date.

### **Circle Meetings:**

Martha Circle meets on Tues, Feb 11th, at 10:30AM at the home of Stella Grasmick.

Ruth Circle meets on Wed., Feb 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM at the home of Janice Cook.

### **No-Bake Sale:**

The No-Bake Sale offering is scheduled for February 16<sup>th</sup>. This is used to supply the paper goods (cups, plates, napkins, etc.) used for the coffee hours after worship. The idea is to give what you would spend to either purchase or make a Valentine treat, but it doesn't add calories or foul up your dietary plans! Thank you for your participation in this offering.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ann Peters



THINK SPRING

### **55 & Under**

Our group will gather for an evening of fellowship on Friday, Feb 7<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at the Huston's home at 7:00 PM to watch the opening ceremony of the Olympics and to enjoy good conversation. Please bring an international dish to share with everyone, and watch your email for more details.

### **Haiti Beach Trip!**

The Haiti Mission Committee is pleased that during the final week of June, we will sponsor another trip to Haiti. The core piece of this trip will be to help with the Wings of Hope beach trip. Once a year, the residents of Wings get to spend the day at a beach, and the staff needs one fully able-bodied person to accompany each one of the Wings residents. We sponsored this trip summer before last, the trip that Andrew Brubaker and two other folks from North Carolina took with Shelley. Other folks from our presbytery have been invited on this year's trip, and the word about it is being sent out to others Shelley knows who might be interested. We'd love to have more folks from HCPC participating! The options for what other kinds of things we might do on the trip include general helping-out at Wings of Hope, visiting other villages, learning about food issues in Haiti, or participating in a "Spirituality of Mother Teresa" retreat. Let Shelley know if you or someone you know might be interested!

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## **Sunday Refreshments - Reminder**

The sign-up sheet for bringing refreshments is in the Memorial Room. We need people for all of the 4th and occasional 5th Sundays of the month. We have someone signed up for January, but the other months are still open. You may send your sign-up through e-mail and we will add you to the list.

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## **Enerson Update**

The church received a nice letter from The St. Joseph Family thanking us for our continued support of Enerson for 2014 and also the additional money in honor of Enerson and all the other children at St. Joseph Family which, "helped to provide the children with several opportunities to celebrate the season".

We also received Enerson's report card from his first semester. They explain that "in Haiti the grades are based on a point system. The number you want to look for is the "Moyenne". "In elementary school, that system five is passing and 10 is the highest score awarded." Enerson is in the fourth grade. He received a Moyenne of 6.16 for his first semester.

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## **Pastoral Care Emergency**

In case of pastoral care emergency, please contact Rev. Shelley Wiley at her cellular phone (937-654-0078). Shelley will be here at the church Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

## **HIVE INPUT**

Please submit inputs and suggested articles for the HIVE to [honeycreekpres@sbcglobal.net](mailto:honeycreekpres@sbcglobal.net) The deadline for the March HIVE is February 24<sup>th</sup>.