



January Birthdays

- Jan.1- Marguerite Patterson
- Jan. 2- Jennifer Orr
- Jan.4- Tori Callaway
Jim Barak
- Jan.5- Thomas Bair
- Jan.7- Joe Kennedy
- Jan.10- Harry Applegate
- Jan.11- Daniel Davis
- Jan.15- Harold Huzela
- Jan.16- Duane Nelson
- Jan.21- Rose Smaracheck
Brenda Benyak
- Jan.23- Mary Beth Maley
- Jan.25- Sharon Manown
- Jan.26- Sharon Roskovich
- Jan.29- Brenton Weightman

WE Celebrate YOU

January Anniversaries

- Jan.16- Duane & Kay Nelson
- Jan.26- Gordon & Cicely Rutherford

Missed a Message?

It has happened to all of us. The phone rings and it's a message from the church, but we can't get to it in time or can't answer, and our answering machine doesn't record it. You sit there wondering, *What did I just miss?*



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FINANCE SECRETARY POSITION

We are thankful for Linda Calcek's hard work in managing the accounting processes of our church for the past several years. Linda recently notified the session that she will be resigning from that position in 2021. With that change occurring, we are converting to a computer-based system that we already own, which will greatly streamline the general ledger and reporting processes and, therefore, the time involved in this position.

According to our by-laws, the session appoints a volunteer financial secretary who works with the treasurer. As we transition to the new system, session is looking for a person willing to fill that position. Training will be provided, and hours for doing the work are flexible. Please contact Pastor Mary Kay or John Conger for more information.

First Fruits Offering



When you open your box of 2021 offering envelopes you will find a new one: First Fruits. We thought a bit of information was in order.

Each year our session budgets an amount per member through which we are linked to and provide support to the wider church, including Redstone Presbytery, Synod of the Trinity, and the Office of the General Assembly of the PCUSA.

These funds enable them to do the work of the ministry, develop programs, and provide support to local congregations including grants, training, and other assistance.

This year's designated amount is \$42.50 per member, which remains the same as 2020. We have budgeted \$4,000 to cover this expense, and your First Fruits contribution of \$42.50 per church member will go a long way toward offsetting that part of our budget.

Thank you for your participation. If you don't use or receive offering envelopes, you can use a general envelope in the pew and label it "First Fruits."

Congrats & Thank You!

At our congregational meeting in December the following were elected to serve in the Class of 2023:

Ruling Elders

Sharon Zunic
Jane Bonari*
Mary Beth Burkley

Deacons

Marguerite Patterson*
Dennis Peters*
Eileen Kunca
Patty Gillon

*serving a second term

We want to congratulate and thank each of these for agreeing to serve us. During our January 10th worship service, we will ordain Mary Beth (ruling elder) and Patty (deacon) and install all members of the Class of 2023.

We also extend our deep thanks to those who are leaving active service at the end of 2020. Your leadership and ministry have been a tremendous blessing to our congregation and outreach. Please join us in thanking them.

Our departing ruling elders and deacons will be recognized on the 10th, as well.

Session: John Conger, Fred Exley, Linda Calcek, and Linda Aten

Deacons: Kathy Rice and Mary Beth Burkley

According to the Book of Order of the PCUSA, individuals selected by the congregation are ordained to serve as ruling elders and deacons, a title which they retain for life. They are elected to serve for a three-year term, and they may serve a second three-year term before taking at least a year break in service. In the fall the Nominating Committee will do their work of nominating elders and deacons for the Class of 2024. As we move through this year, we pray you will listen for God's calling and consider serving in this capacity. If you have questions, contact Pastor Mary Kay or Nancy Komlos.

Need Some Encouragement?

Our pastor is donating signed, personalized copies of her book, *Words of Wisdom . . . Thoughts of Hope*, and the church is selling them. A copy



is available for review. Either call the church office, sign up on the sheet at the church, or put your check in the offering with the memo: "Pastor's Book." The full-color copy is \$13, and the black-and-white copy is \$8. ***ALL funds raised support the ministries of FPC.***

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