



The Messenger February 2020



Session Report

Souper Bowl Sunday

On Sunday, February 2, 2020, we will celebrate our Annual Souper Bowl Sunday following worship. The Spiritual Growth and Outreach Committee will be serving delicious soups and desserts. You are asked to bring cans of soup that we will distribute in the community to feed the needy. Please give generously on February 2. Why not invite a friend to fellowship with us on that day. A special thanks to the Spiritual Growth and Outreach Committee for their good ministry.



AshWednesday

Ash Wednesday Service

Lent begins Wednesday, February 26, 2020, with a Soup Supper at 6:00 pm, followed by worship at 7:00 pm. The service will include "Imposition of the Ashes" as we remember who we are and to whom we belong. During Lent we will be guided to examine our life and commitment to Christ and the ministry of God's church. We will be helped with this by studying Rev. Adam Hamilton's book, The Walk, during our Thursday Bible Study beginning on March 5. (If you wish to attend the Bible study, please sign up on the church bulletin board).

Session Report

Our Session had its first meeting of the year on Monday, January 20. The meeting focused on getting organized for the New Year. The major change that took place had to do with replacing Bob Long as Clerk and Marilyn Compton as Financial Secretary. This was a major task since Bob has served for sixteen years and Marilyn for seventeen years. They will be sorely missed in these capacities. They have served faithfully and tirelessly for us all these years and we owe each of them a deep debt of gratitude. Our prayer for them is that they will take a much needed time of rest.

Mrs. Kristi Craft has been elected as our new Clerk and Mr. Tim Turber as our Financial Secretary. Pray for them as they take on this responsibility and work to fill some very big shoes. Also our very able Church Treasurer, Steve Anglin has been elected for another term.

The Session is very excited about the possibilities for 2020. We believe strongly that God has many wonderful things in store for us this year.

Respect the Deadline!



Newsletter Deadline
for March is
February 14th.



Ruth Esther Circle
meets Tuesday,
February 18th
at 9:30 am.



4 Treva Boardman
Vivian Worthington
10 Bill Mountsier
24 Marlene Sloneker
25 Doug Gambrell



**Deacon's
Corner**

Happy New Year!

This past year was a successful one for the Deacons. Thanks to your efforts, we plan to sponsor families this upcoming Christmas. The list of items needed each month will soon be on our bulletin board.

Coming up in February we will be needing **personal items**. Again, thank you for supporting the deacons. We couldn't do it without you.



COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Deacons – February 9 – after worship
Administration – February 16– after worship
Spiritual Gr/Outreach – February 17 – 6 pm
Session – February 17 – 7 pm

Westwood Financial Report - 2019

December:	Receipts	Expenses	Balance
Current Funds	12,329.50	11,488.28	841.22
Per Capita	0.00	1,674.00	-1,674.00
Benevolence	205.00	205.00	0.00
Total	12,534.50	13,367.28	-832.78
Year-To-Date:			
Current Funds	84,726.94	92,317.33	-7,590.39
Per Capita	833.20	1,674.00	-840.80
Benevolence	993.00	993.00	0.00
Total	86,553.14	94,984.33	-8,431.19

Attendance for December:

1st --26
8th --34
15th --31
22nd --34
29th --22
Total 147

*More detailed financial reports
are available upon request
from Steve Anglin
or the church office.*



**FINANCE
REPORT**



FROM THE PASTOR

“Thoughts On Love”

Scripture reminds us that, *For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16).* God wanted us to know just how much He loves us. This love is at the core of our faith.

God's love for us does not end there. There is a requirement. As we receive His love, then we have a responsibility to nurture that love and share it with others. We cannot just keep it for ourselves. The Apostle Paul put it this way:

“Since you are God's dear children, you must try to be like Him. Your life must be controlled by love, just as Christ loved us and gave His life for us as a sweet-smelling offering and sacrifice that pleases God” (Ephesians 5:1-2).

As we begin the Lenten Season on February 26, with our Ash Wednesday Service, I invite you, with me, to focus on God's love and how we might share it with those around us. Our world is in desperate need of examples of what love is and what it looks like. Who better than you and me to show them by how we live. Why not cherish the idea of being a “living example” of God's love by our words and actions. Will you join me in this?

Through the years, I have gathered many “Thoughts on Love”. I share some of them with you as we together get inspired to love those we encounter (page 4). My hope is that they will bless you as they have me. Meanwhile, let's pray for one another as we become better loves for our Lord.

In Christ, *Norman*



Our Deepest Sympathy...
is extended to the family of Mrs. Betty Davis who entered her eternal rest on Sunday, January 19, 2020 in Tallahassee, Florida. Betty was a long time member of Westwood and a good friend to many in the Hamilton community.

Thoughts On Love

“Let us not be satisfied with just giving money. Money is not enough, money can be got, but they need your hearts to love them. So, spread your love everywhere you go; first of all in your own home. Give love to your children, to your wife or husband, to a next door neighbor.”

Mother Teresa

“Peace of mind has nothing to do with the external world; it has only to do with our connection with God. Love really is the answer. We're only here to teach love. When we're doing that, our souls are singing and dancing. When we remind ourselves that we are spiritual beings, that life and love are the flame eternal, that's when our soul is nourished.”

Gerald Jampolsky, M.D.
 (“Love Is The Answer”),
Handbook of the Soul, p. 106)

“As the years have passed, I have become convinced that love is the central reality in this universe of ours, and that our primary task as human beings is to know this love and to express it to those around us. Unless our lives express the quality of self-giving care, we have little significance or worth.”

Caring, Morton Kelsey

“O Divine master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled...as to console, to be understood...as to understand, to be loved as to love.”

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

“...love is not a feeling, a warm affection for another person, but the way in which that feeling is expressed in will and in action. Love is a regard for the others well-being so strong that it will set its own interests aside for the sake of that well-being, 'a self-determination to do good, good only, and always the highest possible good'. This is love, and God is this love, and it is in Jesus that this God is made known.”

David Rensberger

“Deep within us—no matter who we are—there lives a feeling of wanting to be lovable, of wanting to be the kind of person that others like to be with. And the greatest thing we can do is to let people know that they are loved and capable of loving.”

Fred Rogers

**SERVING
THIS
MONTH**



Ushers: Dale Alvey, Dianne Hurst

Worship Leader:

2 Steve Anglin
9 Andrea Estridge
16 Tim Turber
23 Reva Johnson

Sunday School:

2 Kristi Craft
9 Andrea Estridge
16 Kristi Craft
23 Marlene Sloneker

Coffee Hour:

2 Super Bowl Sunday
9 Cindy & Steve Anglin
16 Jean & Donna Wright
23 Andrea, Summer & Bob Estridge

Kitchen Duty:

Cindy Anglin

Communion Preparation:

Bob & Andrea Estridge

Communion Servers:

Steve Anglin, Kristi Craft
Karen Conrad, Betty Gambrell

New Address Changes:

Dick and Bonnie Martin
9763 Winding Green Way
Centerville, OH 45458-6009

Barbara Copeland
129 Winding Brook Lane
Terrace Park, OH 45174-1077

Prayer Concerns

Miscellaneous concerns:

Summer Estridge – health
Jim Simensen - healing
Carol Godfrey – heart procedure
Julie Baldwin (Loretta) – chemo & radiation
Family of Bill Jones (Dianne)
Family of Betty Davis

Shut-Ins: Ruth Mollett

In Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Windsor of Cape Coral: Dick Flynn
Westover: Catherine Gibson
Bradford Place: Phyllis Anglin
Sheridan at Mason: Bill Mountsier
Berkeley: Frank Daugherty

National & International Concerns:

Our country, Natural disasters, violence, unity
Our armed forces worldwide
Missionaries across the world
Peace in our world

Local Concerns:

Our church
Cities of Hamilton & Fairfield
Serve City / Haven House / Community Meal Center
Churches in community

Congregational Prayer:

As we continue to pray for our sister churches in the Miami Presbytery, we are remembering Troy First Presbyterian Church of Troy, OH and their pastor Rev. Hart Edmonds.



Thank you to our Coffee Hour hosts and hostesses. Special thanks to the
January volunteers:

Betty & Doug Gambrell, Session, Ruth Esther Circle

Thank you to the following who were Ushers for the month of January:

Tim Turber. Karen Conrad

Thank you to the following Sunday School volunteers for the month of
January: Kristi Craft, Marlene Sloneker, Sandra Warren.

Thank you to all of our Kitchen Clean-up people. Special thanks to Andrea Estridge for the
month of January.

Thank you to Reva Johnson for preparing communion for January.
Thank you to the following volunteers for serving communion:
Steve Anglin, Marlene Sloneker, Bob Estridge, Dale Alvey.

Thank you to the following volunteers who worked at the Community Meal Center on
Friday, January 17th: Bob Estridge, Marlene Sloneker, Loretta Otto, Sandra Warren,
Betty Gambrell, Sandra Warren

Donations: Andrea Estridge, Betty Gambrell, Loretta Otto, Marlene Sloneker, and
Sandra Warren.

Special thanks to Estil and Bonita Gay for their timely messages on our church sign.



Per Capita Request

Each year The Presbytery of the Miami Valley publishes "Expected
Payments" for each active member of each church. For the year, 2020, they
are requesting a total of \$48.20 (\$36 for "Presbytery Connectional Report",
\$8.95 for "General Assembly", and \$3.95 for Synod). This request adds \$2,
169 to our 2020 budget. In years past, the Session has voted to give what fits
our budget. The Session also invites members, who are able, to pay all or a
portion for yourself. If you have questions, please talk to Rev. Godfrey or a
member of the Session.



Deacons' Shopping List for 2020 Christmas Project

February	Personal Products (hygiene)
March	Cleaning Products (laundry detergent, dish soap, hand soap, all purpose cleaners)
April	Paper Towels, Toilet Tissue, Kleenex
May	Jello, Pudding, Peanut Butter & Jelly
June	Cereal, Pancake Mix & Syrup
July	Pasta, Sauces, Mac & Cheese
August	Hot Chocolate, Fruit Juices
September	Canned Vegetables
October	Canned Fruit
November	Canned Meat



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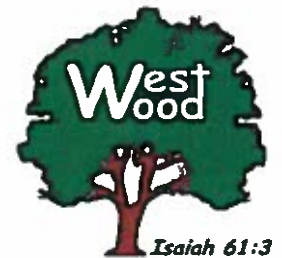
FEBRUARY 2020



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 10:45 AM Worship Communion Groundhog Day Souper Bowl Sunday	3	4 9:00 AM -11:00 AM AM Gas Leak Survey	5	6 10:00 AM BIBLE STUDY	7 7:00 PM AA	8
9 10:45 AM Worship Deacons	10	11	12 Lincoln's Birthday	13 10:00 AM BIBLE STUDY	14 7:00 PM AA Newsletter Dea Valentine's Day	15
16 10:45 AM Worship Admin. Com. after worship	17 6:00 PM Spiritual Gr/Outreach 7:00 PM Session President's Day	18 9:30 AM Ruth Esther Circle 10:00 AM	19 + ASH WEDNESDAY	20 10:00 AM BIBLE STUDY	21 3:00 PM Community Meal Center 7:00 PM AA	22 Washington's Birthday
23 10:45 AM Worship	24	25	6:00 PM Soup Supper 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service	27 10:00 AM BIBLE STUDY	28 7:00 PM AA	29

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