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January 22 – 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Scriptures: Isaiah 9:1-4
Matthew 4:12-23

Sermon: “*First Responders*”

Liturgist: Sharon Bortz

Music: Haviland Choir

January 29 – 4th Sunday after Epiphany

Scriptures: Micah 6:8
1 Corinthians 1:18-19, 25-31
Matthew 5:1-12

Sermon: “*God’s Wisdom and Blessing*”

Liturgist: Rev. Trina Lewis

Music: Haviland Choir, Brass and Timpani



Years ago, in my early years of teaching in the Salem City Schools, Betty Hofmeister sang this song with my kindergarten class.

Love is something if you give it away, give it away, give it away.
Love is something if you give it away. You end up having more.
It’s just like a magic penny, Hold it tight, and you won’t have any.
Lend it, spend it, and you’ll have so many, They’ll roll all over the floor.
Love is something if you give it away, You end up having more.

Last November, I came to you as a representative of the Congregational Care Committee, asking you to do just that. Recognizing the many ways we are all blessed, you were asked to take home a Blessings Jar and fill it with your loose change or any other money you might choose to share with the local Food Pantry. Close to 60 jars were taken home. A few weeks later, those jars started appearing again. Some with maybe a handful of change. Some with single dollar bills and some with wads of dollar bills of varying amounts. We asked for the jars to be returned just before Christmas not sure just how much money to expect. The Finance committee started to ask me about our plans for counting all that change. I can understand why because we started to observe jars filled with change being emptied into the red buckets. There were even larger jars of change that were emptied into the red buckets. Those red buckets became so full and so heavy, it was really hard for the counters to carry them! The money continued coming in-even after Christmas. And I admit, the question of counting the change came up again! Luckily the coins could be counted in the coin machine at Giant Eagle, and I am told that after 40 minutes of the machine eating up the coins and counting them, the total amount of the coins was over \$400. But that was only the coins! After the bills were all counted and the two amounts added together, the total amount of money collected from the Blessings Jars was \$984.73! When the check was written to the Pantry, the proceeds from LOGOS Bake Sale and the October Soup to Go sale were added to the Blessings Jars donations. The Magic Pennies that we shared with Salem Food Pantry added up to \$1317.16. This money will help to feed so many families who are struggling right now thanks to all of you who were willing to share your Magic Pennies. When Judy Sicilia told me just how successful our Blessings Jar project was, she said, “I’m guessing you’ll probably want to do it again!” Yes Judy, you can count on that!

Carol Ricciardi, Moderator, Congregational Care Committee

Acts 20:35 ~ In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

CHURCH INFORMATION:

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Thank You Notes:

Thank you for the beautiful Poinsettia at Christmas delivered by Kathie Baker, and for the lovely flowers from morning worship delivered by Gloria Shafer. ~ *Pat Eichler*

Thank you for the many caring thoughts, concern, and prayers. ~ *Judy Herron*

Thank you very much, Nancy McNeal, for explaining the Harpsichord, how it works and how it plays at the Daytimers gathering in January. She also gifted us by playing several selections. February's program is a Water Painting Demonstration by Erma Eaton. ~ *Gloria Shafer*

Soup to Go – Next Sunday, January 22

Help is needed this Saturday, January 21 at 9:00 a.m. to make Chili with Paul Fennema as leader. You can purchase on Sunday morning, January 22, for \$5.00 a quart. When "Soup to Go" was first begun, it was agreed that the price of the soup would be \$5.00 and that the proceeds of the sales would go to local missions. Our committee has chosen to keep the price of the soup at \$5.00 but with the rise in cost of the ingredients, we will not have as much money to donate to the local missions. If at all possible, please consider adding a small donation when you purchase your soup today. Please return jars and lids.

Adult Sunday School Class – Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. in the Library

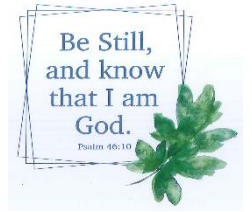
We will be reading and discussing the book, *Stretch Out Your Hand: Exploring Healing Prayer* by Tilda Norberg and Robert D. Webber. Class leaders are Revs. Frank and Trina Lewis.

Per Capita Apportionment for 2023 is \$32.50 per Active Member. Per Capita is an assessment paid to General Assembly, Synod, and Presbytery for each member of the congregation. Per Capita funding is how Presbyterians mutually share the costs of coming together to discern the Spirit's leading for the future. It is how Presbyterians are trained to become better elders and ministers. It is how Presbyterians discern God's call in their lives. The Per Capita Apportionment due for the year 2023 for First Presbyterian Church of Salem is based upon reported active membership at the end of the year 2021, which was 238 and is \$7,735.00.

Dear Presbyterian Friends:

Beaver Creek Presbyterian Church Camp is a wonderful ministry of our Presbytery. Wilderness experiences have always been treasured by Christian people. One study of long-time church members and pastors revealed a high percentage said that their deepest spiritual experience was at a church camp.

Our culture has lost many of its ties to God's creation. We live in a fast-paced technological age. We desperately need to slow down and make time for wonder and amazement. Beaver Creek Presbyterian Church Camp is one way we have of experiencing God's creation. One of the most beloved parts of the camp is the sign that says, "Be still and know that I am God."



- We currently have over \$3,000 in scholarship money to see that as many of our children as possible can have this opportunity for spiritual growth.
- We would love to be a place for young adults to offer their gifts as counsellors.
- A special need we have is for someone with some medical training or experience to help with the camp.
- We request your prayers and support for our ministry.

June 25-20 Senior High Camp, \$190
July 7-8 Over-night camp for K-1st grade, \$35 a child; responsible adult must accompany child.
July 9-14 Junior Camp, 5th or 6th grade, \$190
July 16-23 Middler Camp, 7th or 8th grade, \$190
July 22 Alumni Day – no cost for any alumni who have ever been a camper to come and enjoy a day of fun.
July 24-26 Pre-Junior Camp, 2nd through 4th grade, cost \$105
July 27-30 Family Camp – families invited back for weekend, cost \$100 a family

Please contact our Board President, Steve Cramer, at 330-921-1115 with any questions. He may also be reached at rev.stevecramer@yahoo.com.

Sincerely,
The Beaver Creek Presbyterian Camp Board

January 2023

Happy Birthday! *Terry Rufer (28)*

- 18 / Weds 10:30 Tai Chi Class (Fellowship Hall)
7:00 Haviland Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 19 / Thurs **7:00 Regular Session Meeting** *via Zoom*
- 21 / Sat 9:00 Making Chili for Soup to Go on January 22
- 22 / Sun 9:15 Sunday School / Adult Sunday School (Library)
10:00 Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)
10:30 Service of Worship
4:30 Pres-Bees / LOGOS (Fellowship Hall)
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (Fellowship Hall)
- 23 / Mon 10:30 Tai Chi Class (Fellowship Hall)
6:00 Troop 3 Scouts (Fellowship Hall); Troop 2003 G Scouts (209)
- 25 / Weds 10:30 Tai Chi Class (Fellowship Hall)
7:00 Haviland Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 27 / Fri 10:30 United Quilt Guild (Library)
- 29 / Sun 9:15 Sunday School / Adult Sunday School (Library)
10:00 Coffee Hour – *Birthday Celebration for Terry Rufer*
10:30 Service of Worship – *Brass and Timpani*
4:30 Pres-Bees / LOGOS (Library)
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 Pinewood Derby (Fellowship Hall)
- 30 / Mon 10:30 Tai Chi Class (Fellowship Hall)
6:00 Troop 3 Scouts (Basement, Fellowship Hall); Troop 2003G Scouts (209)

February 2023

Happy Birthday! *Jan Jones (11)*

- 1 / Weds 12:00 Daytimers (Fellowship Hall) – *Water Painting Demonstration by Erma Eaton*
6:00 Moderators Meeting *via Zoom*
7:00 Haviland Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 2 / Thurs **6:00 Christian Education** (Library) / **Mission I and S** (Parlor)
7:00 Devotions
7:15 Property and Maintenance (Library) / **Worship, Music and the Arts** (Parlor)
- 5 / Scout
Sunday 9:15 Sunday School / Adult Sunday School (Library)
10:00 Coffee Hour
10:30 Service of Worship
4:30 Pres-Bees / LOGOS (Fellowship Hall)
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (Basement; Fellowship Hall)
- 6 / Mon 10:30 Tai Chi Class (Fellowship Hall)
6:00 Troop 3 Scouts (Basement, Fellowship Hall; Troop 2003G Scouts, 209)
7:00 Board of Deacons (Library)