

Auburn Presbyterian Church
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JANUARY NEWSLETTER 2018

Dear Friends,

The Pastor Nominating Committee has met frequently for almost a year, have reviewed dozens of Pastor Information Forms, have had Skype and personal interviews, and have had many prayerful and thoughtful conversations. They now enthusiastically recommend their unanimous choice for the next pastor of the Auburn Presbyterian Church.

This candidate will lead worship, which will include Communion, **on Sunday, January 7**; the congregational meeting, at which time members may vote on this call, will occur immediately after worship that day.

They would also like to invite you to a “**Meet and Greet**” opportunity **on Saturday, January 6, 2018, from 3:00-5:00 PM, in Fellowship Hall**. The candidate will be present at that time so that you can have a chance to meet and welcome him/her before worship the following day.

Please mark your calendar for both dates: **Saturday, January 6, 3:00-5:00 PM**, to meet the candidate and Sunday, **January 7, 10:00 AM, for worship and the congregational meeting**, at which time you will hear the report of the Pastor Nominating Committee.

Our **2018 Calendars** have arrived from Pinnington-McComb Funeral Home. Please help yourself to as many as you like. They are located at the back of the sanctuary.

NOTES FROM SESSION...

We have been gifted by a dedicated and attentive staff through the years. Due to budgetary constraints, Session has been unable to provide our staff with either raises or bonuses for the last 2 years. However, we recognize how hard they have worked and we want to give you, the congregation, the opportunity to express your gratitude for their hard work. In order for this to occur the Session has designated that any cash appearing in the offering plates this Sunday and next will be divided equally among the members of our staff. (for tax purposes we cannot accept checks). We hope you will join us in making this a generous gift in the spirit of Christmas.

A SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING has been called by the Session for Sunday, January 7, 2018, following the 10:00 a.m. worship service. The purpose of this meeting is to receive a report from the Pastor Nominating Committee.

PER CAPITA RELEASED: \$39.99 per confirmed member

Per Capita is assessed on the number of active members on the church's roll. Each governing body beyond our Session determines how much Per Capita it will assess the membership. For next year, our church Per Capita Apportionment is: **\$39.99 per member**. You may make your checks out to the Auburn Presbyterian Church and either mail to the church office or drop in the offering plate. Be sure to mark at the bottom of your check "per capita" so the treasurer will apply the funds appropriately.

OFFICER TRAINING will take place on **Saturday, January 13 at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall**. It is very important that ALL 2017 Elders and Deacons attend this meeting as well as the newly elected officers for 2018.

THE CALL OF THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:

The Annual Congregational meeting of the Auburn Presbyterian Church will be held in Fellowship Hall on Sun., January 28, 2018 for the purpose of receiving annual committee reports, receiving the 2018 budget, and transacting any other business that may properly come before said meeting. A meal will precede the actual business meeting. Officers and anyone who has to submit a report for our **2017 Annual Report**, please have it to the church secretary no later than January 10.

NEW OFFICERS FOR 2018:

A unanimous ballot was cast for the following officers for 2018 during the congregational meeting which was held on Sunday, December 10, 2017:

Elders (Class of 2020): Joe Dick, Barbara Morrow, Julia Nixon

Deacons (Class of 2020): Katherine Bassett, Christine Cross, Carl Smith, Leah Watson

Jr. Deacon (Class of 2018): Isabella Gettys

2018 Leadership Development Team: Doug Morrow, David John, Ray Smith

APC Foundation Board (Class of 2019): Peg Yoder, (Congregational Rep.)



NOTE CONCERNING COMMITTEES:

If you are interested in serving on one of the following committees please notify the church office: Building & Grounds, Christian Education, Evangelism/Church Growth & Fellowship, Mission Action & Interpretation, Personnel, Stewardship & Budget and Worship & Music.

HELPING WITH OUR WORSHIP: JANUARY 2018

USHERS:

7: Betty Sue Gengnagel and Ed Benbow

14: Paul & Leah Watson

21: Beth Shepherd, Hilda Kennedy

28: Jeff Zielke, Evan Zielke

LITURGIST: Julia Nixon, Peggy Jones

ACOLYTES:

7: Sylvia Benbow
14: Marcus Smith
21: Isabella Gettys
28: Aiden Smith

FLOWERS FOR MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES

A tribute of fresh flowers for special people as memorials or celebration is a continuing tradition, and further acknowledges the glory of God in our worship experience at the Auburn Presbyterian Church. You can participate by choosing any of the following Sunday morning dates and call the church office with your information to be published.

JANUARY: 7, 14, 21
FEBRUARY: 4, 11, 18, 25
MARCH: 4, 11,
APRIL: 8, 22, 29
MAY: 6, 27
JUNE: 3, 17



JULY: 8, 29
AUGUST: 12, 19
SEP: 2, 23, 30
OCTOBER: 28
NOV: 25
DEC: 30

Acknowledgments will be printed in the Sunday bulletin. Flowers are delivered each week from the Sprinkling Can Florists, and you will be billed directly by the church. The total cost is \$30.00 for two vases of flowers. You may wish to take your floral tribute home following the services.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult Sunday School will resume January 14 following worship. Please join us in the lounge for another semester of thought-provoking discussion and fellowship. As always, please feel free to contact Barb Morrow if you have ideas for class topics. Ideas are always welcome!

Class will not meet on January 28 due to the annual congregation meeting that will follow worship.

PW CIRCLE MEETINGS

Priscilla Circle will meet at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, January 10 at **Jeremiah's Coffee House** (at the corner of 9th Street and Main Street). Discussion will be from Lesson 5 - Hebrews 3:1-6; 11

Ruth Circle will meet at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 10 in the church lounge. Rachel Roberts will provide the lesson from Chapters 17 & 18.

OFFICE CLOSED OVER THE HOLIDAY

Just a reminder... The office will be closed beginning Monday, December 25 through Thursday, December 28. If you have an emergency please call any of the following session members: Susan Buttermore, Jerri Imus, John Jackson, David John, Peggy Jones, Stan Lowe, Julia Nixon, Doug Morrow or Marjorie Reinsch.