

Auburn Presbyterian Church
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FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER 2020

HELPING WITH OUR WORSHIP: FEBRUARY 2020

USHERS:

- 2: Joyce Phillips, Polly Bassett
- 9: SCOUT SUNDAY
- 16: Theresa Clark, Jan Nagel
- 23: Bill & Kathryn Bassett

ACOLYTES:

- 2: Aidan Smith
- 9: Marcus Smith
- 16: Eva Hoolihan
- 23: Aadon Beck

LITURGIST: Ray Smith

COMMUNION SERVERS:

February 23: If anyone in the congregation is interested in helping serve communion please call the church office and we will get you on the communion schedule.

FLOWERS:

- 2: Susan Buttermore
- 9: Carl & Melinda Smith
- 16: Ed Benbow

**we can
help**



Brothers and Sisters-This has been a busy but productive week. We had our first session meeting of the year, the annual report is printed and ready for distribution this

coming Sunday at the congregational meeting, and I got some writing done on my dissertation. Busy but productive.

I discussed my intentions for the coming year with the session and I wanted to share this with you. First, we watched this [video about Appreciative Inquiry](#) and talked a little bit about the process. I invite you to follow the above link to watch the same material. The video is an overview of the process I would like us to start.

I explained to the session that we aren't walking in the dark and would be using [Mark Lau Branson's book, Memories, Hopes, and Conversations](#) as a guide in this process. Mark's book describes his experience with AI and the second edition includes several examples of churches that have used the process in their context. I know Mark through Zoom conversation and he and my doctoral adviser are close friends so I hope that he could serve as an additional resource in this process.

Finally, I am in the process of applying for a pilot grant through the presbytery. Five congregations will be chosen in Presbytery of Wabash Valley and I think we are well situated to be considered for this resource. This is a grant for coaching and I hope to receive the grant to get a coach to help guide us through the process of Appreciative Inquiry. A coach in this instance is a person who helps us identify the resources we need to help us move ahead with a plan.

There is a Scripture passage (Esther 4:14) which mentions God's work to bring things together, "for a time such as this". I believe that APC is in a spot where the available resources have come together perfectly to help the congregation more fully engage with God's mission. God has invited us to be a part of that mission and I think AI provides a way for us to better discern God's nudge.

I know this is a lot of information and some of the practices are new ones. We aren't going to jump into this and we aren't going to be done in a month. This is a long process that we're going to enter into, but I hope we can enter with an attitude of excitement and expectation. I know God's word does not return empty and we are bearing fruit of the Spirit.

If you have any questions, please feel free to get in touch and we can have coffee or something.

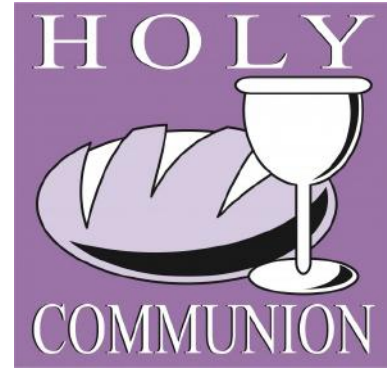
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David



COMMUNION DATES APPROVED BY SESSION for 2020

Sundays:

February 23 (last Sunday) Transfiguration of the Lord
March 1 (1st Sunday) 1st Sunday in Lent
April 12 (2nd Sunday) Easter
May 31 (last Sunday) Day of Pentecost
June 7 (1st Sunday) Trinity Sunday
July 12 (2nd Sunday)
August 2 (1st Sunday)
September 13 (2nd Sunday)
October 4 (1st Sunday)
November 22 (4th Sunday) Christ the King Sunday



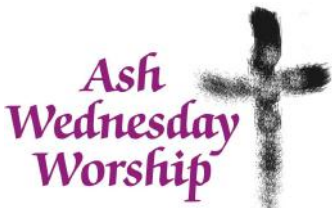
Other 2020 Worship Services

Wednesday, February 26 – Ash Wednesday
Thursday, April 9 - Maundy Thursday
Thursday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

COMMUNION SERVERS NEEDED: If you would like to help serve communion we need you! Please call the church office and let us know that you would like to be a part of this important service.

Ash Wednesday Service – February 26 at 7 p.m.

Wednesday, February 26, will begin the Lenten Season with the celebration of Ash Wednesday. The service, which will take place in our chapel beginning at 7 p.m., will be a time of prayer, meditation, and the imposition of ashes. Pastor David hopes you will be able to join us as we together begin our Lenten journey and travel toward the cross and eventually Easter Sunday.



Preparing for Lent: Once again Wednesdays during lent will include soup and bible study. A sign up for preparing soup will open the Second Sunday in February.



Thank You So Very Much!!

My dear APC Friends in Christ, I want to thank you for the wonderful send-off and celebration you gave me at the reception after church in December. I loved all the notes in your beautiful card. It is great to see them and to think about you and all the cherished memories I have of my time with you.

Also, thank you for the very generous gifts. You have always been so gracious to me. I will miss you a lot!

May God continue to guide you and bless you in this new year and always.

With love in Christ, Judy Rhoades



Invitation to All:

Monday February 3rd at 6:30 p.m. the Evangelism, Church Growth and Fellowship Committee will meet at the church. Our focus for 2020 is Outreach to the Auburn Community. Unable to make the meeting, just write down ideas and place in Melinda Smith's box in church office.

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS - February 17, 2020

Random Acts of Kindness is celebrated on February 17 in Auburn. The Fellowship Evangelism Church Growth Committee would like to collect items to hand out to our Friends Table visitors.

Items we are collecting: Soaps (bars or shower gels), Shampoo, Toothpaste, Toothbrush, small washcloth, lip balm...basic hygiene products any sizes..anything is welcome! Also warm hats and scarfs. The committee will assemble the hygiene kits on February 16, so please turn in items before that date. Box to collect items will be at the top of the stairs before you enter the sanctuary. Any questions please contact Melinda Smith

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

- Feb. 2:** **ELDER CARE – LOOKING AFTER OUR ELDERS AND OUR AGING SELVES.** J. Bryan Nugen, an Auburn attorney and 5th generation DeKalb County native, will be our guest and share his expertise about caring for those with dementia. Bryan, who is licensed to practice law in Indiana, Ohio, Michigan and Florida, is a member of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, a Veteran's Administration Accredited Attorney and a certified dementia practitioner. His law practice has a concentration in Estate Planning and Elder Law. He also owns the TrueCare group, a company focusing on providing personal care for senior clients in Indiana.
- Feb. 9:** **A NEW MISSION OUTREACH.** Have you been wondering about the new furniture arrangement in the room directly below the sanctuary? A new ministry led by local resident Nicki Tackett is underway there on Sunday evenings. Join us as Nicki explains the purpose of this ministry and the people being served.
- Feb. 16:** **To be announced.**
- Feb. 23:** **HEARTEN HOUSE: A Rescue Mission for DeKalb County Women.** Please join us as Hearten House director Marisa McKenzie describes this local ministry, which our church supports. Hearten House currently has beds for 8 women, with 35 women on a waiting list to receive services.

PW MEETING:

PWC will meet Wednesday, Feb 12th at 10:30 a.m. in the church lounge. The lesson #6 will be led by Barbara Bushnell entitled "Words of Love: Hold your Marriages Sacred." A business meeting will follow and lunch out is optional. A reminder...if at any time DeKalb Central closes due to weather, PWC does NOT meet at well.

A REMINDER FROM THE DEACONS ABOUT SUNDAY MORNING FLOWERS:

If you take your flowers home on Sundays, please remember to return both the glass vase and the green vase that holds the flowers. You may return them back to the bar in the back of the sanctuary.

