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## **FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER 2024**

### **JOIN THE COMPETITION BETWEEN THE SUPER BOWL TEAMS BY PARTICIPATING IN THE SOUPER BOWL OF CARING**

Souper Bowl of Caring is a nationwide effort to bring deeper meaning to the day of the game by tackling hunger. The Mission committee is asking everyone to acknowledge Souper Bowl of Caring by bringing in a can of soup to donate to the food pantry in our parking lot. If you are a San Francisco 49ers fan or a Kansas City Chiefs fan you can bring your soup and drop in the appropriate bucket and at the end of the service we will see which bucket has more!

#### **PERSONNEL UPDATE:**

We are sorry to report that Naomi DeBaillie has left our staff. Naomi just felt that her ministry here was over. She asked that her departure not be announced or her service recognized. However, we would like to give her a card shower in recognition of her time with us. If congregants would like to send a card to Naomi showing expressions of gratitude her address is:

Naomi DeBaillie  
14324 Lincoln Highway East  
New Haven, IN 46774

Carl Smith and I traded emails last week as I wondered if he had time to pull things together for a meal. Always up for a challenge, Carl was game and we talked about scheduling and times. This morning I told Tracy that we needed to put the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on the calendar for the 13<sup>th</sup> to which Tracy asked, “What are you talking about? How do you even spell that”?

The celebration of Shrove Tuesday, the day before the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday, can be traced back to the first century. This special day was originally marked by significant religious practices including committing to a Lenten sacrifice, prayer, confession, and the burning of the palms from the previous year’s Palm Sunday, which were then used on Ash Wednesday.

Over time, new practices sprouted from Shrove Tuesday’s religious roots. For example, Shrove Tuesday evolved into a carnival atmosphere celebrated with parades and king cakes – a last “blowout” before Lenten denial. Also, foods using eggs, sugar, and fat became welded to the celebration of Shrove Tuesday – paczki in Poland and Eastern Europe, pancakes in Western Europe and the US.

The United Kingdom goes all out for Shrove Tuesday by declaring a half-day holiday and closing roads for soccer matches. Children go door-to-door in some cities asking for pancakes and, like Halloween here, those who don’t give pancakes can expect a trick. Some cities even have pancake races in which cooks run across town to deliver their pancakes.

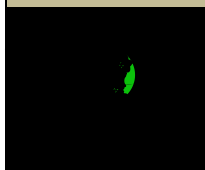
Shrove Tuesday Pancake Suppers in the United States are a lot more sedate. Many churches sponsor these meals as an opportunity for fellowship with the community as well as a recognition that we are preparing to enter into the season of Lent. That’s what I was telling Tracy to put on the calendar and that’s our hope for our celebration.

Please join us Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup> for pancakes and sausage. We’re gathering in the Fellowship Hall from 5-6 and hope to see you there to celebrate Shrove Tuesday.

*Pastor David*



## MISSION ACTION AND INTERPRETATION...



Imagine the joy when your gift changes someone’s life – both the joy they will feel in being changed and the joy you will feel in knowing that your gift is changing lives. As Christians, we talk about God providing us with blessings of all kinds in abundance, but there are many in the world who live with less than what they need. Surely our God calls us to be sharers of abundance. You can be a channel through whom God satisfies the hungry, comforts the distressed, and brings hope to the poor and oppressed. Create more joy in the world with your generous gift to One Great Hour of Sharing.

The MA&I team will be sharing the messages of **One Great Hour of Sharing** as we move thru the Lenten season. We invite your participation by mailing your contribution to the church and mark the check memo as "One Great Hour of Sharing Contribution." Thanks for your cooperation and willingness to participate!

## WORSHIP AND MUSIC...

**Ash Wednesday**  
— Lent Begins

Wednesday, February 14, 2024, will begin the Lenten Season with the celebration of Ash Wednesday. Imposition of ashes and communion will take place during the service in the chapel beginning at 7 p.m.



### **What to Give Up:**

#### **A Lenten Reflection**

**Give up complaining - focus on gratitude.**

**Give up pessimism - become an optimist.**

**Give up harsh judgments - think kindly thoughts.**

**Give up worry - trust Divine Providence**

**Give up discouragement - be full of hope.**

**Give up bitterness - turn to forgiveness.**

**Give up hatred - return good for evil.**

**Give up negativism - be positive.**

**Give up anger - be more patient.**

**Give up pettiness - become mature.**

**Give up gloom - enjoy the beauty that is all around you.**

**Give up jealousy - pray for trust.**

**Give up gossiping - control your tongue.**

**Give up sin - turn to virtue.**

**Give up giving up - hang in there!**

If you are interested in giving flowers for Sunday morning worship service the following dates are available:

#### **DATES FOR 2024:**

**JANUARY: 1,8**

**FEBRUARY: 19, 26**

**APRIL: 16, 23**

**MAY: 28**

**JUNE: 18, 25**

***JULY, AUGUST & SEPTEMBER WORSHIPPING IN THE GARDEN***

**SEPTEMBER: 3, 10**

**OCTOBER: 15**

**DECEMBER: 10, 17, 31**



The total cost is \$40.00 for two vases of flowers and the forms are available at the back of the church to fill out and return to the church office. Or you may call the office and let the secretary know the date and who you would like to give them for.



## Auburn Presbyterian Church will be celebrating Scout Sunday February 4, 2024

This is a great time to honor Scouts and adults for their volunteer activities in service of Auburn Presbyterian Church and our community.

The Girls Scouts will be selling their yummy cookies after the service.

### HELPING WITH OUR WORSHIP DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY:

**USHERS:** 4: Carl & Melinda Smith  
11: Nancy Derrow & Joyce Phillips  
18: David & Cheryl John  
25: Susan Buttermore & Jan Nagel

**LITURGIST:** David Poudrier

**PROVIDING FLOWERS:** Carl & Melinda Smith, Stan & Mary Wilson

**COMMUNION WILL TAKE PLACE ON FEBRUARY 11 (Transfiguration of the Lord and on  
FEBRUARY 14 (Ash Wednesday) Please mark your calendars.**

#### *A note from Naomi DeBaillie:*

Thank you all at Auburn Presbyterian Church for allowing me to serve your church as the musician for Three years and seven months from June 19, 2020, through January 14, 2024. Also, thanks to all who were willing to participate in the special music during that time. It is with mixed emotions that I chose to resign much earlier than had previously crossed my mind.



### PW WILL MEET IN FEBRUARY!

Presbyterian Women will meet Wednesday, Feb 14th at 10:30 a.m. in the lounge downstairs. Pastor David will provide lessons five and six "A Person with Leprosy Encounters Jesus" - Luke 17:11-21 and "A Person with a Physical Disability Encounters Jesus" - Acts 3:1-10. All women are invited to attend.

### EUCHRE TOURNAMENT

Who wants to play Euchre again? The next Euchre Tournament will take place on Thursday, February 8 at 7 PM in the lounge. If you didn't get a chance to play before this, don't let that stop you from joining the group. A good time is had by all who come and play!



## **HIRING A NEW DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:**

Welcome to our new musician, **Grant Nill**. Grant comes to us with a degree in sacred music from Loyola. His experience spans work with several different congregations, playing as accompanist, and as the principal musician for The Messiah. It is our pleasure to welcome Grant to our staff and church family.

On Sunday, January 31st a light reception was held in fellowship hall to welcome Grant to the Auburn Presbyterian Church. Below are pictures taken during that reception.