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JULY 2024 NEWSLETTER

Presbyterian Women will be holding another **Rummage Sale on October 24, 25, & 26**. Please start saving your items now. If you don't have a place to store your items until October we are designating a room in the basement for that purpose.

We are very excited to announce the birth of

Orion Mac Watson

Son of Paul & Leah, born Tuesday, June 11th.

Everyone is doing great.

Congrats to Paul & Leah!

FROM THE PASTOR:

Brothers and Sisters –

Thanks for welcoming the Bruehrer family from Salem Center into our worship. While they were here, I was able to go to Salem Center and officiate communion at that church. While we don't exchange pulpits, I have been going to the Garrett church and officiating communion service there. Because of my authority as a PC(USA) Minister of Word and Sacrament, I was asked by the COM to moderate the session meetings of these two congregations.

In this time of transition, the form and role of the church is in flux. One effect of this transition is shrinking congregations, which means that churches need to find ways to support each other. Because we are a connectional church, what happens with other congregations should be important to us and we should actively work to build up the body of Christ. What happened this month with the Auburn and Salem Center congregations is an example of that mutual support and care.

The Auburn congregation is blessed with resources that most just don't have, For example, I am the only active Minister of Word and Sacrament in this corner of our presbytery. Along with these assets comes a responsibility, the responsibility to care for other congregations in the area – to love them as we love ourselves. We try to be intentional about inviting other congregations to join us in fellowship activities and we are part of the Smock Cluster. The honorably retired ministers associated with our congregation support other churches, as well. What are other ways that we can help with the challenges faced by other churches in our area? How can we participate together in activities that glorify God and nourish our faith? God is calling the church to innovate as we move through this challenging time.

Shalom, Pastor David

**PLEASE JOIN US TO CELEBRATE
ZEKE'S 1ST BIRTHDAY**

ON SUNDAY JULY 21, 2024

(Immediately following Church Services)

Lunch will be served and of course Birthday Cake!!



We consider this Church and all its members to be part of Zeke's family and want to invite you to celebrate Zeke's amazing 1st year. The only restriction is that we request no gifts* other than your continued love and guidance in Zeke's upbringing.

*If you need to bring a gift, books will be welcome.