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## **MARCH NEWSLETTER 2025**

### **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!

### **MARY EVELYN MOORE SCHOLARSHIP**

The Christian Education Committee is now accepting applications for the Mary Evelyn Moore Scholarship. Applications are to be picked up in the church office and must be returned to the church office by **FRIDAY, April 4, 2025**. *No exceptions!*

The Mary Evelyn Moore Scholarship is available to church members who seek to further their studies at a degree-granting post-secondary educational institution. Previous recipients are not eligible.

### **PW WILL MEET IN MARCH!**

Presbyterian Women will meet Wednesday, March 12th at 10:30 a.m. in the lounge downstairs. The group will ; 7: Economic Climate and Lesson 8: Intergenerational Justice. All women are invited to attend.

The logo for "Pastor's Corner" features the text "Pastor's" in a large, bold, serif font above the word "Corner" in a smaller, bold, sans-serif font. A decorative flourish or feather-like element is positioned above the "s" in "Pastor's". The entire logo is enclosed in a dotted-line border.

**Pastor's  
Corner**

Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

We began our study of spiritual disciplines by thinking about meditation and listening. This month I'm going to write about a practice that I hope all of us are familiar with – prayer. Prayer adds to the practice of meditative listening so that we enter into conversation with God.

A lot of people ask me how to pray. What words should they use? Should they stand or sit? Is it important to kneel to pray? It's my advice that prayer is not about techniques, definitions, or methods. What's important is that you find the "attitude" of prayer that's the most comfortable for you as you dig deeper into the relationship that God wants with you. You should pray and meditate in such a way that you can join into the wonderful loving relationship that God longs to have with us.

Sometimes people use the same prayer over and over for years. Consistency is good, but our prayer life can also become dull and routine. We can reform the routine of prayer by exploring some of the incredible resources that have been created over the millennia. There are books of prayer, Psalms in the Bible can serve as prayers, and prayers can be found in the first pages of our hymnal.

If you love God, talk to God. It doesn't matter what you say; how, where or when you say it. What matters is that you talk to God with prayer.

*Pastor David*

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENT

Adult Ed. (Sunday School) took a month, but we're back through the month of March! We have some really engaging speakers lined up to talk about the intersection of spiritual, physical, and mental health.

**March 9 – A spiritual director will tell us about the practice of spirituality.**

**March 16 – A doctor talk about how our spiritual and mental health impact our bodies.**

**March 23 – A care provider will discuss the role of these spheres in Alzheimer's Disease.**

**March 30 – A therapist will discuss how mental health influences our being.**

All these speakers are from the community, and we hope that you can make them feel welcome. I also ask that you make a point of staying after worship to join in these conversations.

## WORSHIP AND MUSIC...

**HELPING WITH OUR WORSHIP DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH:**

**USHERS:** 2: Phil Bryan & Mindy Zielke  
9: Julia Nixon & Susan Buttermore  
16: Doug Morrow & Joyce Phillips  
23: Susan Buttermore & Jan Nagel  
30: Nancy & Ross Clark

**LITURGIST:** Jim Nixon & Barb Morrow

**PROVIDING FLOWERS:** Doug & Barb Morrow, Peggy Jones and David Smith, Norm & Peg Yoder, Ross & Nancy Clark.

**COMMUNION WILL TAKE PLACE ON MARCH 2 (Transfiguration of the Lord and on MARCH 5 (Ash Wednesday) Please mark your calendars.**

## Ash Wednesday — Lent Begins

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE IN THE CHAPEL AND SOUP IN FELLOWSHIP HALL:**

Wednesday, March 5, 2025, will begin the Lenten Season with the celebration of Ash Wednesday. **Soup will be served in Fellowship Hall at 6 pm in Fellowship Hall.**

Imposition of ashes and communion will take place during the service in the chapel beginning at 7 p.m. Marjorie Reinsch will be doing the service in Pastor David's absence.

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

**DATES FOR 2025:**

**APRIL: 13, 20, 27**

**MAY: 18, 25**

**SEPTEMBER: 7, 28**

**OCTOBER: 12**

**NOVEMBER: 2, 9, 16, 23, 30**

**DECEMBER: 14, 21, 28**



***JUNE 15, 22, 29 AND ALL OF JULY AND AUGUST THE WORSHIP WILL BE HELD IN THE GARDEN***

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.

Aidan Smith will be performing with The Old Crown Brass Band, here is a concert coming up. Free to attend!



## **AUBURN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 2025 OFFICERS**

### **ELDERS:**

<u>Class of 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027</u>
Phil Bryan	Polly Bassett	Lisa Magsamen
Richard Reichard	Tim Miller	Jan Nagel
Norm Yoder	Joyce Phillips	Mary Wilson

### **DEACONS:**

<u>Class of 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027</u>
Alyssa Imus	Joey Aiken	
Don McIntyre	Mark Bassett	
Veronique Poudrier	Jim Nixon	