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NEWSLETTER 2026

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN...

Presbyterian Women will meet on Wednesday, January 14th at 10:30 a.m. in the lounge. Lessons 4 and 5 will be provided by Pastor David. If possible, please bring a box of snack crackers (individually wrapped) for our school kids.

On Wednesday, December 10th the PW enjoyed their annual Christmas Luncheon. Below are some pictures taken from that event!



FROM THE PASTOR:

Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

January is, of course, when we turn the calendar. This is a time to pause, breathe, and take stock. January also provides the opportunity for the church and individuals to enter a season of reflection and renewed commitment—an opportunity to look back with gratitude and forward with hope. The quiet of winter, like the stillness God often uses to speak most clearly, lends itself to this practice of contemplation.

In this season, we are called to renew our spiritual practices. The last year the session has been focusing on the practice of listening, particularly listening to the voice of God as we discern it outside the congregation. We are asking what God is calling us to. As a community of faith, we walk this path together, supporting one another as we listen for that still small voice. Wondering, trying, and testing, we take small consistent steps toward a lasting transformation.

May this new year be rooted in trust and guided by the Spirit. As we move through January and look to the new year, let us carry forward a spirit of openness—ready to receive what God is doing around us and within us. With Christ as our foundation, we step into the year ahead with confidence, compassion, and hope for all that is to come.

Shalom,
Pastor David

NOTES FROM SECRETARY...

Officers and anyone who has to submit a report for our **2025 Annual Report**, please send it to the church secretary no later than January 16, 2026.

To the Congregation:

I say this all the time...I love my job and the people I work for and how blessed I feel to have a job that I enjoy going to. There are not a lot of people in this world that can say that! I have been working here so long that this congregation feels like my family! I thank you all so much for the cards, gifts and goodies that I have received throughout the year also special thanks for the very generous Christmas bonus I received from the congregation.



I wish all of you a very Blessed New Year!

Sincerely,

Your Church Secretary ~ Tracy

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION UPDATES

JANUARY'S ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Please join us after worship during the month of January for **Adult Sunday School**. Each week in January we will be discussing the sermon and worship service. Everyone is encouraged to attend!

MISSION COMMITTEE NOTES

ANGEL TREE WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!

Many thanks to all that took a name from the Angel Tree this year. What a blessing it is to see how everyone joins together to help make someone else's Christmas a little brighter for those in need!

NOTES FROM SESSION...

- * The Annual Congregational meeting of the Auburn Presbyterian Church will take place on FEBRUARY 22, 2026.
- * If you haven't turned in your Per Capita yet it's not too late. The cost per member is \$45.08. You may make your checks out to the Auburn Presbyterian Church and in the memo portion write in "Per Capita"
- * Special thanks to Jerri Imus for volunteering to be our Clerk of Session during 2025 and for continuing to do this meaningful job for the church next year as well!
- * We also would like to give our gratitude to Nancy Clark who has volunteered to be our Church Treasurer. This position requires a lot of commitment, and we so appreciate all her work she gives to the church.
- * Session voted on Monday, December 15 to approve the following 2026 Communion Dates: January 11(Baptism of the Lord), February 15 (Transfiguration of the Lord), February 18 (Ash Wednesday), March 29 (Palm Sunday), April 2 (Maundy Thursday), April 5 (Easter), May 24 (Pentecost), May 31 (Trinity), June 7, July 12, August 2, September 13, October 4 (World Communion), November 22 (Christ the King/Reign of Christ), December 24 (Christmas Eve), January 10, 2027 (Baptism of the Lord).
- * Below is the list of the Elders for 2026 – divided into their classes.
- * Ordination/Installation of New Officers will take place on Sunday, January 11th. Mark you calendars!

ELDERS FOR 2026

Class of 2026

Polly Bassett
Tim Miller
Joyce Phillips

Class of 2027

Lisa Magsamen
Jan Nagel
Mary Wilson

Class of 2028

Barb Morrow
Elaine LeFever
Norm Yoder

WORSHIP AND MUSIC NEWS AND UPDATES

TIME TO TAKE DOWN OUR BEAUTIFUL TREE! Please join us after worship on Sunday, Jan. 11 to take down the sanctuary tree and put away the church Christmas decorations. AND HERE'S A TREAT: The Poudriers will share a King Cake, which in many countries is associated with Epiphany. So . . . lend a hand that day and then enjoy something sweet! As always, thanks in advance.

HELPING WITH THE WORSHIP SERVICE FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY:

USHERS:

4: Lisa & Jason Magsamen
11: David & Cheryl John (Communion)
18: Stan & Mary Wilson
25: Polly Bassett and Judy Ditmars

LITURGIST: Peggy Jones

COMMUNION WILL BE SERVED ON THE SECOND SUNDAY OF JANUARY (January 11th) Baptism of the Lord Sunday. Please mark your calendars.

Special Thanks to Jerri Imus who has volunteered for many years now to be the Head Usher every Sunday. Her commitment each week helps make things run smoothly on Sunday mornings.

Special thanks also goes Mark and Michelle Bassett and Tim Miller who makes sure that all the worship services are videotaped each week. Without their work we would not be able to post our services on-line for those that are not able to attend in person.

We need volunteers for USHERS, LITURGIST AND COMMUNION SERVERS FOR 2026. All of these services are very important in making the worship service complete. If you would like to volunteer for any or all of these services, please call the church office at 925-2987.



2026 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 dates by filling out this form and dropping it off in the offering plate or the church office. (We do not need flowers during the summer months when we hold our worship in the Biblical Garden.)

Unfortunately, the cost of the flowers from the florist has increased. The total cost is now \$50.00 for two vases of flowers. You will be billed directly by the church.

You may wish to take your floral tribute home following the services. If so, please take the green plastic liner with you, however, the liner and the inside oasis will need to be brought back to the church because they are reused each week. (The church had to purchase those for the florist, and we need to make sure they get rotated back and forth so we don't have to purchase anymore). If you choose not to take your flowers home, please tell the head usher so they can be taken to a nursing home or shut-in.

AVAILABLE DATES FOR 2026:

January: 4, 11, 18, 25

February: 8, 15, 22

March: 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

April: 5, 19, 26

May: 10, 17, 24, 31

September: 20, 27

October: 4, 11, 18, 25

November: 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

December: 13, 20, 27

Please call the church office if you would like to sign up for one of the above available dates.

DEACONS

Below is a list of the Deacons for 2026 – divided into their classes.

DEACONS FOR 2026

Class of 2026

Joey Aiken

Mark Bassett

Class of 2027

Don McIntyre

Jim Nixon

Class of 2028

Michelle Bassett

Leah Watson

EVANGELISM, CHURCH GROWTH AND FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

THE HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!

Special thanks to the Evangelism, Church Growth and Fellowship committee for arranging the Holiday Extravaganza that took place on Sunday, December 7th in the Biblical Garden. The weather was a bit chilly but that didn't stop everyone from having a wonderful time!



