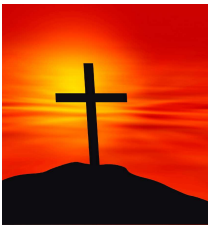


The Messenger

February 2014



The Presbyterian Church
Of Johnstown



MINISTER'S MESSAGE

I enjoy playing golf! Perhaps I've been daydreaming about it some lately because of the subzero temperatures that have graced our area. Nevertheless, I began playing as a teenager and enjoyed it so much that I eventually joined my high school golf team. And though I never ventured to play competitively beyond high school, golf has remained as a favorite way to be outdoors and to challenge myself. And... in my efforts over the years to become a better golfer – I have noticed a trend in how I play. Sometimes I play well and other times I play quite poorly. This is normal in golf, but the trend that I noticed was that in the times that I tended to play better – it was almost always associated with rounds of golf where I was playing alongside someone who was better at golf than I. And at one point in my life when I was really focused on becoming better at golf – I decided to deliberately schedule rounds of golf with players that I knew could play the game well. And... of course – my game began to improve as well. What was happening for me was that in connecting myself with someone greater – I was compelled to make myself better as well – I elevated my game.

Paul, the apostle, had spent a good deal of his life trying to live by rules – trying to do the right thing and trying to ensure others would follow the rules as well. He was a Pharisee. The problem with his pursuit of God is that it didn't jive well with what God truly intended for our lives to be. It was absent of the love and grace that was so apparent in the way God reveals himself in the person of Jesus Christ.

But then Paul has this true, personal encounter with Christ on the road to Damascus and from that point forward then realizes that what he thought was right in his life... was not. A whole new mindset was established and as such he began to "elevate his game" as well – so much so that in Acts 20:24 we find Paul saying, "I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the gospel of God's grace." (NIV) Paul, having now connected himself to someone greater than he, now finds a purpose and life that was infinitely more meaningful than anything he had experienced prior to it! And he devotes his life to that singular purpose – "the task of testifying to the gospel of God's grace." He lived a life of significance – of purpose – he was truly alive!

St. Irenaeus once said, "The glory of God is man fully alive"

John Bon Jovi wrote, "It's my life, it's now or never. I ain't gonna live forever. I just wanna live while I'm alive!"

And... Jesus the Christ said, "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." (John 10:10b, NIV)

What might it mean in our lives if we were to do the same as the Paul? What might we discover about ourselves if we were to connect with Christ in such a way that our relationship with him takes top priority? What new life or new significance in living might emerge from within us? How might our game be elevated if we spent the rounds of our lives with someone who has an infinitely greater game than us?

A Note from the Clerk...



Matthew 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in Heaven.

Session met on January 6, 2014, with Pastor Kevin moderating and opening the meeting with prayer.

The Installation Ceremony for Pastor Kevin was held on January 5, 2014. Special guests attending the Installation included: Elder Jim Hamilton, Moderator; Rev. Ron Lokhorst, CCPC; Ralph Clark, Elder, CCPC; Linda Lockwood, Elder, Presbyterian Church of Johnstown, Chairperson of Pastor Nominating Committee; Rev. David Redding, CCPC; Rev. Dr. Richard Ellsworth; Rev. Dan Turis; and Pastor Jim Alavi, Elder, CCPC, Terry Finneran, Elder, West 2nd Ave. It was a beautiful ceremony and a dessert reception followed in the Fellowship Hall.

Committee Chairpersons for 2014 are:

Christian Ed – Rhonda Piper
Congregational Care – Jeanne Voigt
Fellowship – Karen Blair
Membership Development – Cille Childers, Lee Mansell
Mission – Bob Pardee, Jeremy Derenberger
Nominating – Karen Blair, Bob Pardee, Rhonda Piper
Personnel – Diane Frazier
Property – Lee Mansell
Stewardship – Scott Lockwood
Worship – Karen Blair, Jeremy Derenberger
Pre-School Liaison – Pastor Kevin
Clerk of Session - Diane Frazier

You are welcomed and encouraged to work with the various committees. Your talents can be useful in many ways. Seek out the committee chairpersons and volunteer to help.

Communion Schedule:

February 2
April 6, April 17 Maundy Thursday
June 1
August 3
October 5
December 7, December 24

Session voted unanimously to spend the money required to replace parts of the sound system that do not work. Scott Lockwood will lead this project.

Our next Session meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 10 at 7:00PM. The meeting was closed with prayer by Scott Lockwood.

Thanking God for all of you, Diane Frazier

Kids Page

Sunday-School is held from 9:15-10:15 each Sunday morning for Pre-School through High School.

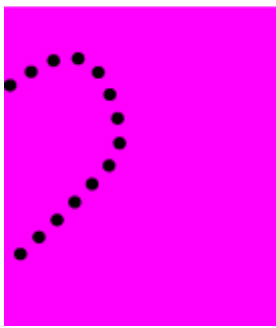
Junior Church is following the Children's Message and is for kids Pre-K through 4th grade.

Nursery is provided to children up to Kindergarten.

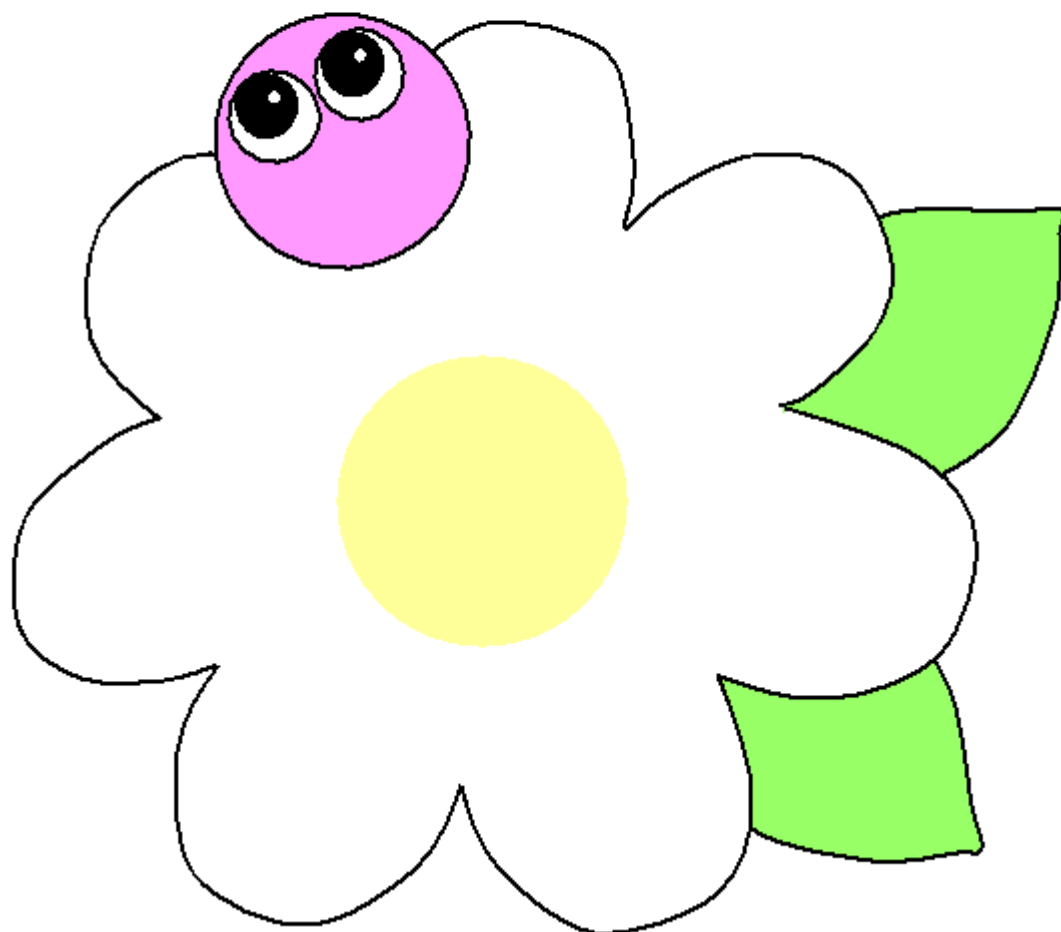
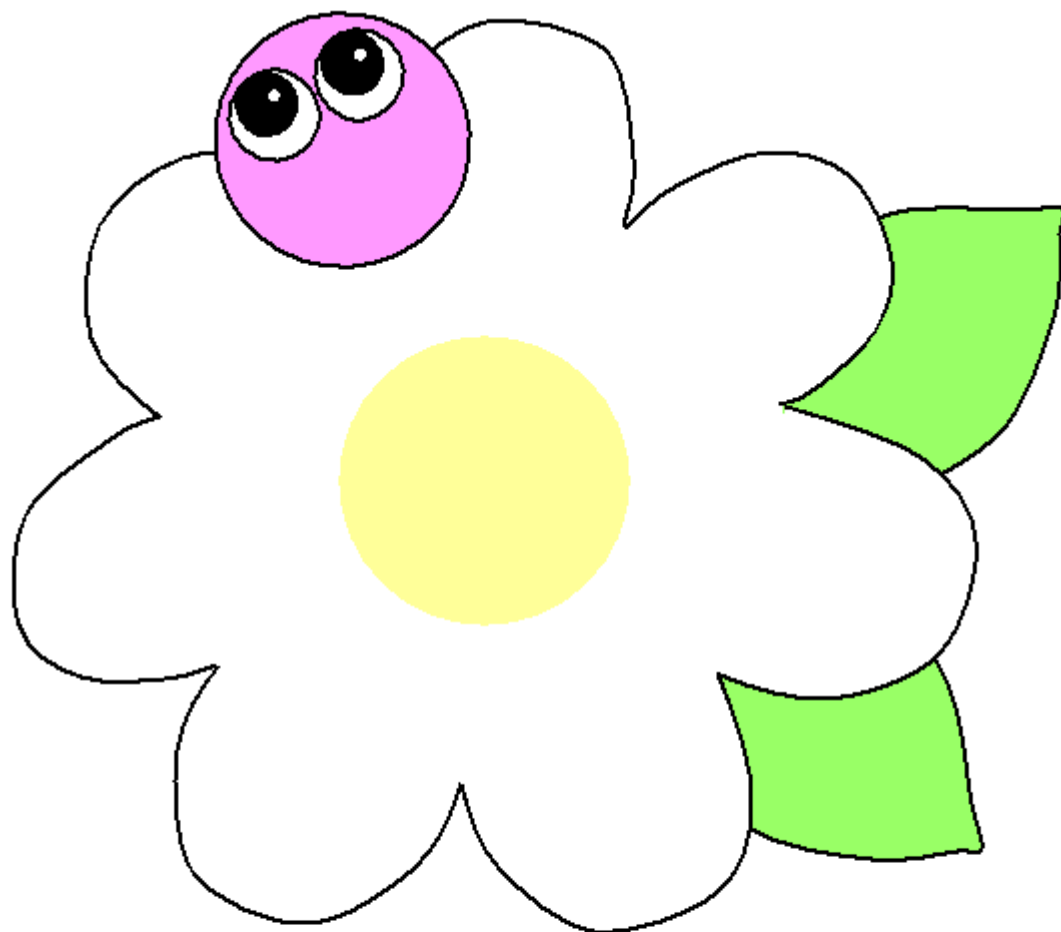
Easy Valentine Cards

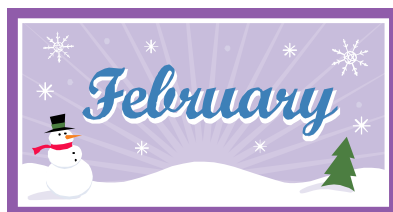


- Print out the craft template from the next page.
- Cut the template in half (each template makes two cards).
- Color or paint the template if using the black and white version.



- Cut out a bunch of construction paper hearts (fold the construction paper a few times and cut a half heart shape to make a bunch of same size hearts at once)
- Glue the two construction paper hearts on as wings
- Tape a small bar (Mars, Starburst, Aero, etc) on as a body.





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 12-3 pm Youth Group Sub Sale pick up
2 8:30 Teen Bells/Choir 9:15am Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service & Communion 11:30am New member reception 11:30-2 Sub Sale pick up Youth Group Super Bowl Party	3 4pm Prayer Walk at the Bike Path *weather permitting	4 9am Bible Study 5:30 TOPS	5 5:15-6:45pm Joy Ringers & Jr. Choir 7:30 Adult Choir	6	7	8
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16 9:15am Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service/food pantry challenge 7-9pm Family Movie Night	17 4pm Prayer Walk at the Bike Path *weather permitting	18 9am Bible Study 5:30 TOPS 7pm Fellowship meeting	19 1pm Elizabeth Circle @Hot Spot 5:15-6:45pm Joy Ringers & Jr. Choir 7:30 Adult Choir	20 March Newsletter Deadline	21	22
23 8:30am Teen Bells/Choir 9:15am Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 5:30pm Youth Group @ the Blair's house	24 4pm Prayer Walk at the Bike Path *weather permitting 7pm Ladies Bible Study @ Hot Spot	25 9am Bible Study 5:30 TOPS	26 5:15-6:45pm Joy Ringers & Jr. Choir 7:30 Adult Choir	27	28	

VOLUNTEER MINISTRIES FOR JANUARY

FLOWERS:

February 2 Open
February 9 Jim & Pat Blair to the Glory of God.
February 16 the Muller Family to the Glory of God.
February 23 Nancy Venard in memory of Ed Venard

ACOLYTES:

February 2 Sidney Blair
February 9 Grace Almendinger
February 16 Phoebe Richards
February 23 Charlie Richards

NURSERY:

February 2
February 9 Jenny Cartwright
February 16 Jamie Pardee
February 23

GREETERS:

February 2 David Blair and Rhonda & Reagan Deeds
February 9 Kevin & Rhonda Piper
February 16 Terri Davis
February 23 Jeanne Voigt

JUNIOR CHURCH:

February 2 Katie Miller
February 9 Kris Almendinger
February 16 Carrie Almendinger
February 23 Marie Richards & Rhonda Piper

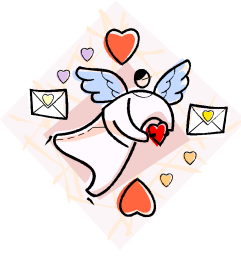
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

February 2 Pastor Kevin
February 9 Kris Almendinger
February 16 Jenny Cartwright
February 23 Alice Main

WORSHIP LEADER:

February 2 Lewie Main
February 9 teen leader
February 16 Jeanne Voigt
February 23 Karen Blair

Birthdays and Anniversaries



- 4th Dawn Rae McMahon
- 6th Logan Willeke
- 8th Marianne Derenberger
Marie Richards
- 12th Don Orr
- 16th Jeff & Ashley Speck
- 17th Steven & Marilyn LeClair
- 18th Katrina Cartwright
Kent Carson
- 19th Lyra Irwin
- 20th Mason Alexander
- 28th Kaye Cook
- 29th John & Dianne Alexander

Our Church Groups

Fellowship Committee

The Fellowship Committee meets in the choir room once a month, at 7pm. We would love to see you there. It is never too late to join this committee!!!

Next meeting: February 18th, 7:30pm

Upcoming events: February 16th, 7-9pm Family Movie Night



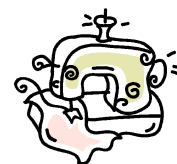
ELIZABETH CIRCLE

This group meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Hot Spot coffee house. The group has a short bible study and plenty of fellowship time. Come and see what we are all about!

Next meeting will be February 19th

Tabitha Sewing Circle

The circle will be on hiatus beginning December 10th.



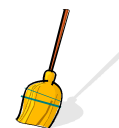
Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Our Tuesday morning Bible study group meets at the church on Tuesday from 9am-10am. We welcome any new faces.



Women's Association

The Women's Association is selling their cookbooks and brooms. The new price is \$5 for the cookbooks, and \$8 for the brooms. You can purchase these through Norma Johnson, or bring the money into the office during office hours.



PRAYER CHAIN

Please send all prayer chain requests to Carolyn Friedberg.
The email address is JPCPrayerRequest@hotmail.com.



Church Happenings



New Members of the Presbyterian Church of Johnstown

Please welcome the following new members to our growing Church Family: Kent Carson & Kate Shane-Carson, Joe & Laura Carver, Roger & Donna Hines, Phyllis Kraner, Bill & Barb Mitchell, Stephen & Marci Parpart, and Steve & Amy Wagner.

2014 Lenten Devotional--The 33rd Edition!

Consider the blessings you have received this year by writing a devotional to be put into the Lenten Devotional booklet. For an example of the style...please see the Upper Room Devotional which can be found in the magazine rack. Your writing would be best if it included a Bible verse to read and a prayer at the end. February 16th is our target date to receive all devotions.



The devotional booklet will begin on Ash Wednesday, March 5th, and continue through Easter. We need 40 individual writings in order to compile the booklet, so send your devotional, or any questions you may have, to me at scottlinda@columbus.rr.com Rhonda Deeds will be assisting this coming year with publishing the Devotional. If anyone else would like to assist in proofreading typing or compilation in this short term project prior to Easter, please let me know.

Blessings, Linda Lockwood

Food Pantry

Ruth Krumm and the Food Pantry would like to thank all of you for all of our mittens from our mitten tree and all of the food and money our church has donated in the past year. I am sure those mittens and hats are helping to keep some children warm that are out in the cold. The Food Pantry needs toilet paper, bath soap, canned meat, and tomatoes.



Thank you very much for your past support for the Food Pantry and hopefully we will continue that in 2014.

In God's Love, Karen & George Dreisbach



News from Christian Education

February 16th following our worship service we will have a Youth Ministry Team Meeting. We will meet in the Choir Room.

Youth Group

Sub Sale Pick-up Saturday February 1st & Sunday February 2nd
Super Bowl Party Sunday, February 2nd at the Blair's home
Middle School Regular Meeting Sunday, February 23rd at the Blair's home

Our Ladies' Hot Spot Bible Study



The Hot Spot Bible Study, for all women of our church and any friends in our community that would like to come, will meet on Monday, February 24 at 7:00 pm. Grab a coffee, latte', tea, cappuccino, or cold drink and come relax, share and study! There is nothing like women sharing a faith and fellowship. The power of women supporting one another is magical!

If you need a ride, please call Hazel Almendinger, Marilyn LeClair, Diane Frazier, or Barbara Derenburger, we would be happy to pick you up!

If you have not been there before, NOW is the perfect time to join!

Adult Choir Prepares-

The Adult Choir has started to rehearse for the Lenten Season. We are encouraging ALL members and anyone who would like to sing with us to join us on Wednesday evenings at 7:30. Learning new music is so much easier, when everyone is present!



Thank you for your commitment to our choir!!

VALENTINE FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE

We love our choirs, Teen, Adult, and Sounds of Celebration. The Food Pantry Team challenges our congregation to say, Be Our Valentine, to the choirs by bringing 100 non-perishable items for the Food Pantry on February 9 and 16.

For every item, we will hang a heart on the tree in the narthex. If you provide a multipack of items, we will count each item individually. Please place items in the basket beneath the tree. Share the joy our choirs bring us, create a Valentine Tree, and aid the Food Pantry. Happy Valentine's Day to a very special congregation!



Hearing Assist Devices Available

Having trouble hearing during the worship service? We have hearing assist devices available to make you worship more enjoyable. Simply ask for one from the sound system operator.

Prayer Chain Requests for January 2013

JPCPrayerRequest@hotmail.com

CONTINUED PRAYERS

- Our Governmental Leaders.
- The safety and security of the Olympic Games in Sochi, Russia.

JOYS/THANKSGIVINGS/SUPPORT:

- Shalon Pardee Snyder and her husband, Rob, have a daughter Elliana Snyder born January 5. We now have a church member, Bob Pardee, with a new title—Grandpa.
- David Lee, minister in Nitro, WV, who is helping his parishioners through the chemically contaminated water event.
- Catherine Downing, Karen Mansell's mother, had successful surgery to remove a blockage from one of her carotid arteries.
- Don Schultze, friend of Kaye Cook, had a successful cornea transplant January 6.

CONTINUE PRAYERS FOR HEALING:

- Joel and Bonny Whidden, friends of Charlie Parker in Florida, were severely injured in a traffic accident on December 18.
- Melody Frazier Dickens was in a car accident and was seriously injured. She is greatly improved and is resuming day-to-day activities. She does need prayer for her eyes because they are not working in unity.
- Barbara Haines has a serious autoimmune disorder. She is still on a feeding tube but can have some broth types of food. She is doing better and even went to Florida to enjoy warmer weather.
- Ron Goodman (brother-in-law to Jane Muller) has the latter stages of Parkinson's disease.
- Gary Weaver needs a knee replacement (Ken Weaver's brother)
- Ellen Howell, Hazel Almendinger's sister, is house bound. She is in pain management.
- Jane, Aunt of Susie Speck, stroke
- Mike Robison, paralyzed from the waist down.
- Maxine Pardee continued strength and healing of myasthenia gravis
- Gene Shellenbarger frail health
- Rev. Edward Carlson, Maxine Pardee's son-in-law, now has a heart monitor. He has other serious medical issues.

CONTINUE PRAYERS FOR HEALING OF CANCER:

- David Irwin's cancer is decreasing. He will be starting a new treatment shortly. He is having extreme sensitivity to cold.
- Bob Maibach is staying at Heartland of Westerville while receiving treatments at the James.
- Colton Zigo, Northridge graduate. Second round of chemotherapy. Pray for success and his healing.
- Kathy, Roger, & Carl -- Susie Speck's cousins
- Diane Crooks and Nancy Wiseman, friends of Suzy Sayer, have been diagnosed with ovarian cancer.
- Brian Fisher, friend of the Miller's and the Frazier's, diagnosed with colon cancer.
- Val Kauahi, Northridge resident.
- Megan Johnson Cervi, daughter of Bill Johnson, is having treatment for two areas of melanoma cancer.
- Milt Jordan, cancer has returned.
- Bob Evans, friend of the Almendingers, has cancer and is undergoing experimental treatment.
- Mary Michels, Rhonda Deeds' sister, has been recently diagnosed with lung cancer and it has spread to other parts of her body.
- Laura and Bruce Wright's daughter Tina has breast cancer. The chemo treatments have caused the breast and auxiliary glands to be normal. She is now ready for surgery because she has the BRCA gene.

THOSE SHUT IN OR CONFINED TO THEIR HOMES:

- Roy H. Sarbaugh (Carol Hoff's father)
- Alice Neibarger
- Arthur Miller (Kathy Trimble's father) has dementia.
- Betty Ford, 65 S. Williams St., Apt 214, Johnstown 43031. It is wonderful to see her at church on some Sundays.
- Lawrence Bishop at Sharonbrooke Senior Living Center in Newark.
- Cecil and Maryann Grimes, brother and sister-in-law to Maxine Pardee, are having difficulty caring for each other. Maryann has a lung condition and Cecil has worsening Alzheimer's disease.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Office hours & Contacts

Pastor Kevin will be in the office Monday through Thursday.

Marie's hours are Monday–Friday from 9am to Noon.

Our phone number is 967-7541

Pastor Kevin's email address is pastorkevin@thejpc.org

Our email is johnstownpres@gmail.com

Prayer Chain email is JPCPrayerRequest@hotmail.com

www.thejpc.org

We present to you many opportunities to get involved in the church life. There are sign-up sheets for ministry involvement that need volunteers in our foyer. Take a chance and sign up! You will be blessed. Here are the names to contact if you have any questions.

Flowers for Worship:	contact the Office
Greeters:	contact Karen Blair
Acolytes:	contact Marie Richards
Ushers:	contact John Alexander
Nursery & Jr. Church:	contact Rhonda Piper
Children's Message:	contact Marianne Derenberger
Special Music:	contact Marilyn LeClair
Property Maintenance:	contact Lee Mansell
Church Sign:	contact Tami Ashbrook or Marie Richards
Wedding Coordinator:	contact Sally Uhde

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY



If you signed up to place flowers in our chancel for a special remembrance on Sunday mornings, please don't forget to put your \$17.00 donation for cut flowers, or \$25.00 for Planters in an envelope marked "Flowers" and place it in the offertory plate on that Sunday, or before. We appreciate the beauty of your generous donation and hope to know your tender "remembrances" and make them as special to our church family as they are to you. You may take the flowers home after the Sunday morning service.

Finances

Monthly financial information may be picked up or viewed in the church office.

