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## The Messenger November, 2012



**The Presbyterian Church Of Johnstown**

## **MINISTER'S MESSAGE**

Dear friends,

It has been a rather tender time the last three, almost four weeks, while the shingles have been hanging around with me. However, there are good news – it feels as if they are easing up somewhat and I look forward to getting my face back.

Thanks to all of you who sent me cards and greetings. They were all greatly appreciated.

I have received a few questions for the Q-and-A sermons for the two first Sundays in November. If you have yet to send me yours, be sure to get it to me – you are welcome to e-mail your questions to me. I never make public who sent me questions, so go ahead and get me the question that has been on your mind for so long about God, Jesus, the Spirit, heaven, paradise, the Bible, the church, the state and church, other religions, etc, etc.!

Oluf



### **A Note from the Clerk...**

James 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights.

Session met on October 16, 2012, in the home of Pastor Oluf. His lovely wife, Betty, prepared delicious snickerdoodles and beverages for our refreshment. The Pastor submitted his monthly report detailing the work he has done despite battling Shingles.

Each committee presented reports. Christian Ed: Rhonda Piper reported that the children have been given grocery bags to fill for the Food Pantry. The Youth Ministry Team consists of the following members: Rhonda Piper, Jeremy Derenberger, Kris Almendinger, Carrie Almendinger, Melanie Main, Marianne Derenberger, Karen Blair, Clint Perkins, Maci Ashbrook, Madison Blair, and Ryan Trimble.

Congregational Care: Jeanne Voigt made the motion to put Flowers, Cards and Food Pantry under the leadership of congregational care taking them out of Shepherd's Gate. Shepherd's Gate will include Prayer chain, funeral meals and meals for those who need temporary help. Session approved.

The Fellowship Committee has the following activities planned:

Trick-a-Trunk in the Church parking lot October 31, 5:30 - 7pm

Happy You – celebrate birthdays November 11 and December 16 after church – cookies/ punch.

December 29 – Progressive Dinner – Babysitting provided. More details to follow.

Mission: The Church has been asked to provide apple juice and donuts/cookies for the Pre-School parent gathering on November 11. Bob Pardee has received information on the Adopt-a-Family program and plans to organize it.

Committee/Team Fair – Jan 20, 2013 to promote committee/team participation.

Nominating: Please pray for those who are asked to serve. We need one person for elder and three for pre-school board. The committee plans to have a complete slate to be approved by the November Session meeting.

The Personnel Committee has completed job performance reviews for this year.

The Property Committee is looking for a snow removal company to take care of our needs this winter.

Fire Inspection has been completed.

Scott Lockwood and his Stewardship Mission Team are working on the 2013 budget. Budget items need to be turned in by November 1. Please remember to pay for the flowers you sponsor for the alter.

Worship: We thank the teens for volunteering to be worship leaders on the second Sunday each month. Madison Blair did a fine job on October 14. The teens also serve as ushers and sing on the second Sunday.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 13. The meeting was closed with prayer led by Pastor Oluf.

# VOLUNTEER MINISTRIES FOR NOVEMBER

## FLOWERS DONATED BY:

November 4<sup>th</sup> The Muller Family, to the Glory of God.  
November 11<sup>th</sup> Jim & Diane Frazier, with Gratitude to our Veterans.  
November 18<sup>th</sup> Jim & Pat Blair and Mike & Barbara Derenburger, providing the Harvest Table in Honor of the Season.  
November 25<sup>th</sup> Jim & Pat Blair, With Praise to God for the Joy of the Season.

## ACOLYTES

November 4<sup>th</sup> Phoebe Richards  
November 11<sup>th</sup> Sidney Blair  
November 18<sup>th</sup> David Mansell  
November 25<sup>th</sup> Wesley Cox

## WORSHIP LEADERS

November 4<sup>th</sup> Rhonda Piper  
November 11<sup>th</sup> Ryan Trimble  
November 18<sup>th</sup> Carrie Almendinger  
November 25<sup>th</sup> Bob Pardee

## GREETERS

November 4<sup>th</sup> Chris & Karen Blair & Family  
November 11<sup>th</sup> The Cox Family  
November 18<sup>th</sup> Jeanne Voigt  
November 25<sup>th</sup>

## NURSERY

November 4<sup>th</sup> Haley Trimble  
November 11<sup>th</sup>  
November 18<sup>th</sup> Maci & Heather  
November 25<sup>th</sup> Katie & Keymell

## JR. CHURCH

November 4<sup>th</sup> Karen Mansell  
November 11<sup>th</sup> Rhonda Piper  
November 18<sup>th</sup>  
November 25<sup>th</sup> Dani Cox

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

November 4<sup>th</sup> Reverend Oluf  
November 11<sup>th</sup> Adeline Almendinger  
November 18<sup>th</sup> Reverend Oluf  
November 25<sup>th</sup> Lee Mansell

## USHERS

November 4<sup>th</sup> Chris Blair  
November 11<sup>th</sup> Teen Choir  
November 18<sup>th</sup>  
November 25<sup>th</sup> Lee Mansell

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## Youth Group Activities:

November 11<sup>th</sup> 6pm-7:30pm meeting at Chris and Karen Blair's home

November 17<sup>th</sup> 9am-12pm at the church we will be making candy

## Bible Verse:

1 Thessalonians 5:18

Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.



## Thanksgiving

The year has turned its circle,  
The seasons come and go.  
The harvest is all gathered in  
And chilly north winds blow.

Orchards have shared their treasures,  
The fields, their yellow grain.  
So open wide the doorway-  
Thanksgiving comes again!

Cut along the line and "Turkey" someone special

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You have been hit by the Thanksgiving Turkey!

Someone out there is grateful for you! You do so much!

You are awesome too!

So help us spread the gratitude and give this  
to someone who you are thankful for too.



## Birthdays and Anniversaries in November

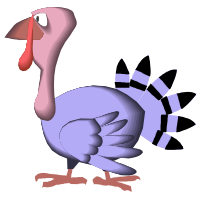
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Turney Williamson (it's his 90 <sup>th</sup> )	16 <sup>th</sup>	Molly McCartney Kerry Fleming
5 <sup>th</sup>	Keymell Cartwright	18 <sup>th</sup>	Joan Crawford
6 <sup>th</sup>	Rhonda Piper	25 <sup>th</sup>	Nicholas Willeke
12 <sup>th</sup>	Alice Neibarger	26 <sup>th</sup>	Lee & Karen Mansell Mike & Laurie Mooney
15 <sup>th</sup>	Dianne Alexander Monica Piper		

### **HAPPY YOU DAY!!!**

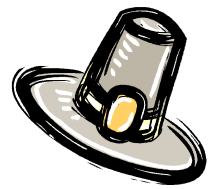
The Fellowship Committee is beginning Happy You Day.  
After church once a month we will be celebrating our  
Members' birthdays and anniversaries.

We will celebrate with cookies and lemonade for all,  
and a special table just for our celebrants with cupcakes just for them.

Our first Happy You Day is November 11<sup>th</sup>



# November 2012



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 6pm Girl Scouts	2	3
4  Daylight Savings 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 4pm JHS boys soccer banquet	5 4pm Prayer Walk	6 9am Bible Study 1pm Tabitha Circle 5:30 TOPS 	7 5:15 Jr. Choir & Bells 7:30 Adult Choir	8	9	10
11 9:15am Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 2pm & 4pm Pre-School Thanksgiving Program 5pm JHS girls soccer banquet 	12 4pm Prayer Walk	13 9am Bible Study 1pm Tabitha Circle 5:30 TOPS 7:15 Session Mtg	14 5:15 Jr. Choir/Bells 7:30 Adult choir	15 6pm Girl Scouts	16	17 9am-12pm Youth Group at the church for candy making 
18 9:15am Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service	19 4pm Prayer Walk 7pm Fellowship Committee Mtg	20 9am Bible Study 1pm Tabitha Circle 5:30pm TOPS	21 1pm Elizabeth Circle @ Hot Spot 5:15 Jr. Choir & Bells 7:30 Adult Choir	22 	23 Marie out of Office	24
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# Our Church Groups



## Fellowship Committee

The Fellowship Committee meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month, at 7pm in the choir room. We would love to see you there. It is never too late to join this committee!!!

Here are a few of our upcoming events:

- November 11<sup>th</sup> is Happy You Day.
- November 30<sup>th</sup> is the Women of Faith Christmas event here at the church. 6:30pm-10:30pm
- Keep the date!!! December 29<sup>th</sup> we are having a progressive dinner.

## Tabitha Circle



Tabitha Circle is continuing to meet on Tuesdays at **1:00 PM to 2:45 PM**. It is a time of working together, making lap covers, baby quilts, cutting out squares. So if you can use a scissor, tie a knot, use a sewing machine or just need some extra fellowship you are welcome to come. We have lunch together once a month. Please come and see if this is a ministry in which you would like to get involved in.

## ELIZABETH CIRCLE

This group meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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!

## Tuesday Morning Bible Study



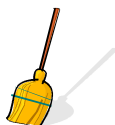
Our Tuesday morning Bible study group meets at the church on Tuesday mornings from 9am-10am. We welcome any new faces.

## Youth Group

November 11<sup>th</sup> from 6pm-7:30pm at Chris and Karen Blair's home

November 17<sup>th</sup> from 9am-12pm at the church to make candy

## 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.

# Church Happenings

Take a walk down our classroom hallway. There are bulletin boards highlighting our students, the People in the Pews, and all of our other missions and groups.

## FOOD PANTRY FUNDRAISER

K-CEPS SERVICE CENTER WILL BE HAVING A FUNDRAISER FOR OUR LOCAL FOOD PANTRY. ON NOVEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>, FROM 8:00AM TO 2:00PM K-CEPS, COME IN AND GET AN OIL CHANGE AND ALL OF THE PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO OUR LOCAL FOOD PANTRY.

## Mission Opportunity

Looking to renew your spirit? Want to see more of the world? Love getting exotic vaccines? Consider a mission trip to the Dominican Republic. The dates have been set for April 13-20, 2013, and the cost is \$900. Please contact Lee Mansell or Melanie Main soon if you are interested.

## PRE-SCHOOL SNACKS



The Pre-School Board is asking for your help in alleviating some of their costs. The Pre-School is asking for non-perishable items and basic school supplies. These items can be purchased and returned to the box outside the Pre-School office. Thank you for your help!!!

Multi-grain Cheerios	Animal crackers	Lucky Charms
Cheez-it crackers	Regular Graham Crackers	100% apple juice
Whole grain goldfish	Cheese crackers with peanut butter	
Strawberry frosted Mini Wheats		
Blueberry frosted Mini Wheats	Chocolate chip granola bars	Bag pretzels
Jar regular apple sauce	Cinnamon Toast Crunch	Box Tissues
Ream copy paper	Chips Ahoy Chocolate Chip cookies (Other brands OK)	



**ANGEL PROGRAM COMING IN DECEMBER**  
**DECEMBER 6, 2012**  
**6:30P.M.**  
**MUSIC BY APOGEE**

Our Angel Program is for the women of our church and their friends. Every December women gather to celebrate their faith and the advent season. Save the date for a most inspirational evening!



## **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**



We will once again collect gift-filled shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an organization lead by Franklin Graham. They collect millions of shoe boxes each year for children all around the world. Boxes can be filled with age appropriate gifts. Age ranges and suggested box stuffers are in the pamphlets located in the Narthex. If you've contributed a box in the past you may receive a pamphlet from them this year. They also offer a program where you may register your box on their site. If so, then you may learn where your box was delivered. This project is an easy way to fulfill our call of Mission and Service to our Lord. Last year we collected nearly 40 boxes and we'd certainly like to meet or exceed that number again this year. Due date for the boxes at church is November 11. If you have any questions, please let Katie Miller know. Her email is [katiemiller73@yahoo.com](mailto:katiemiller73@yahoo.com), or call her at 614-561-5816.

## **Deck The Halls**

It is time once again, to decorate our church in Christmas regalia that glorifies God and Honors the Birth of His Son, Jesus Christ.

This job is so much easier when we come together to help each other and it is a lot of fun! We are always in need of extra hands and muscle.

Please mark your calendar for Monday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Everyone is welcome! We DO NEED all the extra help we can get!!

Christmas goodies and drinks will be provided!



## **Sponsoring a Poinsettia**



The beautiful, re-usable silk poinsettias will once again be arranged for the Christmas Season in the chancel area of our church sanctuary. As has been our tradition for a number of years, we will continue our special dedications to family and friends. For each poinsettia that you would like to sponsor in honor of or in remembrance of someone, we are requesting a donation of \$7.00. The money raised will go toward the Basement Expansion Fund. Please make your check payable to The Presbyterian Church of Johnstown with a note in the memo that this donation is for a poinsettia. Place your check along with the dedication form found in this newsletter or in Sunday bulletin inserts in the offering plate. The deadline to sign up is Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. The silk poinsettias will remain at church for use next Christmas

## **Music News**



Adult Choir is thrilled to have so many new members. Joining us are Karen Blair, Kris Almendinger, Betty Kongshaug, Charlie Parker, and Marilyn and Steve LeClair.

A heartfelt thanks goes out to Melanie Main, she has been accompanying along with Margie Billman, Jane Muller, and Aletha Irwin. Penny Replogle will be joining us soon. I would be remiss if I did not thank Pat Blair for keeping all the files, folders and robes in place. Thanks to ALL!

We are so blessed in our Music Department to have so many people willing to volunteer. It is truly a miracle that a church our size has a total of six choirs: Adult, Teen, Junior, Cherub, Adult Bells, Teen Bells, and Youth Bells.

We give true meaning to "Make A Joyful Noise"!

Please feel welcome at any and all time to join one of these groups!

## **THANK YOU LETTERS**

### **Thank You from the Main Family**

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the beautiful pumpkin and mum floral arrangement! It is still gorgeous two weeks later. Lewie is recovering from his broken wrist and we appreciate your prayers and kind words of encouragement.

It was our pleasure to welcome all of you to The Farm two weeks ago for our worship service and Sunday dinner together. We truly are a church family and that shows in so many ways. Thanks to all of you for coming to worship in our humble barn; I trust we made a few Church Family memories.

Sincerely,

Alice & Lewie, and the Family

### **THANK YOU FROM BETTY FORD**

I would like to thank my Church Family for the overwhelming support. Thank you all for the flowers, cards, phone calls, visits, and prayers. I am feeling better and looking forward to coming home.

Thank you!!!

Sincerely, Betty Ford

### **To the Kirkin' Clan**

A big thank you to all who planned, and participated in the Kirkin' o' the Tartan Sunday. Pastors, musicians, singers and dancers all made this a memorable service for everyone. Thank you to all who provided the special Scottish treats served during our After-Church Fellowship time.

### **To the Women's Association**

Thank you for planning and preparing the delicious brunch in November. A special thanks to Marie Brown and the Tabitha Circle for displaying their beautiful handiwork. Thanks to Mrs. Rupp for coming to speak to us.

### **The Food Pantry Thanks You!**

Thank you for all of the "treats" you provided for the Food Pantry on the 21st of October. They were very much appreciated! We were proud of our church and all of the support we got from all of you. They will be making the Thanksgiving boxes up the weekend of November 10th, so if anyone has any other food for the boxes, it needs to be in our basket in the hall soon. They are also in need of articles for personal hygiene - shampoo, soap, toilet paper etc. Thank you very much for all of the support we are getting. Anything that you give is very much appreciated. Thank you, Karen & George Dreisbach

### **NewSpaces**

Please take time to check out some new spaces in our church. It is a blessing to be busting at the seams with so many different things going on in our church! In order to accommodate some of our growing pains several volunteers have organized, sorted, and cleaned areas that can be used to help alleviate storage and work space along with class room possibilities.

- The kitchen was cleaned and the new items from the kitchen shower have been added.
- The utility room has been reorganized, containers purchased/donated to give extra storage to the kitchen, Sewing Circle (if needed), and Junior Church.
- The center storage room has been cleared and houses our tables, chairs, and Communion supply cupboard. This has allowed for a table and up to eight chairs to be set-up for one more well lit area in which to meet or work.

Please feel free to use these spaces that were lovingly created!

## Progressive Dinner



The Fellowship Committee is putting on a Progressive Dinner on December 29<sup>th</sup>. We will go to four different homes. Each of these homes will provide one course of the dinner.

- Chris & Karen Blair's home with appetizers
- Bob & Micki Maibach's home for soup and salad
- Melanie Main hosting at Lewie & Alice Main's home for the main dish
- Darren & Marie Richards' home for drinks and dessert

We will have more information and times as this nears and there will be an RSVP date of December 9<sup>th</sup>. A sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board outside the church office under Sign-up opportunities. The teens will provide free babysitting at the church during this event.

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## *Sponsor a Poinsettia*



Once again our lovely silk poinsettias will adorn our sanctuary for the Christmas Season. As has been our tradition for a number of years, we will continue our special dedications to family and friends. For each poinsettia that you would like to sponsor we are requesting a donation of \$7.00. The money raised will go toward the Basement Expansion Fund. Please make your check payable to The Presbyterian Church of Johnstown with a note in the memo that this donation is for a poinsettia and place it in Sunday's offering plate along with this filled out form during the month of November. The deadline to sponsor a poinsettia is Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. The silk poinsettias will remain at church for use next Christmas.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Dedication:**

**In honor of:** \_\_\_\_\_

**In memory of:** \_\_\_\_\_

# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

## Office hours & Contacts

Pastor Oluf's hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9am to 2pm

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

Our phone number is 967-7541

Pastor Oluf's email address is pastor\_oluf@the jpc.org

Our email is johnstownpres@gmail.com

**\*Marie will be in the office on November 2<sup>nd</sup> from 11am-2pm.**

**Marie will be out of the office November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup> for Thanksgiving break.**

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.

<b>Flowers for Worship:</b>	contact the Office
<b>Greeters:</b>	contact Karen Blair
<b>Acolytes:</b>	contact Marie Richards
<b>Ushers:</b>	contact John Alexander
<b>Nursery &amp; Jr. Church:</b>	contact Rhonda Piper
<b>Children's Message:</b>	contact Marianne Derenberger
<b>Special Music:</b>	contact Norma Clark
<b>Property Maintenance:</b>	contact Ray Speck
<b>Church Sign:</b>	contact Tami Ashbrook
<b>Wedding Coordinator:</b>	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.

## Mission Statement Committee Members:

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## Understanding Our Church Finances #2



In last month's newsletter, the first "Understanding Our Church Finances" article discussed that your donations were allocated into 5 funds according to your directions. This article discusses each of those 5 funds.

The Memorial Fund contains money that generally comes to the Church in memory or honor of special or deeply loved person. Session decides how the money is to be spent with the general intent to purchase long-term or permanent items needed for the church. The Stewardship Committee is working on an expanded policy to include endowments, bequests, and donations for specific purposes. We hope to present this expanded policy in 2013.

The Basement Fund is for collecting donations to be used for the purpose finishing the basement into badly needed classrooms. During the Sanctuary expansion, some modifications were made along the hallway which resulted in fewer classrooms. The solution is to provide classrooms in the basement with proper lighting, heating, air-conditioning, equipment, and storage. Approximately 2/3 of the needed funds have been collected. Session has recently initiated the preparation of detailed classroom plans.

The Expansion Fund is for collecting donations to pay off the Sanctuary Expansion loan. Loan payments of slightly less than \$3,000 are paid monthly. On occasion, if this fund builds a surplus, Session will direct an advance payment be paid towards the loan. We have made advanced payments of \$20,000 in 2011 and \$15,000 in 2012 towards the loan.

The Benevolence Fund is for collecting donations used for the purpose of supporting local, national, and international missions. Session decides which missions to support. All money collected in this fund is paid out each year.

The most complicated fund is the Current Fund. The Current Fund has 3 general sections. The Supportive Services section is about 60% of the Current Fund and is for pastor and staff salaries and benefits. The Operating section is about 30% of the Current Fund and includes property maintenance, insurance, utilities, and real estate taxes. The Mission section is about 10% of the Current fund and provides money for the internal missions of the Church such as Congregational Care, Stewardship, Christian Education, Membership, Worship, Youth Ministry, and Per Capita. These internal missions are very important because they provide the means for church growth and spiritual development.

I hope this gives you a better understanding of the 5 funds and the use of your money. As before, I extend a standing invitation to meet with you if you wish to dig deeper into the Church's finances.

Your Servant, Scott Lockwood

### **Ideas from your Older Adult Ministry Team...**

**From: Charlsie Ramsey, Member of Older Adult Team**

**Ethical Wills: The Great Gift of Legacy**

*Your faith stories, your values and your beliefs:*

One may share the great moments of God's grace in your life, when your faith was challenged, rituals you cherished along with favorite hymns and scripture verses. You could include your favorite quotations and books, and why; share your view of the world; include your wishes for your loved ones and let them know how much you love them. Whatever you include that is important to you, writing an ethical will can give you a deeper understanding of yourself. And you will be passing on your values to your family, leaving them a treasure more precious than any material gift.

Excerpted from PSVonline.org Weekly Newsletter 9/26/12

## **Per Capita: An Overview...**

The 2013 total Per Capita for the Presbytery of Scioto Valley will be \$31.00

(General Assembly-\$6.80; Synod of the Covenant-\$3.25; Presbytery of Scioto Valley-\$20.95)

Per capita funding is how Presbyterians mutually share the costs of coming together to discern the Spirit's leading for the future. It is how Presbyterians are trained to become better elders and ministers. It is how Presbyterians discern God's call in their lives. It is how Presbyterians participate in the life of the wider church by serving on GA committees and commissions. It is how Presbyterians participate in the life of the Church universal as we commit ourselves to work and live in fellowship with "all persons in every nation" (Book of Order, G-4.0101)

"Lord, allow us to be wise enough to know we can always learn from each other and to be humble enough to do so."  
Amen. (Mission Yearbook for Prayer and Study)

## **Per Capita: An Overview...**

What do General Assembly (GA) per capita dollars provide for we Presbyterians? Per capita funding is how we mutually share the costs of coming together to discern the Spirit's leading for the future. For example, the funding provides for the cost of bringing together:

- commissioners and advisory delegates to the General Assembly (as well as the cost of planning and holding the meeting)
- church leaders from presbyteries and synods for training events
- necessary tools to develop and administer ordination exams to seminarians preparing to become pastors
- those who are elected by the GA to serve on permanent GA committees, such as the GA Nominating Committee and the GA Committee on Representation

Prayer: Gracious God, you call us and challenge us in new ways every day. Help us answer that call in ways that glorify your Kingdom. Amen. (Mission Yearbook for Prayer and Study)

## **Per Capita at the General Assembly level.**

What your contribution provides...

- General Assembly meetings and gatherings
- Permanent and special GA committees and commissions - staffing, training and meeting costs
- Vocational matters - providing support in identifying and developing leadership for the PC(USA)
- Church Leadership Connection - a Web-based matching and referral system for all Presbyterian church leaders
- Immigration issues
- Presbyterian Historical Society
- Constitutional services - maintains judicial and legislative services required by the PC(USA)
- Moderator of the General Assembly
- Communications
- PC(USA) statistics
- Standard ordination exams
- GA publications
- Leadership development
- Mid-Council relations
- PC(USA)'s participation in the ecumenical world
- Office of the General Assembly

From Dagmar Romage, PSV Administrative Assistant

Excerpted from PSVonline.org Weekly Newsletter October 10, 2012

## PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS AND UPDATES FOR SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2012

### THOSE SUFFERING LOSS:

Cheryl Chapman, Consumer Science teacher at Johnstown HS was killed in an auto accident (9/26). Her daughter, Brittani Pederson (24) drowned a month prior. Pray for her loved ones and her students.  
Joan Crawford's brother-in-law passed away on Thursday. He was 93 and had suffered a broken hip. Please pray for Joan and their entire family. (reported 9/23)  
Doris Dorsey passed away. Pray for the peace of the Lord to be with Paul her husband and the family.  
Carolyn Miller, the mother of Mike Miller, passed away 10/25/12. Mike is a friend of the Speck's who works at the service center.

### JOYS/THANKSGIVINGS/SUPPORT:

Judy Schultz, mother of Suzy Sayer, underwent a PET scan to check for cancer. The scan came back negative.  
Kris and Daniel Almendinger lost a rental house, across from the church, in a fire. Thank God that no one was hurt.  
Matt Woodard, grandson of Joe & Hazel Almendinger, returned to Kansas after settling some legal issues.  
Ron Schultz, father of Suzy Sayer, did well with his surgery and the family thanks you for your prayers.  
Norma Clark had cataract surgery & had a positive post-operative exam. (10/4)

### PRAYERS FOR ILLNESS, SURGERY, EMERGENCIES:

Pastor Oluf needs continue prayers of healing as he recovers from the painful bout of shingles.  
Charlotte Longwell is in the hospital in a coma--decisions will be made concerning terminating life support. Pray for her husband, Neil and their family. Both are life-long residents of Johnstown.  
Adam Eckstein suffered a concussion at (10/6) and is wearing a neck brace. Adam was also injured several weeks ago after suffering a broken tailbone.  
Jack Roudebush, Northridge HS Sophomore, shattered his cheekbone at a soccer game and underwent surgery. Pray for successful surgery and complete healing.  
Greg Miller, cousin of Linda Lockwood, has returned home from the nursing facility. Greg contracted pneumonia around Christmas last year, hospitalized & contracted MRSA in his lungs. He is on oxygen & using a walker, this is very good news for him and for his family.  
Scott Lockwood will have surgery 11/13 to repair his lumbar spine and fuse 3 vertebrae.  
Cloetta Lockwood, mother of Scott, has recovered from her cold/virus and is doing well as can be expected.  
Alice Neibarger is improving from her long bout with pneumonia. She is in good spirits but still in the nursing care area of New Albany Gardens rather than in her own small apartment there.  
Ruth Alexander, John's mother, has heart problems & underwent surgery (9/25) and is now healing nicely. She is 90 years of age and healing is slower.  
Dianne Alexander has bronchitis and is now improving with medicine.  
Jim Weeks, brother of a friend of Alice Main, who has battled prostate cancer in the past and now has bladder cancer. The tumor has been removed but he is facing more surgery. Pray for healing.  
Margaret and Tom Jolley are both slowly improving at home. Margaret has now been able to get out of the house. Please continue to pray for their health.  
Continue prayers for Christians all around the world who are in constant danger because of their faith including Marion Strain, an English teacher at the University of Nairobi, and a friend of Maxine Pardee. Give thanks for the freedom we have here to openly worship Christ and pray together. (9/23)  
Norma Duncan, is suffering from multiple illnesses. Pray for the Lord's guidance in some medical decisions she is facing.  
Margaret Newell, Kevin and Dale Piper's aunt. She recently fell and broke her hip. Her recovery is not going well and she is in the hospital in Massachusetts. Her kidneys are failing and Hospice has been called.  
Amy Joyce, Katie Miller's sister-in-law's sister. When they removed her spleen, it was the size of a football. It was confirmed that Amy has large diffuse B cell lymphoma – stage 4. She has begun chemotherapy. Please continue to pray for her strength and healing.

### THOSE SHUT IN OR CONFINED TO THEIR HOMES:

Roy H. Sarbaugh  
Alice Neibarger

### CONTINUE PRAYERS FOR HEALING:

Norma Duncan - multiple health issues  
Ron Goodman (brother-in-law to Jane Muller)  
Katherine Kissel, grandmother of Jaime Pardee  
Steve Miles (friend of the Almendinger's)  
Gary Weaver (Ken Weaver's brother)  
John Dalton, Northridge parent  
Ellen Howell (sister of Hazel Almendinger)  
Jane, Aunt of Susie Speck, stroke  
Mike Robison, paralyzed from the waist down.

### CONTINUE PRAYERS FOR HEALING OF CANCER:

Jim Kissel, Jamie Pardee's Father, Stage 4  
Stacy Sayer  
Susie Harrison (Aunt to Dani Cox)  
Bob Thomas (of Johnstown)  
Amy Williams (Charlie Parker's daughter)  
Marilyn Parker (needs recurrent checkups)  
Betty Scully (friend of the Weaver's)  
Northridge resident, Val Kauahi  
Colton Zigo, Northridge HS Senior  
Carol Stires  
Mary Bowles  
Kathy, Roger & Carl -- Susie Speck's cousins