

## MEMORIAL PRESS

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### FEBRUARY 2022

#### EBENEZER - STOP AND REFLECT! I SAMUEL 7: 1-13

*“As Samuel was offering up the burnt offering, the Philistines drew near to attack Israel; but the LORD thundered with a mighty voice that day against the Philistines and threw them into confusion; and they were routed before Israel ... Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Jeshanah, and named it Ebenezer, for he said, ‘Thus far the LORD has helped us.’” Vv. 10-12*

Samuel encouraged the house of Israel to return to the Lord; with penitence, they did. While they gathered before the Lord at Mizpah and to receive prayers from Samuel, the Philistines marshalled their soldiers to fight them there. With fear, the people of Israel cried out to Samuel, *“Do not cease to cry out to the Lord our God for us, and pray that he may save us from the hand of the Philistines.” V. 8.* And Samuel *“cried out to the Lord for Israel, and the Lord answered him.” V. 9.* There was victory for the Israelites!

When God gave Israel victory, Samuel stopped and reflected on how God answered his prayers and gave Israel victory. He built a monument from stone and called it “Ebenezer,” saying, *“Thus far the Lord has helped us.” verse 12.* Ebenezer means “Stone of Help.” Samuel wanted all people to know that it was by God’s help that the Israelites have come this far in their journey. Samuel knew that a visual reminder would be helpful at this point. Samuel wanted them to know how thankful he (Samuel) was; thereby modeling thankfulness to the Lord. He knew his thankfulness to the Lord will spur the people to also be thankful. The visual reminder would also help to make thankfulness to God a continued practice. Whenever the people of God looked at the Stone of Help, they would remember how the Lord had always helped them in the past.

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#### DEACON’S SMOCK FOUNDATION FUNDS:

If you know someone who is a church member, who lives in Indiana, and who may need economic help due to an emergency, job loss, death of a family member, etc., please let a deacon know of the need.

The Smock Family has generously given funds for emergency needs. Priorities are given to senior adults within our church family.

The funds are given anonymously to the person.



“Church isn’t just a place we go.



The Church is who we are.”

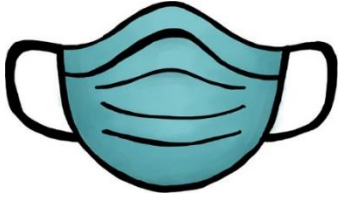
—anonymous

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PSALM 116:16



Due to the continuing rise of Covid cases in our area and out of concern for the health of everyone, the Session voted at their meeting on January 18th to require everyone to wear masks and practice social distancing while attending worship services effective Sunday, January 23rd, until further notice. If you forget to bring your own mask, masks are available at all entrances. Thank you for your cooperation and help in keeping our church family safe during this time.

### **Sermon Series Beginning February 2022**

**February will begin a series of sermons based on the GPS Spiritual Inventory that was also the focus of the Bible study held this past fall. Information describing what is involved with the GPS Spiritual Inventory and how to access it can be found on the tables in the parlor.**



### **\*\*\* SESSION NOTES \*\*\***

Your Session met on Tuesday evening, January 18, 2022, and during the meeting the Elders:

- Welcomed new Elders Susan Gibson, Nancy Grimes, and Paul Haynes.
- Reported that Betty J. Coppock was received into membership by Re-Affirmation of Faith during worship on Sunday, January 16.
- Approved the 2021 General Assembly Statistical Report.
- Reported the installation of Susan Gibson, Tammy Lineback, and Debra Ward to the office of Active Ruling Elder; the ordination and installation of Nancy Grimes and Paul Haynes to the office of Active Ruling Elder; the installation of Elizabeth Barger and Cathy Hancock (*in absentia*) to the office of Active Deacon; and the ordination and installation of Zonda Bryant to the office of Active Deacon, which took place during the worship service on Sunday, January 16, 2022.
- Appointed Susan Gibson as Chair of the Christian Education Committee and Paul Haynes as Chair of the Multi-media Technology Committee; other committee Chairs remain the same as in 2021.
- Read a letter of thanks from the Lafayette Urban Ministry (LUM) for donations made by our church, including Jubilee Christmas, as well as a letter of thanks from the Church Women United Food Pantry for donations totaling \$2,386.45.

Michael E. Grimes, Clerk of Session

Pastor's Epistle

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Today God comes to our rescue. God intervenes in our situations. God answers our prayers; God protects us, heals us, saves us, and blesses us. Just look around and see the wonderful things God has done for you and your family. So, the erection of the stone, Ebenezer, serves as a reminder to us Christians that we should always be thankful to God. The visual Stone of Help also reminds us that we should trust our all-powerful God and no other.

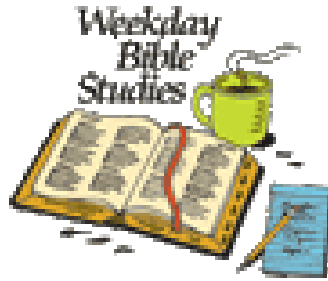
May I call upon us all to make some form of Ebenezer ourselves – a tangible reminder of God's promise to be with us, help us, provide for us, protect us, and promote us, etc. – in the form of a picture, plaque, flower or anything that helps you remember God's love and care. Other forms of Ebenezer could be a special gift to God, an act of Thanksgiving, a certain determination or decision to trust God, to change one's ways, to serve the Lord, etc. When we remember times in the past that God has done good things to and for us, it helps us to navigate life with a better attitude. Make every effort to remember, in a tangible way, what the Lord has done for you, and especially during the COVID-19 era!

Stop, Reflect, and Be thankful!

Rev. Dr. Gladys Nwabah

## SPRING 2022 BIBLE STUDY

**EVERYONE** is again invited to the spring Bible study program that started on January 20. You do not need to have been part of the fall program in order to join us now! Below is some basic information on plans for the spring. Please feel free to contact Pastor Gladys or the office if you have.



### Calendar:

- ✝ January 20-February 24--GPS Spiritual Inventory
- ✝ March 3-April 7--Lenten Bible Study (March 2 is Ash Wednesday--joint virtual service with Bethany and Elston Presbyterian Churches)
- ✝ April 14--Maundy Thursday, no Bible Study (joint virtual Maundy Thursday service with Bethany and Elston Presbyterian Churches)
- ✝ April 21-May 26--Book of Revelations Bible Study

### Times:

- ✝ In-person meeting--Thursdays, 10-11 a.m.; held at Church in the Boardroom
- ✝ Virtual meeting via Zoom--Thursdays, 7-8 p.m.

*Who refreshes others will be refreshed.*

*—Proverbs 11:25*

## ***KIDS' CLOSET— NEW "SYSTEM" CATCHING ON!!!***

Our usual monthly Kids' Closet continues to be closed due to the COVID19 pandemic, but we are operating in a new way to address the needs of families in our community.

Our new system seems to be working; we are generally helping 2 to 4 families each month.

We are currently taking clothing orders from families in need and using curbside pickup to get those orders delivered to our shoppers in the safest manner we can. KC shoppers complete order forms that are available through Facebook, our website (once the site has been updated), and in the Church office during Thursday office hours—9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

We are also accepting new or gently used donations and are asking that the donations are clean, placed in clean containers, and the containers/bags dated. Donations are accepted during office hours—Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Please keep a watch in our newsletters, Facebook page, and Church website for any further updates or changes.

For questions, please contact Julie Boles or Muriel Grimes.



## LENT AND EASTER CELEBRATIONS

### March 2 Ash Wednesday Service



\*Joint virtual service with Bethany & Elston Churches; will be available on YouTube

### April 10 Palm Sunday



### April 14 Maundy Thursday



\*Joint virtual service with Bethany & Elston Churches; will be available on YouTube

### April 15 Good Friday



### April 16 Holy Saturday

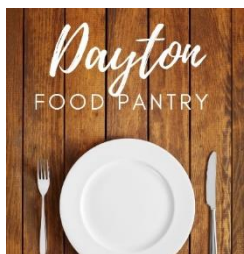


### April 17 Easter Sunday



***\*Details about  
accessing the virtual  
services and the  
dispensation of ashes  
will be sent out at a  
later date.***

# Food Pantry



Please encourage anyone in need in our area to visit our Food Pantry, using either the traditional walk-in option from 9 to 11 a.m. on Thursday mornings OR the pre-order & pick up option on Thursday afternoons, 3 to 5 p.m. The new option operates in a way similar to the current Kids' Closet process. We are asking individuals to submit their names, phone numbers, addresses, and number of people in their families to let us know

they would like to use our pick-up option. We will do our best to fill orders received by Friday to be ready for pick up on Thursday of the following week. However, we will also contact individuals by phone to confirm when their orders will be ready. *NOTE: All restrictions on geographic area served and number of times individuals can come in will continue to apply. Order forms are available through the Church's Facebook pages and website, as well as on the Dayton and Mulberry town Facebook pages.*

Donations that have been made of food items and grocery bags continue to be most greatly appreciated! Just drop off donations at the office any Thursday between 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. **Bring your receipt to the office, and you'll be reimbursed.**

If you have ideas of how we can better reach families in need about our Thursday morning and afternoon programs at the Dayton Food Pantry, please contact the office (see pages 1 & 6) for contact information).

If you'd like to volunteer, please contact:  
Paul Houser, (765) 404-3317



## Memorial Presbyterian & eGiving

Our Church is now set up to be able to accept online donations directed to the Local Church, Memorial, or General Mission funds. Those of you who are interested in this option can find the "Give Now" button on the home page of our website ([www.daytonpres.org](http://www.daytonpres.org)).

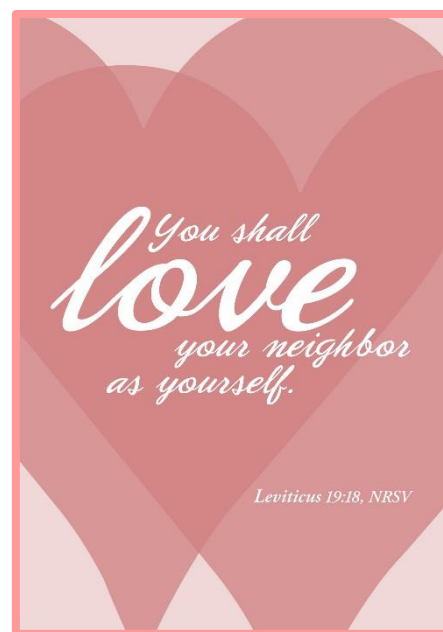
If you have questions, please contact the Church office or Nancy Edwards at [nancye@mintel.net](mailto:nancye@mintel.net) OR text to 765.427.5140.



**NOTE:** This is just an additional way to donate. ALL of the usual options to donate continue to be available.

## Geographic Requirements for Dayton Food Pantry

The DMPC Food Pantry serves the geographical areas of Sheffield Township (which includes the town of Dayton, IN), Lauramie Township (which includes the towns of Clarks Hill and Stockwell, IN), and Clinton County. Families whose children attend Dayton Elementary may also be served.



## ANNUAL GIVING STATEMENTS

... Have been mailed out. If you think you should be getting one and have not received it, please contact Nancy Edwards at [nancye@mintel.net](mailto:nancye@mintel.net) or at 765.427.5140.

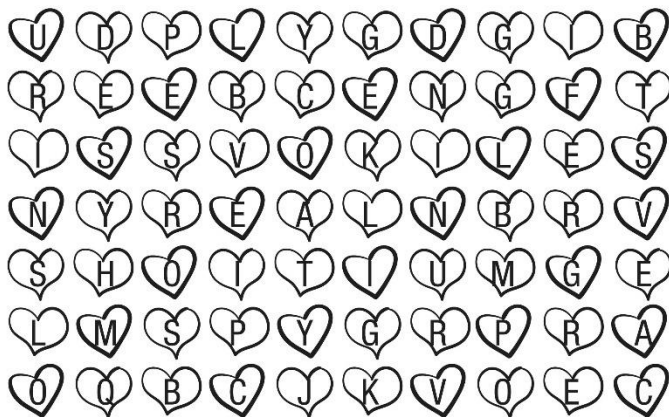




## The heart of a friend

Big-hearted friendliness comes from generously serving others.

*Directions: Start with the first D and move according to the arrows beneath the blanks. Then fill in the letters to complete 1 Peter 4:8-10.*



Above all, love each other D ↓ → → → →, because love  
↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ over a multitude of ← ← ← ← ← ←. Offer  
→ → → → → → to one another without  
→ → → → → →. Each of you should use whatever  
→ → → → → → you have received to ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ others, as faithful  
↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ stewards of God's ← ← ← ← ← ← in its various forms.  
 1 PETER 4:8-10, NIV

Answer: deeply, covers, sins, hospitality, grumbling, gift, serve, grace



To DPW, Deacons,  
and All:

Don and I were thrilled to  
receive a Christmas  
poinsettia from the  
Church. Thank you, one  
and all!!

from Joy Schwartz

To Everyone!

Thank you for all the  
cards and well wishes,  
the phone calls and  
prayers, and for the  
Christmas poinsettia!  
You are all so very much  
appreciated!

from Peggy Fields



"Love  
each other  
as I have  
loved you."  
JOHN 15:12, NIV



## Bible Quiz

The precise number varies depending on the Bible  
version, but roughly how many times does the word  
"love" occur in the Old and New Testaments combined?

- A. 200-300
- B. 400-500
- C. 600-700
- D. 800-900

Love

Answer: C

# Your Church Officers For 2022



Nancy Edwards, Administrative Cmte.  
Candy Fitzgerald, Seed Planting Cmte.  
Susan Gibson, CE Committee  
Michael Grimes,  
Clerk of Session  
Nancy Grimes, CE Committee  
Steve Hancock, Nominating & Membership Cmte.  
Paul Haynes, Multi-Media Technology Cmte.  
Paul Houser, Mission Committee  
Tammy Lineback, Stewardship Cmte.  
Deb Ward, Worship & Music Cmte.



Charlotte Avery  
Elizabeth Barger  
Zonda Bryant  
Molly Childers  
Jane Coleman  
Michele Darnell  
Cathy Hancock  
Malinda Hannah  
Esther Miller  
Bernie Parmely  
Kathy Shaw  
?????????



John Brand  
Bruce Gibson  
Todd Lineback  
Steve Norris  
Jay Rosen  
Lynn Ryan



Local Church & Mission Treasurer  
Asst. Church & Mission Treasurer  
Church School Superintendent  
Asst. Church School Superintendent  
Cradle Roll Superintendent  
Church School Secretary

Wes Shaw  
Nancy Edwards  
Cindy Stanford  
Jane Coleman  
Kayla Fields  
Phyllis Hill



## CHECKING SPAM FOLDER

During the past year or so, we have become aware that emails from the Church are often being sent to recipients' spam folders—and these instances seem to be increasing. We are also often finding emails on the office spam folder as well. Please begin checking your spam folder regularly to assure you're not missing any information from us!



## Church Office Hours & Contact Info:

**Hours:** Tuesday, Wednesday,  
Thursday  
9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

**Phone:** 765.296.3199

**Email:**

secretary@daytonpres.org

**Website:** www.daytonpres.org

**Facebook:** Dayton Memorial  
Presbyterian Church Group  
(private page)

and Dayton Memorial  
Presbyterian Church  
/Religious Organization  
(public page)

*We always thank  
God for all of you  
and continually  
mention you in  
our prayers.*

1 Thessalonians 5:25

## IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS:

Our military, our nation & its leaders,  
persecuted Christians; people locally &  
nationally in need; victims of domestic  
violence;

Russell Lucas	LuAlice Huston	Peggy Fields
Jackie Ginther	Don & Joy Schwartz	Rhonda Stangle
Kevin Konrad	Jack Norris	Bonnie Robinson
Bob Yost	Jean McGill	Nancy Hammond
Kennedy Alkire	Fred Reichart	Mike Babb
Betty Pfeiffer	James Franks	Jim Mitchell
Cindy DeGolyer	Mary Dillman	Paul Clevenger
Tracey Harris	Levi Chisholm	Judianne Chester
Jon Grimes	Jerry Arvin	The Family of Matt Devine
Sandi Stingley	Bob Parker	Valerie McCain
Zachary King	Becca Schultz	Bill Edwards
Terry McKillip	Janet Arvin	Terry Lynn Pfeiffer
Jeff Smith	Ron & Harriett Berry	

... and all who are dealing with the effects of COVID—health-  
related, financial challenges, separation from family and friends.

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

<sup>12</sup> *Rejoice in hope, be  
patient in suffering,  
persevere in prayer.*

--Romans 12:12

### JOYS

<sup>13</sup> *May the God of hope fill  
you with all joy and peace  
in believing, so that you  
may abound in hope by  
the power of the Holy  
Spirit.*

--Romans 15:13

- ✠ Prayers at work for Valerie McCain, fiancée of Ryan Fitzgerald, who is finally home and recovering after a very long and scary bout in the hospital with COVID.

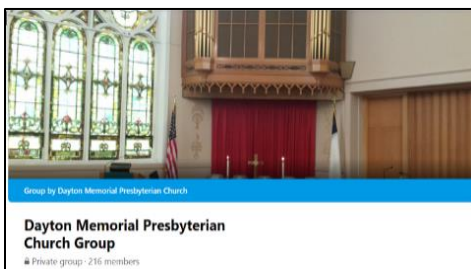
### CONCERNS

<sup>7</sup> *Cast all your anxiety on  
him, because he cares for  
you.*

--1 Peter 5:7

- ✠ Please pray for Terry Lynn Pfeiffer who is dealing with COVID.
- ✠ Prayers for strength and comfort of those in our Church and their friends who are dealing with and recuperating from COVID and for those who have lost family and friends.

Updates to our prayer list will be posted each week on our PRIVATE  
Church Facebook page.



Please contact the Church office  
to add someone to the Church's  
prayer list.

(See Joys/Concerns contact  
info below)

*Please send your Joys and Concerns and Prayer  
List requests to:*

**Telephone: 765.296.3199**

**Email: [secretary@daytonpres.org](mailto:secretary@daytonpres.org)**

**Office hours: Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**



# Our Church Family



## FEBRUARY ELDERS:

Candace Fitzgerald, Communion  
Debbie Ward, Devotions

## FEBRUARY DEACONS:

2/6, Esther Miller, Captain  
2/13, Michele Darnell, Captain  
2/20 & 27, Kathy Shaw, Captain  
Malinda Hannah

1 Laura Houser  
2 Alan Michael Spray  
5 Courtney Breanne Biery  
6 Nancy Edwards  
6 Muriel Grimes  
6 Kelly Reid  
10 Evan Fitzgerald  
14 Peggy Fields  
14 Ryan Fitzgerald  
14 Ryan Gard  
14 Evelyn Leming



16 Emily Mundell  
16 Quinton Alex Shaffer  
17 Stephanie Valenta  
18 Bethany Grimes  
18 Alexander Jones  
18 Kenny Stanford  
19 Jill Gard  
20 Marilyn Yoder  
24 Ron Berry  
26 Dylan Holsclaw



16 Ron & Harriett Berry  
21 Jerry & Charlotte Avery

### Omissions and/or Errors

If you notice any omissions or incorrect entries in the birthdates and anniversaries each month, please contact Mary Houser at [secretary@daytonpres.org](mailto:secretary@daytonpres.org) or call the Church office at 296-3199.



# FEBRUARY

# 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> Trustees Mtg, 7:15 pm	<b>2 Groundhog Day</b> 	<b>3</b> Food Pantry, 9-11 am, Drop in 3-5 pm, Pick Up Bible Study, 10am & 7pm	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 9 am Sunday school 10:30 am Worship with Pastor Gladys After worship: Prayer Team	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Food Pantry, 9-11 am, Drop in 3-5 pm, Pick Up Bible Study, 10am & 7pm	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> 9 am Sunday school 10:30 am Worship with Pastor Gladys After worship: Prayer Team	<b>14 Valentine's Day</b> 	<b>15</b> Session Mtg, 7 pm	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Food Pantry, 9-11 am, Drop in 3-5 pm, Pick Up Bible Study, 10am & 7pm	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
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<b>27</b> 9 am Sunday school 10:30 am Worship with Pastor Gladys After worship: Prayer Team	<b>28</b>					

**Food Pantry** continues to be open at this time: Thursdays from 9 to 11 a.m.; NEW: 3-5 p.m. pick up.  
**Kids' Closet** is providing services curbside.  
 See pages 3 & 4 for details on both.



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Sunday School for all ages begins at **9:00 a.m.**

In-Person Worship with Rev. Dr. Gladys Nwabah  
Sundays at **10:30 a.m.**



*March 2022 Newsletter  
DEADLINE  
Please have submissions sent in by  
Tuesday, February 22*