

NORTH STAR

February 2022

Making Disciples - Making a Difference



Worship: Sunday at 9:30 am
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Fairly soon after I began attending Carroll College, a small diocesan Roman Catholic college in Helena, MT, I started to go to Sunday Mass. My roommate, a devout Roman Catholic, told me that if I was not going to go to “my church,” I needed to go to Mass with him – and I went. The experience of going to Mass was eye-opening and spiritually awakening. The services of the small, community churches I grew up in were definitely structured so that if one were a Baptist, a Presbyterian, a Methodist, a Lutheran, or from another mainline Protestant denomination there would be a sense of familiarity, but nothing had prepared me for the Roman Mass. In my sophomore year, I was confirmed as a Roman Catholic at the Easter Vigil service at St. Helena’s Cathedral in Helena, MT, with my family in attendance, even though my father, an American Baptist minister, had an Easter service the next day.

As an ordained Presbyterian minister, I am no longer a Roman Catholic. My membership in the Roman Catholic Church ended when I became an Episcopalian. However, I remember my time as a member of the Roman Catholic Church with fondness and with a deep sense of gratitude. It was while I was a Roman Catholic that I first heard a call to ministry. It was during this time that I began to understand who I was (and am) as a follower of Christ.

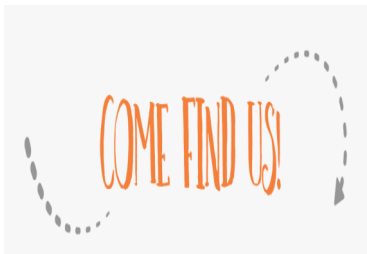
We live in a world obsessed with labels. Our brains love labels. Labels and categories help us organize our lives and make sense of the world. As helpful as labels can be and are, they also can be and are destructive and hurtful. For example, our identities as followers of Christ are not dependent on our denominational identities; and yet, often we act as if they are.

In a world of labels in which we group ourselves based on our labels, it is too easy to see difference as ‘wrong’ or ‘bad’ or ‘evil.’ And when we do this, we stop seeing our siblings in Christ and our siblings in our common humanity as people, fellow humans, and we begin to see them as strangers and enemies to be feared. It is when we forget our oneness in Christ that the labels go from being helpful and descriptive to destructive and barrier-making. When we deny our oneness, whether it is in Christ or in our humanity, the evils of prejudice and hate take root and we begin to fear each other which only further fuels the prejudice and the hate.

When we allow our human-made, human-constructed labels to be the rulers of our lives, they obscure the truth of Genesis 1:26, where it states that in the beginning God said, ‘Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness [...]’ When our lives are ruled by labels, we no longer recognize the truth proclaimed by the Psalmist in Psalm 139:14: that all of humankind and all of creation are “fearfully and wonderfully made” made by God.

As followers of Christ, we are not called to love labels or to love people based on the labels we give them. We are called to love one another as God has loved us, regardless of and in spite of the labels. And this is hard, holy work in which, empowered by the Holy Spirit, we seek to see, to love, and to serve each other as we truly are – beautiful, awe-inspiring, diverse, creations of a God of grace and mercy.

Warmly in Christ,
Pastor Evan



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JUST A LITTLE *Reminder*

**If you would like to donate Chancel flowers (\$35),
please contact Lori Lee at 739-3176.**

Available Sundays for February 2022 are:

February 6, 13, 20 & 27.

Please take the flowers home to enjoy after the service.

If you are not in the sanctuary on
your chosen date,
we will be in touch with you to make a plan.



February Worship Volunteers

Tech Booth

February 6	Ed Wilson
February 13	Bill Furnas
February 20	Steve Allison
February 27	Ed Wilson

Counters

February 6	Allison Sevey, Wendy Swatling
February 13	Phil Carpentier, Jeff Richards
February 20	Cindy & Kurt Kalweit
February 27	Annette Stevens, Jim Mosher

Ushers

February 6	Amanda Korfmann, Ann Motley
February 13	Tim & Cheryl Allison
February 20	Kurt & Cindy Kalweit
February 27	George Batrowny, Pat or Jeff Richards

Wee Worship

February 6	Karen Wilson, Barb Duryea
February 13	Liz Wilson, Brenna Wilson
February 20	Deb Stamp, Brenna Wilson
February 27	Ann Motley, Becky Kowulich

Communion

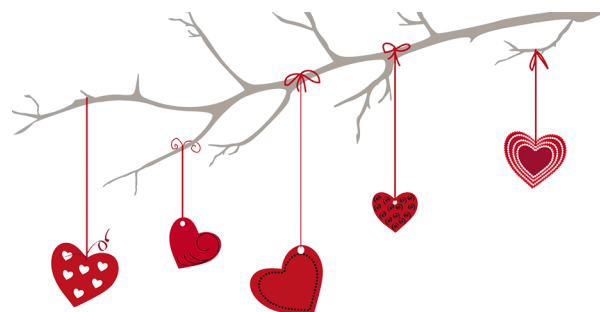
February 6	Tim Allison, Ann Motley, Janice Williams, George Batrowny, Cheryl Allison
February 20	Ann Motley, Lori Lee, Vicki Balon

Worship Assistant

February 6	TBD
February 13	TBD
February 20	TBD
February 207	TBD

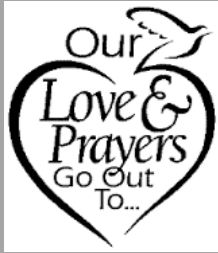
Greeters

February 6	Linda Palmer
February 13	Gerry Harding
February 20	Tim Allison
February 27	Joanie Barneski, Alice Kain



Together...

WE ARE A FAMILY



February 6:
Ted & Martha Grinnell

February 13:
Suzie, Alexii, Payton, and Ezekiel Hoskins

February 20:
Evan Hoskins

February 27:
Leigha Hoskins

Jesus tells us
to pray without ceasing
for the good of God's people.

Our Homebound Friends

February 6:
Adele Roberts
c/o Alan Roberts
1424 Cottontail Dr.
Waunakee, WI 53597

February 13:
Marilyn Edwards
520 Harcourt Drive
Elmira, NY 14904

February 20:
Jim Bottcher
St. Joseph's Nursing Facility
Room 521A
555 St. Joseph's Blvd
Elmira, NY 14901

February 27:
Karen & Chris Paul
136 Ridge Road
Horseheads, NY 14845



We would like to remind everyone that they
are welcome to attend Session Meetings.

If you are interested in attending one, please
contact the church office.



Weekly Prayer Chain Email

Did you know that you can pray or be
prayed for? You are invited to let the church
office know how you would like to be
involved.

We are stronger together.



Children and Youth Ministry February 2022

January certainly started off with a bang! Due to a surge in COVID in our area, which effected family and friends, and the crazy winter weather we've been having, most of our January plans had to be cancelled. We are hoping as the numbers go down and the weather improves (I'm trying to be very optimistic) we will be able to get some January plans on track for February. As we reviewed all that Christian Ed had accomplished during 2021, we were surprised at how much we were able to do, even amid all of the restrictions put on us. We had hoped to have a dinner sometime in March but that will all depend on when the broken kitchen appliances can be fixed. Parts have been ordered but we have no idea when they will arrive.

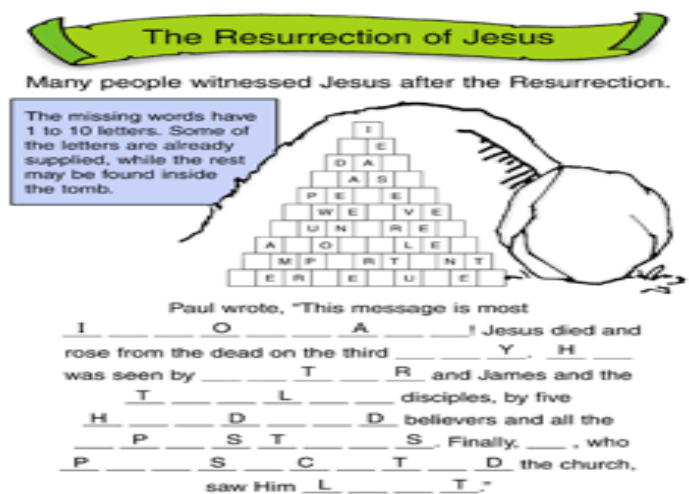
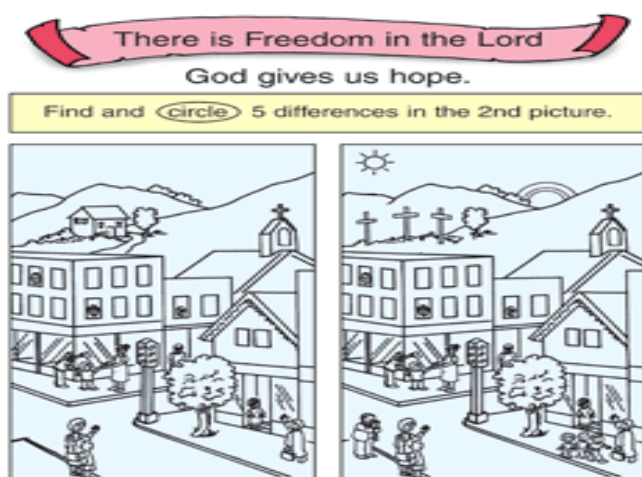
On the bright side we have chosen July 17th thru July 22nd as our VBS week. Our theme this year will be "Monumental", Celebrating God's Greatness. We are looking for two ambitious individuals who would like to lead Crafts and Bible. If you're interested please come see me or shoot me a text.

We are happy to announce the ceilings and walls in the Sunday school rooms upstairs have been repaired and everything is staying nice and dry thanks to our new roof. It's been a long journey with water and leaking issues and it's a blessing to have them fixed.

Look for our kids to become more involved with the Sunday service each week. With help from Tim Allison, who is in charge of ushering, we are working on a schedule for junior ushers. We're hoping to start this month so keep an eye out and give them a shout of encouragement.

I'm praying for a safe and little bit warmer month ahead.

Blessings in Christ,
 Deb Stamp
 Director of Children and Youth Ministry



Did You Know?



- In order to comply with NYS mandatory COVID-19 guidelines Session has decided that all persons aged 2 years and up must wear masks and maintain social distancing, regardless of vaccination status.
- We will continue our contact tracing measures, for the time being.
- Hymnals and Bibles have been returned to the pews beginning January 1, 2022.
- The lyrics for the praise songs and hymns will continue to be sent with the Zoom link even after we return to using hymnals.
- We will revisit our COVID rules as new information/mandates are received from NYS.
- Thank you all for your patience and understanding. We're all in this together!



Parking Lot Worship:

- Please use only the North Entrance (towards Roe Ave.)
- Please tune your radio to 1700AM.
- Please exit through the South Entrance (towards the college).



Sanctuary Worship:

In order to comply with the CDC/NYS guidelines, the following COVID guidance remains in effect per the Session meeting on

December 12, 2021:

- Seating during worship will remain socially distanced.
- **Worshippers over age two are required to wear a mask.**
- **Congregants will still need to register at the Welcome Center.**
- Hymnals and Bibles have been returned to the pews.
- The service will always appear on the large screen at the front of the church.



Zoom Worship

- Zoom service Link will be emailed each week for those who would like to participate via Zoom.



SHOPPING LIST

January Food Pantry

Shopping List:

The following items are
needed this month for the
Food Pantry:

Canned Tuna

Pork & Beans

Soup

*Monetary donations are also
welcome.*

Committee/Coordinator	Email Address
Audit	audit@northpres.church
Buildings & Grounds	campus@northpres.church
Building Use	building_use@northpres.church
Clerk of Session	session@northpres.church
Deacons	deacons@northpres.church
Education	education@northpres.church
Fellowship	fellowship@northpres.church
Finance	finance@northpres.church
Mission & Outreach	mission_outreach@northpres.church
Nominating	nominating@northpres.church
Staff Relations	staff_relations@northpres.church
Tech & Communications	tech_com@northpres.church
Treasurer	Financial_sec@northpres.church
Worship & Music	worship@northpres.church

Staff	Email Address
Church Administrator	office@northpres.church
Director of Youth Ministries	youth@northpres.church
Music Director	music@northpres.church
Organist	organist@northpres.church
Pastor	pastor@northpres.church



Meet the Staff

Pastor Evan Hansen

Pastor

pastor@northpres.church

Open Door Office Hours: T & W 1:30-4pm

Paul Holland

Music Director

music@northpres.church

Sharon Reynolds

Organist

organist@northpres.church

Deb Stamp

Director of Children

& Youth Ministries

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Office Administrator

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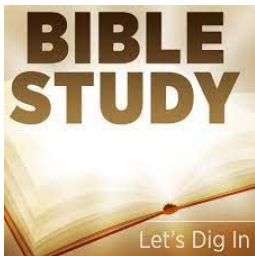
NOTICE: As CDC/NYS guidelines change, please stay tuned to
our FB page & website for updates.

Friendly Reminders

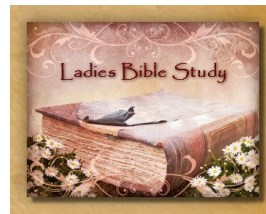


Important Reminders:

- The church office needs your contact information. Please let us know if anything has changed.
- If you need to contact the church office for any reason, please feel free to email office@northpres.church or call (607) 734-2977 Tues-Fri 9am to 3:30 pm.
- Please be sure to check the bulletin or our FB page for any updates to our COVID procedure.



Wednesday Noon Bible Study
is meeting weekly in the
Brisbane Room
Everyone is welcome and may
bring their lunch!



Women's Bible Study
is on Tuesdays at
6:00 pm
and will study
Elijah with Priscilla Shirer.
Please contact Suzie Hoskins if
you're interested.

Men's Bible Study
is meeting on Mondays at 6:00 pm.
Please contact Kurt Kalweit if you are
interested.



Sunday SCHOOL
ROOTED IN GOD'S WORD
Growing in Faith Together

Adult Sunday School is
meeting after worship each
week. They are studying
Paul's letter to the
Philippians.



Sunday School is meeting
after worship each week.
This year's curriculum is
"Gospel Light".



The Good News Singers'
practices are from 10:45 to
11:00 am Sundays.



Bell Choir rehearsals are
Wednesdays at 6:15 pm.





Faith & Fellowship

Wholeness of mind, body & spirit



Coffee Fellowship

The fellowship committee has suspended Coffee Hour, Men's Breakfast and Fellowship Dinners until the indoor masking requirements are relaxed.

Thank you for your understanding.



MEN'S BREAKFAST

Fellowship
Dinner



As I have
loved you,
love one
another.

~John 13:34~



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

'We don't own God or the gospel'

Panel discussion on evangelism focuses on building curiosity about people outside our churches to discover what God is up to in the world.

January 12, 2022



The Rev. Colin Kerr

What is Intentional Authentic Evangelism? How is it being practiced in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)? And how has your understanding of evangelism changed during your time in ministry?

These were the main questions posed to four PC(USA) leaders recently during a Vital Conversations panel discussion on one of the [Seven Marks of Vital Congregations](#).

The [Rev. Colin Kerr](#), founding pastor of [Parkside Church](#) in Charleston, South Carolina, began the conversation saying that often, "the words 'intentional' and 'authenticity' don't go together with evangelism."

"I'm threading a needle here," he said, "but in the more evangelical circles evangelism is certainly intentional because it's strategic. But often it feels inauthentic."

Recently Kerr witnessed a baptism at Parkside of a woman who had grown up in the Seattle area. Raised by agnostic parents, she moved to Charleston just before the pandemic hit. New to the area, and looking for connections, she came to the Parkside community.

"She had tension about faith," Kerr said, "but she was given love and friendship, with no strings attached."

Yet for Kerr, there was a beautiful intentionality about it. He and others in the community checked in with her to find out where she was spiritually. "The gospel is important enough to do that," he said. "We're not just a social club."

After a year and few months this woman, still filled with her questions and doubts, accepted Christ, which Kerr said is very good, and the fruit of a community practicing intentional authentic evangelism.

For years [Dr. Tom Bagley Jr.](#), who pastors a small PC(USA) congregation in Normandy, Tennessee, while also coaching and consulting in the areas of church revitalization, thought that evangelism was a way to grow the church.

"As a Christian person, I had the good news of Jesus Christ, and I was to take it to a disconnected, unbelieving world," he said.

And then the culture stopped responding, which created a crisis for Bagley. He spent time evaluating his personal views of evangelism, which over time had begun to evolve. Yet many churches, including the one he serves, held on to the traditional view of evangelism. The more the culture didn't respond, the more inward focused they became. But like an explosion, the pandemic forced the small church he served to begin to look outward. As they did, the congregation of 25, began to see people outside the church — and God doing amazing things in their lives.

When [Normandy Presbyterian Church](#) moved to a digital worship service format, a person who lives a block from the church but has never been inside participated in the online service — and has been doing so every single Sunday since.

"Nobody in our church knew the person was hungry spiritually," Bagley said. "Nobody knew because we hadn't been out there. Our job is to help people be curious about those outside of church. People are checking us out: who are they?"

As she listened to the evolving conversation, [the Rev. Katy Steinberg](#), pastor of [Missing Peace](#), a new worshipping community in Ormond Beach, Florida, felt compelled to describe her experience as a leader of a nomadic community. Prior to the pandemic, they met weekly wherever appropriate depending on their worship together, which focused on the spiritual, the cerebral, the physical and service.

As they went to various places week to week — the library, the beach, the museum, the park and the homeless shelter — Steinberg noticed each place becoming like a sanctuary.

"It wasn't just a building anymore," she said. "We were having profound experiences of who God is and what God is up to in the world."

For Steinberg, evangelism is meeting people where they are, listening to their experiences, and asking, "Where do you feel connected to the divine?"

"We don't own God or the gospel, to put it in a box and offer it to other people," she said. "God is everywhere. Missing Peace interacts with people who feel alienated and separated — and kept out of our churches."

Paul Seebeck, Communications Strategist, Presbyterian Mission Agency

From the Presbytery



How can the Operations Committee help your congregation?

While the Presbytery of Geneva is searching for a Presbytery Leader, there are things we can help you with. So instead of sending a general email request to the Stated Clerk or Administrative Support, consider how our committee might assist you directly!

Our primary focus is supporting the work of the Presbytery with budget and financial oversight, care of our personnel, and acting as the Trustees, the Operations Committee has also acquired quite a bit of knowledge about matters that overlap the local congregation, and we are happy to be your partners thinking about them. We can share our knowledge about personnel matters, budgeting and finance, audits, real estate transfers and legal requirements, legal matters and litigation involving religious corporations, financial recordkeeping, and all those behind-the-scenes institutional things that keep your congregation serving your community and members. Some of our policies can be adapted for local use, and we have lots of resources and contacts that we might share with your Session or staff.

Just email operations@presbyteryofgeneva.org or the current chairperson, David Ashby pastorashby@stny.rr.com!

GRANTS AVAILABLE

The Committee on Mission & Witness' 2022 Session Endorsed Matthew 25 Grant Application is now available and posted on our website! Please go to www.presbyteryofgeneva.org/committee-on-mission-witness to visit the committee webpage and download the application and supplemental information. **Note that applications are due to the committee by April 1, 2022.**

WE ARE
HERE
TO HELP



The 225th General Assembly of the PC(USA) is scheduled to take place as a hybrid gathering between June 18 – July 9, 2022. Committee meetings will be held in person at the Presbyterian Center in Louisville. Members of the Committee on the Office of the General Assembly got their first look at the draft list of committees for the 225th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) last month.

You can read more about the plans for the 225th GA at www.pcusa.org/news/2021/12/17/draft-committee-structure-ga225-introduced-coga/



After a tornado destroyed its building, a Kentucky church begins to move forward

With cleanup and recovery done, First Presbyterian Church of Mayfield begins to think about its mission and rebuilding.

By Rich Copley/ Presbyterian News Service

LEXINGTON, Kentucky—One month to the day after a tornado destroyed First Presbyterian Church of Mayfield's church building, its session voted to recommend to the congregation that the church rebuild on the same site.

That decision is not final as "we feel like the whole congregation needs to be involved in that" session member Danny Upton said. So the question will be considered during an upcoming congregational meeting. But over the month

since the church's 106-year-old building



The bell of First Presbyterian Church in Mayfield was found in the rubble of the church building after it was destroyed by a Dec. 10 tornado. (Photo courtesy of First Presbyterian Church)

was all but leveled by a historic tornado, members have completed the process of recovering items that could be salvaged and clearing the site. That began simply with intrepid church members who went in on the days after the tornado struck to retrieve items including a stained glass window, the cross from the church Communion table, the church's handbells, and the blueprints for the building. In subsequent weeks, the church retrieved some larger items such as the choir room's upright piano, culminating with the church bell.

In the midst of that activity, on Christmas Eve the church gathered at the site of its home for more than a century to say goodbye.

It was billed as a candlelight service, though Pastor Don Barger says it was hard to keep candles lit in the wind, even with hurricane lanterns, so cell phone flashlights were substituted. It was a meaningful time, shared with neighboring First Christian Church of Mayfield. A photo of the service by photographer Ryan C. Hermens of the Lexington Herald-Leader appeared on the front page of the Dec. 26 edition of The New York Times.

"It gave people an opportunity to go across and pick up a brick if they wanted that souvenir to take home as a memento, to look fondly one more time, to recall stories, rethink previous Christmas Eve Services that were held here, "

Barger said. "I get choked up every Christmas Eve service as we sing 'Silent Night' by candlelight, and trust me, this year was no easier at all."

Upton and his wife Juanita Upton said their entire family was there including four sons who had been baptized in the church and raised in the church. Several of the Uptons' sons were married there, and their grandchildren were baptized there.

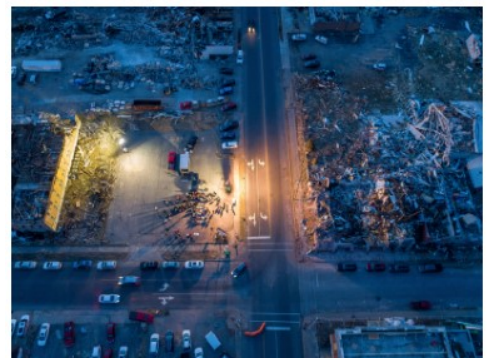
"We actually got to do a family picture in front of the building, " Juanita said.

"Somebody said, 'Isn't that a little morbid, like a family picture in front of a coffin?'"

Danny continued, "We've got lots of family pictures in that church. So, this was the last one. We got a chance to just say goodbye to that building. That is the past. Right now, a clean lot is present, and hopefully the future will be a new church standing in that location. Then we'll have a family picture in front of that church."



Barger lifts a battered and dented cross that was recovered from First Presbyterian Church in Mayfield, Kentucky on Dec. 24, 2021. (Photo by Ryan C. Hermens, Lexington Herald-Leader)



Members of Mayfield's First Presbyterian Church and First Christian Church gather in an empty lot between their destroyed church buildings for a joint Christmas Eve service. This photo appeared on the front page of the Dec. 26, 2021, edition of The New York Times. (Photo by Ryan C. Hermens, Lexington Herald-Leader)



Candles are lit during a Christmas Eve service with members of First Presbyterian Church and First Christian Church in an empty lot between their destroyed church buildings in Mayfield, Kentucky. A tornado devastated the community on Dec. 10, 2021. (Photo by Ryan C. Hermens, Lexington Herald-Leader)

Looking to the future, the church has been encouraged by many, including Barger and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) National Response Team members, to think about the mission of the church and how by rebuilding they may be able to better accomplish that mission. First Presbyterian Mayfield has received a church damage grant from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance through the Presbytery of Western Kentucky.

The Uptons said the church has been grateful for financial and material donations from around the country since the tornados.

“Real America showed up in Western Kentucky,” Danny Upton said, “They came. They gave their

time. They gave their wealth. They gave their hearts to our plight... and it’s still ongoing. Hopefully our rebuilding will start fairly soon.”

What that will look like is still to be determined.

Barger sees his role as asking questions. Sometimes playing devil’s advocate, to help the church think about what it wants to be and how a new building will serve those goals.

“As we were talking with an architect last night, one of the things he encouraged us to ask as we talk to the congregation is what is your mission in Mayfield?” Barger said, recalling the Jan. 10 session meeting. “What do you do? What do you want to do? That will determine what your structure looks like.”

Barger and the Uptons say so far answers to those questions point to staying where they are, where groups that use the church facility for things like Alcoholics Anonymous meetings and community meals can easily get to the building. They also say that the church would like to be part of a revitalized core of Mayfield.



The site of First Presbyterian Church Mayfield’s former building was for the most part cleared a month after a tornado destroyed the structure. (Photo courtesy of First Presbyterian Church)

“What you hear is people who have grown up in Mayfield say they want Mayfield to live again. They don’t want downtown to disappear,” Barger said. “We want to be apart of that regrowth, that revitalization downtown.”

The mission-oriented questions may come into play more in what the structure looks like and how it can be structured to serve the congregation and the community. There are also considerations over how some elements of the old building, including the bell, may be incorporated into the new structure.

For now, the church has made the breakroom at Kendor Wood, a kitchen cabinet door factory owned by the Uptons, its worship space. The space includes objects from the former building, including a stained glass window, the Communion table cross, and the choir room piano, which was filled with dust from the tornado, making it a challenge to

retune.

The Uptons said the church received offers from other area churches that were not damaged to use their space. But for now, they say First Presbyterian is comfortable having its own space where it doesn’t have to work around another congregation’s schedule.

There is even talk of having picnics at a park space adjacent to the factory when spring and summer come and developing other creative alternatives for worship.

“It’s not a big deal for us since it’s a family business and the whole family goes to church there,” Danny Upton said.

“What’s in the future for us? I don’t know. But right now, we’re looking forward to heading down that road.”

[Give to One Great Hour of Sharing to enable Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to respond quickly to catastrophic event.](#)

[Presbyterian Disaster Assistance us is one of the Compassion, Peace & Justice ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency.](#)

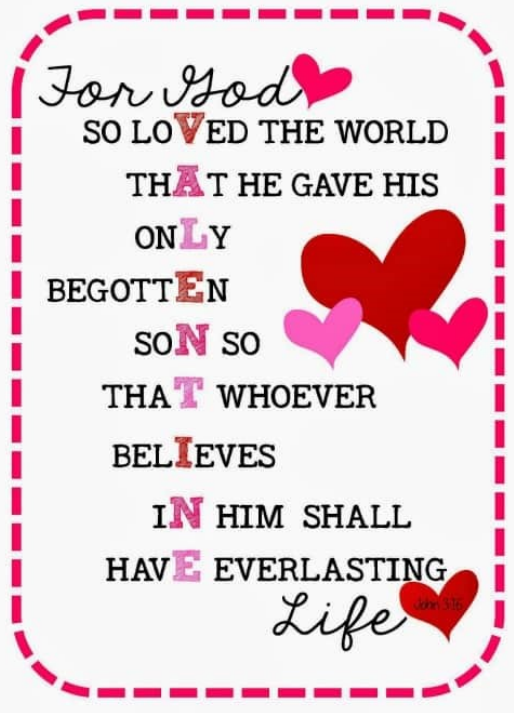


A battered and dented cross was recovered from First Presbyterian Church in Mayfield, Kentucky, on Dec. 24, 2021. (Photo by Ryan C. Hermens, Lexington Herald-Leader)

February Events



February 2nd



February 14th



February 21st



There will be a Saturday Work Day on
February 12th.
Please join us!



The Family Game Event that was postponed
last month is still in the works! Check out the
Announcements section of your bulletin for
details as soon as they are available.

February Events



Youth Ministry

The Worship & Music Committee is looking for youth to volunteer as ushers.

If you're interested, please contact Tim Allison.

Our local chapter of TOPS meets on Mondays at 5:30 in Willits Hall. If you're interested, please call the church office for information.



Yoga meets Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 8:45 in Willits Hall. If you're interested, please contact the church office for more information.



There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive on February 3rd starting at noon. If you're interested in signing up to give blood, please visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800 RED CROSS.



NPC Board of Session

Session Summary

6:00 p.m. Sunday, January 16, 2022

Meeting held via ZOOM

The Clerk determined that a quorum was present.

Rev. Hansen called the meeting to order and opened the meeting with devotions and prayer.

The minutes of the December 19 stated Session meeting were reviewed and approved as submitted.

The Session reviewed the Financial Statements including the Profit and Loss Budget Performance for December 2021 and the Account Activity Summary for the Endowment Fund. \$5,037 was moved to the Endowment Fund from a Certificate of Deposit held at Elmira Savings Bank. A total of \$150,000 was pulled from the Endowment Fund in 2021 to pay ongoing expenses. Despite those withdrawals, the Fund finished the year \$219,192 higher than the beginning of 2021. Year-to-date pledge income finished almost \$18,000 over the amount budgeted and total income for 2021 finished \$22,950 over budget income. The Treasurer's report was received, with thanks, by the Session.

Session approved the use of a payment approval voucher form which will provide blanket approval for the Treasurer and Financial Secretary to pay ongoing/regular monthly expenses.

Session approved the use of the Sanctuary, as requested by the family, when the time comes for the funeral of Kevin Moshier. Session also approved waiving all fees associated with the use of the Sanctuary and any other building use by the family. NPC will pay the \$50 cleaning fee and an individual has agreed to pay the fee for the Organist.

Session approved an amendment to the NPC Worship/Event Cancellation Policy. The Church Administrator will send out a group email and include information regarding closings with the ZOOM material. The Church Administrator will receive compensation for time spent on sending cancellation information.

NPC Board of Session

Steve Allison provided Session with an update on the recent second-floor flooding incident. The carpet has been removed and all affected drywall has been replaced. The drywall will be inspected to make sure that it is structurally sound and completely dry before further repairs are made. The ceiling will need to be taken down and repaired and/or replaced.

Rev. Hansen reminded the Session that the Annual meeting of the Congregation and Corporation will be held January 23, 2022 immediately following worship. As per New York State Law only those attending in-person will be allowed to vote for those items listed under Corporate Business (i.e. Election of Officers and Election of the Nominating Committee). A Hybrid vote, including those in-person and those participating via ZOOM is allowed for congregational business including the approval of the agenda, voting on the Pastor's Terms of Call, and Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned in prayer at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Kalweit,
Clerk of Session

FEBRUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 8:45 am Yoga 6:00 pm Women’s Bible Study	2 Bulletin Info Due Groundhog day 10:00 am Food Pantry 12:00 pm Bible Study 1:30 pm Pastor’s Office Hours 6:15 pm Bell Choir practice 	3 8:45 am Yoga 12:00 pm Blood Drive	3 10:00 Food Pantry 5:15 pm AA	5
6 9:30 Worship Service 9:30 am Communion 10:45 am Good News Singers Practice 11:00 am Sunday School 	7 5:30 pm TOPS 6:00 pm Men’s Bible Study	8 8:45 am Yoga 10:00 Comm. & Tech 6:00 pm Women’s Bible Study 7:00 pm B & G Meeting	9 Bulletin Info Due 10:00 am Food Pantry 12:00 pm Bible Study 1:30 pm Pastor’s Office Hours 3:00 pm Worship & Music Meeting 6:15 pm Bell Choir practice	10 8:45 am Yoga	11 10:00 Food Pantry 5:15 pm AA	12 Saturday Work Day 
13 9:30 am Worship Service 10:45 am Good News Singers Practice 11:00 am Sunday School	14 Valentine’s Day 5:30 pm TOPS 6:00 pm Men’s Bible Study 	15 8:45 am Yoga 6:00 pm Women’s Bible Study	16 Bulletin Info Due 10:00 am Food Pantry 12:00 pm Bible Study 1:30 pm Pastor’s Office Hours 4:00 pm Christian Ed 6:15 pm Bell Choir Practice	17 8:45 am Yoga 11:00 am Deacons’ Meeting	18 10:00 am Food Pantry 5:15 pm AA	19
20 9:30 am Worship Service 9:30 am Communion 10:45 am Good News Singers Practice 11:00 am Sunday School 6:00 pm Board of Session 	21 President’s Day—Church Offices Closed  5:30 pm TOPS 6:00 pm Men’s Bible Study	22 Newsletter Info Due 8:45 am Yoga 1:30 pm Pastor’s Office Hours 6:00 pm Women’s Bible Study 	23 Bulletin Info Due 10:00 am Food Pantry 12:00 pm Bible Study 1:30 pm Pastor’s Office Hours 6:15 pm Bell Choir Practice	24 8:45 pm Yoga	25 10:00 am Food Pantry 5:15 pm AA	26
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