



The Good News

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Session

January 18, 2024

The Session of Dayton Glade Run Church met for its regular monthly meeting at 7:00 pm in the Academy.

The Moderator, Pastor Sheila opened the meeting with devotions and prayer.

Elders Present: Joanne Colligan, Jim Gearhart, Ed Hollenbaugh, Brenda Wadding, Melissa Wadding, and Larry Wilson. Barb Lightner attended as an ad hoc member until she is installed in February. Elders

Excused: Andrea Marsh & Steffani Winslow.

CLERK'S REPORT:

The minutes of the December 7, 2023 meeting, and December 10 Congregational Meeting were approved. Current membership is 127.

REPORT OF THE MODERATOR

During December Pastor Sheila conducted 5 worship services and officiated at the Baptism of Quinn Eloise Rocco. She was granted Bereavement for December 5, Joanne Colligan led worship that Sunday during which the Children's Program was presented. She attended the Women's Assoc Mtg, Session and I Committee Mtg and moderated the Congregational Mtg on Dec 10 and attended the Choir Christmas Party. Pastor Sheila made the following visits: 2 Hospital; 3 Nursing Homes; 2 Home/Youth; 2 Office Appts, 1 Family Funeral Preparation Mtg and conducted 1 Funeral Service for Doris Solley. At the Community/Presbytery level she attended the Dayton Ministerium Mtg., the DCCC Choral Program and the Presbytery meeting. She worked on the monthly newsletter and took part in the International Peace Light program.

Motion was approved for the baptisms of Sawyer, Adelia, and Corbin Mowrey on February 11, 2024. A Congregational Meeting will follow worship on January 28th to approve the nomination of Barb Lightner as an Elder. Remaining Elders & Deacons will be installed on February 4th.

Annual Congregational Meeting and Potluck Dinner will be held after church on Sunday, March 10th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ministry/Technology: See separate article.

Christian Education: Finalizing clearances.

Pastor Sheila is considering a Lenten Prayer Time/Bible Study for four weeks beginning February 27th.

Fellowship: Congregational Potluck Dinner following the Annual Meeting March 10th.

Fundraising: There will be no Easter Candy Fundraiser this year.

Mission/Evangelism: Due to the inclement weather the committee did not meet in January.

Stewardship/Interpretation: The Treasurer's reports were presented.

Property: Shelving and totes were bought, and Session approved the purchase of 6 more units. General maintenance repairs were made

throughout the church.

Motion was approved to accept the reports of all the committees.

Presbytery Business: Pastor Sheila attended the Presbytery Mtg via Zoom on January 13.

Old Business: No report.

New Business: No report.

Motion was approved to close the meeting.

Pastor Sheila adjourned the meeting with prayer at 8:15 p.m. The next meeting will be held on February 15, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Academy.



Annual Congregational Meeting Sunday, March 10th following worship and covered dish dinner

Ministry Support Committee

The Ministry Support Committee held our first meeting of the year on January 24, 2024. We began looking at the year ahead of us and discussing how we may continue the life of the church here and abroad.

After reviewing our celebration of the birth of Jesus, we find ourselves already into the season of Lent and Easter when we celebrate His death and resurrection. Ash Wednesday, which is the beginning of Lent, comes on February 14th. Palm Sunday, which is on March 24th, will begin Holy Week with the sharing of the communion elements. Later that same week, our Maundy Thursday service will be a time when we remember the Last Supper and the crucifixion of Jesus. Easter Sunday will include our 8:00 a.m. sunrise service, breakfast, and our traditional 11:00 a.m. Easter service. Watch for more details regarding these services in your March newsletter.

While our committee is deep in the plannings of this season, our church family will be taking care of finalizing the business of 2023. We will hold our annual congregational meeting and covered-dish dinner after worship service on Sunday, March 10th.

Pastor Sheila always reminds us that “together we serve”. With that in mind, the beginning of the year is a good time to invite anyone interested to join in the work of any committee within our congregation. Please know that this committee, which supports the ministry of our church family, would be so pleased to have YOU as part of our team.

Deacon's News

The Deacons met at 6 pm on Tuesday, January 23rd, in the Academy. Pastor Sheila did a little exercise as an ice-breaker where we all had to tell where our parents were born, if we knew. It makes for some interesting conversations. She opened our meeting with prayer. She also, as a welcome to our newest members, Julie Fleming and Darlene Hallman, read an explanation of the duties of the deacons. The Greek word for deacons is “diakonos,” which means *servant*, and that is basically the purpose of our committee, to pray and serve members of our congregation, their families, and our community when there is a need. We reach out any way we can, whether it be a visit, a phone call, a card, and always prayers to let them know they are being thought of. We were all given an updated list that we send cards to, and pray for, all year long. At our meetings we also are to go over our lists from the bulletin/newsletter and update the *Ongoing Prayers of Concern* (those who have been on the list for longer-term), our *Prayers of Concern* (those who are still on the list after a month or so), and our *New Prayers of Concern*. We do our best with this as we don't always receive updates on people, and if you find that someone was removed that you feel should not have been, please contact Shirley Coover, and we will get them restored. The same goes for anyone who is doing well and can be removed. It helps if you keep us apprised. These lists will be updated and given to the members shortly. Missy Lightner is our Moderator for the upcoming year, Brittani Mumford has agreed to be the Vice Moderator, and Shirley Huff has graciously agreed to continue as our Secretary. Shirley Coover will also continue to be the prayer list contact person. Missy read a devotion about prayer and how when we pray, we need to trust that God knows what is in our hearts already and will take care of everything. Our next meeting is April 16th at 6 pm. The meeting was adjourned.

Pastor's Page

It is February already! January has once again seemed to fly right passed blowing in snowy weather and colder temperatures along with some dreary, cloudy days. Oh, how I miss the sight of sunshine. When living in Western PA, we all have our favorite season of weather and winter is definitely not mine. However, some love it. SMH !

The church calendar has different seasons as well in the Presbyterian Church. This month, the season of Lent begins on February 14th. Yes, that date is very familiar to us. It's Valentine's Day. The day where love is celebrated! At first, I thought, how unusual. Ash Wednesday & Valentine's Day falling on the same day when they are very different in nature. Ash Wednesday is a more somber day on the church calendar. It's where some practice the tradition of imposing ashes on the forehead with a public acknowledgement of our need for forgiveness of sins and being reconciled with God. Ash Wednesday is often a day of fasting and prayer marking the beginning of our six-week Lenten journey towards the crucifixion of our precious Lord, Jesus Christ. Valentine's Day is a day where there is also public acknowledgement, it is often celebrated with chocolates, candy & cards full of loving expressions. Chocolate is a gift received with joy while ashes are received with humility. Very opposite indeed!

Last week after church as people were leaving, one of the children attending that day came and handed me a picture they drew for me during church. I get picture drawings on a regular basis from kids, a perk! Children are so loving & giving. I sometimes need to ask what the drawings are actually portraying, and the children always fills me in with delight in describing their picture. This picture needed no such explanation. It captures the very reason we journey through Lent each year, reminding us of the greatest love story ever told; Jesus giving up his life to save ours.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.” John 3:16

Together We Serve..... Pastor Sheila



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What is Easter?

It's not about the eggs to hunt

It's not about a bunny

It's not about brand new clothes

Or candy as sweet as hunny

On this day many years ago

A man named Jesus Christ

Upon a cross for you and me

Gladly gave his life

Not for sins that He had done

Or crimes He must repay

He did it all for you and me

For our sins He died that day

But that's not the end of Jesus Christ

They put Him in a grave

But three days later He rose again

Our sin debt had finally been paid

So this Easter as you hunt for eggs

Dressed up in brand new clothes

Don't think about the Easter Bunny

Think about why Christ arose

NEW PRAYER OF CONCERNS Richard Barnett, Donna Detwiler, Randy Freehling, family of Betty Neal, Kimberly Snyder and family, Nahij Greger

PRAYERS OF CONCERNS Bill Calhoun, Mason Martin, Jack and Lu Bennet, Suzanne Schrecengost, Kitty Buzzard, Shirley McEntire, Rae Jean, Melissa Olinger, Corinne Schour, Jean Swartz, Mark Goldinger, Laurie Hill Shankle, Allen Simmers, Connie Yoakum, Steve Colligan, Tom Brooks, Myrtle Schall, (McKenzie Buzzard, Garrett Askew, Alyssia Park-Hedges, Andrew Jones, Scott Davis, Cameron Neigh, Leslie Neigh, Ron Boyer Jr.; Zackary Martin; and all our military) Our Rwanda Partner Church: Mucabira

Ongoing Prayers of Concern: Shannon Anderson-Black, Bobbi Ruth Blinn, Ella Mae Bussard, LuAnn Cloak, Josh Conrad, Donna Funari, Shawn Getty, Pete Hawkins, Margie Jamison, Lee Irvine, Kim Kerr, Dick Kolodick, Betty and Vernie Lightner, Elinor Lockhart, Mason Martin, John McCafferty, Ernie McMeans, Faye McGaughey, Joe Osterling, Gretchen Powers, Darlene Roudybush, Gunner Rix, Jill Schrecengost, Gwen Shrock, Ron Shrock, Kim Slease, Dane Stear, Shawn Sweeney, Sabastian Toledo, John Turner, Doris Walker, Ruth Ann Wineberg,

February Birthdays

2 Deb Shoemaker
2 Tim Stockdale
3 Julie Fleming
5 Lucas Skamai
7 Brenda Wadding
7 Logan Wadding
8 Doris Walker
9 Larry Wilson
12 Wendy Pelky
19 Betty Calhoun
19 Jared Fike
19 Isabelle Meyer
19 Mercer Rock
20 Barb Lightner
22 Ashley Cumberledge
23 Stephanie Winslow
27 Donna Neal

Congratulations to Laura and Joey Skamai on the birth of their son, Levi Kenneth, on January 29, 2024. Lucas and Ellie are ready for their little brother.

Colleen Elder and Mona McMeans have a new address: 1030 State Route 839, Dayton PA 16222

A Lenten Bible Study/Prayer Group will meet this year on Tuesday evenings @ 6:30 p.m. for four weeks starting February 27th, March 5th, March 12th and ending on March 19th. We are asking people to sign up ahead of time if they plan on attending any of the sessions. Please contact Pastor Sheila at 724-525-7470 if you plan to attend. This will help us with the planning.

February Anniversaries

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We are in need of a volunteer/team to coordinate the Easter Egg Hunt this year. Please contact Pastor Sheila soon if you are interested in taking over this event.

We are inviting people to join in and serve on some church committees that are in need of some new people. Please see Pastor Sheila if you would be willing to serve.

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February Calendar of Events

4	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship/Installation & Ordination of Leaders
6		4-H in Academy
8		4-H in Academy
11	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship/Baptism
13	10:30 a.m.	Mission Committee
14		Ash Wednesday Valetine's Day
15	7:00 p.m.	Session
18	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship/1st Sunday in Lent
19		President's Day
25	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship/2nd Sunday in Lent
27	6:30 p.m.	Lenten Bible Study/Prayer Group 4-H in Academy

Look ahead:

March 5—Lenten Bible Study/Prayer Group at
6:30 p.m.
March 6—Ministry Support Committee at 1:00
p.m.
March 10—Annual Congregational Meeting/
Dinner
March 10—Daylight Savings Begins
March 12—Lenten Bible Study/Prayer Group at
6:30 p.m.
March 17—St. Patrick's Day
March 19—Lenten Bible Study/Prayer Group at
6:30 p.m.
March 24—Palm Sunday
March 28—Maundy Thursday Service at 7:00
p.m.
March 29—Good Friday
March 30—Easter Egg Hunt at 11:00 a.m.
March 31—Easter Sunrise Service at 8:00 a.m.
Breakfast starting at 8:30 and ending
at 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.
Worship at 11:00 a.m.

