



The Good News

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Session

February 15, 2024

The Session of the Dayton Glade Run Presbyterian Church met for its regular monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Academy. The Moderator, Pastor Sheila opened the meeting with devotions and prayer.

Elders present: Jim Gearhart, Ed Hollenbaugh, Barb Lightner, Andrea Marsh, Brenda Wadding, Melissa Wadding, Larry Wilson, and Steffani Winslow.

Elders excused: Joanne Colligan.

CLERK'S REPORT:

The minutes of the January 18, 2024 session meeting and the January 28, 2024 congregational meeting were approved. Current membership is 127. The General Assembly Statistical Report was submitted on January 30, 2024. The Elder Roster was submitted to Presbytery on February 4, 2024.

REPORT OF THE MODERATOR:

Pastor Sheila reported the following for the month of January: Five (5) worship events including communion, installation of deacons, and a congregational meeting; two (2) committee meetings including session and deacons; personal care visits consisting of (1) hospital, (2) nursing home, (1) home/youth visit, (4) office appointments, (1) homebound communion, (1) funeral service preparation, (1) funeral home visit, and (1) funeral service at DGR on January 29, 2024 for Betty Neal. The Larger Church/Presbytery business included a Kiski Presbytery meeting via Zoom on January 13, 2024. Miscellaneous church business included: meeting on January 9, 2024 with Charlie and Jessie Mowery regarding the baptisms of their children Sawyer, Adelia, and Corbin.

Pastor Sheila has been asked to serve on Kiski's search committee for the two new general presbyters' positions.

A motion was made to approve a vacation Sunday for Pastor Sheila on May 26, 2024.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ministry/Technology: The committee has reviewed the activities of the Christmas season and has begun planning for the Lent/Easter season. These include: communion to be served Palm Sunday and Maundy Thursday, Easter sunrise service at 8:00 a.m. with a

breakfast to follow, and our traditional 11:00 a.m. service in the sanctuary. Palms and Easter flowers will be ordered.

An Easter egg hunt will take place on March 30th. Our next Theme Sunday will be a patriotic day on May 26th.

Christian Education: Pastor Sheila will be leading a four-week Bible study beginning February 27, 2024.

Fellowship: The committee has made plans for a congregational covered-dish dinner/meeting for March 10, 2024.

Fundraising: The committee will be scheduling a meeting for March.

Mission/Evangelism: The following disbursements were made in February: Unified Mission (\$350.00), Mucabira (\$200.00), Ramps for Hope (\$250.00), and two individual needs (\$800.00) totaling \$1600.00.

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

Property: The issue of brown water in the academy will be addressed in the near future. The storage cellar is finished and nicely done. An outside security camera has been purchased and will be installed on the academy porch ceiling. Motion was approved to accept the reports of all the committees.

Presbytery Business: The next meeting of Presbytery will be held at Trinity Presbyterian Church on March 9th at 10:00 a.m. Pastor Sheila will attend via Zoom.

Old Business: Three classrooms in the academy have been painted. Carpet cleaning will take place during warmer weather. Sheila would like to purchase some wall hangings/decorations for the rooms that have been cleaned/painted.

New Business: None.

A motion was made to close the meeting. Pastor Sheila adjourned the meeting with prayer at 8:10 p.m. The next meeting will be held March 21, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Academy.

Ministry Support Committee

Our committee did not hold a regular meeting during the month of February but will meet again on March 6th. However we continue to work on plans for the coming Lent and Easter services and activities.

The sacrament of communion will be served on Palm Sunday, March 24th, and also on Maundy Thursday, March 28th. Easter Sunday morning will begin with a sunrise service at 8:00 a.m. in the academy. A full breakfast will be offered immediately after that service. Then at 11:00 a.m. we will worship together in the church sanctuary with our traditional Easter morning service. Pastor Sheila always provides meaningful worship and messages at every service. Please join us as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus our Lord.

Plans are also in the making for an Easter egg hunt for kids of all ages in our church family and in the surrounding community. We are needing a little help with this event this year. A couple of people have graciously offered to organize the hunt this year. But if you able to help in any way, Pastor Sheila may be contacted if you are interested.

It is never too early to be looking ahead with the ministry of the church. At our next meeting we will begin discussing Mother's Day, Father's Day, graduate recognition, Pentecost, and other special times. There is always an open invitation to anyone who may have a desire to work with us in any way that you are able.

Together we serve!!

We are starting to collect small, individually wrapped Easter candy for the Easter Egg Hunt. Donations can be left in the Narthex or on the desk in the Academy. If you are unable to shop and would still like to donate, you can contact Missy Lightner or Shirley Coover and we can take care of that for you. Thanks so much for your continued support.

Women's Association for 2024

The Women's Association will begin it's meeting again on Thursday, April 4th at 1 pm in the academy. There will be no March meeting. Meeting printouts will be made for the year before the April meeting. Our group has grown since the beginning of last year and everyone is welcome to join for these special days to enjoy fellowship, scripture, mission and a variety of programs. Consider Inviting a friend to come with you and enjoy the time together.

On Sunday,, February 11th, we baptized Sawyer Russell, Adelia Dene and Corbin Bernard Mowery, children of Charlie and Jessie Mowery.



Pastor's Page

Jesus said, *"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep"*

John 10:11

The following is an excerpt from the book, "Embracing The Uncertain" by Magrey R. deVega

"Shepherds are among the Bible's favorite people. Abel, Lot, Jacob, Jacob's sons—they were all shepherds. Moses became one while on the run, before he came across the burning bush. David was a singing shepherd before he became king. Then there were the wonderful Bethlehem shepherds, the first to hear the news about Christ's birth. The Bible loves shepherds.

The Bible may even love shepherds more than biblical people did. They were often lower-class citizens, several rungs lower in notoriety than the noble class patricians and public officials in the Roman Empire. They were not learned religious scholars or priests. To be a shepherd warranted no fame or glory. For Jesus to name himself the Good Shepherd would have been a total shock to John's audience. Jesus was, in effect, saying that he was willing to associate the lowly of society. Just as he often did throughout his ministry, Jesus took conventional wisdom and flipped it on its ear.

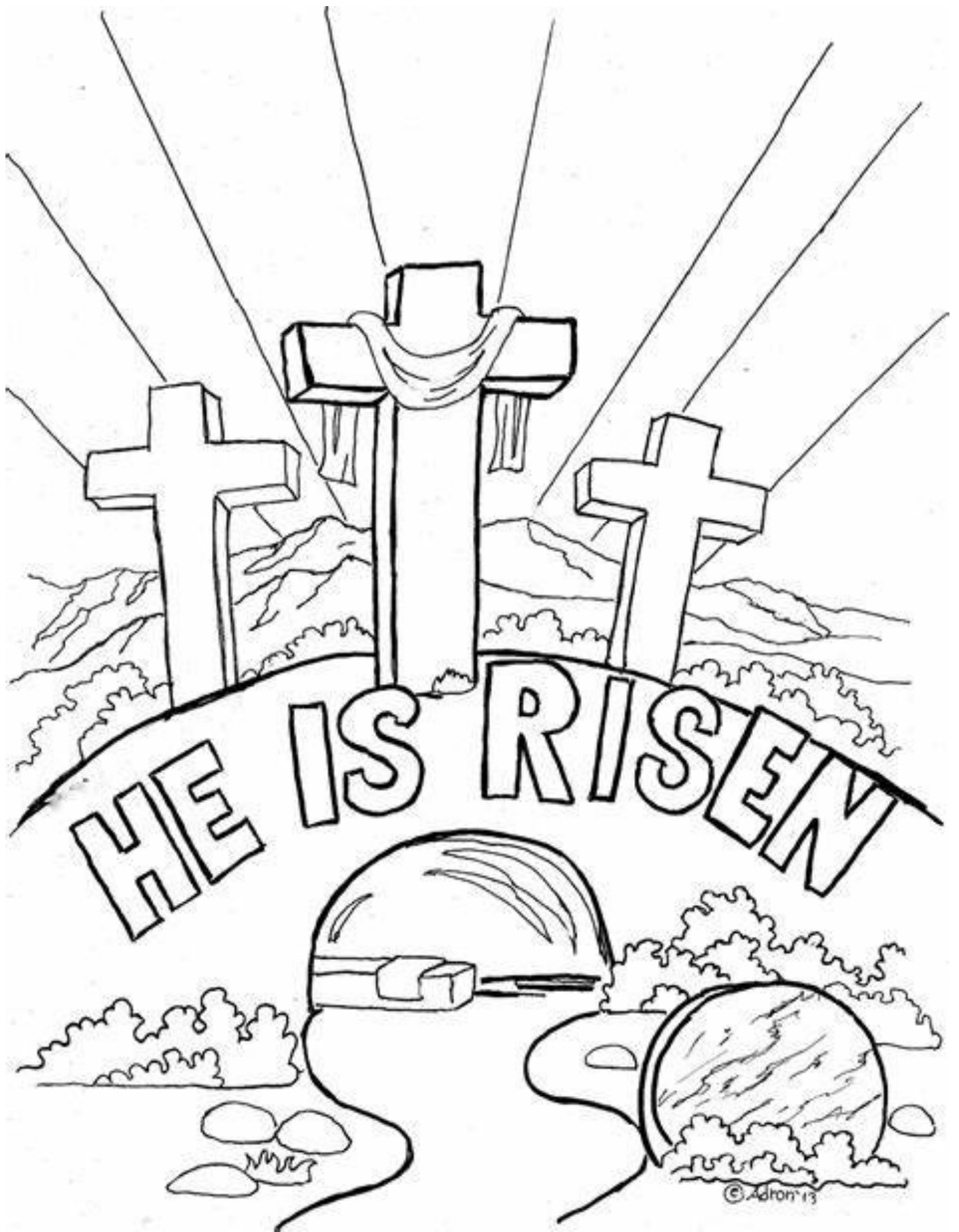
Here's one more reversal. Shepherds eventually sacrificed their sheep. They provided the means through which people could make their blood offerings in the temple and restore their relationship with God. Without the shepherds, there would be no sheep, no means to sacrifice, and ultimately, no relationship with God. That's the most shocking thing Jesus said in identifying himself as the Good Shepherd is this: "I give up my life for the sheep." The Good Shepherd was not in the business of leading his sheep to slaughter but saving his sheep FROM slaughter. He wasn't going to allow them to die but was going to die in their place. This was the greatest, most radical reversal of all: the shepherd sacrificed, not the sheep. What a reversal!

Of course, if Jesus is the Shepherd, that makes us the sheep. At first, being called sheep may seem like an insult. We often have disparaging images of sheep as dim-witted, bumbling, and prone to wandering. And as accurate as that may be in the way it describes us at times, it doesn't seem like a very endearing self-image. But when Jesus described the life of a shepherd in this Gospel reading from John, we get some insight into what being a sheep really meant."

"My sheep listen to my voice. I know them and they follow me." John 10:27

Together We Journey Towards The Cross.....Pastor Sheila





NEW PRAYER OF CONCERNS family of Doris Walker, Dorcea Troup, Janelle, Janet Hallman, Esther Irvine, Jackie Blose Schrecengost, Hudson Overly, Larry Ferringer,

PRAYERS OF CONCERNS Kimberly Snyder and family, Nahij Greger, Richard Barnett, Donna Detwiler, Randy Freehling, Bill Calhoun, Jack and Lu Bennet, Suzanne Schrecengost, Rae Jean, Laurie Hill Shankle, (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, Tom Brooks, Ella Mae Bussard, Kitty Buzzard, LuAnn Cloak, Steve Colligan, Josh Conrad, Donna Funari, Shawn Getty, Mark Goldinger, Pete Hawkins, Margie Jamison, Lee Irvine, Kim Kerr, Dick Kolodick, Betty and Vernie Lightner, Elinor Lockhart, Mason Martin, John McCafferty, Shirley McEntire, Ernie McMeans, Faye McGaughey, Melissa Olinger, Joe Osterling, Gretchen Powers, Darlene Roudybush, Gunner Rix, Myrtle Schall, Corinne Schour, Jill Schrecengost, Gwen Shrock, Allen Simmers, Kim Slease, Dane Stear, Jean Swartz, Shawn Sweeney, Sabastian Toledo, John Turner, Ruth Ann Wineberg, Connie Yoakum,



March Birthdays

5 Brittani Mumford
5 Dutch Rummel
5 Tiffani Stadtmiller
7 Lisa McGaughey
7 Sheila Wadding
9 Ron Walker
12 Luke McGaughey
12 Gillian Stark
13 Kevin Barrett
15 Kayla Lightner
16 Cody Baker
16 Janet Steele
17 Coleen Elder
17 Emma Nimerosky
19 Laila Schmaus
20 Eleanor Gahagan
20 Missy Gearhart
23 Dora Dickerson
23 Heather Lytle
24 Brina Wadding
24 Alyssa Rocco
25 David Shoemaker
26 Emily Jamison
27 Alex Wadding
28 Ed Hollenbaugh

29 Betty Lightner
30 Kix Winslow
30 Kyler Winslow
31 Cory Baker

March Anniversaries

19 Vernie and Betty Lightner
28 Anthony and Alyssa Rocco

Bill Calhoun would like to thank everyone for their cards, prayers, food and visits during my surgeries and recuperations. It is so heart warming to have a church family with so much love and support. Hope to be out and about soon. God Bless you all.

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.

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March Calendar of Events

3	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School	20	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Worship/3rd Sunday in Lent	21	7:00 p.m.	Session
5	6:30 p.m.	Lenten Bible Study/Prayer Group	23		Academy Reserved
		4-H in Academy	24	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
6	1:00 p.m.	Ministry Support Committee		11:00 a.m.	Worship/ Palm Sunday
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir	26		4-H in Academy
10		Daylight Savings Time Begins	27	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School	28	7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Service
	11:00 a.m.	Worship/4th Sunday in Lent	29		Good Friday
	12:00 p.m.	Covered Dish Dinner/ Congregational Meeting	30	11:00 a.m..	Easter Egg Hunt
12	6:30 p.m.	Lenten Bible Study/Prayer Group	31	8:00 a.m.	Easter Sunrise Service
13	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir		8:30-10:00	Breakfast in Academy
14		4-H in Academy		10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
16		Academy Reserved		11:00 a.m.	Worship/ Easter
17		St. Patrick's Day			
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School			
	11:00 a.m.	Worship/5th Sunday in Lent			
19	10:30 a.m.	Mission Committee			
	6:30 p.m.	Lenten Bible Study/Prayer Group			

Look ahead:

April 4—Women's Association at 1:00 p.m.

April 16—Mission Committee at 10:30 a.m.

April 16— Deacons at 6:00p.m.

April 18—Session