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From the Pastor

OK, here's a popular topic for this month's Pastor's Corner: paying the 2018 per capita. For some time, our denomination has tried to separate out administrative costs from mission activity; that is, when someone donates to (for example) the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, it's important that

those funds go to the work of PDA and not administrative concerns. As a congregation, we make a substantial (for the size of our budget) contribution to the PCUSA; we do this because we believe in investing to help people, bring God's wholeness and share the Good News of God in Christ setting the world right. It is important to know that the dollars we commit to denominational mission are primarily used to accomplish ends and not meet administrative costs. We can make this assumption because of the per capita system which is used to fund some of the "nuts and bolts things" that connect us together. This year, the per capita is \$26.33 per member.

So, what do you get for your \$26.33? The Office of General Assembly depends on per capita as its primary funding source. The Office of General Assembly helps the church by:

- Training Ruling and Teaching Elders to become better pastors, elders and deacons.
- Helping to discern God's call to service both to the church at large and to each individual member of the church.
- Helping people to participate in the committees and commissions of the General Assembly regardless of their financial resources.

- Participate in the life of the Church universal as an expression of our commitment to work and live in fellowship with followers of Jesus in every nation.

We live in very non-institutional times, when we've been conditioned to distrust anything that isn't local and under our own control. Carried to an extreme, our institutional skepticism will destroy the interconnections that lay at the very heart of Presbyterianism. The per capita contributes to the things that tie all 10,000 local expressions of the PC(USA) together. So please, in the days ahead take out the blue envelope in your box of giving envelopes and write your check for \$26.33 (or however many members are in your household). Individually paying your per capita helps Southminster because we take funds from the general fund to cover those who do not pay their own per capita. As always, thank you for everything you do to help Southminster share God's good news in Taylor and the downriver communities.

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2018 Bible -in-a-Year Journey

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| Thursday | Feb | 1 | Leviticus 19-22 |
| Friday | Feb | 2 | Leviticus 23-27 |
| Saturday | Feb | 3 | Numbers 1-4 |
| Sunday | Feb | 4 | |
| Monday | Feb | 5 | Numbers 5-8 |
| Tuesday | Feb | 6 | Numbers 9-12 |
| Wednesday | Feb | 7 | Numbers 13-16 |
| Thursday | Feb | 8 | Numbers 17-20 |

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| Friday | Feb | 9 | | Numbers 21-24 |
| Saturday | Feb | 10 | | Numbers 25-28 |
| Sunday | Feb | 11 | | |
| Monday | Feb | 12 | | Numbers 29-32 |
| Tuesday | Feb | 13 | | Numbers 33-36 |
| Wednesday | Feb | 14 | Mark 1-2 | Psalms 1-2 |
| Thursday | Feb | 15 | Mark 3-4 | Psalms 3-4 |
| Friday | Feb | 16 | Mark 5-6 | Psalms 5-6 |
| Saturday | Feb | 17 | Mark 7-8 | Psalms 7-8 |
| Sunday | Feb | 18 | | |
| Monday | Feb | 19 | Mark 9-10 | Psalms 9-10 |
| Tuesday | Feb | 20 | Mark 11-12 | Psalms 11-12 |
| Wednesday | Feb | 21 | Mark 13-14 | Psalms 13-14 |
| Thursday | Feb | 22 | Mark 15-16 | Psalms 15-16 |
| Friday | Feb | 23 | Matthew 1-2 | Psalms 17-18 |
| Saturday | Feb | 24 | Matthew 3-4 | Psalms 19-20 |
| Sunday | Feb | 25 | | |
| Monday | Feb | 26 | Matthew 5-6 | Psalms 21-22 |
| Tuesday | Feb | 27 | Matthew 7-8 | Psalms 23-24 |
| Wednesday | Feb | 28 | Matthew 9-10 | Psalms 25-26 |

Nurture

Marnie Winkelman/Wendy Woodley

The whole church family has been invited to join together in reading through the entire Bible this year. It means that you are reading four chapters a day, six days a week for fifty-two weeks of the year. Discovery Zone and Sunday worship have both synchronized to this reading plan. The bible reading program began on January 1. The book of Genesis, the books of Exodus and Leviticus have rounded out the scheduled reading for January. Pastor Clint is distributing the weekly reading plan in the bulletin. The adult Discovery Zone folks have been really enjoying this process and going over the material that they have read with Pastor Clint. Most have learned things they did not know. It's never too late to begin this reading plan, join in at any time. In February, the reading will be the book of Numbers, beginning on the book of Psalms, reading through the book of Mark and starting the book of Matthew. A nice mix of the Old and New Testament readings.

The Nurture team always needs additional support. If you'd like to assist with games, art, science, music or drama on Sunday morning, please let us know. During Discovery Zone, Pastor Clint leads the gathering bible story time in fellowship hall. The opening is about 15-20 minutes, the youth then break in to their groups and the adults join Pastor Clint in the adult classroom. All ages have the opportunity to learn corporately on Sunday morning as families together, learning the same message.

Still searching for an additional paid child care worker to assist Marlene in the nursery each week for two hours on Sunday morning. If you know of someone 18 years of age or older that might be interested in this position, please let Wendy or Marnie know. A weekly sign-up sheet is available in fellowship hall for anyone interested in helping with the nursery children until we find an additional person.

Children remain in the sanctuary during the worship service. After the children's time portion of the worship service, kids under second grade are being supervised in the back of the sanctuary at a table just for them. If you would like to help with supervision of the children in the sanctuary during worship, you're always welcome at their table. For children older than second grade, blue busy bags are available at the door, they have coloring pages and work sheets inside. All weekly context of the learning material has the same biblical content of that which is being covered in Discovery Zone.

The middle school and high school youth groups are now meeting with Giovanna every Sunday evening. Additional volunteers are needed to assist Giovanna at a youth group meeting or to accompany them on an outreach event, please let her know if you are interested.

The youth outreach focus for the month of February will be done through the Detroit Rescue Mission. Date and time of outreach event is to be announced.

No youth group meetings will be held on February 4th. All interested youth are invited to go to the Christian Music Tour Winter Jam at Little Caesar's Arena. Doors open at 5:00 and the main show is at 6:00pm. \$15.00 donation at the door. Anyone interested should contact Giovanna.

Regular youth group meetings will be held on February 11th, 18th, and 25th. Middle school meet from 5:30-6:30pm. High School meets from 7:00-8:00pm.

Plans are currently under way for confirming the 2018 Youth Mission Trip. Giovanna and the youth are looking at the urban and rural programs offered in Canfield, Ohio for the week of July 23rd. The average trip costs about \$200. per person for 6 days and 5 nights. Both middle school and high school youth are invited to attend. Canfield will be confirming with Giovanna if the week is available. This is a great outreach opportunity for the youth of our church.

A Panera Night Youth Mission Fundraiser is currently in the planning stages, dates and times to be announced. The annual Easter Breakfast held on April 1st will once again also help the youth in funding their mission trip.

Join us on March 23rd at 6:00pm for the family movie night hosted by the Nurture and Congregational Life committees. Everyone is welcome! The movie presentation will be *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. The movie is based on the book written by C.S. Lewis and is a wonderful expression of Christian concepts through a mythic world. Please join us for pizza, a movie, conversation and discussion on the film. A great evening of family time offered for all.

Church Life

Gus Cline

With a new year comes a new name for what we used to call the Fellowship committee. The Church Life committee will still be

directing events throughout the year like our church picnic, Toledo Mudhens baseball game, Church camping trip and year end Christmas party.

The new piece of the committee will be that Pastoral Care will now be under the Church Life umbrella and we look forward to updating you on some of the things that will be happening in this area.

I would like to thank Dave Fraser and all the members of this committee for all their hours of work the past year and look forward to working with many of you in the upcoming year.

Our next meeting will be on Committee day, Sunday Feb.4 at 4:30p.m.

Book Club

Joyce Rowley

On January 12, we enjoyed our discussion of The Language of Flowers by Vanessa Diffenbaugh. Flowers do have a language and they do speak to us. Included in the novel was a dictionary of flowers:

Mistletoe....I surmount all obstacles

Pansy.....Think of me

Note the order of the books that will be read in the coming months:

February 9 and March 9 –

Beneath the Scarlet Sky by Mark Sullivan

April 13 and May 11 –

All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr

June 8 ???????

Please join us, helping us make a decision for the book we would enjoy reading in June. We are always looking for something new and different to be reading.

Barring any unforeseen circumstances, we always gather about 10:30 a.m., on the second Friday of each month, in either the Double Classroom or Fellowship Hall and are generally on our way by the Noon Hour. We are a very informal group and we always are happy to see new faces. Please remember it is not necessary to have read the book – if you would like to join us, just to see what our discussions entail, we would welcome your presence. As we always say, “Give it a try – you may find you will like it”, or “life is too short not to try something new” 😊

Expressions

Michele Hintz

The Expressions committee has started the year off with taking a look at which projects we will be hosting this year.

Grief Share plans to have sessions in the upcoming months, with currently looking at establishing additional resources and potentially partnering with other local downriver churches in offering this program.

The committee is currently researching the idea of having a Clothes Closet set up at a local elementary or middle school. We plan to visit one that is currently operational in Trenton to use as a guide, and then continue to further plans with one of our own at one of the neighborhood schools. This will be an ongoing project to support, once we get established - the goal is to have something in place and ready to go before the Fall.

Our Spring/Lenten Project will be centered on supporting our friends at the Iturisho School again. Feast in the Desert will be launching on Sunday, Feb 11th - watch for more details then to help us take the time to stop and reflect during Lent.

Next meeting: Committee Day – February 4th @ 3pm.

We would like to encourage anyone interested in joining the Expressions Committee to come to our next meeting and learn about how YOU can help spread God's plans for helping in our Neighborhood!! Hope to see you there!

Nine

By Mary Cline

That's us, we're nine people answering the call to be Deacons in 2018.

Our board is made up of Scott Barclay, Mary Cline (Moderator), Sue Frederick, Nancy Gillespie (Vice-Moderator), Carla Long, Gloria Olsowy, Shirley Petlicki, Pat Tucker (Secretary), and Kandi Wood.

Most of you know that we are about the business of assisting with communion, coffee refreshment prep (Thanks to Tony Savastano for coming in early every Sunday to start the coffee), sanctuary prep, special event prep, funeral lunches, our card ministry (thanks to Vicki Simon), prayer shawl ministry (Thanks to Terri Donnan), and worship service greeting.

We also minister to those members of our congregation that have all kinds of needs - prayer, recovering from surgery, lonely, ill or

just in need of a little extra love. We will be pursuing more creative ways to be of further support and comfort.

We hope that you will reach out to us if you need a helping hand.

Thank you and you will be in our prayers!

Deacons' Duties in February

- Communion set up ~ Susan Frederick, Nancy Gillespie
- Communion clean up ~ All deacons present
- Pew Patrol ~ Gloria Olsowy, Shirley Petlicki
- Coffee clean up ~ Mary Cline

Memorials

In Memory of Henry and Agnes Cruden

Given by: Sharon and John Cruden

In Memory of Rogna Family

Given by: Lawrence Rogna

Scholarship Fund

Given by Bill Cairn

December and January Session Motions Connie Dainus

December 17 Session Meeting:

- Approved by consent placing Gabriella Sanchez #1993 on the inactive membership roll.
- Approved by consent to hold the Annual Meeting on Jan. 28, 2018
- Motioned by Administration Committee to approve the 2018 Annual Budget. Motion carried.

- Motioned by the Building and Grounds committee to accept the True Green Lawn contract for the 2018 season. Motion carried.
- Motioned by Dave Bullion and seconded to establish a fund for on going support of Ilturishu school. Motion carried.
- Motioned by Rich Pratt and seconded to approve Greg Walker's request for use of the building for Feb 24 for a Via De Christo meeting, fees to be waived. Motion carried.
- Motioned by Dale Simon and seconded to amend the music coordinator's job description in consultation with the music coordinator. Motion carried.

January 7, 2018 Special Meeting:

- Motioned by Rich Pratt and seconded that the session of Southminster Church approves the ordination of Sue Frederick to the office of Deacon. Motion carried.

January 18, 2018 Session Meeting:

- Motioned by Rich Pratt and seconded to approve the 2018 Organizational Chart. Motion carried.
- Motioned by Michele Hintz and seconded to approve adding Morgan and Joseph Cates to the Active Member Roll pending their Reaffirmation of Baptismal Covenant in worship on February 11 . Motion carried.
- Motioned by Rich Pratt and seconded to approve the Baptism of Mia Lee Cates on Palm Sunday March 25th , as part of the Morning Worship service. Motion carried.
- Motioned by Rich Pratt and seconded to appoint Dale Simon as commissioner to the Presbytery of Detroit meeting on the 23rd of January. Motion carried.
- Motioned by Worship Committee to approve donation of \$100 to Capuchin Soup Kitchen in honor of St. Constance for the Ecumenical service to be taken from account #3.2260. Motion carried.

- Motioned by Building and Grounds committee to appoint a sub committee to assess the building for needed repairs, code issues and planning repairs.
- Motioned by Building and Ground to approve Use of Building request for Laurie Barclay on March 3 for a Birthday party. Motion carried.
- Motion by Nurture committee to permit Kayla Hamilton to recruit supporters for the High School project. Motion carried.
- Motioned by Rich Pratt and seconded to elect Connie Dainus as Clerk of Session for the year 2018. Motion carried.
- Motioned by Rich Pratt and seconded to elect Suzanne Smith to the office of Church Treasurer for 2018. Motion carried.
- Motioned by Rich Pratt and seconded to nominate the following for corporation officers: Dale Simon for President, Connie Dainus as Secretary, and Suzanne Smith as Treasurer for the year 2018. Motion carried.

Senior Luncheon

Kay Snaddon

We will meet for our Senior lunch program on **Monday, February 12th at 12 noon**. The menu will be Beef Stroganoff with all the trimmings and dessert for a small donation of \$3.00. Plan to attend and bring your friends. This is open to ages 55 and older.

Calendar Notes

February Anniversary

Rich and Stephanie Pratt 2-21

Calendar Notes

Birthday

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| Doug Holmes | 2-4 | Pat Fraser | 2-18 |
| Philip Hudson | 2-5 | Sue Merriman | 2-20 |
| Wendy Pratt | 2-8 | Mary Cline | 2-21 |
| Bryan Gillespie | 2-9 | Sandy Salowich | 2-27 |
| Margaret Winkleman | 2-12 | Dominic Matthies | 2-27 |

Calendar Notes

Upcoming Dates

- Feb 4, 11, 18, 25 10:00 a.m. Discovery Zone
 11:00 a.m. Worship
 3:00 p.m. Committee Day
- Feb 5 Noon Rachel Circle
- Feb 6, 13, 20, 27 8:00 p.m. Band Rehearsal
- Feb 9 10:30 a.m. Book Club
- Feb 10, 24 6:00 p.m. Bowling Allen Park
- Feb 11 12:30 p.m. Deacon Meeting
- Feb 12 Noon Senior Luncheon
- Feb 14 10:00 a.m. Ruth Circle
 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service
- Feb 15 7:00 p.m. *Session
- Feb 22 Newsletter deadline
- Feb 24 8:00 a.m. Via de Cristo
- Feb 25 6:30 p.m. Sarah Circle
- *notice new day and time for this reoccurring event

Prayers

FOR THOSE HEALING IN THE HOSPITAL

John Fields Jr., (Beaumont Oakwood)

Larry Showler (Beaumont Oakwood)

FOR THOSE HEALING AT HOME

Jerry Kirkland, Vorrey Holmes, Pat Morton, Mary Wright, Arnold & Shirley Aue, Laurie Barclay, David Grove, Don Hardy, Connie Dainus

PRAY FOR THOSE NEEDING LONG-TERM AND EMOTIONAL SUPPORT

Marcia Brown (friend of Nancy Gillespie), Jean Page, Charlene Partlow (friend of Jean & Greg Walker), Joan Watson, Amy & Roger Gassman (Phyllis Hunt friend) Bill Cuthbert (Pat Tucker), Lina Laurin (Gloria Olsowy niece), Sandy Tipshus (Vicki Simon sister), Debra Creech, Patricia Kurish, Donna Clark, Joe Kurish (Elda Moore children), Laura Mount (Fred Mount daughter), Jerry Pawelczyk (Shirley Petlicki friend), Ralph Schall (Hope Lambrix uncle), Sheila Morais, Dorothy Davies (Judy Nowak friend), Barbara Willis (Terri Donnan friend), Kara Westra (Connie Dainus friend), Steve Premo, Tammy Lathrup, Mickey Corcoran & families, Sarah Tyler (Stephanie Pratt friends), Chuck Stevens, Carol Barnard, Darcy Matthies, Ed Schenken (Jean Page friend), Brian (Gloria Olsowy friend), Ann Rowley Smith (Joyce's daughter), Brenda Price (Cash family), Michelle Sample (Dale and Vicki Simon's daughter), Nancy (Marlene Jones sister), Paula Schultz (Laurie Barclay friend), Dave Consiglio & Jason Dornoff (Sue Frederick friends), Kristy McMillan (Patty Lalinsky friend), Andrea Green, Karen S (Daniel Bartok friends), Jamie Crigger (Phyllis Hunt friend), William & Brenda Martinelli (friends of Southminster), Carolyn Politi (Shirley Aue friend), Nan Bouchard, Elda Moore, Ken Renner & Sue Landis, Michael & Linda Crosby (Shirley Petlicki family), Patricia Epperson (Pat Tucker family), Phyllis Marken (Pat Tucker sister), Gordon Watson (Joan Watson family), Carl & Carol Linke

THOSE WHO SERVE OUR COUNTRY

Our President & Cabinet, Robert Fraser, Bradley Schleicher II, Kevin Moody

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Weekly Worship Schedule:

Family Worship Service 11 am
Discovery Zone (Learning Time) 10 am
High School Groups 10 a.m.

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