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A Message from Our Pastor

Rev. Lou Ellen Hartley

We begin the New Year already five weeks into the church year, which began with Advent. In January we celebrate Epiphany, the baptism of the Lord, the ordination/installation of officers, and the annual congregational meeting. There is much to celebrate and look forward to as the New Year begins.

I hope and pray we will all have a year filled with blessings and love.

Happy New Year!
Pastor Lou Ellen

From the Office

Betti Jo Pyatt, Office Manager

Our officers beginning January 01, 2017 will be:

DEACONS: Carrie Aswegan, Kathleen Dean, Bill Neely, Jan Roberts, Dixie Finley, Marian Pruitt, Cheryl Koederitz, Carlene May, and Deanne Jackson.

ELDERS: Pam Cottingham, JoAnne Zap, Bob May, Marilyn Schmidt, Melba Read, Britt Whitaker, Susan Murray, Eleanor Van Horn, and Marcia Brewer.

TRUSTEES: Ray Evans, Larry Roberts, Bill Cottingham, Eugene Zanders, Clayton Read, and Steve Zap.

As your committees make updates, please let the office know so I can get a current list of committees and their roles.

January well wishes go out to the following for birthdays: Melba Read, Pat Look, Mary Williams, Katherine Cook-Russell, Dixie Finley, Jan Roberts, Angela Isaac, Jim Jackson, Tricia Lewis, Carlene May, Morgan Romine, Bob May, Carol Bennett, and Eban Fox.

Well wishes for anniversaries go out to Leslie and Steve Skelton, Bill and Sharlene Morgan, Kay and David Barr, and Cheryl and Lenn Koederitz.

Deadline dates for the next few months for the Newsletter are:

January 30 for February

February 27 for March

March 27 for April

May 1 for May

May 29 for June

June 26 for July

Upcoming events for the month of January:

January 2, Office closed for New Years' day holiday

January 6, First Friday Night Out at Alex's Pizza at 6 pm

January 15, Officer ordination/installation

January 16, Office closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day

January 22, Annual congregational meeting following worship

January 22, Family Game Night in the Fellowship Hall

I hope and pray everyone has a blessed New Year and 2017!

How Well Do You Know our Congregation?

Carol Jessop

Marcia Brewer is a newer member and will soon be our newest Elder. Here is her story as told by her.

Growing up on a farm in NW MO, I never imagined living in the Ozarks one day, but here I am, thanks in part to #1 Son, Rob Bowness, a resident of Steelville since 1985. Following the death of my dear husband, Roy Brewer, in 2014, I had no reason to stay grounded in my home of 38 years. So, Rob found Wellington Place, just what I need. Nor had I planned to leave Methodism until I found warm, welcoming 1st Presbyterian Church. Though somewhat hampered by advanced age, I hope to serve where I can.

My career path is somewhat checkered: first an elementary teacher, then a bank bookkeeper, then a teacher again after returning to university in middle age for my art degree. Learning and the fine arts have shaped my life, and I have happily lived to see those traits carried forward into the next two generations: Rob, his wife, (Linda/"Willie"), and their daughter, Jane Bowness Johannsen, hold art degrees from my alma mater, NWMSU. Jane and her husband, Trevor, serve the Peace Corps in Ethiopia, where she teaches English language and helps young women stay in school and learn their

potential. She also painted murals in PC's headquarters in Addis Ababa. Her sister, Hallie, serves on the staff of Steelville schools and Mound Ridge Camp.

My #2 Son, Terry Bowness, a UMR graduate who wed a local girl – also a UMR grad – is a computer engineer/jazz pianist in Austin, TX. His wife, Sonal, is on the staff of Austin Montessori school, which their daughters, Nina and Olivia, attended before their current studies at St. Andrews Episcopal high school, where both are on sports teams. I am also proud stepmother/grandmother/great-grandmother to several other young people.

If I have any words of wisdom to impart, they would be: (1) Never stop learning. (2) When one door closes, pray that another will open. (3) Let go, and let God. (Luke 12: 27 – 31)

The holy child is waiting to be born in every instant, not just once a year.

Author – Marianne Williamson

Presbyterians Cook

Carol Jessop

If January is as cold as December, soups and stews should be on everyone's menu. There is nothing more comforting on a cold winter day than soup or stew. Christine Rueff contributed this recipe and it is great. She found this in the Farm Journal Magazine – late 1970's. It is a six-generation recipe.

Wisconsin Lumberjack Stew (or soup)

2# boneless pork cut in 1 inch cubes
1 tsp salt
1 tsp sugar
½ tsp paprika
½ tsp pepper
2 T cooking oil
1 cup sliced onion
1 clove minced garlic
1 T lemon juice
1 tsp Worcestershire sauce
2 bay leaves
2 chicken bouillon cubes
3 cups water
6 medium carrots, pared and cut into 1" chunks
2 – 9 oz. packages frozen cut green beans
3 T corn starch
½ cup water

Season pork with salt, sugar, paprika and pepper. Brown pork in hot oil in 4 qt. Dutch oven. Add sliced onion and garlic; sauté 5 minutes. Add next 5 ingredients. Cover and simmer for one hour.

Add carrots, simmer covered 40 minutes. Add green beans, simmer covered 10 minutes.

Blend cornstarch and ½ c. water together. Stir into simmering stew and cook 2 minutes.

Serves 8

Christine's Notes:

This takes considerably more bullion and water. I add until it appears properly balanced.

I do not add the cornstarch and water to thicken at the end. We prefer a thinner broth for this soup.

*Blessings come in disguise.
And challenges can be a blessing.*

Diane Lane - Actress