



# Presbyterian Post

## First Presbyterian Church

Being God's Church, WE ARE. Living God's Vision, WE WILL.

Being God's Church, I AM. Living God's Vision, I WILL.



### An Invitation to Lent

In the Gospels according to Matthew, Mark and Luke, Jesus prepares for his public ministry with a 40-day period of fasting and focus in the wilderness. We commemorate this 40-day time of preparation with the 40-day long season of Lent. Through the centuries, Christians around the world have set aside the 40 days before Good Friday as a time of prayer and fasting in which we seek to spiritually participate with Christ in his preparation so that we may participate more fully in his death and resurrection.

Participation by faith is the heart of Christian discipleship. We are not merely observers of Christ and his saving work, but participants in him. We are not hearers of the message only, but doers.

In his book *Mere Christianity*, the great evangelical teacher C.S. Lewis wrote: "*The command "Be ye perfect" is not idealistic gas. Nor is it a command to do the impossible. He is going to make us into creatures that can obey that command. He said (in the Bible) that we were "gods" and He is going to make good His words... He will make the feeblest and filthiest of us into a god or goddess, dazzling, radiant, immortal creatures, pulsating all through with such energy and joy and wisdom and love as we cannot now imagine, a bright stainless mirror which reflects back to Him perfectly (though, of course, on a smaller scale) His own boundless power and delight and goodness. The process will be long and in parts very painful; but that is what we are in for. Nothing less. He meant what he said.*" (Macmillan, 1952, p. 174)

During Lent we have a basic question to ask ourselves. How can we best let Christ do this work in us? How can we open ourselves, concentrate ourselves, focus our energies on participating in Christ? This question applies to each of us individually and all of us together.

This is hard to do. We are so easily distracted. We are so easily lured into seeking comfort, convenience, status, or security. Lent is a time to remind ourselves of this. Lent is a proper time to turn from some of these things, and devote ourselves to living for sake of participation in Christ. Sometimes these acts of fasting, focusing, and devotion are called Lenten disciplines. I hope we can all hear the call to some form of Lenten discipline so we all may participate more deeply in the life, death and resurrection of Christ. One of the Lenten disciplines is renewing our devotion to prayer. To that end, every Sunday in Lent (March 9,16,23,30 and April 6 and 13) I invite you to join me at from 10:15 to 10:25 am in the chapel for a time of prayer for our worship service. We will pray together for God to enrich worship and change lives. I also invite you to set time aside for daily prayer. These are small but important moments of participation with God. My prayer today is for a meaningful and transformative Lent.

In Christ,

Pastor Steve



## Lenten Services



# OPERATIONS

## Cash Flow Report for Month Ending 1/31/2025

The gross operating income for January 2025 was \$11,853. Contributions, *excluding* Designated Funds for this period were \$11,746. Operating expenses were \$21,926. Our Net Income was **negative \$10,073**. Donations were down from January 2024 because IRA distribution donations were not received, like in 2024. However, some were received in February.

For the same period in 2024 the income was \$20,115 (includes contributions from IRA accounts). Operating expenses in 2024 were \$19,661.

Here is a breakdown of our expenses for 1 month in 2025

Administration (Staff & Office)	\$10,120
PNC Exp	159
Facilities (Utilities & Maint.)	9,245
Education	52
Congr Life & Missions/Per Capita	1,465
Communication	762
<u>Worship</u>	<u>124</u>
TOTAL	\$21,926



Checking Account Balance on 1/31/25 was \$ 9,733. This was enough to cover invoices and payroll in the first weeks of January. Donations to the Building Fund were \$305. The balance in the Building Fund is \$30,164 (\$6,400 of this has been designated for repairs to the parking lot; \$519 for landscaping, \$3,919 for railing in the pulpit area and the remainder of \$19,301 for future needs.).

The winter continues to be colder than 2024, so the utility costs will be higher. Last year it averaged over \$2,600 per month. Our membership is 104 as of 12/31/2024. But our attendance in person and on line is about 75 to 80 each Sunday. The Facility, Staff and Other costs are projected at \$233,000 per year. That is over \$2,200 a year per member. This is how a “bean counter” views the statistics. Many of our members and non- members give very generously to the Operating Fund, Building Fund, the Deacons Fund. We do have some Reserves to fall back and that is a blessing.

The Pastor Nominating Committee will be working diligently to find the pastor God has chosen for us. Please pray for the team we have chosen and for Pastor Steve as he continues to lead us.

We look forward to the new year and I pray each of you are blessed in ways you never expected. God is good!

**Luke 6:38.** *“Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap”*

Respectfully submitted,

Lucy Jacob  
Church Treasurer/Ruling Elder



## Prayer Concerns

**Members:** Pat Potter; Jerry & Lynn Kolter; Lucy Jacob; Nina Dellinger; Donna Thompson; Mert Jacob; Mike Rice

**Members who are Nursing Home Residents:**

**White Oak Health Campus:**  
Jim Hallar; Ruth Erdmann & Naomi Ward

## Service Men & Women

Walker Eifert (ARMY) (great nephew of Mert and Lucy Jacob); Brian Strantz (NAVY) (son of Tom & Julie Houck); Brad Switzer (USMC); Ensign Daniel Weathers (NAVY) (grandson of James Hallar); PVT Peyton

Chaffin (son of Heather Chaffin);  
**All unspoken prayers**



## Friends and Relatives

Elain Berry (Cinda Wilhite's sister); Jenny & Natalie Hanes (Judy Dowden's daughter & granddaughter & Gina Guy's sister & niece, ); Holly Conner (Jenelle's friend); Mark Skidmore (Dennis Boyd's friend); Mike O'Farrell; Mindy & Jon Gutwein (Sara Phelps's friend); Kathy & Roger Maxwell (Dave & Tom Anderson's sister & brother-in-law); Ray Dulin; Fallon Wildrick (Jim Wildrick's granddaughter); Kimberly Dulin (Linda Fullerton's friend); Janet Anderson (Art Anderson's wife); Katelyn Creigh (Gary & Kim Creigh's daughter); Flor Sare; Fred Bailey (Richard's brother); Jim

Wanders (Naomi Ward's son); Kristin Arnone (Dennis & Roslyn Boyd's daughter); Kathleen (Jennifer Haskin's friend); Joey (Jennifer Haskin's friends grandson); C.J. White (Judy Dowden's grandson & Gina Guy's nephew); Wayne Speicher (Mike & Liz Rice's friend); Maverick Davey (Chris & Linda Fullerton's great grandson); Susan Spiker (Liz Rice's friend); Gary Rice (Mike's brother); Family & Friends in West Virginia (Donna Thompson); Brothers & Sisters in Christ at New Hope Lutheran Church.

## Sister Churches

Wabash Avenue Presbyterian Church, Crawfordsville, IN - Rev. Dr. John Van Nuys  
First Presbyterian Church, Crown Point, IN - The Rev. Joaquin Anabe Lopez  
United Presbyterian Church, Cutler, IN  
Memorial Presbyterian Church, Dayton, IN  
First Presbyterian Church, Delphi, IN

## Church Directory

Rev. Stephen Quinlan	Bridge Pastor
Jaci Smolek	Administrative Assistant
Lucy Jacob	Treasurer
Bill Cook	Custodian
Laura Lee	Choir Director
Marilyn Denton	Organist
Jeffrey Cameo	Media Specialist
Flordeliza Sare	Nursery
Jenelle Foddrill	Youth Group Leader



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### THE SESSION:

Rev. Stephen Quinlan	Moderator
Joy Bailey	Clerk of Session

### CLASS OF 2025

Lucy Jacob; De Anna Paschen; Judy Bertram

### CLASS OF 2026

Jody Headdy, Jay Janke; Dave Bramlage;  
Dave Anderson

### CLASS OF 2027

Joy Bailey, Jenelle Foddrill, Tom Anderson,  
Liz Rice

### THE DEACONS:

Andi Janke	Moderator
TBD	Vice-Moderator
TBD	Secretary
Andi Janke	Treasurer

### CLASS OF 2025

Andi Janke, Mark Hay  
Donna Thompson

### CLASS OF 2026

Theresa Baker, Greg Bossaer  
Amber Brothers

### CLASS OF 2027

Reesa Flora, Susie Good  
Richard Bailey

### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN:

Donna Thompson	President
Susie Good	Vice President
Ardis Bramlage	Historian/Secretary
Theresa Baker	Treasurer

### Program Leaders:

Spring: N/A  
Fall: N/A  
Christmas: N/A

### Nominating Committee:

N/A



# SESSION NEWS

## January 28, 2025 Mini Minutes

The January 28, 2025 Regular Session Meeting was called to order by Moderator Rev. Stephen Quinlan at 6:30 p.m. in the new conference room. Ten elders were present and Clerk, Joy Bailey declared a quorum. Devotions for the evening were given by Elder Bailey. The docket was amended to include a report from the PNC. The December 10, 2024 minutes were approved as presented. The Communion count was 63 in Regular Worship. Under correspondence, we received the following “thank you” notes from: Lynn and Jerry Kolter, Bill and Sharon Cook, Jim and Kelli Snowberger and the Marine Corps. League and Marilyn Denton for a monetary gift. The Montreat Conference Center also thanked us for the \$2,000 contribution for renovation and restoration of their grounds and facilities. This gift was made in memory of Annie Horton. David Hardy was moved from the Active Roll of the church due to his death on 12/14/24.

The Session approved the following motions for 2025: 1. That Elder Joy Bailey be elected Clerk of Session. 2. That Lucy Jacob be elected Treasurer of the Congregation. 3. That the Sacrament of Holy Communion will be provided on the following dates: Maundy Thursday, Christmas Eve, and the first Sundays of the month. 4. That Members of the Session will take turns being Commissioners at Presbytery. The Team-Based Ministry Session Team Leaders are: **Communications**-De Anna Paschen & Jenelle Foddrill, Co-Chairs, **Education/Youth**-Dave Bramlage, Chair, **Mission and Congregational Life**-Judy Bertram & Liz Rice, Co-Chairs, **Administration**-Tom Anderson, Chair, Lucy Jacob, **Church Treasurer**, **Facilities**-Dave Anderson & Jay Janke, Co-Chairs, **Worship**-Jody Headdy & Jay Janke, Co-Chairs, and **Memorial**, Joy Bailey, Chair.

Elder Janke reported for the Pastoral Nominating Committee that they are working to complete the Ministry Discernment Profile, a form that includes both church data and narratives that will provide potential candidates with information about our church and its hopes and expectations in a new pastor. This will be given to the Committee on Ministry for approval. For the year ending 12/31/2024 the beginning checking account balance was \$15,227. This was enough to cover invoices and payroll in the first weeks of January. Donations to the Building Fund through December were \$124,519, \$5,514 has been used for needed building repairs. The Administration Team will present proposed changes to FPC Bylaws at our Annual Meeting in February. The Facility Needs Team has found a company to make the handrails for the Sanctuary, but there is a 6–9-month delay. The window tint on the west-end of the church has been tabled for the time because of the cost. Dan and Reese Flora have cleaned the fans in the Fellowship Hall and Dan will install new LED lights in the hall.

The Memorial Team reports that they have purchased 50 new padded chairs. The old metal chairs will be for sale to the congregation and other community organizations for 5 dollars. The Worship Team will be presenting “The Last Supper Presentation” on Maundy Thursday this year. Pastor Quinlan has spent 87 hours in the church office. He has prepared for 5 Sundays for a total of 30 hours. He has conducted 2 Session Meetings, 3 PNC Meetings, served the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper once and made 9 pastoral contacts. Other activities include staff meetings, fellowship and work from home. He will be leading a New Prayer Circle for Lent in the Chapel beginning in March.

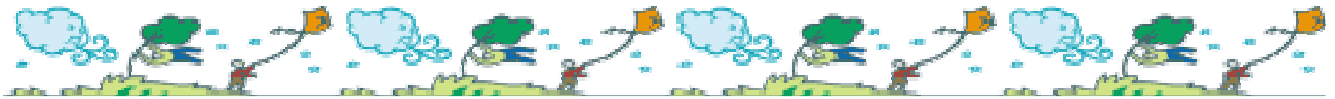
There being no further business, the Session voted to adjourn the meeting with prayer at 7:40 p.m. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, February 25, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

Clerk of Session, Joy Bailey



## WORSHIP

Pastor Steve is available to serve home communion to shut-ins after church on Communion Sunday. If you would like to have communion, please contact Jody Headdy at 574-297-4075 to be scheduled.



## MEMORIALS

### **The Gordon/Jackson Scholarship**

Application forms are available in the Fellowship Hall.

Remember to “sign-in” when you pick up your application.

The Deadline for these forms is **April 4, 2025**

**THE APRIL 4th DEADLINE IS FOR THE APPLICATION, RECOMMENDATIONS, TRANSCRIPTS, ETC... NO FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER APRIL 4th.**



# OUR CHURCH AT WORK

	<u>March 2nd</u>	<u>March 9th</u>	<u>March 16th</u>	<u>March 23rd</u>	<u>March 30th</u>
<u>ACOLYTES</u>	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
<u>DEACON</u>	Theresa Baker	Theresa Baker	Theresa Baker	Theresa Baker	Theresa Baker
<u>FELLOWSHIP</u>	Steph Dellinger Liz Rice Jenelle Foddrill	Reesa Flora Jan Flora Linda Land	Jody Headdy Donna Thompson Sue Winings	Jane DeMay Kim Powers Sara Phelps	TBD
<u>FLOWER CALENDAR</u>	None	None	None	None	None
<u>LITURGIST</u>	Perry Powers	Sherri Evans	Shelle Hay	Dennis Boyd	Reesa Flora
<u>POWERPOINT &amp; STREAMING</u>	Jenelle Foddrill Amber / Betsy	Dan Flora Amber / Jenelle	Jenelle Foddrill Amber / Betsy	Dan Flora Amber / Jenelle	Dan Flora Amber/De Anna
<u>USHERS</u>	Jane DeMay	Jody Headdy	Andi Janke	Linda Land	Bonnie Kelly



Ash Wednesday Service is Wednesday,  
March 5th at 7:00 p.m.

Lenten Services are Sunday, March 9th  
thru Sunday, April 6th.



Sunday, March 9th thru Sunday, March 20th  
at 10:15 a.m. in the Chapel.

# MISSION/CONGREGATIONAL LIFE NEWS



<b>March 2nd</b>
Kevin & Sonja Russell
<b>March 18th</b>
Tom & Julie Houck
<b>March 21st</b>
Doug & Laura Lee

<b>March 1st</b>	<b>March 9th</b>	<b>March 12th</b>
Kyle Bramlage	Art Anderson	Jerry Kolter
Emily Phelps	Greg Bossaer	<b>March 18th</b>
<b>March 5th</b>	<b>March 10th</b>	Jann Flora
Bonnie Kelly	Brittany Hannon	Sue Winings
<b>March 8th</b>	<b>March 11th</b>	<b>March 28th</b>
Tom Anderson	Shelle Hay	Christian Phelps
		Pat Potter

Daylight Savings begins March 9th.

Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour Saturday night before you go to bed.



## REMINDER

Food Pantry Pick-up  
March 25th - March 29th

For questions, contact Mark Hay.

## SOUP FOR SOULS

The Methodist Church hosts Soup 4 Souls on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month from 4:15 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Our church is responsible for the 4th Tuesday of each month. We need to provide at least two people to work and donate two plates of brownies. Volunteers are needed. Please contact Judy Bertram if you are willing to serve.

## Chair Exercise Class

The Chair Exercise Class for mature adults and those with mobility limitations is scheduled for 10:00 am to 11:00 am.; classes will be held every Tuesday and Thursday. Please come and join the fun!!



## HEART Fellowship

Heart Fellowship will have their monthly meeting from 11:15 to 1:00 on Tuesday, March 11th. We will meet at the USA Restaurant for a "Dutch Treat" lunch at 11:15 a.m. Following lunch, Dawn Girard of the White County Recycling will present a program. For reservations please call the church office prior to noon on Monday March 10th, or see the sign up sheet in the Narthex that previous Sunday. Reservations are appreciated.

THANK YOU !!!!

