

Newsletter March 2023



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CLERK'S CORNER.....Dee Mowry, Clerk

March is underway and this may be a good time to look at our church structure. Your session re-organizes at the annual training session for elders held in late January. The Book of Order, which contains the 'directions' for a church to operate, recognizes two 'officers' the minister and the clerk. Obviously, the entire church operation cannot be fulfilled by only two people. The long evolution of church history, much of it dominated by the teachings of John Calvin, gave us much of the form of government used today.

Your church operates with the efforts of many. There are four session standing committees, Christian Education, with David E. Mowry as Chair, Mission Committee, with Cindy Cullumber as Chair, Operations Committee with Corey Riley as Chair, and the Service Committee with Cinda Keller as Chair.

Other persons involved are Ron Cullumber as Computer Administrator along with Ray Schmidt, Kathy Mowry, Church Treasurer with Brenda Winegardner as Assistant Treasurer, Judy Turner, Presbytery Commissioner, Ray Schmidt, pianist. Loretta Dawson is the church secretary and financial clerk with Joyce Turner as custodian.

Church polity (much of it credited to John Calvin) gives much emphasis to laity involvement which was one of the reasons for the Protestant Revolution. It is very evident in the wider church scope. We have four church levels of adjudication, the local session, presbytery, synod and general assembly. Our church is a member of the Scioto Presbytery, Synod of the Covenant, and General Assembly. It is interesting to note that the only place in the hierarch of the church structure where an ordained Presbyterian Minister is required to be moderator is at the local session level. All other leadership levels are shared by clergy and laity. This is a wise decision by the church as all ordained ministers must be trained and are examined in church polity. This requirement is very important as it assures that the church operates within the parameters of the Book of Order and keeps us 'as Presbyterians'.



During church, the children will be learning about God's Grace during Lent and 40 days and 40 nights. We are learning how sweet the sound is and discussing Amazing Grace.

Carri McCandlish





FROM THE TREASURER: Kath Mowry

Income for Jan. 2022 was \$ 6,186.99.

Income for Jan. 2023 was \$ 7,456.23 (included Dec & Jan Rent).

Our **Kroger Community Rewards** program includes 11 households. Our income for the Quarter Nov, Dec & Jan is \$ 41.41. Session has designated the income from the Kroger Community Rewards Account be used for the Breakfast to Go program.

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Visit <http://www.kroger.com>. Log into your Kroger account and search for Bremen-Bethel Presbyterian Church either by name or SE999 and then click Enroll. New users will need to create an account which requires some basic information, a valid email address and a *rewards* card. Customers must have a registered Kroger *rewards* card account to link to our organization. Cards are available at the customer service desk at any Kroger.



UPCOMING EVENTS



Mar 12th – Daylight Savings Time Begins (Spring forward with clocks)

Mar 12th – Zeta Alpha Meeting at 9:30 am in church basement.

Mar 17th – St. Patrick's Day

Mar 20th – First Day of Spring

Mar 23rd – Bean Dinner and Veggie Soup at Calvary United Methodist Church, 130 Purvis Ave., open to the public and serving from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm in church basement. Cost: donations appreciated.

Mar 25th – St. Mary's Altar Society Ecumenical Brunch 10:00 am for the ladies of the church. R.S.V.P. by Mar 20th to Irene Kunkler at 740-475-7736. St. Mary's Hall, 602 Marietta St., Bremen, OH – Parking in rear

Mar 26th – Session Meeting after Worship Service

Wednesdays: Mar 8th, Mar 15th, Mar 22nd, and Mar 29th @ 5:30 pm Meal & Lenten Study



6th - Carolyn Ankrom

8th - Larry and Cindi Maley

12th - Brian and Kerry Boyd

21st – David and Julia Mowry



23rd - Gene and Carri McCandlish

24th - James David Mowry

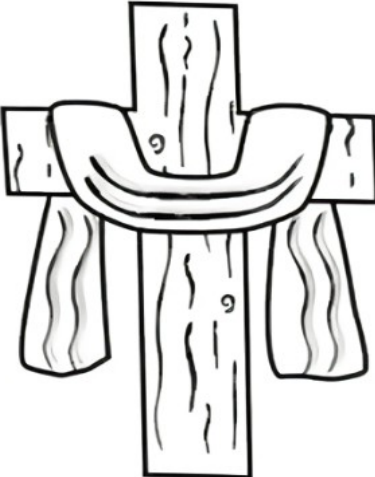
25th - Sharon Ankrom

25th – Carri McCandlish

March Ushers, Communion Servers, and Lay Readers

Mar 5th - Ron Cullumber: Lay Reader, Communion Server & Usher
 Cindy Cullumber: Communion Server & Usher
 Mar 12th - Linda Shreyer: Lay Reader & Usher
 George Shreyer: Usher
 Mar 19th - Cenell Boch: Lay Reader & Usher
 Judy Turner: Usher
 Mar 26th - Brenda Winegardner: Lay Reader & Usher
 Kerry Boyd: Usher





Find all ten words:

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Unscramble these Lenten Words

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HSESA _____

NLTE _____

TISFGNA _____

One thing I can do during Lent to bring me closer to God...

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Lent for kids
 Pray more,
 Share with others,
 Help others,
 Be kind and courteous,
 Give up something you
 like 'till Easter Sunday.