## February 2020



Watching the impeachment trial brought to mind church trials and political battles I've witnessed over the years. I've had to investigate cases of clergy misconduct, served as counsel for an accused colleague, and slogged through countless debates over resolutions, accusations, settlements, and splits. The Twin Cities Presbytery is going through a major restructuring, and we closed down Dayton Avenue PC in St. Paul. I still struggle with bitterness and disillusion, because I always thought the church should be different from the world in how we deal with differences and the ways we handle human frailty.

Once I sat in a class at Princeton led by the great missionary and professor Samuel Moffat. He was asked how, after years of declining membership and loss of significance in our culture, could the church be turned around. With all he'd seen over his eight decades on this earth, in so many places and through so much tumult, he said, "People always need to hear good news. This is the greatest gift the church has to offer the world, and if we lose that we might as well close the doors and turn out the lights. But if we live it and proclaim it, we need never worry about the material condition of the church, because the Body of Christ cannot die again."

Even after more than 30 years those words still resonate! I hope the time I have spent with you has emphasized the good news that God has give us His Son to make things right, including us. The persistence of wrong in the world means the good news is still very much needed. The outbreaks of wrong in my own life, and in the life of the Church, mean we aren't through needing to hear it ourselves. So let's be about God's business of living and proclaiming the

Newsletter Deadline

February 19th - 8 AM

good news!

Pastor Carl



## **February Birthdays**

Chris Holtz	February 1
Howard Gransee	February 3
Spencer Garness	February 4
Heather Abbott	February 5
Bobbi Peterson	February 7
Judy Patterson	February 11
Aaron Patterson	February12
Thelma Givan	February 13
Rebecca Stephans	February 14
Alex Fogal	February 15
Peter Carlsen	February 17
Axel Rausch	February 21
Dawn Miller	February 22
Genevieve Frodermann	February 24
Ella Holtz	February 24
Paul Pogalz	February 25



## **February Anniversaries**

February 3 Tom & Audrey Erwin
February 7 Paul & Heidi Alberts
February 10 Joe & Wendy Tieman



Pray for those who are serving our Nation's defense: Todd Livingston with the U.S. Air Force at Hickam A.F.B, HI.

Pray for those in the care center: Vivian Royce,

Pray for Bev Stucky, Jean Weinknecht, Char Sveska and Lew Severance for better health.



Session meetings have been moved to the second Monday of each month at 5:30 pm.

February Session Meeting will be held on Monday, February 10, 2020 at 5:30 pm.

#### Church Information

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Secretary office hours

Wednesday & Friday 8-12

Sunday School 9:00 am

& Confirmation

Worship 10:00 am

Fellowship 11:00 am

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## **Cabin Fever Brunch**

# February 23<sup>rd</sup> following Worship.

Come in out of the cold for Worship and a fun time of Fellowship and Food!

Serving: Assorted Egg Bakes,

Ambrosia Fruit Salad,

Coffee Cakes and Beverage

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#### HISTORY OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN 1800s

Reproduced from Presbyterian women.org

Presbyterian Women's predecessor organizations began more than 200 years ago when women had no role outside the home. In spite of numerous societal restrictions, the women's organizations gained respect, especially that of missionaries in the field who requested women's donations and prayers.

In the mid-1800s, with civil strife in the nation, the church split; it would be many years before the wounds were healed and the northern and southern branches of the church were reunited. The work of Presbyterian women varied with the cultural backgrounds of North and South. Despite regional differences, Presbyterian women have always been in the forefront of national movements. Presbyterian women have long advocated for women and children, and crusaded for the right to fair, paid work for African Americans, Native Americans, people of Appalachia and immigrants. They went into the field to actively do something about a host of other societal problems.

In the late 1800s the mission work of Presbyterian women broadened to include areas in Alaska and San Francisco, with a particular focus on Asian women. By answering God's call, women's work in the church and in society was validated, and the role of women in both foreign and home missions expanded throughout the 19th century.

In 1872 the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church in North America (UPCNA) asked women members to devise some way to systematically raise money to support women missionaries in the field. In 1875 Sarah Foster Hanna spoke to the General Assembly and received permission to establish the first national organization for women in a Presbyterian denomination, the Women's General Missionary Society. Southern women were more hesitant about organizing a churchwide missionary society; it took the women of the Presbyterian Church in the United States (PCUS) more than 26 years to get permission to set up a national women's organization, Women of the Church. Presbyterian women's financial support of missions was phenomenal and included the Thank Offering (begun in 1888) and the Birthday Offering (begun in 1922), both of which continue today.

### February is American Heart Month

Excerpt from 2019 Newsletter

Heart disease is the leading cause of death for both men and women.

You can make healthy changes to lower your risk of developing heart disease. Controlling and preventing risk factors is also important for people who already have heart disease. To lower your risk:

- \* Watch your weight.
- \* Quit smoking and stay away from secondhand smoke.
- \* Control your cholesterol and blood pressure.
- \* If you drink alcohol, drink only in moderation.
- \* Get active and eat healthy.

More ideas and tips can be found at http://www.heart.org.

Psalms 51:10 Create a clean heart for me, God; put a new, faithful spirit deep inside me!

#### Children's Bible Verses—Mark 10: 13-16

<sup>13</sup> People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. <sup>14</sup> When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. <sup>15</sup> Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." <sup>16</sup> And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.



## Sunday Services Are Recorded

The church service is recorded every Sunday and put on a CD. If you would like a copy of the service, please ask Dick Hewitt and he would be happy to make a copy for you.

We can arrange to send it to individuals by gmail. If this is something you would be interested in doing, please contact the church secretary.

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2	3	4	3	Afternoon Circle	1	0
				2:00 pm at church. Carol Prenzlow, Hostess		
No Choir		NAMI @ 7:00 pm	NO Choir Practice			
9 Worship Committee	10	11	12	13		15
Meeting after church			No			
			Morning Circle			
	Session 5:30pm	NAMI @ 7:00 pm	Choir@ 7:00 pm			
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		NAMI @ 7:00 pm	Choir @ 7:00 pm			
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Cabin Fever			Ash Wednesday			
Brunch After worship			Choir @ 7:00 pm			
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