



A Message from the Pastor

Dear Church Family,

My stepfather, the Rev. Chuck Miller, a retired Presbyterian minister, has been my role model over the years. Chuck always wrote the most amazing and entertaining newsletter articles, and I have always striven to write newsletter articles that are even half as good as his. Yet, I have always fallen short of my goal. I don't know why that is, but my best guess is that I am just not wired the same way that Chuck is. He always manages to stop and smell the roses and come up with a good theological reason for doing so. After becoming the moderator of Mission Presbytery, he wrote a very entertaining newsletter article that compared moderating a presbytery meeting with getting a colonoscopy. I, on the other hand, seem to rush from one thing to the next, rarely finding the time or the energy to quiet my mind enough to see God's hand at work in the many tasks that fill (and overflow) my days. I seem to always feel a bit stressed because I know that it is not possible to get everything done that I would like to accomplish. There's always more that I could be doing. I suspect that many of you know that feeling.

This year, I'm really trying to be more like Chuck. I have been working very hard to take some days off, which is not my norm. Yet, I know that to be the best pastor that I can be for you, I need to observe a Sabbath, too. I need to have rest. I need to shut my mind off from the church every once in a while. So, how am I doing? Well, I am mostly succeeding at taking some time off. On my days off, when I find myself working, I stop as soon as I can, and I try to take the rest of the day off. Yet, I have not figured out how to take my mind off of church. I am constantly thinking of all of you and worrying about what I have not yet completed or who I have not yet visited. If I could just clone myself ten more times, I'm sure that I would feel a lot less guilty.

How many of you are workaholics? As your pastor, I really hope you are not, but then again, I find that I am much quicker to offer grace to others than to myself. If you are a workaholic too, maybe we need to form a support group. Let's learn to stop once in a while and simply enjoy life together. If you have figured out how to do this, please share your tips with me.

My goal for February is to stop and smell the roses (or the snowflakes) and write a newsletter article next month that tells you about a theological contemplation that came from it. Let's see how I do.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Désirée

How to Read the Church's Financial Statements Class

Love the new financial statements, but are not sure exactly how to read them? On Wednesday, February 5 at 6:30 PM in the church office, Dr. Mark A. Johnson will teach an in-depth class on how to read our church's financial statements.

How to Be a Committee Chair Training

Are you a new committee chair, or would you like to know how to be one? On Wednesday, February 19 at 6:30 PM in the church office, Dr. Mark A. Johnson will teach the basics of chairing a committee. Please RSVP to the church office for this class by February 12.

We have been approached about the current location of the communion table and why it was moved from the Chancel. This was done to accommodate the communion servers who have difficulty maneuvering stairs. Your questions and suggestions are always welcome and appreciated. Thank you for understanding.

The Worship Committee

2020 Deacon/Session Roster & Committee Chairs

Session

Carole Ames	Membership Committee
Pam Dennewitz	Clerk/Christian Education Committee
Mary Peart	Mission Committee
Dot Morlock	Worship Committee
Lee Dodge	Property Committee
Peggy Link	PCC Rep
Steve Watters	Administration/Personnel Committee
Gina Wells	Moderator/Stewardship Committee
Jim Canney	Nominating Committee

Deacon

Dolly McDonley	Welcome Table/Food Thru Faith
Joyce Lloyd	Transportation Chair/Moderator
Crystal Schrock	Courtesy/Worship
Tina Hart	
Rhonda Miller	Health (Carolyn Garver—HELM)
Brenda Engle	Clerk
Ken Morlock	Fellowship
Paul Oswalt	Assistant Clerk

PRESBYTERIAN CHILD CARE

The Presbyterian Child Care Center is hiring for both full and part time positions. Don't like working weekends or 2nd shift? Do you want to make a difference in a child's life? Please contact Cindy or Sarah @ 740-852-3190 or Stop in the daycare office at 211 Garfield Avenue for an application.

KIC UPDATE

KIC/ youth group has been in full force this year! We had our first youth group of the year a few weeks ago, it was a great time of fellowship, activities and food! One of the themes for this year is "Intergenerational" we are trying to bring youth and adults closer together. It is so important to grow these relationships, not only for the youth but for our adults too.

We have so many fun activities planned for this year, we can't wait to see the opportunities God has in store for our youth group! Our next youth group will be in February at Madison Lanes here in London, stay tuned for dates and times. This event will be open to the whole congregation. We hope to see you there!

We can't thank the wonderful congregation enough for your constant love and support,

Cody and Hope Smith

MISSION

Prayers for Reformed National Church of the Sahel

This month, we ask for prayers for intensifying our work space in Guinea Bissau by adding more church planters and sending them to new places.

SUFFICIENT GRACE COLLECTIONS

February: Granola Bars—**March:** Little Debbie Oatmeal Cream Pies —
April: Small individually packaged cookies.

2019 DONATION STATEMENTS

2019 Donation Statements remaining in the box in the narthex have been mailed. If you received one, please check the date at the top, Please note that January 2019 was inadvertently left off and you will have a second statement coming to you. Please review for accuracy and contact Carolyn Garver if there are any discrepancies.

BLOOD DRIVES FOR 2019

2019 WAS OUR BEST YEAR YET. May, August and December combined for a total of 60 units, so we saved lives! Let's try to make 2020 even better. If we can get 67 units, we will save over 200 lives, that's only 7 more donors.



ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

LIFE LINE SCREENING

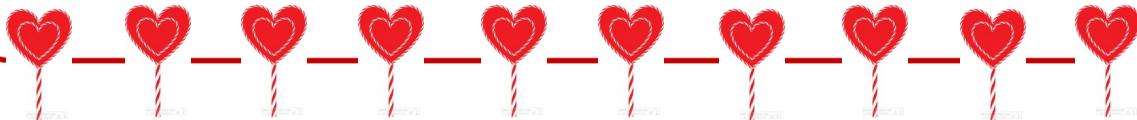
A leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will offer their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at First Presbyterian Church of London on **February 12, 2020**. **To register, call 1-888-653-6441 or visit, text the word "circle" to 797979 or online at www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle.**

Do you know how to recognize the warning signs of a stroke? If you or someone you know is experiencing any of the below symptoms, call 911 right away. It is important to seek medical treatment immediately.

- Sudden Numbness
- Difficulty Speaking
- Severe Dizziness
- Loss of Coordination
- Sudden Loss of Vision
- Sudden Intense Headache
- Brief Loss of Consciousness

Say "Happy Valentines Day" to the ones you love by registering for your screening!

SISTERS IN THE LORD: You are invited to fellowship with our local chapter of Sisters In The Lord, the 2nd Saturday of every month from 1:00-3:00 PM in the club house dining room at The Madison House, 351 Keny Blvd., London. We are an ecumenical group of women of all ages who come together to praise God through prayer, praise, singing, witness, and fellowship around a potluck meal. For more information or a ride call Joyce Lloyd at 740-852-4229.



Session Suggestion Box

We want to hear from you! If you have any questions, concerns, comments, or joys that you wish to share with the session, please use our session suggestion box which is located in the narthex (look for the orange box). Please add your name because we will get back to you. We will not look at anything in the box without a name.

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Bill & Kay Fischer—2/1/1969

Susan & Don Miller—2/3/1968

Jillian & Joseph Schmall—2/7/2009

Ronald & Susan Mullins—2/10/2006

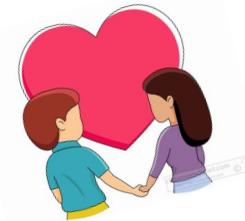
Christopher & Carol Ansel—2/12/1994

James & Becky Buell—2/16/1972

Jeff & Jane Jacob—2/19/1983

Joe & Debbie Blaho—2/23/1979

Richard & Stephanie Huddleston—2/23/1980





FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



Nick Newman 2/2
Emmett M. Schrock 2/2
Michele Kopiec 2/7
Leila Oswald 2/8
Arlene Duffey 2/8
Peter Yost 2/8
Dolores McSavaney 2/8
Lily Green 2/9
Thomas Duvall 2/14
Jullian Bennett 2/14
Barbara Niemeyer 2/14
Sandy Rodabaugh 2/14
Diane Darling 2/16
Rebecca Yerian 2/16

Deena Bennett 2/17
Rachel Herman 2/18
Anna Morlock 2/19
Stephen Farrell 2/19
Abigail LeGault 2/20
Adam Siddiqi 2/21
Susan Mullins 2/21
Mark Dever 2/23
Rod Kronk 2/24
Lisa Runyon 2/24
Kattelyn Duvall 2/25
Cheryl Baltzer 2/25
Ruth Kennedy 2/26
Don Herman 2/28



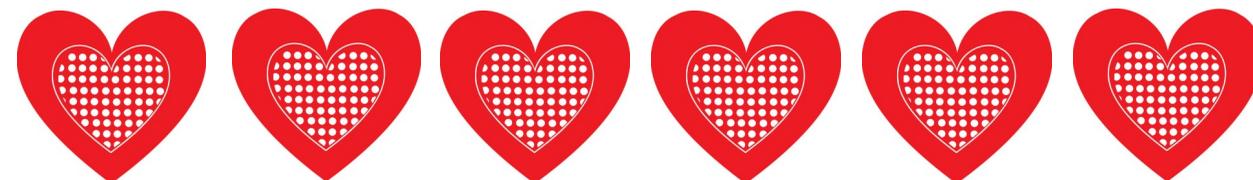
If any corrections need to be made in the anniversary and birthday dates, please contact Linda in the office or email londonfirstpres@gmail.com. We are working very diligently to get our list as updated as possible and greatly appreciate your patience and willingness to assist.

HAND MADE CARDS

Please visit the table in the narthex before and after worship. Your generous support allowed a \$120.00 donation to the Presbyterian Women's missions. New cards are in the works, please stop by and see the selection.

FLOWERS

The flower sign up sheet is now located in the narthex on the large bulletin board inside the front doors. Please take this opportunity to pay tribute to your loved ones by providing flowers for a worship service.



WEATHER

Please note that if there is a level 2 or 3 snow emergency declared in Madison County, all Sunday church activities will be cancelled. Our property committee has spoken with the company who handles salting of our parking lots to ensure they are getting all of the traffic areas, for the safety of all our church goers.

OLD/UNUSED MEDICATIONS

The London Police Department at 10 E. 1st Street is open 24-7 to dispose of your old or unused medications. Please look for the CVS disposal bin in the lobby; let's help keep our kids safe at home!

Please feel free to contact Pastor Désirée personally if you would like to schedule a time to meet with her. If there is an overnight emergency, please use her home phone number. Please let the pastor know when her presence is needed. Contact the office at 740-852-1215 or londonfirstpres@gmail.com

OUR NEW WEBSITE IS NOW OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

WWW.LONDONFPC.ORG

IF YOUR COMMITTEE HAS SOME INFORMATION, PHOTOS, ETC. THEY WOULD LIKE TO ADD TO THE WEBSITE, PLEASE SCHEDULE A TIME TO COME TO THE OFFICE AND WORK WITH LINDA TO GET THIS DONE. FEEDBACK WELCOME!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School is in full swing for Pre-K through 12th grades. Classes begin at 9:00 am. Please follow the signs outside the doors labeling each room's age group.

DONATION ENVELOPES

If you did not receive envelopes for 2020 and would like to receive them for next year, please let the office know and we'll add you to the list. Thank you.

PRAYER LINE

All requests to be submitted to Shelley Bailey at sjbailey19@gmail.com or 614-425-7570. IMPORTANT: Due to privacy issues, please make sure any prayer request is with consent of the person concerned. Let the pastor know when their presence is needed. Please contact the office to be added to the prayer line. IF you wish to have prayer concerns lifted during the morning prayer time, please fill out a "Prayer Concerns" card on the table in the narthex and give to an usher before service begins.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Summary of Session Minutes are available in the church office
- Large print bulletins, Bibles & children's worship aids are available in the narthex.
- Deadlines for information and announcements are due as follows:**
 - Sunday bulletins: Tuesday by noon
 - Chimes: 25th of the prior month