







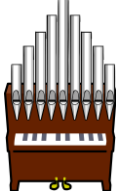




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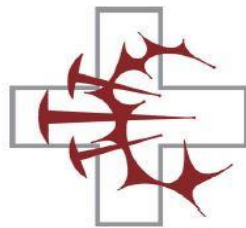
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March

Choir Cantata

How Great Thou Art



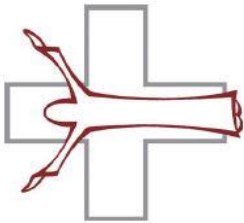
Good Friday

March 30th @ 7pm

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Easter Sunday

April 1st @ 10:45 am



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The first half of How Great Thou Art will take place at our Good Friday service. The second half will be sung on Easter Sunday as part of our regular service. Join us for dinner prior to the Good Friday service at Moe's Original BBQ @ 5pm.

See Zac, if you would like to be a part of performing this cantata.





One Great HOUR OF SHARING



Around the world millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education and opportunity for a variety of reasons. For about 70 years, First Presbyterian Church has participated in the One Great Hour of Sharing offering, as a part of the Lenten season, to help improve the lives of people in these challenging situations. Once again, we are receiving this offering between Ash Wednesday, February 14 through Palm Sunday, March 25. The offering will be equally divided among Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, World Vision and our local Salvation Army.



With 'heart to God and hand to man' the local Salvation Army strives to meet basic needs for those who come seeking help. Taking immediate care of basic human needs of food, shelter, clothing and safety is an important first step in the development of a positive and more permanent life change in the people helped. At no time is participation in spiritual activities required as a condition for receiving needed services. All services given in the name of Jesus for meeting human needs and caring for hurting persons is in and of itself a spiritual ministry.

The Salvation Army's ministry is well known to the community and includes such things as: Soup Kitchen, Emergency Shelter, Food Pantry, After School programs, Bible studies for youth and adults, Women's ministry, Christmas Cheer program and Worship. Their ministry is located at 250 East Main Street in Newark.

World Vision International is an evangelical Christian humanitarian aid, development and advocacy organization founded in 1950. This partnership of Christians, whose mission is to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, work with the poor and oppressed to promote human transformation, seek justice and bear witness to the good news of the Kingdom of God.



World Vision's approach to aid is to first help people and their communities recognize the resources that lie within them. With the support of World Vision, communities transform themselves by carrying out their own development projects in healthcare, agricultural production, water projects, education, micro enterprise development, advocacy and other community programs.



'Out of disaster, Hope' is the rallying cry of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. It calls us to share our financial blessings to help disaster survivors throughout the world, get involved with disaster recovery ministry and to prayer for God's presence on behalf of disaster survivors. At present, PDA is involved with survivors of hurricanes Harvey, Irene and Maria, California mudslides, Mexican earthquakes, northwestern fires and refugee crises in Syria and Bangladesh.

In this season of Lent, as we remember what Jesus has done for us, may we give a sacrificial gift that God may be pleased. Last year's offering was \$906. May we match or exceed that amount this year. Coin banks are available in the sanctuary or simply write a check and note that it is for One Great Hour of Sharing. May God bless your giving! – Gaye Gibson

"And do not forget to do good and share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased." Hebrews 13:16

WORSHIP

March Sermons

March 4 – God's People Judge God – Matt. 26
March 11 – The World's Judgement – Matt. 27
March 18 – Salvation Refused – Matt. 27
March 25 – United in Loneliness – Matt. 27

April Sermons

April 1 – He Came So We Can Overcome Matt. 28
April 8 – 6 Steps to Making Jesus Relevant:
Dare Number 1
April 15 – 6 Steps to Making Jesus Relevant
Dare Number 2
April 22 – 6 Steps to Making Jesus Relevant
Dare Number 3
April 29 – 6 Steps to Making Jesus Relevant
Dare Number 4



Anointing Service – Sunday, March 18th, during Service. Lent is a season of preparation. We get ready to witness anew Christ on the Cross, and Christ Alive again. Are you preparing for this wonderful time? As Christians, we are often left unprepared for Christ due to the stresses of the day, physical ailments, sin, or

distraction. Biblically and historically, the Church has used the anointing with oil and the laying of hands as a way to bring us back to wholeness and as a way to mark times of extreme change. This is a powerful tool that we seldom use in today's Church. On March 18th, during worship, we will have a service of anointing and laying on of hands.

SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed for many of our regular Sunday morning jobs, including:

Usher/Greeter Media Person
Money Counter Extended Church

Most of these positions rotate so that volunteers only commit to one Sunday each month.

No experience required for any of these jobs and the training needed is minimal.

See Kim Frick or Pastor Steve, if you are interested or have questions.

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Lenten Lunch Service-

Second Presbyterian hosts lunch services each Wednesday of Lent. Every week a different local congregation runs the event.

There is a half-hour worship service led by the pastor of the host congregation, followed by lunch at a cost of \$7. Schedule: March 7 - Central Christian; March 14 – 2nd Presbyterian; March 21 – 1st United Methodist.



Gluten Free Communion Available -

We now have gluten free communion wafers available for anyone who wants them. They will be in the communion cup trays.



NCS Organ Concert –
Friday March 23rd - All
4th grades from
Newark City Schools
will be descending on
our church, First

Pres!!! They will be listening to one of the few
pipe organs left in Licking County and to
Baroque composers such as Bach and Handel.
First Pres folks are more than welcome to attend,
but the sanctuary will be filled. Get a good seat
early. Other music teachers in NCS will be
performing, as well. We will be in need of
helpers at the door, seating the children in the
balcony and floor area, and getting the kids to
and from buses. Please let Rev. Steve and/or Ann
Robinson know, if you can help. THE CONCERT
BEGINS PROMPTLY at 9:30 a.m. and will
conclude around 10:30 a.m.



**Easter Morning Sunrise
Service –** Join us at
Hanover Presbyterian
Church for a Presbyterian
Community Easter
Sunrise Service at
6:30am. The service will
be outside - weather

permitting. This will be a good opportunity to
worship with our Presbyterian brothers and
sisters. Please join us. After the service, we will
all have breakfast together. Hanover is
providing the drinks, location and flatware. The
breakfast is a potluck. See Rev. Steve, if you
would like to bring a dish.



Choir Rehearsal – Choir rehearsals are every
Wednesday at 7:15pm, in the sanctuary. Please
see Zac or Kim Frick, if you have questions or are
interested in taking part in the choir.

Bell Choir – Regularly, Bell Choir practices the
1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month, at 6:15pm
in the music room. If you would like to play in
the Bell choir, please see Zac. The choir will play
in service once each month.



**Hymn
Festival**
March 26
2 pm
Second
Presbyterian
Church.



CHURCH LIFE



Fellowship Hour – Make sure to
join us each Sunday at 10:15 a.m.
for some refreshments and
fellowship prior to worship.
There is a sign-up sheet in the
kitchen, if you would like to bring
the snacks. There are pastries in the freezer to
use, if no one has brought snacks.



Hot Cocoa & Cookies –
Come to Fellowship
Hall after worship on
March 11th for a time of
fellowship and a snack.
Even if you plan on
heading out to lunch after church; come
downstairs and have your desert first.



**LUNCH
BUNCH**

**Come Out to Eat Wednesday April 18th @
Noon for food and fellowship.
Everyone is invited.
Please RSVP to Louise Whitis at
345-5426.**

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Winter Youth Retreat @ Camp Akita



Youth Group @ Hanover PC – Hanover Presbyterian has invited us to join them for a youth group this year. The group is for Middle School & High School youth. It is every other Sunday at 6pm. The next few meetings will be March 4th & 18th. See Pastor Steve, if you are interested.

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY

Good Morning Bible Study – The Good Morning Bible Study meets every Thursday in the morning from 10:00 a.m. to noon in the Golden Circle Room. The class is open to all people and is going to be doing a self-study of the Scriptures. They are beginning with a study of Exodus. See Linda Smith for details.



Jesus' Finals Week

Adult Elective – The Adult Sunday School class continues our Lenten study “Jesus’ Final Week”. Each week focuses on a different day of Holy Week. The events that took place during Jesus’ final week on earth - Palm Sunday, the Last Supper, the trial, Jesus’ death and his resurrection - are foundational to our salvation and our Christian life. The study focuses more closely on these amazing events, and we will gain new understanding about who Jesus is and how he loves you. Please join us at 9:15 in the Journey Room.

Y HEALTHY KIDS- Backpack



The Y-Healthy Kids Network Back Pack Program Involvement Opportunities

In School Preparation – On Thursdays, the food gets taken out of the boxes. The bags get put into the kid’s backpacks and other items are added. This job takes about 45 minutes to complete and most schools have their teachers doing this. The teachers already do so much. If you would like to help with this final stage, speak with Sally Henry tomsallyh@windstream.net (She is a member of 2nd Pres and is coordinating this part of the program).

Food Delivery – The Presbyterian Partnership is also tasked with taking these prepacked boxes to the Newark and Heath Schools every other Wednesday. We hope to be able to deliver to all 15 schools eventually, but want to start with a more

manageable number. There are eight schools that we will be delivering to. 1st Pres is delivering to six schools, every other Wednesday at 8:30am. To sign up for delivering or if you have any questions see Rev Steve.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Prayer Chain



Prayer Chain Updates – Tracee Barr will be taking over the prayer chain. So please send any prayer requests to her at hippieluv12@yahoo.com

or 740-345-7682. If you would like added to the email prayer chain, you can email Tracee or the church office. If you would like a phone call with prayer requests, call Tracee.

Hello Friends and Family of First Pres! We strive to do our best in reaching out to those in our congregation. Please update our CCT of any address, phone number changes. If you are not sure of who your CCT person is, please contact Ann Robinson at 366-1579 (home) 614-557-7489 (cell/text) or annmarie0458@gmail.com. Without accurate information, it makes it difficult for our team members to be in touch with all of you.

Thank you.
Ann Marie Robinson
Chair, CCT

EVANGELISM & OUTREACH



Wilson Gift Cards: The Evangelism and Outreach Committee will be taking orders for Wilson's Garden Center Gift Cards between February 1 and March 31.

The cards will be sold by prepaid order. Orders received by Sunday, February 25, will be delivered on Sunday, March 4. Orders received by Sunday, March 25, will be delivered on Sunday, April 1.

Order forms are available in the sanctuary on the sign-up table. Make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church, with Wilson Gift Card in

the memo line. Orders can be given to Debbie Blamer or dropped into the offering plate.



Alpha!



The fourth session of Alpha is off to a very good start. We have a smaller group this time of 4-6, but God is still doing a mighty work with those that are coming! Behind the scenes we have 7 committed prayer warriors lifting us up every Monday evening, a rotating team of volunteers helping in the kitchen, as well as 8 leading table discussions. The meals are fabulous, the videos are very well done and the discussions around the table are filled with good conversation.

In the coming weeks we will be talking about prayer, the Bible, the role of the Holy Spirit, how God guides us and other topics. The highlight of Alpha is an all-day Saturday retreat which will be held on March 17th at the Central Christian Church Lodge on Roberts Avenue. Please pray for Alpha, especially for our retreat. We will conclude on Monday, April 16th with our Celebration Dinner which is open to the entire congregation, friends and family. It's a great way to see what Alpha is all about.

The next session of Alpha will be held this fall, beginning around Labor Day. If you would like to know more about Alpha, please contact Peggy Lieb or Kim Dershem.

CANDLEWICK COMMONS

The Evangelism and Outreach Committee is again planning an outreach to our neighbors at Candlewick Commons each quarter this year. The dates are: March 8, June 14, September 13 and December 13, 2018 at 4:00 P.M.

At our March 8th outreach will be serving: Pasta Bake, Tossed Salad, Breadsticks, Dessert and Beverage. We hope you can join in for this meal and the fellowship with these great neighbors.

If you would be willing to donate a dessert, please sign the sign-up sheet on the table at the rear of the sanctuary or call Sandy Noland (740) 323-0169 or Email: rsnoland@windstream.net.



Sweets on the Square Final

Friday - Final Friday events begin again in April with Sweets on the Square. First Presbyterian will reach out to 250 or more families by participating in the DNA Sweets on the Square on Friday, April 27, 2018 from 5-8pm. This

is a ticketed event. Each ticket holder will receive a Sweet Treat or activity at each DNA participant.

We will again be making First Pres Famous Final Fudge! So, in early April, you'll be asked to sign up to help by donating ingredients, making fudge, packaging fudge or distributing fudge. Watch and listen for details or contact Kim Dershem (kdershem@windstream.net) or Karen Birtcher (kb8114@windstream.net)



CONNECT

TLC Tent Help Needed - Our tent will be set up again for the first Newark Association (DNA) Final Friday of 2018. Sweets on the Square is the theme and what could be sweeter than to listen to and pray for those in need. The Talking, Listening, Caring (TLC) tent will be set up on April 27 from 5:00-8:00pm along with our First Pres Famous Fudge and the Popcorn Cart. We'll invite folks to come into the tent, sit down, chat or ask a question. If you are a good listener, love to talk to folks, please consider joining in this outreach to Newark.

Don't feel pressured to pray, we'll have someone there who is comfortable with that. We've found that people just like to sit down and share their cares and burdens. We have a few comfortable chairs provided. Please pray and consider if you would be able to participate in this way of sharing the love of God with others.

The Final Fridays run from 5-8pm. Please contact Karen Birtcher at kb8114@windstream.net or 740-787-2473, or Kim Dershem at kdershem@windstream.net or 740-345-6624 if you would like to give this a try.

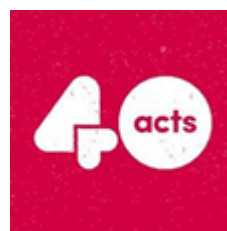


HEALING ART MISSIONS

Mission Breakfast – Healing Arts Mission - Our own Keith Hare traveled many times to Haiti to work with Healing Arts Mission. On Sunday, April 8, 2018, Evangelism and Outreach Committee and the adult Sunday School class will host a breakfast buffet during Sunday School hour. Keith will share about his work at the Healing Arts Mission in Haiti. Breakfast will be ready at 9:00 a.m. and Keith will begin speaking soon after. Come and enjoy breakfast and find out how things are progressing in Haiti. Don't miss the opportunity to hear about this exciting work.

MISSION

“40 Acts of Generosity”



As we find ourselves in the middle of Lent and preparations for Easter, we may ponder the act of giving up something. Did you give up anything? I am ashamed to admit, that I did not. “The Spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak!” That leads me to ask myself what about my “giving?” If I am not disciplined enough to give up something (like soda pop for instance) for 40 days, how can I have the discipline to give to others as they need-short or long term? This is an issue that requires prayer covered action. I doubt I am the only one who struggles with such issues, so let us *pray for one another* and perhaps *help each other* take the appropriate actions.

Missions giving can be found everywhere both inside and outside of our church. Let's focus this Lent on giving and not so much on giving up. When we give to others it forces us to give up a piece of ourselves in the form of our time. That thing we hold onto the most-our precious time! It even takes time to write out a check and see that it gets from point A to B. Having said all this, I am sharing what I *have* done this Lent...I am participating in what is called “#40 Acts.” It is a daily guide to giving.

There are 3 options each day on ways to give both at home, abroad, and within your community or

neighborhood. It is a discipline builder and it demands 5 minutes or more of your time. What's more, it leads all who give it a chance, to be kinder, more patient, and loving to those all around us. Isn't this what Easter preparation is all about? We received the greatest gift when Jesus was born. The next greatest gift is in His resurrection! Is that not worth 5-10 minutes of your time?

If you have any questions or trouble finding “#40 Acts” on-line, or if you are not on-line and would like more info on the daily acts, please let me know.

Love & peace to all.

Tracee Barr (Home) 740-345-7682

hippieluv12@yahoo.com

www.40acts.org.uk

FYI

Woodside Backed Steak Dinner - The public is invited to a baked steak dinner on Friday, March 9, 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., at Woodside Presbyterian Church, 295 Woods Avenue, Newark, (740) 345-3742. The menu includes baked steak, homemade mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, coleslaw, bread, dessert, and a beverage. Carryout available. Cost: \$9.00 minimum donation.




Kroger Rewards: Did you know you can link your Kroger Rewards card to 1st Presbyterian Church? Kroger Community Rewards donates money to your favorite charity every time

you use your Kroger card. All you must do is go online to Kroger.com. Go to the community section of the drop-down menu, and click on Kroger Community Rewards. Then you sign in with your Kroger Card ID and click on enroll. Search for First Presbyterian Church 84451 and enroll. Doing this does not affect your regular Kroger Rewards or Gas Points. The more folks we have registered the more money Kroger donates to our church.

SCRIP Cards – Come to the library before or after each Worship service the first Sunday of each month to buy gift cards for all sorts of different stores and restaurants. Pick up your order the next Sunday. It is easy and there are volunteers in the library to help you with your purchase. Your purchase of SCRIP cards supports the programs and needs of First Pres.

2018

Easter Flowers



In HONOR of: _____

In MEMORY of: _____

Given by: _____

Total number of Lilies: _____ @ \$8 each

Total number of Geraniums: _____ @ \$8 each Total \$8 enclosed: _____

Order deadline: March 12, 2018

Feel free to use the back of this form for additional flower dedications
If using this form, please include payment with order

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Nichols, Joseph	March 1
Montgomery, Erin	March 6
Barr, Nicholas	March 7
Weekly, Hannah	March 14
Mahon, Becky	March 16
Brand, Calvin	March 21
Cain, Seth	March 21
Stocker, Marilyn (90 th)	March 27
Bardsley, Brennen	March 28
Fish, Karen	March 29

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Gilbert, Brandon & Michelle	March 21
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SPARK Free Lunches

Tuesdays, 11-noon in the Fellowship Hall. SPARK Academy works with adults with developmental disabilities. Every Tuesday, students and staff from SPARK will be serving a free lunch and everyone is invited. The food is cooked, served and everything is set-up and taken-down by the students of SPARK. For them, this is a job that they get paid to do. It is also a time for community involvement and job training. They would like us to advertise the meal, to provide the space and the dishware. Most importantly, they would like us to come to the meals and to work alongside SPARK developing relationships. If you would like to volunteer, they arrive at 10:00 am and stay till about 1:00 pm.

SESSION SUMMERIES

January Congregational Meeting

Following worship on Sunday, January 28, 2018, a congregational meeting was held to elect the following Elders for the class of 2020: Carolyn Durr, Worship and Music; Priscilla Hare, Church Life; and Sandra Noland, Evangelism and Outreach.

Annual Congregational Meeting

The annual meeting of the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church, Newark, Ohio convened in Fellowship Hall at 12:17 p.m., Sunday, February 11, 2018. The Rev. Steven Brand moderated the meeting, which opened with prayer. The clerk declared that a quorum was present.

Rev. Brand reviewed the church staff and officers. The following committee changes have been made: Rose Gibson is now Property Chair, Priscilla Hare is Church Life Chair, Sandra Noland is Evangelism and Outreach Chair, Carolyn Durr is Worship and Music Chair and Karen Birtcher will chair a new committee for Fundraising, Planning and Discerning.

Rev. Brand presented his report stating that the word for 2018 is HUMANITY which means seeking ways to be human with those around us. He hopes that this year "we in the church and each of us individually live our lives in unity, with a benevolent heart, an understanding spirit, and an inquisitive mind."

Clerk Kimberly Dershem reported that she will step down from this position following this meeting. She presented the following statistical report for 2017:

Communicant Membership Jan 1, 2017 146
Received – Profession of Faith 4

Reaffirmation 0
Letter of Transfer 1
Restored to Active Roll 0

Losses – Letter of Transfer 0
Deaths 9
Inactive Roll 0
Removed from rolls 0

Communicant Membership Dec 31, 2017 142

Baptisms 1
Marriages 1
Deaths 9 – Mona Jeanne Myers
Elder Eugene Lee Galbraith Suzanne Lehnhardt
Robert Porter Elder Russell Eugene Snelling
Elder Georgia Porter Elder Paul W. Weekly
Elder Helen Marie Pryor Marcia Louise Fouke

Treasurer Barbara Jobs reported that the 2017 budget was \$185,544.00 and the expenses were \$176,850.33. The treasurer's report included 2017 expenses, the profit/loss statement, specified funds, memorials and line-of-credit usage. In 2017, \$47,082.89 was used from the line-of-credit.

Heating was over budget due to the need for a new boiler; however, the new boiler is helping with that expense. Water costs were up due to a running toilet in the annex. Workers Compensation expenses have never been consistent.

There was a net loss of \$20,287.90 which was borrowed from the line-of-credit and paid back through invested funds.

Memorial funds received \$1,970 in 2018.

Barbara Jobs has been elected Treasurer by the Session for 2018.

Nominating Committee Chair Louise Whitis thanked the 2017 committee.

The following names were presented into nomination for the Nominating Committee for 2018: Louise Whitis, Chair

Lois Spangler Debbie Blamer
Joshua Mitzel Forrest Smythe
Christa Brace Ken Keck
Rev. Steven Brand, Ex-officio

A motion was made, seconded and carried to unanimously elect the above slate.

Budget and Finance Committee Chair Keith Hare reviewed the 2017 budget and expenses and discussed the shortfall due to a reduction in income. Half of the new boiler expense of \$37,000 was paid for with designated gifts. An audit was completed for 2016 and 2 months of 2017. The invested funds for 2016

were \$364,949 and was up to \$429,929 on December 31, 2017.

The chair presented the 2018 budget with an expected income of \$197,100. An income line item has been added for fundraising to start at \$15,000, which was previously designated giving. Also the Elks' parking lot 3-year agreement will be renegotiated this year with an expected income of approximately \$6,000. New items on the expense side include advertisement and audit which had previously been included in office supplies, Alpha, and fundraisers start-up funds.

Personnel expenses include: Custodian increase of \$1.00 per hour to \$11.50 per hour for 30 hours per week, secretary salary will remain the same as 2017, organist salary will remain the same at her request, and a slight increase to the choir director so that it can be divided evenly over 26 pays.

Rev. Brand's salary will remain the same for a total package of \$73,153.44 which is slightly over the Presbytery minimum. A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the pastor's salary.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the 2018 budget.

Rev. Brand reported for the Property Committee that the first floor was prepared to house and pack the food for the Y Healthy Kids Program. As cost allows, lights are being replaced with LED bulbs.

Worship and Music Chair Kimberly Frick reported that the media system was installed by church members and paid for with donations from the congregation.

In addition, the following written annual reports were reviewed and discussed: Congregational Care Team; Christian Education, Family and Youth; Church Life; Evangelism and Outreach; Alpha and the Choir Director.

At this point the ecclesiastical portion of the meeting was suspended in order to begin the meeting of the corporation.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to elect Rose Gibson as President of the Corporation, as the acting Chair of the Property Committee.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was closed with prayer.

February Session Summery

Clerk's Report *By email vote on January 12, 2018, Session approved baptism of Evan Nicholas Bowles, infant son of Christopher and Sarah Bowles. *By

email vote on January 12, 2018, Session approved using DB Pipe Organs instead of the previously approved Muller Pipe Organs. *By email on February 2, 2018, Session approved the General Assembly Statistical Report. *Baptism- On January 14, 2018, Evan Nicholas Bowles, born November 10, 2018 in Westerville, Ohio, infant son of Christopher and Sarah Bowles *Death-Jean B. Swisher on January 3, 2018 with interment at Wilson Cemetery, Newark *Communion- The Lord's Supper was celebrated during worship on Sunday, January 7, 2018 and Ash Wednesday Service in the Chapel on Wednesday, February 14, 2018.

A motion moved, seconded, and carried to elect Keith Hare as Clerk of Session.

Session examined and approved David for baptism and David and Sharon for joining the congregation. David will be baptized and David and Sharon will join on March 11, 2018.

Pastor's Report Rev. Brand did training with each of the new elders and all elders attended the Presbytery training event on January 3, 2018.

Budget & Finance Treasurer Barb Jobes presented the new chart of accounts and explained the reports elders will receive monthly.

Session worked through a plan to change memorial funds. Memorial funds will now be held in a septate account. This fund will be directed by Session for the use of capital improvements. Most all of the current memorial funds will be moved into this new account. All future donations given in memorial will be transferred into this account.

Session approved the use of Scrip money to purchase an update to the Servant Keeper software.

Keith reported two addition items from B&F: \$10,000 from the checking account was applied to the line of credit. B&F authorized Sam Lieb to identify the best funds from the invested funds to use to pay off the line of credit.

Congregational Care Team Carol Floyd and Ron Sillin have joined.

Evangelism & Outreach *New church secretary will assume E&O treasurer responsibilities. *Karen Birtcher and Kim Dershem will be liaisons to Downtown Newark Association.

Personnel *Barb Garmand has been hired as secretary. She was supposed to start on Tuesday, February 20, but her children had the flu so Barb will start on Tuesday, February 27. *All employee contracts are being reviewed.