

# The First Presbyterian Church of Lewisburg

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Sunday Worship: Sunday School – 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.

## 2022 Session Committees

The constitution of our church, the Book of Order, defines Ruling Elders like this, "As there were in Old Testament times elders for the government of the people, so the New Testament church provided persons with particular gifts to share in discernment of God's Spirit and governance of God's people." (Form of Government, G-2.03)

Our Session, moderated by the Pastor and composed of 12 Ruling Elders (3 "classes" of 4, each serving a 3-year term) is charged with, "governing the congregation and guiding its witness to the sovereign activity of God in the world, so that the congregation is and becomes a community of faith, hope, love, and witness." The Session has the responsibility and power to, "provide that the Word of God may be truly preached and heard, provide that the Sacraments may be rightly administered and received, and to nurture the covenant community of disciples of Christ." (G-3.02)

Much of this work is done through various committees led by our Elders, and which include church members and staff with gifts to serve in those ministries. For 2022, our standing committees and the Elders who chair them are as follows:

<b>Budget and Finance</b> – prepares the annual budget and stewards our financial resources	Steve Mebius
<b>Christian Education</b> – plans and staffs our Sunday School classes for children and adults, and oversees youth ministry and children's programs	Bonnie Troxell, Victor Vogel, Wendy McTammany
<b>Congregational Life</b> – organizes events and opportunities for fellowship throughout the year	Kathy Storm



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## Upcoming Events

**Wednesday, Feb. 2, 9, 16 & 23**

6:30 p.m. **Bell Choir Practice**

**Thursday, Feb. 3**

5:30 p.m. **Dinner By the River**

**Friday, Feb. 4**

5:30 p.m. **First Friday Kids Night**  
in the Great Hall

**Sunday, Feb. 6**

10:30 a.m. **Holy Communion**

**Monday, Feb. 14**



## February Meetings

**Tuesday, February 15**

7:00 p.m. Session Meeting

## February Ushers

Bill Snyder  
Dave Shrom  
Craig Harley

<b>Mission</b> – equips and encourages those spreading the Good News, both locally and around the world	Jessie Walsh
<b>Nominating</b> – identifies members whom God is calling to serve on Session, Deacons, or Trustees	Gene Heid, Wendy McTammany
<b>Personnel</b> – manages issues of hiring, evaluations, and compensation for the church's staff members	Dave Shrom, Mark Temple
<b>Safety and Security</b> – works to keep our facility and attendees safe, and addresses issues of accessibility	Ryan Graver
<b>Technology and Communications</b> – improves and updates our computers, audio-visual equipment, and internet resources	Michael Pursley
<b>Worship Life</b> – plans for services of worship and tends to the operation and décor of our sanctuary	Marcia Thomas

If one of these areas of our church's life and ministry interests you, please ask these Elders how you can get involved. Our church's impact, energy, and witness to God's love depend on all of us working together to share God's awesome gifts.

Peace to you,  
Pastor Ryan

## Pastor Ryan's National Guard Mobilization in 2022

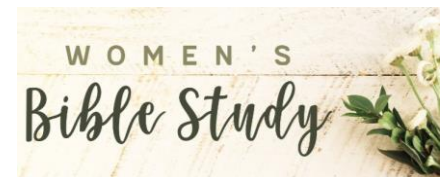
From the very start of my ministry, God has given me the opportunity to wear "two hats," serving the Church as a Minister of Word and Sacrament, and serving Soldiers and their families as an Army Chaplain. This September, I'm being called to step away from the church for a season, as my Army National Guard unit is mobilized to active duty for a mission overseas. This involves a month of training at a US military base, and then 9 months of "boots on the ground." I expect to return to First Presby sometime in August of 2023.

The good news is that the Session, our Staff, and our other church boards have plenty of time to prepare. We are already in conversation with the Presbytery of Northumberland about ways to provide for worship leadership, pastoral care, and administrative support while I'm away. My deployment is a new



## Let's Keep Coffee Hour Brewing!

Volunteers are needed to ensure coffee hour continues every Sunday from 10:00–10:30 a.m. Coffee and treats provided, or you can bake/buy your own. Please choose a date on the sign-up sheet located in the kitchen. Thank you!



All are welcome to join a women's Bible study in the Chapel on **Wednesday, February 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 23rd at 10:00 a.m.** Everyone is asked to wear a mask. Led by Bea Heid.

challenge for our congregation, but I trust that God will provide through the many gifted members and leaders of this fellowship.

The Session will share updates as our plan for my absence comes together, but I wanted you to hear about it now so that you can be in prayer for our church, and so that you can be listening to where God may call you to serve in this upcoming chapter of our life together.

Please come talk to me if you have any questions! I value your prayers and support for all of our PA Guard Soldiers and their families as we get ready for this next deployment.

Pastor Ryan

## February Birthdays & Anniversaries

### February Birthdays

- 6 Wanda Einsig, Amber Lind
- 8 Larry Fletcher, Kassie McTammany
- 10 Glenn Dobbs
- 13 Delaney McSween
- 16 Karen Black
- 17 Rob Guissanie
- 18 Samantha Stancavage
- 20 Dave Shrom
- 22 Bill Black
- 23 Marcia Thomas
- 25 Janine Fisher
- 27 Marian Fletcher

### February Anniversaries

- 2 Roger & Nancy Curran
- 4 Gene & Bea Heid
- 13 John & Amy Tirpak
- 16 John & Bonnie Troxell



### **UPCOMING USHERS:**

<u>March 2022</u>	<u>April 2022</u>	<u>May 2022</u>
Paul Miller	Mark Temple	Dan Wagner
Richard Erdley	Terry Light	Bill Black
Victor Vogel	Ryan Graver	Brent Papson

\*If the month isn't convenient for you, let the Office know. If you will be absent one week, please find a substitute.



# First Presby Kids News

FEBRUARY 2022

*"Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men." Luke 2:52*

**It's a New Year!** We continue to have so much to offer the kids of our congregation! In Sunday school, we begin to learn about Jesus' life and teachings and in Kids' Church we'll be learning all about the Beatitudes. We have many ways in which to serve our children – we hope you'll be a part of it!

**Nursery care is available** for children from birth through age 3.

**Sunday School classes are available** for children from age 4 through 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Kids Church is open** to children from age 4 through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.

**Our Sunday schedule remains as follows:**

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Coffee hour in the Great Hall

10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary; Kids are dismissed to Kids' Church after the Children's Message (NO Kids' Church on the last Sunday of every month)

**First Friday @ First Presby – Friday, February 4, 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.** Join us for game night – active games and board games. Kids aged 3 through 11 are welcome. Dinner and dessert are provided. Adult volunteers are needed!

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## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENT

Mark your calendars for **JUNE 27 – JULY 1** for an exciting week of VBS!

Children age 4 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to join us as we *MAKE WAVES and learn how we can change the world around us.*

More details to come! Contact Corey to get involved!

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Coming Soon:

# IF:GATHERING 2022

## MARCH 4-5

What: If:Gathering 2022 is a two-day live-stream event where women will learn how to live a fully Christian life in our current, modern world. Hosted by Jennie Allen, bible teacher, author, and founder of IF:Gathering. Featuring 30 prominent Christian speakers, authors and teachers.

When: March 4 & 5, 2022

Where: First Presbyterian Church, 18 Market St, Lewisburg, PA

Registration fees are covered by First Presbyterian Church; a free will cash donation will be accepted during the event to help offset associated costs.

Registration is available online by clicking [HERE](#).

Paper registration forms are also available in the Narthex.

Questions? Contact Corey Jusko





The flower chart for 2022 is available in the narthex at the bottom of the stairs. Please sign up for your desired date and notify the office of your dedication at [info@first-presby.org](mailto:info@first-presby.org) or 570-524-4419. The cost to sponsor flowers is \$45.



11 turkeys, 7 hams, foil pan after foil pan of string bean casseroles, stuffing, sweet potatoes and corn and dozens of delicious pies and desserts with a mix of cheerful preparers and servers = over 160 generous meals out the back door of First Presby either picked up or delivered to local residents on Christmas Day. It went really well as we stayed

ahead of the surge and had enough food left over for a trip to Haven Ministries. A special thank you to Paul and Karen Miller for organizing the meal and many thanks to the 50+ volunteers that made it successful.

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YOU

