

Community Life

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Happy Birthday to Us!

Robinson Memorial Presbyterian Church and Elmwood Presbyterian Society officially merged January 1, 2018. We've survived this first year together, though there was a lot of change. Yes, we found growing pains as we discovered more and more places where we needed to change our name, but those pale in comparison to the changes that happened at the end of last year.

The biggest change was the change in mood from the uncertainty as the Pastor Nominating Committee continued its work to the joyful anticipation now that Rev. Stephanie has agreed to be our new installed pastor. Janice had said that she wouldn't have left us for a new calling if we were not in a good place. She was right.

At the last service of the year, Rev. Gary from Fairmount urged us all to think of the top ten ways we were blessed in 2018. For Robinson Elmwood, the number one blessing in 2018 was the continued support and sharing of gifts given by the congregation of Robinson Elmwood United Church in our time of transition.



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Annual Reports due Jan 15

Annual Reports from our Committees are due January 15. This way, we can have a draft ready for Session on the 22nd, and copies ready for the Annual Meeting on January 27. **Committee chairs, this means you!**



OFFICE SCHEDULE

Monday–Friday 9am - 2pm

WORSHIP SERVICES

Sundays 11AM
Fellowship 12PM

Communion Services are the first Sunday of each month.



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COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

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Cindy Clift, Personnel

Jayson Dussee, Property

Mary Browne, Worship & Music

Meetings & Activities

MONTHLY MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES

01/01	New Year's Day	Office Closed
01/06	Worship & Music	12:30 pm (AL)
01/08	Congregational Life	2:00 pm (AL)
01/09	Deacons	4:30 pm (AL)
01/13	Blood Pressure Checks	12 pm (APR)
01/14	Dave's Cookin'	12 pm (FH)
01/14	Finance	6:30 pm (AL)
01/16	Breakfast Club	9:30 am (FOD)
01/21	M.L.K. Day	Office Closed
01/22	Session	6:30 pm (AL)
01/27	Blood Pressure Checks	12 pm (APR)

WEEKLY MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES

Sunday	Worship	11 am (S)
Sunday	Fellowship	12 am (FH)
Tuesday	Line Dancing (Beginner)	1pm (FH)
Tuesday	Line Dancing (Regular)	2pm (FH)
Wednesday	Quilting	1pm-3pm (QR)
Thursday	Choir	7:15pm (S)



Notes of THANKS

Sharing Our Gratitude

- ♥ To **Kathy Salsbury, Sally Siemoens, Betty Green, Lynn Evans, and Ethel Hughes**, who made the coffee, shared goodies, and cleaned up for Coffee Hours in December.
- ♥ To **Rev. Dr. N. Scott Cupp** for leading us the final few months of transition to our new installed pastor.
- ♥ To the congregants of **Robinson Elmwood and Fairmount Community Church (UCC)** who put up the greenery following the service on December 2, and to those who made soup for the lunch that followed.
- ♥ **Joan Ragland**, who collates the bulletins each week, and who got quite a workout with the special services around Christmas!

Minute for Mission

The Mission Committee will keep the congregation updated on our mission work, and to offer opportunities for anyone to pitch in and help those who are homeless, hungry or in need. The Mission Committee is seeking balance in providing hands-on or monetary assistance to local and non-local missions. We are a fired-up, dynamic committee and hold meetings each month. We welcome new members anytime! Our Ongoing Missions include:

- ◆ **Blessings in a Backpack** is a national campaign to assist with feeding needy school children on the weekends. Our local program through Bellevue Heights UMC is partnered with the Delaware School on South Geddes St. Just \$100 will feed a child on the weekends for the entire school year, but any donation is gladly accepted.
- ◆ **Communion Fund: Missio Church** benefits from non-perishable food items and communion donations on the *first Sunday of every month*. They took over the area food pantry from Isaiah's Table.

Trip to See "Jesus"

Members of the Congregational Life Committee have discussed the possibility of a group from church join a **Bella Tours motor-coach trip to see the production of "Jesus" at the Sight and Sound Theatre in Lancaster, PA.** If you have never been to the Sight and Sound Theater, their shows are SPECTACULAR!



It would be a three-day trip from **June 11 -13, 2019**, and would include, in addition to the show, accommodations at a Doubletree Inn, several meals, tours of the Amish countryside, and a tour of Turkey Hill Ice Cream. **Costs range from \$525 - \$760 depending on room occupancy.**

If you are interested contact Sally Siemoens at church or at 315-468-4528.



2019 Per Capita

2019 PER CAPITA

We've heard from the Presbytery and crunched the numbers. The **2019 Per Capita is \$40.00**. As you know, we pay the Presbytery and Synod a set amount per member of our church in order to fund their services.

Please consider a contribution towards per capita. There are blue envelopes for per capita in your 2019 envelope boxes.



ENVELOPES & PLEDGES

If you have sent in a pledge, you have envelopes waiting for you in the Narthex (unless you've already picked them up).

Why pledge? It helps the finance team make educated decisions about our 2019 budget. Don't worry, there's still time to make a pledge for 2019.

We understand that you may not be in a place to make a pledge of a specific amount. **If you haven't made a pledge, but you still want envelopes, contact the office at 315-468-2509 and let Liz know if you want weekly or monthly envelopes.**

We will be mailing envelopes out in early February for those who have been unable to pick up their envelope boxes.



WORSHIP SERVICES & LEADERS

January 6: Epiphany

Liturgy: Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
 Ephesians 3:1-12
 Matthew 2:1-12

Liturgist: D Valenza
 Trustees: J Brown, M Browne
 Ushers: A Stafford, N Falcone
 Communion Servers: D Gehan, E Hughes, TBD, TBD, TBD

January 13: Baptism of the Lord

Liturgy: Isaiah 43:1-7
Psalm 29
 Acts 8:14-17
 Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Liturgist: F Hunter
 Trustees: J Browne, S Britt
 Ushers: J Monnell, L Miller

January 20

Liturgy: Isaiah 62:1-5
Psalm 36:5-10
 1 Corinthians 12:1-11
 John 2:1-11







Liturgist: D Bratt
 Trustees: T Jones, K Salsbury
 Ushers: A McIndoe, J Ragland







January 27: Annual Meeting

Liturgy: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6,
 8-10; *Psalm 19*
 1 Corinthians 12:12-31
 Luke 4:14-21

Liturgist: J Brown
 Trustees: J Novado, D Nielsen
 Ushers: D Reeve, P Reeve

January 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Room Codes AL: Adult Lounge APR: All-Purpose Room FH: Fellowship Hall QR: Quilting Room S: Sanctuary		1 New Year's Day OFFICE CLOSED 	2 1pm-3pm Quilting (FH) 4:30pm Deacons
6 Epiphany	7	8	9
9am FCC Worship (S) 11am RE Worship (S) 12pm Fellowship (FH) 12:30 W&M (AL) 	1:30pm Bible Study (AL) 7pm NA (FH)	1:30pm Cong. Life (AL) 1pm Line Dancing I (FH) 2pm Line Dancing II (FH)	1pm-3pm Quilting (FH) 4:30pm Deacons (FH)
13	14	15	16
9am FCC Worship (S) 11am RE Worship (S) 12pm Fellowship (FH) BP Checks (APR) 	12pm Dave's Cookin' (FH) 1:30pm Bible Study (AL) 6:30pm Finance (AL) 7pm NA (FH)	11am FCC Women's Luncheon (FH) 1pm Line Dancing I (FH) 2pm Line Dancing II (FH)	9:30am Breakfast (FH) (Finally Open) 1pm-3pm Quilting (FH) 
20	21 MLK Jr. Day	22	23
9am FCC Worship (S) 11am RE Worship (S) 12pm Fellowship (FH)	OFFICE CLOSED 7pm NA (FH) 	11am FCC Women (FH) 1pm Line Dancing I (FH) 2pm Line Dancing II (FH) 6:30pm Session (AL)	1pm-3pm Quilting (FH)
27 Annual Mtg.	28	29	30
9am FCC Worship (S) 11am RE Worship (S) Annual Meeting 12pm Fellowship (FH) BP Checks (APR) 	1:30pm Bible Study (AL) 7pm NA (FH)	1pm Line Dancing I (FH) 2pm Line Dancing II (FH)	1pm-3pm Quilting (FH) 6pm SAME (FH)

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	3	4	5
m QR)	1pm FCC Recovery (APR) 7:15pm Choir (S)	7pm NA (FH) Nar-Anon (AL)	
	10	11	12
m QR) (AL)	1pm FCC Recovery (APR) 7:15pm Choir (S)	7pm NA (FH) Nar-Anon (AL)	
	17	18	19
Club Diner) QR)	1pm FCC Recovery (APR) 7:15pm Choir (S)	7pm NA (FH) Nar-Anon (AL)	
	24	25	26
m QR)	11am Geddes Seniors (FH) 1pm FCC Recovery (APR) 5pm PCS Leadership (AL) 7:15pm Choir (S)	7pm NA (FH) Nar-Anon (AL)	  
	31	February 1	February 2
m QR)	10am Book Club (APR) 1pm FCC Recovery (APR) 7:15pm Choir (S)	7pm NA (FH) Nar-Anon (AL)	 



BIRTHDAYS

- 01/08 Jenny Jerome
- 01/11 Laurie Alfieri
- 01/13 Kelly O'Donnell
- 01/16 Dick Bratt
- 01/17 Don Reeve
- 01/17 Pat Reeve
- 01/21 Carol Olson
- 01/24 Andrew Biggs
- 01/25 Dick Ference
- 01/26 Turissa Campbell
- 01/26 Ben Martin
- 01/26 David Valenza
- 01/27 Sally Cooper
- 01/31 Donna Chapman



MISSION & DEACONS FUND

The January Fund will support the **Indonesian Library** project brought to us through the Tulungens. This project brings libraries and other resources to rural populations in Indonesia.



ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

The **Annual Meeting** of the Congregation of **Robinson Elmwood United Church** will be held on **January 27 at 11AM** as part of our regular worship service.



DAVE'S COOKIN'

We host a monthly luncheon with speakers when we can get them and socialization when we can't. Generally, it's on the **third Monday of the month at noon** in Fellowship Hall (except when that Monday is a holiday). **Only \$6.00 per meal!**

Next lunch: January 14

Program: *To Be Determined*

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

Our team of nurses will check your blood pressure the **second and fourth Sunday of each month at 12 noon** in our All-Purpose Room.

Next checks: January 13 & 27

FREE LINE DANCING

Line Dancing is back, **Tuesdays at 1pm for beginners and 2pm for more experienced dancers**, both in Fellowship Hall. The dances are great exercise, and geared towards seniors. Drop-ins welcome!

ELMWOOD QUILTERS

Our quilting guild meets **Wednesdays from 1pm to 3 pm** in our dedicated **Quilting Room** (off of Fellowship Hall). For beginners or experienced quilters alike—we have everything you need to get started. You can also bring other crafts and be social.

FAIRMOUNT BOOK CLUB

Fairmount Community Church (UCC) hosts a monthly book club in our All Purpose Room the **last Thursday of each month at 10AM**. Contact Lindy Black at 315-488-9685 for information.

Next Meeting: January 31

Reading: *"The Midwife"* by Jennifer Worth and *"The Alice Network"* by Kate Quinn.

FOR GENERAL QUESTIONS
Contact Liz at 315-468-2509

Make a Joyful Noise

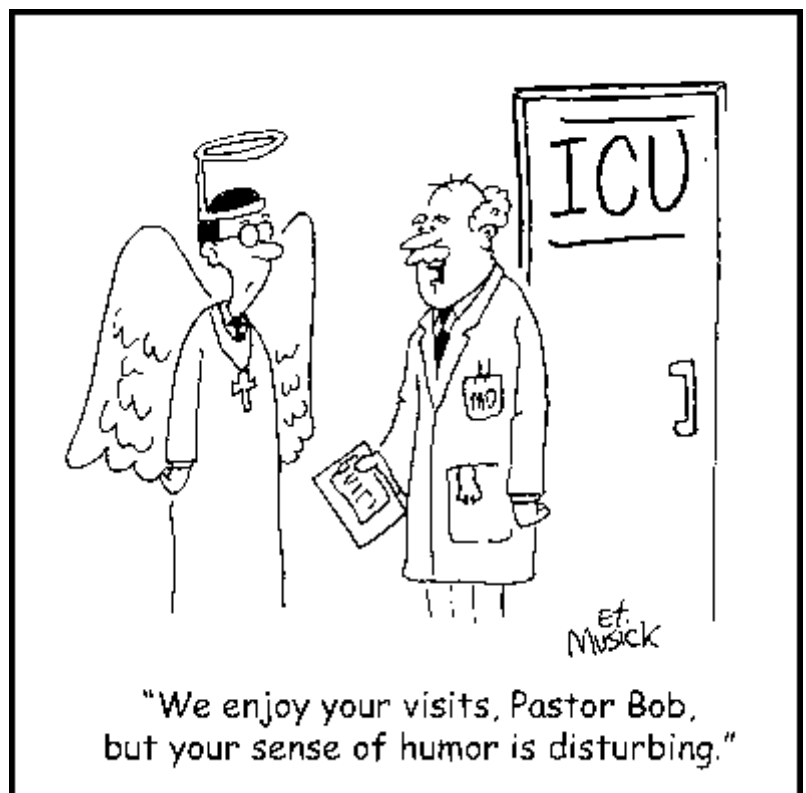
New voices are always welcome in Choir! Now is a great time to join. We're learning new music for the spring, so everyone is starting from the same page.

Rehearsals are Thursdays at 7:15pm with a refresher Sundays at 10:15am (or 45 minutes before Worship when we have joint services).

We'll be having a Choir Mini-Camp on January 13 after regular worship (at about 12:15 so you can grab some coffee and a snack). So stop by if you're interested!



Church Humor



Special Prayers

THOSE IN NEED OF STRENGTH & HEALING

Fred Banks
Michelle Bigg's Aunt
(recovery)
Michelle Bigg's Uncle
(cancer)
Barb Bradley (fell)
Harry Britt
Mary Ellen Brzozowski
(heart attack)
Karen Cain (Barbara
Bradley's daughter)
Helen Campolito
Jesse Chatfield
Joan Cole
Millie Cornue
Nicholas Cupp (recovery)
Kevin (Marge Sapka's son)
Kathy Davis (cards, please)
Dan DeBrucker-Cota (fell)
Raymond Demperio (friend
of Charlotte Tooley)
Kathy & Tony Eisele (Judy
Lincoln's friend)s
Joanne Gifford
Charlotte Goodison's sister
Gordon Goodison
Beryl Hammarstrom
Jean Harrison (fell)
Jane Herzog (fell)
Dan Hooge
Janice Horn (Turissa
Campbell's Sister)
Linda Jaquay (fell)
Jimmy (Allie Brink's friend)
Diana Jones's sister-in-law
Tracie Martin (Ovarian
Cancer)
Virginia McClemens (fell)
Ruth Melchior (at home)
Linda Miller's Father
Martha Parry (Liz Martin's
grandmother—
Alzheimer's)
Linda Pierce (Janet
Brown's friend—Cancer)
Chris Pitts
Darlene Pyer
Lynn Morgan Schuster
(friend of Kathy Salisbury)
Jim Smith (Dorene Smith's
son)
Charlotte Tooley

Rita Valenza
Barb Wachob (recovering)
Jean Yale
Maureen Young

THOSE WHO HAVE LOST LOVED ONES

The Family of Ron Pyer
who passed away
December 20
**The Family of Barb Bratt's
Niece, Sheryl** who
passed away December 9
**The Family of Pam
Carroll's nephew** who
passed away around
Thanksgiving
**The Family of Susan Scott's
Stepfather** who passed
way November 16
**The Family of Howard
Mathewson** who passed
away November 16
**The Family of Norma
Thompson** who passed
away November 5
The Family of Phil Otis,
who passed away
September 21
**The Family of Leota
Amond,** who passed
away September 17

THOSE AWAY AT SCHOOL

James Biggs
Morgan Glielmi
Jacob Jones
Sarah Jones
Nick Paganelli
Maddy Smith
Holden White
Caleb Smith
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would like your address
printed for cards.*



THOSE IN ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES

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Ron Paxson
The Grand Nursing Home
331 Russell St
Chittenango, NY 13037

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