

Come to the table with our new Elders and Deacons



This **Sunday**, **January 8** our congregation will celebrate the ordination and installation of our new Elders and Deacons, and celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Being ordained and/or and installed will be: **Bruce Eelman**, **Peggy Davis**, **Amanda Jo Nicholson**, **Steve Sowards**, & **T. Michael Stavres** to the office of Elder and **Debbie Anderson**, **Betts Huff**, **Elizabeth Nepute**, **Candy Marshall**, & **Jenna Volpe** to the office of Deacon. These new officers will also assist in the service of communion in worship.

WE ALSO WANT TO THANK OUR OUTGOING OFFICERS FOR THEIR DEDICATED SERVICE.

Completing terms of service are:

Elders: Paul Montgomery, Bethany Owen, Ed Smith, Kit Threlkel, & Carson Weeks. Deacons: Sean Ivey, Sharon Mann, Erin Miller, Melissa Rowker, & Katie Sparr.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, January 8 COMMUNION ORDINATION & INSTALLATION

10:00 am	All Church Gathering Worship
	(Sanctuary/Facebook Live)
11:15 am	Reception (MH)

5:30 pm High School Youth Group (GR)

Monday, January 9

8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE) 6:30 pm Christian Education (GR)

Tuesday, January 109:00 amStaff Meeting (MH)

12:00 pm Men's Lunch (MH/Zoom)

Wednesday, January 11

8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)
12:00 pm Buildings & Grounds (MH)
2:00 pm Membership (MH)
3:30 pm Christ Kids (CE)
5:30 pm MSYG (CE)
6:00 pm Chancel Bells (BR)
7:00 pm Chancel Choir (MS)

Thursday, January 12 1:15 pm Chapel Bells (BR)

Friday, January 13 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)

Saturday, January 14 2:00 pm Soup Kitchen Prep (Kitchen) 4:00 pm Soup Kitchen (737)



Ann Adams Debbie Anderson Pat Berrell Helen Champlain Ellie Crowder Brenda Darte Marjorie DiLorenzo Zan Dismuke Rob Donaldy Dana Elmore Bill Everhart Lynne Grady

Zach Anaya

Zach Drum

Brenden Anderson

Christian Anderson

Robert Ferguson

Stephanie Gillie

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

MEMBERS

- Pam Gray Jane Hayman Jim Huff Scott & Becky Irvin Jill Kosmensky Dena Lancashire Ray & Gladys Larson Pat McCarty Dick McCauley Pat Miller Edna Mitchell Jeri & Tom Oldt
- Jackie Pinkney John & Marilyn Schleifer Dick Shaw Joyce Shirah Susan Singleton Dale Smith Katie Sparr Kathy Taber Barbara Tackett Pam Tallent-Blackburn Pat Vobornik

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Jim Joiner Billy Bennett Philip Burkhart **Mitch Katros Rick Colen** Trish & Reed Layne **Bill Fisher** Khvla Martinez Harold & Jackie Flo McNeer Hamilton Murphy Alisa Hart Christy Noll **Keaton Haywood** Brynne Nowroozi Jim & Belinda Hurst Les & Alison O'Neal

MILITARY

- Eddie Gray Daniel Harp Sean Harp David Knowles John Marotti KaitLin Marotti
- Ray Owen Carol Redner Jack Snively Seretha Tinsley Phillip Waters Lou & Travis Whitehead Jess Wilkinson
- Mathew Massam Diane Secord Shad Skinner Drew Stapor

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Return Service Requested

Bag Lunch Ministry We gave out 145 lunches the week of 12/19/22. We gave out 169 lunches the week of 12/26/22. Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 40 people on Saturday, 12/24/22. We fed 62 people on Saturday, 12/31/22.

FOLLOW ME: A PREACHING SERIES

We will begin 2023 with a sermon series, Follow Me, focusing on the disciples of Jesus. From January 8 to Easter, we will explore faith with those who first answered the call to

Follow Jesus as Lord. Join us each week as we not only look into the lives of the 12 (or 13) and more, but also consider how we are responding to the call to "Follow Me".

SAVE THE DATE: YOUTH TALENT SHOW!



Join us **Sunday, January 22** for a night full of laughs and fun! Dinner will be served at **5:00 pm** and the talent show will start at **5:30 pm**. All are invited to participate in this fundraiser for the youth. If you would like to share a talent, contact Emily Snyder at

<u>esnyder@firstpreswh.org</u> or by calling the church office.

BOOK CLUB



We invite you to join us on **Monday**, January 16 at 3 pm in McLeod Hall as we discuss *Faith Bass Darling's Last Garage Sale* by Lynda Rutledge. We hope you will come together with us for a time of fellowship and discussion of this quirky, humorous, and warm-hearted book.

Contact Sue Henry at 863-656-2611 with any questions.



Our Christian sympathy goes to Brenda Darte upon the death of her husband, **Charlie Darte**, who died on Tuesday, December 20, 2022.

COME JOIN US IN SONG!

You are invited to participate in our music groups. Rehearsals resume on Wednesday, January 11, and Thursday, January 12.



Chancel Bells rehearses on **Wednesday evenings from 6 - 7 pm** and **Chancel Choir** rehearses from **7 - 8:15 pm**.

Chapel Bells rehearses on Thursday afternoons at 1:15 pm.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to Jeremy, at jrath@firstpreswh.org or by calling the church office.

CALLING ALL FUNTIMERS (OUR 55+ FELLOWSHIP GROUP)

Come out and enjoy a Classic Car Show and luncheon on WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, FROM 11:30 AM TO 1 PM.



We'll spend a little time around the lunch tables in McLeod Hall then head out to the parking lot to take a trip down memory lane with some jewels from the past.

Call or email the church office so we can plan for lunch. Then come and join the fun and fellowship with your church friends and family.