



The annual congregational meeting is called to hold a meeting of the corporation, to act on the election of corporate officers and Trustees, to act on the Pastor's Terms of Call, to review the 2021 Annual Report, and to receive the 2022 Budget as information. The meeting will be Sunday, January 30, 2022, immediately following worship. By order of the Session, Maree Peacock, Clerk.



Epiphany Communion

With the echoes of the Christmas season still reverberating, we will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion on Sunday, January 9th at our 10:30 AM worship service. What a joy it will be to hold onto the birth of hope just a little longer!



Come join in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper on this blessed Sunday as we celebrate Epiphany and the Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Congregational Meeting Brief

On Sunday, December 19th, the congregation accepted the report of the Nominating Committee and elected:

- Elders for the class of 2024:
Kay Lachat, Paul Munyon, Rita Tucker
- Deacons for the class of 2024:
Janet English, Susie Graves, Phyllis Loose
- Nominating Committee: Karen Gunter, John Kinneer, Lois Johnson, Gay Munyon

From the Pastor's Desk...

"An epiphany enables you to sense creation not as something completed, but as constantly becoming, evolving, ascending.

This transports you from a place where there is nothing new to a place where there is nothing old, where everything renews itself, where heaven and earth rejoice as at the moment of creation." ~ Abraham Isaac Kook

Dear Lafayette family:

Following the Sundays of Christmas, the season of Epiphany begins on January 9th and continues until Ash Wednesday.

The term epiphany means "to show" or "to make known" or even "to reveal." In the Presbyterian Church, it remembers the coming of the wise men bringing gifts to visit the Christ child, who by so doing "reveal" Jesus to the world as Lord and King. The Holy Spirit blessing the baptism of Jesus is a further epiphany.

These epiphanies are a revelation to the world! In these moments, the Lordship of Jesus Christ is visible and obvious!

Epiphanies can be moments of vision, insight, realization, and understanding. Just as in those "light bulb" breakthroughs or "aha!" moments, they have the potential to transport us from our ordinary lives, schedules, plans, and purposes; and introduce us to a new plane of spirituality or a new dimension in our relationship with the Lord.



Unfortunately, in our secular, and often apathetic culture, epiphanies are often overlooked or ignored. With a gaze buried in a smartphone, it is difficult to see the stars. Binge-watching Netflix leaves little time for reflection and contemplation, much less prayer. Masks and isolation challenge our ability to smile with our faces or our hearts.

In this New Year, may we invite the Holy Spirit to whisper words of wonder, and broach breaths of beauty. May gospel truths become visible and obvious in our lives.

Happy New Year,

"For my part I know nothing with any certainty, but the sight of the stars makes me dream." ~ Vincent Van Gogh

Beginning **Sunday, January 2**, our new **offering envelopes** will be available during worship.



Where necessary, we will mail the envelopes to those who cannot attend. Please read the insert which will be enclosed, as it explains the purpose of each different envelope. See also the article on Per Capita below.

What is PER CAPITA?

Our support of the Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly is portioned out to \$88.00 per member.



“Hey, wait! Why do we have to shell out that kind of money? What has the larger church ever done for us?”

“The larger church is ALWAYS there for us! It’s amazing what we do together! Here are *just a few* of the benefits we receive from being connected!”



- * Calling and training of Missionaries
- * Assistance with legal or liability issues
- * Leadership training, DiscipleFest
- * Disaster assistance
- * Support and guidance in calling a pastor
- * Help for new or struggling churches
- * Education, training, and certification for Pastors and Christian Educators
- * Mortgage resources and support
- * Curriculum development
- * Historical archiving
- * UKirk * Dogwood Acres * Montreat
- * Guidance of Presbytery staff
- * Presbyterian Seminaries and Colleges

Lent 2021

Ash Wednesday,
March 2, 2022



Beginning March 2nd, Ash Wednesday, Pastor Steve will lead weekly Lenten meditations based on the Psalms of Lament and the hymn, “*As the Deer.*” They will either be offered in person or on Zoom, depending on future developments.

*“It’s not what you look at that matters.
It’s what you see.”*

~ Henry David Thoreau

thank
YOU

We thank our Lafayette family for faith, support, blessings, and generosity in 2021. What a privilege it is to walk together in the Lord with our dear friends and Christian family members! Blessings to all!

In Christ,
Pastor Steve, Susie, and Chrys

75th Anniversary
of

Lafayette Presbyterian Church



Celebration

March 27, 1947 - March 27, 2022

We will celebrate 75 years of God's Blessings!

Join us for Worship and Fellowship

Sunday March 27, 2022



Calendar Dates and Special Days

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday Worship-----Sundays-----10:30 AM
 Grace Sunday School----Sun/Zoom-----9:00 AM
 Pastor's Bible Study-----Mon/Zoom-----11:00 AM

MONTHLY EVENTS

Committee meetings-----as scheduled
 Circle of Friends-----2nd Monday-----6:30 PM
 Contemp. Book-----3rd Monday-----1:00 PM
 Morning Circle-----2nd Tuesday---10:30 AM
 Session Zoom Meeting --3rd Tuesday-----6:30 PM
 Evening Circle-----Last Tuesday----6:00 PM
 Crafts for Missions-----4th Thursday----1:30 PM

SCOUTS (actual times and dates may vary)

Pack 10 Meetings-----Mondays-----6:30 PM
 Troop 10 Meetings -----1st, 3rd Tues---7:00 PM
 Senior Patrol Leaders---2nd Tuesday-----7:00 PM
 Crew 10-----3rd Thursday----7:00 PM
 Girl Scouts 4023-----as scheduled

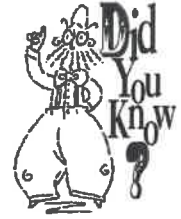
PLEASE NOTE THAT CHURCH EVENTS MAY BE POSTPONED OR CANCELED!

JANUARY

TBA	.....	Deacon Training
SAT	1	..... New Year's Day
THU	6	..... Epiphany, Three Kings Day
	6	..... National Shortbread Day
SUN	9	10:30 AM..... Epiphany/Baptism Communion
		Ordination/Installation
		of Elders and Deacons
	9	11:15 AM..... Luncheon, Session
TUE	11	..... Human Trafficking Awareness
THU	13	..... Stephen Foster Day
	13	..... Korean American Day
SAT	15	10:00 AM..... Session training, Zoom
		..... National Bagel Day
SUN	16	3:00 PM..... Session Training & meeting
	16	..... Fig Newton Day
	16	..... Tu B'Shvat begins
MON	17	..... Martin Luther King, Jr. birthday
		..... National Day of Service
MON	24	..... National Peanut Butter Day
TUE	25	..... Robert Burns Day
THU	27	..... Holocaust Memorial Day
SUN	30	11:15 AM..... Annual Congregational Meeting
		..... Croissant Day



DID YOU KNOW? BY PHIL FERGUSON



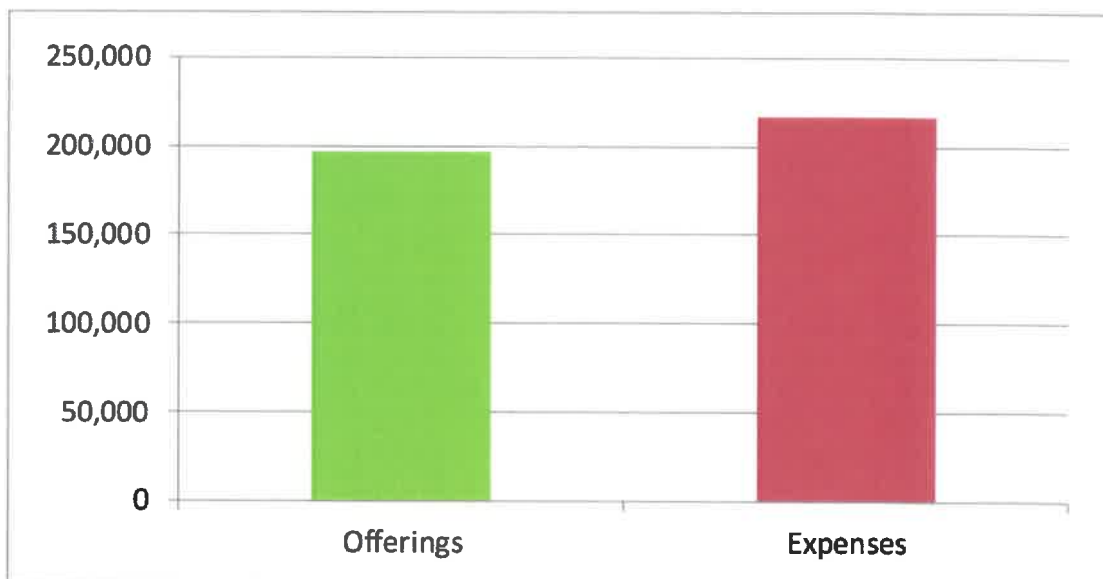
It was during a drought in January, 1986, and the waters of the Sea of Galilee were at the lowest level in recent history. Two brothers, who were fishermen, found something exciting on the northwestern shore of the Sea. They found the remains of an ancient boat in the mud.

Archaeologists were called and the boat was excavated. During an eleven year conservation and preservation process it was determined that the boat was from the period of about 40 BC to 50 AD. Physically the boat is 26 ½ feet long, 7 ½ feet wide and 4 ½ feet deep. The boat is the type that was used for fishing and transportation and would have had a crew of 4 rowers and 1 helmsman. It could hold up to 15 passengers.

The Galilee Boat is currently displayed at the Yigal Allon Museum in Israel. Although the boat has not been directly connected to Jesus or his disciples it is also known as the “Jesus Boat”.

NOVEMBER 2021 FINANCIAL UPDATE

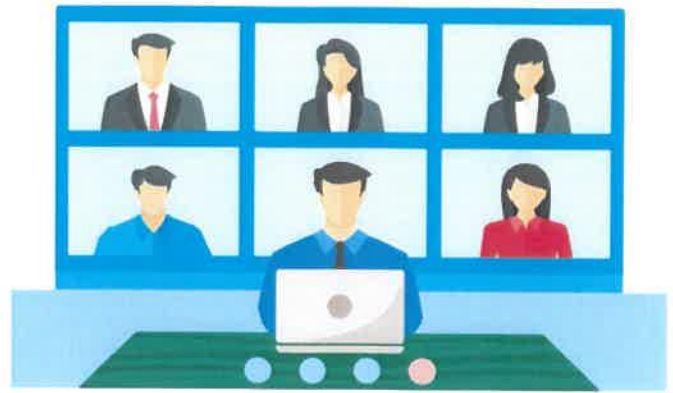
Actual Offerings January - November	Actual Expenses January - November
\$196,648.38	\$216,474.36



There are those who give with joy, and that joy is their reward. – Khalil Gibran

Session Briefs • December 7, 2021

- ⊕ This was a special meeting to discuss only budget and directly related business.
- ⊕ It was announced that Giving Tuesday was a great success in generating over-and-above giving.
- ⊕ The 2022 budget was discussed.
 - > Pledges are up significantly from the previous two years.
 - > Committees modified their asking budgets.
 - > Staff salaries were discussed at length and approved.
 - > The 75th Anniversary Committee will be funded.
 - > Bonuses for 2021 were discussed and approved by consensus.
- ⊕ The 2022 Budget was approved as modified. (It will be included in the 2021 Annual Report and distributed in advance of the Annual Meeting.)
- ⊕ New Elders and Deacons will be Ordained and Installed on Sunday, January 9th.



Your **Session Members in 2022** will be:

Class of 2022: Sandi Herrington, Richard Loose,
Denise Pentecost

Class of 2023: Ned Stacey, Doug Pitts, Faith Kinneer

Class of 2024: Kay Lachat, Paul Muyon, Rita Tucker

Your **Deacons in 2022** will be:

Class of 2022: Susanne Korta, Ken Norman

Class of 2023: Patti Dickman, Diane Dowling,
Martha Ann McCaskill, Molly Miller

Class of 2024: Janet English, Susie Graves, Phyllis Loose



"For by gold the power of a king is signified, by frankincense the honor of God, by myrrh the burial of the body; and accordingly they offer Him gold as King, frankincense as God, myrrh as Man."

~ St John Chrysostom



#GIVINGTUESDAY

The Session and the Finance Committee thank all the members and friends who gave over-and-above gifts which made Giving Tuesday 2021 a great success!

There's Still Time!

Please prayerfully consider a year-end gift to the church. You can give to the General Fund, or you may contribute to one of the worthwhile mission, ministry, or worship efforts of our church!



- Mercy Fund: This fund enables our church to respond to local mission needs and emergency needs of church members and friends.
- Building and Facilities Fund: Help fund our church's needs for maintenance, improvements, and major repairs.
- Missions: Consider a gift to Dogwood Acres, Thornwell Home, UKirk, or any other of the missions supported by our church.
- Music / Anthems: Consider donating an anthem. Anthems generally cost between \$2.50 - \$4.50 per copy, and it is usual to order 20-25 copies.

Coffee and a Cookie Book Club



Please join us for book discussions and plenty of fellowship. We meet in the Church Fellowship Hall. On the 3rd Monday of the Month from 1:00 – 2:00

P.M. We are always happy to welcome new members – men and women. If you want to join us please contact Denise Vandiver for more details. These are the next books we will be reading.

- Monday, January 17 ~ The Stationary Shop by Marjan Kamali
- Monday, February 21 ~ The Underground Railroad by Colson Whitehead

Crafts for Missions



The Crafts for Missions group workshop will start the new year meetings on Thursday, **January 27th**. We meet in our Fellowship Hall at **1:30 PM**.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME.

We are very casual. New members for the new year would be wonderful!!!

We usually have a focus craft for the month, however, you can always work on whatever project interests you. There are numerous items that can be sent to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Program. That mission always has needs. The group has other ministries that we support and we also love new ideas or ministries to support! We are planning a demonstration on braiding Para cord survival bracelets in the near future. These bracelets could go in the Operation Christmas Child boxes or the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance boxes.

We hope you will start the new year by joining us in January.

We Lift Up In Prayer . . .

12/19/2021

- ◆ We offer Christian love and sympathy to Twila, Jerry, and Kay upon the passing of Leonard Phillips.
- ◆ Martha Ann McCaskill, who is back at Westminster Health Care.
- ◆ We offer Christian love and sympathy to Jerry Johnson, upon the passing of Julie Johnson.
- ◆ Pray for Ken Johnson, for good MRI results.

12/12/2021

- ◆ Christy Stacey reports that their granddaughter, Elise, has recovered from pneumonia. Also, her colleague's (Jay) mother passed away on Thanksgiving day.
- ◆ Pray for Lisa Stacey's (Ned Jr's wife) family, as her grandfather passed away and her grandmother broke her hip.
- ◆ Chrys Graves', friend, Eric Davidson, who is suffering from melanoma and back problems.
- ◆ Susie and Steve's friend, Gail Oakes, who fell through her attic and sustained multiple fractures.
- ◆ We pray for those across several states who suffered loss, grief, and deaths due to severe tornado activity. We pray especially for our brothers and sisters in Western Kentucky Presbytery, and for Presbyterians in Mayfield, Kentucky, as First Presbyterian Church, Mayfield, was completely destroyed.

12/05/2021

- ◆ Bonnie Burns asks that we continue to pray for Jane Aycock and her son, Alan, as they both seek recovery from serious medical issues.
- ◆ Denise Vandiver, who is recovering from a heart procedure.
- ◆ Sandi Herrington asks that we pray for the Hodges Boulevard Presbyterian Church, Jacksonville, who lost a family to a tragic, senseless crime.
- ◆ Ken Norman reports that he is in good health again, but he asks that we pray for his friend Ron Yravedra, who is back in the hospital.
- ◆ Doug Pitts asks that we pray for the family of his friend Paul Van der Grift.
- ◆ Jerry Phillips asks that we pray for his parents Leonard and Twila as they face end-of-life issues.
- ◆ We pray for those lives changed tragically in the Michigan school shooting.

11/28/2021

- ◆ Pray for Sandi Herrington as she undergoes a medical procedure.
- ◆ Steve and Susie ask that we pray for their friend Trisha Sheldon, upon the passing of husband Gary.

- ◆ Pray for the family of the Rev. Hal Jensen, former pastor of 1st Presbyterian, Lynwood, who passed away this week.
- ◆ Faith Kinneer asks that we pray for traveling mercies as their family travels to Arizona to spend time with sister Sheila Greene.
- ◆ Pam Terry asks that we pray for son-in-law Caesar, who is interviewing for a medical residency in Brooklyn.
- ◆ A joy! We welcomed back Jon Chapman and Connie Nehlsen for the winter.

Continued Prayers

- ◆ Our Armed Forces around the world
- ◆ Jordan Askew, grandson of Donna Lou Askew
- ◆ Kevin Askew, son of Donna Lou Askew
- ◆ Angela and Jerry White, daughter and son-in-law of Donna Lou Askew
- ◆ Charla Casey's brother, Howell
- ◆ Sheila Greene, sister of Patti Dickman & Faith Kinneer
- ◆ LaVerne Gibson
- ◆ Anne Hebrock
- ◆ Hal Herman, father-in-law of Rachel Herman
- ◆ Jaya Herman
- ◆ Jeff Mills, friend of Faith Kinneer
- ◆ (heart transplant)
- ◆ Chandler (Candy) Touchton, daughter of Martha Ann McCaskill
- ◆ Anita Moreno
- ◆ Carol Peele
- ◆ Twila Phillips
- ◆ Christy Stacey's sister-in-law, Charlotte Lehman, who had kidney transplant surgery on July 22. Charlotte's donor is her brother Earl Keister, so keep Earl in your prayers also.
- ◆ Russell Stovall
- ◆ Barry Fake, brother of Diana Swegman
- ◆ Denny Chevillot, friend of the Telander's
- ◆ Carolyn Wallace
- ◆ Gail Yates
- ◆ Those who have no one to pray for them

In Memoriam

Leonard E. Phillips, Jr.

March 11, 1933 - December 10, 2021

Julie Johnson

February 26, 1952 - December 12, 2021



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January Ushers

Faith Kinneer
John Kinneer, Captain
Denise Vandiver
Rob Vandiver



February articles are due
Friday, January 21



January Birthdays

1 Rev. Payne	14 Georgia Latimer	21 Anita Moreno
3 Serena Jung	18 Carol Wade	24 Jean Brinson
7 Karen Gunter	19 Anna Ruth Beale	24 Martha Ann McCaskill
11 Anne Logue	19 Thomas Pentecost	26 Oneida Monroe


Remember our church in your will.