

# Weekly E-Newsletter of The Presbyterian Church

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God's Love Is Here for You
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### Greetings, friends!

I am writing this letter on a snowy day and I just keep thinking about that wonderful children's book by Ezra Jack Keats called, *The Snowy Day*. Filled with multisensory language and beautiful illustrations, it tells the story of a little boy named Peter having a marvelous time playing in the snow in the city, making tracks, snowballs, snow angels, etc. I like the part when he is just walking in the snow, with his feet going, "Crunch, crunch, crunch" and he puts a snowball in his pocket to take home and enjoy later. As adults, it's easy to just see a snowy day as a nuisance, an inconvenience, and dangerous for walking and driving. But isn't the snow part of God's wondrous Creation, as much as the warmth and brightness of a sunny, spring day? Not one snowflake is alike. Let us take a moment and give God our thanks and praise for the beauty and wonder of this world.

Here is a link to an animated reading of The Snowy Day: https://youtu.be/FmZCQfeWjeQ

The youth were blessed to have a lock-in at church last weekend. Thanks to Kirsten McPeck and other adult volunteers/parents who made this fun, wholesome, friendship-building activity possible. If you missed our in-person worship last Sunday, you missed a paper airplane sailing from the balcony as the youth shared about their paper airplane throwing contest. Mason Gano was the winner! If you were here, wasn't it a nice surprise? Didn't it feel good to laugh in church with our young people?



We are looking forward to some new things planned for Lent this year. We will begin meeting for Lenten studies at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays, with separate classes for children/teens and adults. I will be leading the Adam Hamilton study for adults, *The Way: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus*. Readings and videos will take us to the Holy Land as we remember Christ's ministry and journey with Him, beginning Ash Wednesday (March 2) at 5:30 p.m. We will soon have a sign-up sheet in the Assembly Room so that we may order books for those who participate.

Session has scheduled our annual meeting of the congregation and corporation for Sunday, Feb. 27 after worship in the fellowship hall. The purpose of the meeting will be to receive the budget for 2022, elect a nominating committee, and vote on the pastor's terms of call. We are hoping to return to our long-held tradition of gathering for a simple meal before the meeting, something we have greatly missed.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Karen







# What's Happening with the Church This Week?

Thursday (1/20): 10:00 a.m. Prayer Fellowship in the Fireside Room

Sunday (1/23): 10:00 a.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal

10:30 a.m. Worship in the sanctuary

Tuesday (1/25): 7:00 p.m. Session meeting in the conference room

Wednesday (1/26): 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal

Scriptures: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6; Psalm 19; I Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21



# In our hearts and prayers:

Wilma Hunt - The Oaks at Bethesda, Rm. 213, 2971 Maple Ave., Zanesville, 43701 Jan Kobel - Altercare, Room 201 Barb Moore - Home John Unger - Home

Donna Westfall - Home Barb Wheeler - Home





**Happy Birthday to:** Cher Leppla, Sue Olinger (1/21); Sandy Unger (1/22); Erin Schlegel (1/24); Patty Walters (1/25); Tom Heading, Grace Kilchenman, Amanda Poorman (1/26)

#### **OFFERING ENVELOPE BOXES**

2022 Offering Envelope boxes are available for pick-up in the assembly room. As more people are using our online giving, the number of boxes ordered has decreased. Your number may have changed. If you do not find a box with your name on it, please let Tina in the office know.

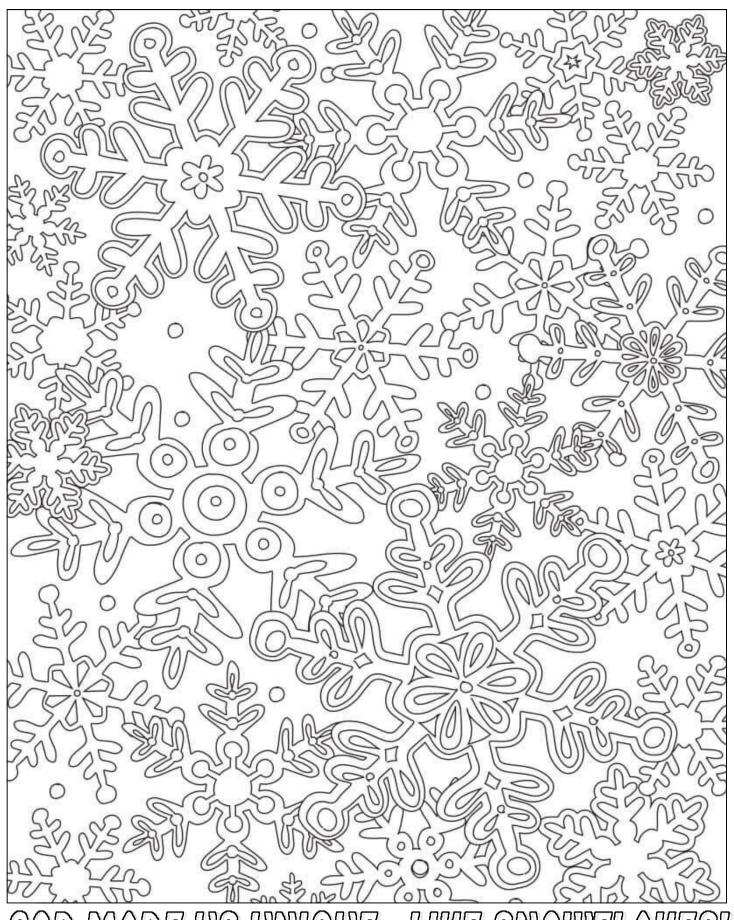


**PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT** for 2022 remains the same. It is \$30.59 per member. Blue envelopes are available in your offering envelope box or you can put it in a plain envelope marked "2022 Per Capita." Thank you!

## **WINTER WONDER**



If you're tired of shoveling snow by now, just be glad you didn't live in what's now Keogh, Montana, in January 1887. Two years before that area became a U.S. state, personnel at an army fort saw a Frisbee-sized flake falling from the winter sky. Scientists say the flake, estimated at 15 inches wide, likely was the result of numerous smaller flakes merging before landing on the ground. That massive dose of winter still holds the title of largest snowflake, according to Guinness World Records.



GOD MADE US UNIQUE - LIKE SNOWFLAKES!

# Jesus In The Synagogue

And he began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing." Luke 4:21 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 4:14-21 (NIV).



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