

## Weekly E-Newsletter of The Presbyterian Church

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

We have another snowy week here in Coshocton. Barring a blizzard or ice storm over the weekend, we are planning to gather for in-person worship this Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Our service will include the ordination and/or installation of ruling elders and deacons.

In our Scripture readings, we will remember the call of Isaiah and the first disciples in Luke 5:4-6—fishermen, such as Simon Peter:

"When Jesus had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break."

Jesus changes everything, my friends. When we are weary and discouraged by the effort it takes to be the Church, to resist the temptation to be passive or give up when it gets too hard, he beckons us to keep going. Do not be afraid. Go out into the deep water, once again; take risks to serve him. He promises to always be with us. Abundant life is the reward. The peace of Christ is the blessing. The world reconciled to God and one another is the hope.

Please warmly welcome and commit to prayerfully support our ruling elders and deacons. They have answered the call to serve, like Isaiah, "Here I am, Lord."

Grace and peace!

Pastor Karen



### Those who will be ordained and/or installed this Sunday:

Elders: Kirsten McPeck, Linda Weber, Nancy Cox, Loran Fry, and Don Harrison

**Deacons:** Norma Grewe and Cindy Walling

#### **OUR 2022 CHURCH BOARDS**

<u>Session</u>		<u>Deacons</u>			<u>Trustees</u>	
Jim Arganbright Debbie Clark Nancy Cox Loran Fry Don Harrison	Caroline Heading Kirsten McPeck Linda Weber Chris Yost	Judy Addy Janet Ashman Cathy Evans Ron Geese Norma Grewe	Betty Harrison Glenn Kinkade Carol Moore Lew Terrell Cindy Walling	John Addy Sally Bullens Dave Custer Jim Gill	Stewart Henderson Jeff Sycks Denny Walters	

#### What's Happening with the Church This Week?

Thursday (2/3): 10:00 a.m. Prayer Fellowship in the Fireside Room

Sunday (2/6): 10:00 a.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal

10:30 a.m. Worship in the sanctuary

Monday (2/7):

Barb Wheeler - Home

Pastor's Sabbath

Wednesday (2/9): 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal

**Scriptures:** Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13); Psalm 138; I Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11



#### 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 Donna Westfall - Home

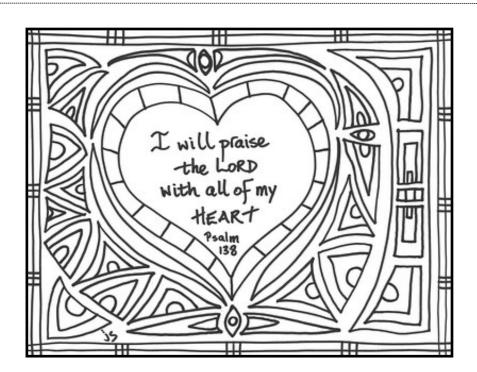




Happy Birthday to: Mike Poorman (2/3); Barb Bosson, Cathy Evans, John Snyder, Janice Sycks (2/4); Jacob Muller (2/5); Jim Crawford, Vicky Potter (2/7); Ed Bullens (2/8); Lizzie Horst (2/9)



The youth will be meeting at the church on Saturday, February 12 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to make soup, create Valentines, and decorate cookies to deliver to our homebound church members.



#### This Grace That Scorches Us

From Circle of Grace: A Book of Blessings for the Seasons

By Jan Richardson

Here's one thing you must understand about this blessing: it is not for you alone.

It is stubborn
about this.
Do not even try
to lay hold of it
if you are by yourself,
thinking you can carry it
on your own.

To bear this blessing,
you must first take yourself
to a place where everyone
does not look like you
or think like you,
a place where they do not
believe precisely as you believe,
where their thoughts
and ideas and gestures
are not exact echoes
of your own.

Bring your sorrow. Bring your grief. Bring your fear. Bring your weariness, your pain, your disgust at how broken the world is, how fractured, how fragmented by its fighting, its wars, its hungers, its penchant for power, its ceaseless repetition of the history it refuses to rise above.

I will not tell you this blessing will fix all that.

But in the place where you have gathered, wait. Watch. Listen.

Lay aside your inability to be surprised, your resistance to what you do not understand. See then whether this blessing turns to flame on your tongue, sets you to speaking what you cannot fathom or opens your ear to a language beyond your imagining that comes as a knowing in your bones, a clarity in your heart that tells you this is the reason we were made: for this ache that finally opens us,

for this struggle, this grace that scorches us toward one another and into the blazing day.

# Fishing for People

Jesus replied to Simon, "Don't be afraid! From now on you'll be fishing for people!" Luke 5:10b (NLT)

The puzzle is based on Luke 5:1-11 (NLT).



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shore	preaching	fishing	boats	Jesus
sinking	afraid	Sea	Galilee	fishermen