

First Presbyterian Chimes



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February 2024

SESSION

Rev. Dr. Paul Snyder, Moderator

Eva Withers, Clerk of Session

Class of 2024

Eva Withers

Noreen Noyes

Randy Neumann

Class of 2025

Shirley Helberg

Nikki Massmann

Pastoral Leader

Keven Withers

SESSION COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Administration/Personnel: Shirley Helberg

Christian Education: Shirley Helberg, Shari Maloney

Memorials: Noreen Noyes, Nikki Massmann

Mission: Session

Parish Life: Session

Property: Randy Neumann

Stewardship: Session

Worship & Music: Noreen Noyes, Nikki Massmann

PASTORAL CARE

For Pastoral Care Please Contact Keven Withers.

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Upcoming Events



Sunday, Feb. 4, 10:00 am Worship with Keven Withers in person

and via Facebook Live

Sunday, Feb. 11, 10:00 am Worship with Keven Withers in person

and via Facebook Live

Wednesday, Feb. 14, 6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service

5:30 pm Meal before Service

Sunday, Feb. 18, 10:00 am Worship with Keven Withers in person

and via Facebook Live

Sunday, Feb. 25, 10:00 am Worship with Keven Withers in person

and via Facebook Live



Feb. 15—Kaleb Helberg

Feb. 16—Carla Mathews

Feb. 22—Myl Harris

Per Capita: Our church has paid \$1,035 in annual Per Capita to Presbytery of Minnesota Valleys. Please, if you are able, pay your \$45.00 per member Per Capita payment.

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JANUARY SESSION SUMMARY

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Osakis held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 23, 2024.

The financial report for November 2023 was **received for review**, summarized, and approved, and is reported as follows:

Balance on hand November 1, 2023	\$15,859.55
November Income	2,181.97
November Expenses	-3,646.90
Balance on hand November 30, 2023	\$14,384.62

The financial report for December 2023 was **received for review**, summarized, and approved, and is reported as follows:

Balance on hand December 1, 2023	\$14,384.62
December Income	9,941.00
December Expenses	-4,583.83
Balance on hand December 31, 2023	\$19,741.79

Communications and Correspondence:

- The 2023 Statistical Report was approved and submitted.
- Communion served November 5th was 4.
- Communion served December 3rd was 9.

Pastor's Report:

- Pulpit Supply Schedule for February and March – Pastor Ernie had knee surgery on January 29th and will be out for February and March. Keven will be doing all of the services, but will find someone for communion for March.
- Keven has joined a Commission of Presbytery.
- Serving Communion – It was asked at Presbytery and answered that after Keven's next class in April, he will then be able to serve communion.
- Bible/book study/prayer group – this was discussed and decided there is some interest in doing this.
- It was approved to have Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday services during Lent.

Items of interest from the meeting:

- New Officers were elected for the current year.

JANUARY SESSION SUMMARY (continued)

Items of interest from the meeting (continued):

- Committee Leader Assignments were made for 2024.
- It was approved that Communion will be served on the first Sunday of each month
- The Elders had training via Zoom on January 30th from 6:30 -8:30 pm.
- Keven volunteered and was approved to be our Commissioner to Presbytery for 2024.
- It was decided that we are not comfortable renting out the church kitchen for profit, and agreed not to do so.
- Soup and Sandwich after the Annual meeting went over well. It was decided to maybe have a meal after church every other month.
- Property – The windows were remeasured and are on order. We received another specific donation toward the window project.
- Sunday school is going well. The kids are really liking it.

Our next session meeting will be Tuesday, March 21 at 5:30 p.m. in person and via Zoom.

Eva Withers, Clerk of Session



Pastor's Corner

Greetings.

I hope everyone has been enjoying our warm winter so far. I always think when we have too nice of winter without much snow, that we end up with a cold, wet spring. All we can do is enjoy it while we can.

I would like to thank everyone who showed up for the annual meeting in January. It is always a good feeling to see so many in church and we were all able to gather together for wonderful fellowship afterwards with soup and sandwiches.

On January 31st a couple of youth from our church and myself helped with the Backpack Attack packing event at the school. This was a new experience for the 3 of us. It was amazing in how much got done in an hours' time. Around 350 bags of food were packed that is sent home to those in need over the weekend. This is a wonderful mission project that our church is a part of in our community.

We continue our prayers for Pastor Paul who is on medical leave. He has had extensive testing done and will hopefully start getting some answers so he can start feeling better again. Prayers go out to Pastor Ernie who had a knee replacement surgery January 29th. He is on the mend and doing well.

With Pastor Ernie's absence we skipped Communion in February. On March 3rd Pastor Beth Buckwalter-Miller, our Executive Presbyter, will be Preaching and serving Communion. I would like to encourage all who are able to attend that day as she does like to meet the members from the different churches in our Presbytery.

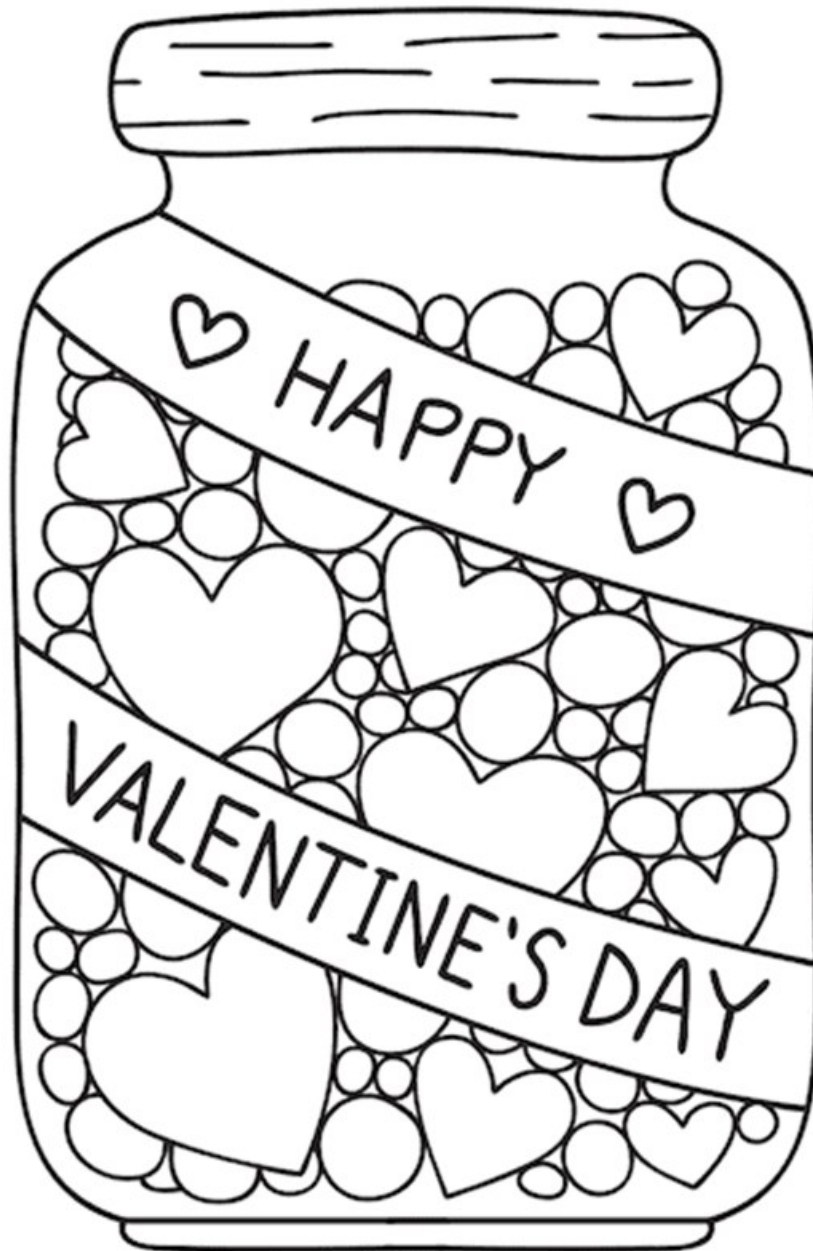
For those interested I would like to start a Bible or Book study plus prayer group in the near future. If this is something you would like to participate in, please let me know and we can start planning.

Our Lenten journey starts on February 14th on Ash Wednesday. We will have a service at church with Imposition of Ashes. There will also be a light meal beforehand. Lent is a time to reflect and repent of where we are at in our lives as we follow Jesus' journey to the Cross. On March 28th we will have a combined Maundy Thursday/Good Friday service. I again invite all who are able to joins us for these services.

The Peace and Love of Christ be with you all.

Keven Withers, Pastoral Leader

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