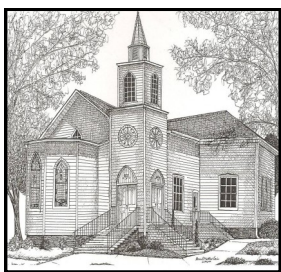


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POINTS TO PONDER

If you and I are friends on Facebook, you may have noticed that I am getting up a little earlier, and that my first post of the day is something that I am calling "Points to Ponder." It is in fact a discipline I started at the beginning of 2021 to emulate the late Rev. Dr. Charles Dougherty, known to us as Dr. D. When I think about someone that used every aspect of his life to share God's love and God's Word with others, Dr. D's face is the FIRST one that comes to mind! So, as I have said so many times, I want to be just like Dr. D. when I grow up, I decided to take on this discipline.

In just a few short weeks, it really has become transformative in my life. I hope that these words offer you hope, inspiration, and encouragement to completely surrender yourselves to God's will, wisdom, and way for your life. Below is one from January.

"Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God." ~Ephesians 5:1-14.

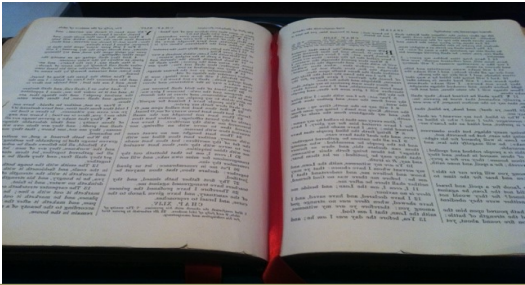
Whether or not we have our own children, we have all certainly been around children as they move from infancy to toddler-hood. Suddenly, before you know it, the child near you is imitating you, repeating words and mimicking your behaviors. Sometimes its really cute, and sometimes it can be quite embarrassing! Watch what you say when little Johnny is around, because that slip of the tongue might be repeated!

Hebrews 4:13 tells us that "nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight." Try as we might, we cannot hide the worst parts of ourselves from God. Rather, God sees all, hears all, knows all. Don't let this be a discouragement to you, friends. Rather, let this little nugget of truth encourage you to be imitators of Christ at all times, even when no one is looking.

A point of doctrine, or maybe even a "theological theme" for me in 2021 is quickly developing. And it's about tuning our "whole selves" into the will and the ways of God. Be imitators of Christ in all that you think, say, and do. Do not leave the hard work of making peace, seeking justice, and walking in humility undone. Don't just do this work on special days, or at times when you think God or others might notice. Jesus didn't decide "here's a crowd, let me do something good," Jesus WAS good, and holy. And guess what? So are you! So go out today imitating the goodness and holiness of Jesus.



We are so blessed to have a loving and caring church family here at WPC! If you would like to be a part of this family, we would LOVE to have you! You are only a visitor once at WPC! There are so many offerings of service through our church. There is one for YOU!

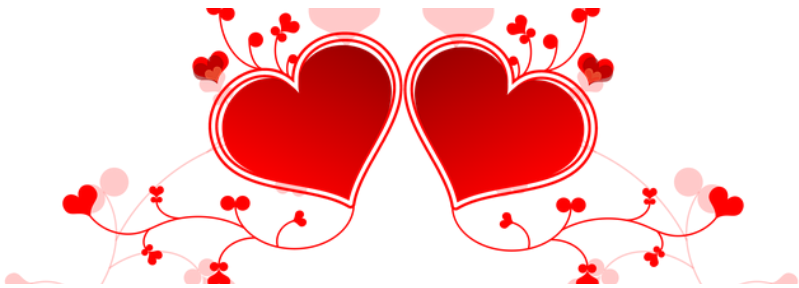


FEBRUARY SERMONS

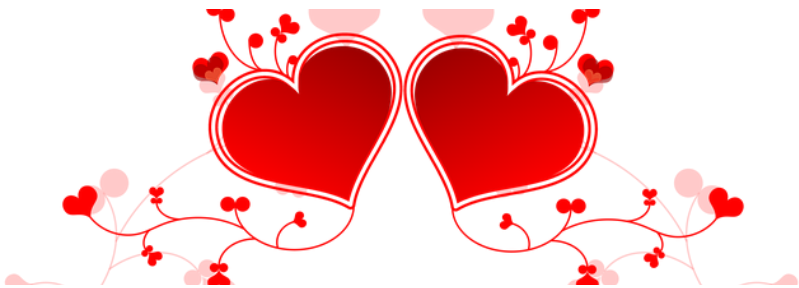
2/7: "We Believe: C67" 2 Corinthians 13:11-13
2/14: "We Believe: Statement of Faith" Romans 8:31-39
2/21: "More than Bread: Give up Control" Genesis 2:15-18 and Matthew 4:1-11
2/28: "More than Bread: Give up Imposter Syndrome." John 3:1-17.

Our Lenten sermon series this year will be "More than Bread," and will highlight things we really should consider giving up during this season and beyond, like control, judgement, fear, our wills, and conditional loving.





Whether worshipping in our beautiful sanctuary or at home, God is there! Thank you all for sending in your “at-home” worship pictures. Please continue to do so during this period of virtual worship. May we always keep His Word close to our hearts and live in the knowledge that our Savior holds us in the palm of His hands.



TREASURER’S REPORT

December receipts: \$18,035.10
expenses 12,723.98
+5,311.12

YTD receipts \$ 150,567.38
expenses 128,523.29
+ 22,044.09



February Flowers

2/7/2021	Patsy	Morgan
2/14/2021	Shannon	Burton
2/21/2021	LENT	
2/28/2021	LENT	



*We will not have flowers in our sanctuary during the season of Lent.



Please reach out to your Session with any concerns or needs. They are willing to serve in any way they can!

Clerk: Brad Stancil
Kim Burden: Stewardship/Finance
Mission/Outreach: Trish McCoy
Worship: Virginia Gordon
Christian Education: Lou Haynes
Property: John Merritt
John Johnston: Congregational Care

**Session will be communicating via email and telephone to discern the best scenario for the health of our members.

HONORING OUR HOMETOWN HEROES AT OCONEE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL EMERGENCY ROOM STAFF



Being the Hands and Feet of Christ! Thank you so much to Joey Roeder For representing our church in delivering Papa John’s Pizza to our emergency Room Staff at Oconee Memorial Hospital. She timed it just right at shift change to ensure that both shifts were fed and knew how much we loved and appreciated them! We cannot thank our health care workers enough for all they do for our community! If you would like to share some love with an organization or charity group, please let us know so we can make it happen!

OUR DEAR FRIEND MARTHA REID



Martha has made the decision to move into the Clary Center in Toccoa, GA, following her pacemaker procedure. She got settled in on Saturday. Her new contact information is:

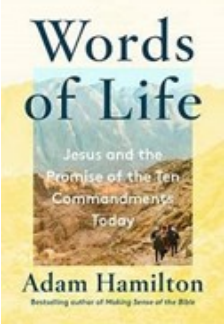
Martha Reid
269 Hospital Drive
Apartment 118
Toccoa, GA 30577

Phone number: (706)-898-5000
Email Address: dlreid74@att.net

This move puts Martha at the same place as one of her sisters, and her other sister is only about 20 minutes away. Please keep Martha in your prayers as she makes this transition.



LENTEN STUDY



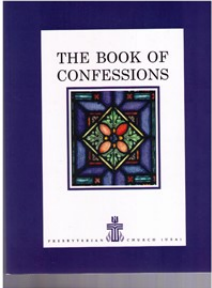
Our Zoom studies have a lot of fun, and learn a little bit too! We are providing two opportunities for study and devotion this year! The first will be a virtual soup and study on Adam Hamilton's book *Words of Life: Jesus and the Promise of the Ten Commandments Today*. If you'd like a copy of the book, please let Rev. Audrey know. We will also be offering a self-guided virtual devotion each week. This resource is a weekly interactive Lenten Garden that has activities for all ages, and for the entire family.

“MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE UNTO THE LORD”



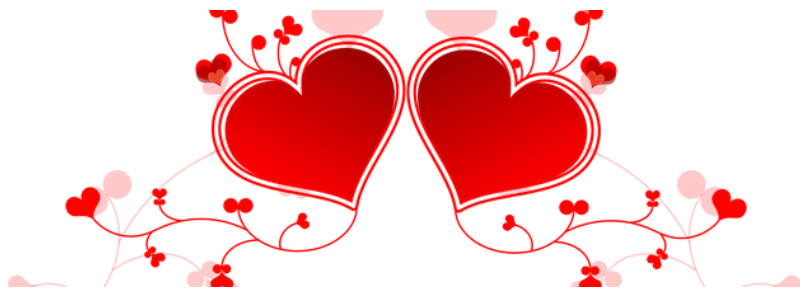
We are still “on Hold” with starting up our choir chimes again. Pray that God will make this terrible virus go away soon! Until then, always keep music in your heart!

Sermon Series for Ordinary Time and Virtual Study!



We are so excited about our new sermon series on Statements of Faith from the Book of Confessions! We will have a virtual study on **Wednesdays at 11**

am on Zoom (please note the time change)! Feel free to have your lunch with you! If you need the invitation, email Rev. Audrey and she'll get it to you. If you would like a copy of the Book of Confessions, please email Rev. Audrey and let her know! I have 6 books available.



A Time for Prayer

Prayer is the most powerful weapon we have. The prayer of a righteous person has great power..." (James 5:16)



Due to the number of

Covid cases, our Town Prayer Meeting will be held virtually at this time. Please check our facebook page for updates for this most important time of prayer.



Please keep Martha Reid, Ruth Payne, Nancy Dougherty, Imogene Giles, Kathy Darnell, Trey Bratcher (Clifton Mabry's grandson), Mary Quinn (Nancy Johnston's aunt), the family of Lou and Clayton Haynes, Arthur Skillen (Kathy Skillen's brother), and Sereta Evans (Rev. Audrey's MeeMa) in your prayers.

Please keep Sherry Moates and her family in your prayers. Sherry's aunt and uncle both had COVID. Sherry's uncle passed away Saturday afternoon, and her aunt is still being treated for COVID. Sherry asks for prayers for healing and peace for her aunt.

Please also add Lee Harker, a friend of Jan Walsh's to your prayers. Lee is a Vietnam Vet that Jan has known since childhood who came back suffering from Agent Orange. He is also a beloved "horse whisperer." Lee's Agent Orange has come back severely, and he is in severe pain.

Dates to Remember!

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| 2-8 | PW Circles |
| 2-3 | Dot's Kitchen |
| 2-12 | Dot's Kitchen |
| 2-28 | Holy Communion |



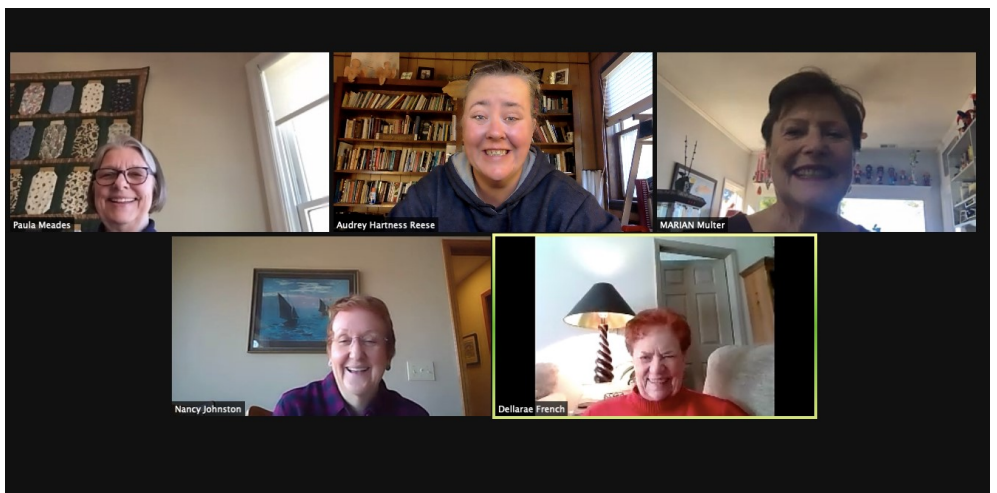
Sharing God's Love

Are you looking for opportunities to share the love of Christ in our community? See Linda White or Joey Roeder for Dot's and De French about Oconee United Ministries.



Presbyterian Women

We had two awesome PW meetings in January! Morning Circle met virtually while Evening Circle offered a hybrid of face to face and virtual. Join us February 8th as we share more sister fellowship and Bible Lessons! We would love to have you join us!



Worship at Home Pictures



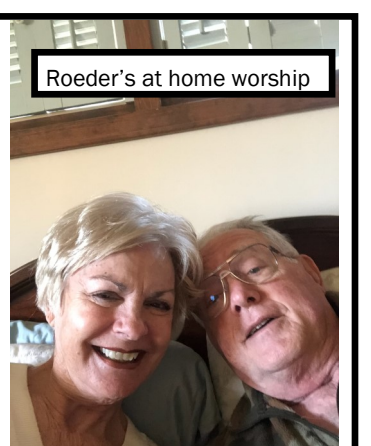
Little Juniper worshipping with her babies!!



The Burden's Home



Johnston's Communion at Home



Roeder's at home worship