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# Longwood Presbyterian Church

## Newsletter

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### HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Greetings to all and God's blessings to each and every one of you!

We look back in our files and find that our last newsletter published was dated December 2021...a little over 1 YEAR AGO!!!

At the time, we recall thinking we were going to take a couple of months' break, but obviously it turned out to be way longer. So, we shall try to return to being better communicators for our church happenings.

### Pastor Search Committee

As you may remember, Longwood and Covenant Marshall members are rigorously working together to find the person whom God has planned for us. Our first PIF's (Pastor Information Forms) came to us in late July, 2022, although we have not been flooded with opportunities. We will keep you posted with our progress, in hopes that this spring will offer us more opportunities. We are forever grateful to our interim pastor, Rev. Phil Olson, during this time of search. For those who are not members of LPC, we invite you to attend worship with us.

### Chili and Soup, (Hot Dogs and Drinks, maybe some pie) Supper

We really missed seeing everyone last year at this time, as we had decided to cancel the annual festival for various reasons. But not this year! Plans have been made to have our (almost-) annual C&S Supper on **February 4, 2022**. Our doors will be open at **4:00 to 7:00 p.m.** Cost will be \$10:00 for adults and \$5.00 for kids 6 years to 12. (5 & younger free)

### Soup-er Bowl Sunday, Feb. 12, 2023

Speaking of Soup, we are collecting soup for one of our annual missions. We will most likely take the goods to the Open Door the week after our own Chili and Soup Supper. Thank you for your donations.



### PRAYER CONCERNS

We continue to pray for our friends and family members who are not able to worship with us for whatever reason. We pray for:

- Mary Kirchhoff, at Golden Oaks
- Shirley McMackin (respiratory)
- Barbara Lawrence (respiratory)

### BIRTHDAYS & OTHER EVENTS

Jan. 6	Jim Robb's Birthday
Jan. 11	Jonetta Haley's Birthday
Jan. 16	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Jan. 18	Zane Kenyon Birthday
Jan. 23	Dustin Brown's Birthday
Jan. 27	Paisley Kay Brown's Birthday
Jan. 29	Becky Barnes' Birthday
Jan. 29	Congregational meeting immediately following worship
Jan. 29	Basket dinner at noon
Feb. 8	Renee Moore's Birthday
Feb. 14	St. Valentine's Day
Feb. 15	Dan and Angie Barnes Anniversary
Feb. 20	Presidents' Day
Feb. 22	Angie Barnes' Birthday
Feb. 22	Ash Wednesday
Feb. 26	Debbie Brown's Birthday

### NEXT GENERATION

We would like to welcome a couple of new babies into our world.

Judy Moore has received a very special blessing; she is a great-grandmother! Aaron & Makayla Reno had a little girl born on January 12, 2023. Her name is Makenna Virginia Reno. Weight 7 lbs. 11 oz. Mom & Dad have COVID but are doing well. Prayers & blessings for this new family.

In September last year Sharon and J. R. Greer became great grandparents. Sarah (Greer) and Drew Harms became parents of a healthy baby boy, Hudson Wesley Harms. It is a joy to see him grow and mature.

Welcome to both infants and congratulations to their families. May they have long and healthy lives with Jesus as their guide!

## BELATED CHRISTMAS PROGRAM RECOGNITION

For those who weren't able to attend our Christmas program, we held it on December 11, followed with a light meal, and our typical card exchange. It is truly delightful to witness the growth of our young people. Thanks so much to the ladies who organized the event—the script, the decorations, and the patience. And thanks to the younger kids who participated—(youngest to oldest) Paidyn, Presley, Jackson, Paisley, Emma, Maddie, Olivia, and Zane (Christian and Lexi were ill). And the biggest kid of all, thanks to our pastor, Rev. Phil for all he does for us!

Blessings to all.

## PRESBYTERY WOMEN

As it has been so long since we last sent out a newsletter, I will try to bring everyone up to date on the mission work that Longwood PW has performed. In 2022 we donated over \$1500 in mission money to: Open Door Kitchen, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to Kentucky, Salvation Army, Open Door Pantry & we adopted a Christmas family through CASA consisting of a mother and six children.

In addition to monetary help we also continue to support several agencies, with the whole church's help & support, such as collecting birthday bags and shelf safe groceries for Open Door Pantry and Open Door Kitchen, and hygiene products for Salvation Army.

PW meets on the second Wednesday of each month in the Fellowship Hall at 1:30 pm. We are a small group of 5-6 women (depending on the time of year). We do sometimes change it up and have a luncheon or field trip. We can be followed on Facebook under Longwood Church. We hold a Horizon's Bible Study which we take turns teaching followed by a PW business meeting and, of course, refreshments. We welcome you to join us.

We wish you many blessings the 2023 new year,  
Sharon

## EVENTS FOR THE YEAR 2023:

- Chili/Soup Supper, Sat. Feb 4, 4:00-7:00
- Good Friday Service April 7, 7:00 p.m.
- Easter Service, regular time, 9:00 a.m. breakfast served at 8:00
- Fourth of July "Fun-Day", Saturday, July 1 (date to be confirmed)
- Ice Cream supper, Saturday, July 15 (date to be confirmed)
- Lord's Acre Sale, Saturday, October 14
- LPC communion is normally held in worship on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in even-numbered months. In December, it will be held at Christmas.

## Things in the works at Longwood PC

- New playground shelter (planned to be functional in late spring), (Funding will come from several memorial contributions)
- New utility room doors in the Fellowship Hall (ordered and planned to be installed in a few weeks).

## Things completed:

- Tinted plastic covering over our East stained-glass windows.
- New Kids Sunday School Class materials.

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Thank you for your interest for, and support to, our church. *(Newsletter editors)*