

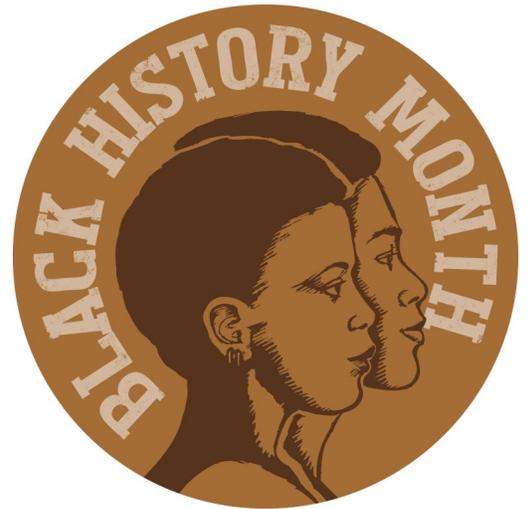
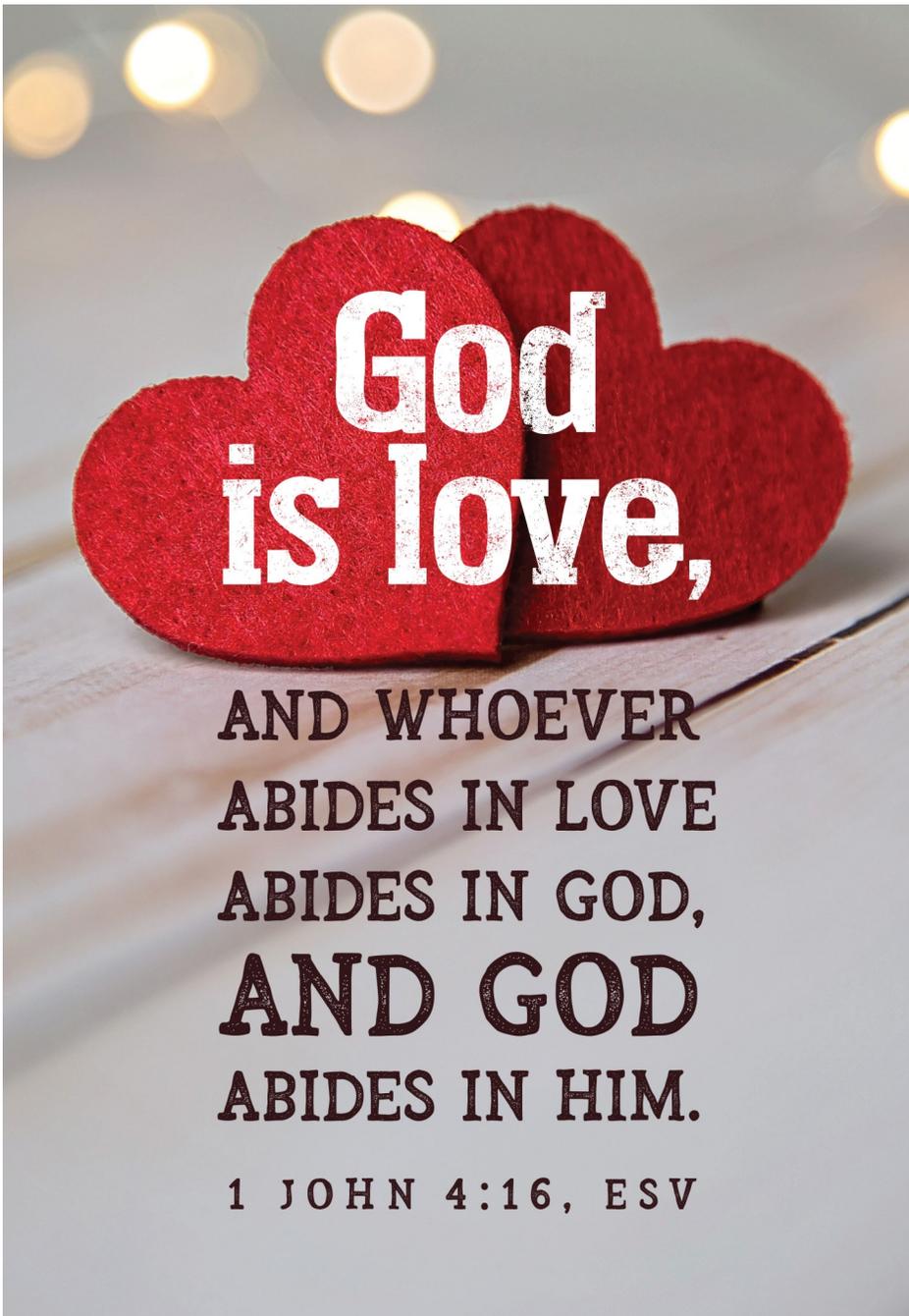
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# The Carillon

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**The Carillon  
February 2021**

**Sunday Virtual Worship Schedule:**

10:00 am - 11:00 am - Worship  
11:00 am - Fellowship  
12:00 pm -Adult Sunday School

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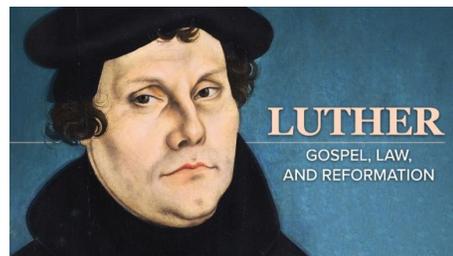
Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway	<b>Pastor</b>
Linda Senter	<b>Financial Assistant</b>
Sondra Santos	<b>Communications Director</b>
Doreen Solberg	<b>Office Manager</b>
Ari Kohler	<b>Custodian</b>
Steve Torrence	<b>Director of Music</b>
Gary Norris	<b>Church Organist</b>
Rev. Dr. Edwin C. Coon	<b>Pastor Emeritus</b>

**Adult Sunday School 2021**

Steve Hammond leads a new adult Sunday school series:

*Luther: Gospel, Law,  
and Reformation*, by  
Professor Phillip  
Carey. “This course  
explores Luther's  
theology, the  
circumstances sur-



rounding his conclu-  
sion that the papacy was "antichrist," and major issues and  
events in the Reformation as it unfolded in Luther's life  
after he posted his famous 95 Theses on the door of the  
church of Wittenberg, Germany, in 1517.” If you’d like  
more information about this course, you can visit [https://  
www.thegreatcourses.com/courses/luther-gospel-law-and-  
reformation](https://www.thegreatcourses.com/courses/luther-gospel-law-and-reformation).

Adult Sunday school continues on the Zoom platform.  
Please note the following updated Zoom meeting  
information for Fellowship and Sunday school:

**Join Zoom Meeting**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4319124902?  
pwd=aWVCbHM1bCs5dTE3Y1I2ZkpLUEZTdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4319124902?pwd=aWVCbHM1bCs5dTE3Y1I2ZkpLUEZTdz09)

Meeting ID: 431 912 4902

Passcode: FPCE21!

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# Lent

*Create in me  
a clean heart,  
O God, and  
renew a right  
spirit within me.*

PSALM 51:10, ESV

## Special dates:

**African-American History Month**  
**Transfiguration Sunday, February 14, 2021**  
**Valentine's Day, February 14, 2021**  
**Presidents' Day, February 15, 2021**  
**Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021**

## Deacons Update—Submitted by Sonya Beardsley

Just some news from the deacons. We are still communicating with the congregation by way of e-mail, notes, and phone calls. We have had positive feedback for all our efforts. The deacons want you to know that we are available in case you have a need. Please call us.

In January, the deacons sponsored a blanket drive. We received lots of blankets. I know many people and pets will appreciate our efforts. We would like to thank the congregation, Esther's Place, Millennia Ministries, and the New & Again Thrift Shoppe, a thrift store supporting Domestic Violence Services of Snohomish County. All contributions were well received.



When the church reopens, the deacons are hoping to resume our regular activities. We will still be doing visitations, congregation outreach, Souper Bowl Sunday, Deacons Delight Social, and all our assigned duties. We do take pleasure in reaching out to the congregation.

We want to thank Nadine Smith and Judy Kutz for their service as deacons. They did a tremendous job and will be greatly missed. I personally want to express my gratitude for their contributions and knowledge. We will be sorry to see them leave but we will welcome two new deacons. Thanks to the deacons that are still serving. Also, thank you to the congregation for all your past support.

Well, that's about it for now, but do remember the thought for the new year, "God's light will lead you through any challenge." Have faith!

Sonya Beardsley

Moderator

Deacons

### *A Note of Thanks:*

I really enjoyed the Advent devotional and want to thank each one of you that contributed for your wonderful and heart-warming stories, etc.

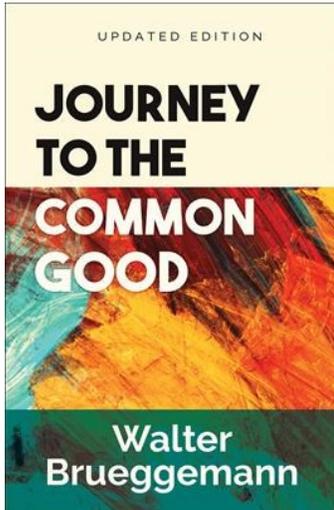
What a wonderful Advent devotional!

Blessings to you all.

Shirley Newman

Our 2021 Lenten journey begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> with a virtual service at 7pm.

Beginning on Thursday February 18<sup>th</sup>, we will use Walter Brueggemann's *Journey to the Common Good, Updated Edition* by Walter Brueggemann to guide our 4pm Bible study.



Synopsis of the book: A decade ago, Walter Brueggemann called the church to journey together for the good of our community through neighborliness, covenanting, and reconstruction. He distilled this challenge to its most basic issues: Where is the church going? What is its role in contemporary society? What lessons does it have to offer a world enmeshed in turbulent times? Published originally in 2010, *Journey to the Common Good* spoke to an era defined in large part by America's efforts to rebuild from an age of terror as it navigated its way through an economic collapse. Today, the dual crises of the coronavirus and the disease of racial injustice present daunting new challenges for the church as it seeks the good of its neighbors. In a new introduction to this updated edition, Brueggemann links the wilderness tradition of Exodus to these current crises, as a framework to help the church navigate this time of risk and vulnerability and to pursue a genuine social alternative to the governance of Pharaoh. The answer to the question of the church's role in society is the same answer God gave to the Israelites thousands of years ago: love your neighbor and work for the common good.

Walter Brueggemann is William Marcellus McPheeters Professor of Old Testament Emeritus at Columbia Theological Seminary. He is the world's leading interpreter of the Old Testament and is the author of numerous books.

Pastor Alan has 10 copies. They are \$17/book and are available on January 31<sup>st</sup>. Please contact Pastor Alan ([dorway@firstpreschurch.com](mailto:dorway@firstpreschurch.com)) if you would like a book or you can buy your own through various online retailers.



## Library Update

Your church library enters February with enthusiasm and hope. We trust in a move, even at a glacial pace, towards a “new normal.” We will again browse through bookshelves. We will again have in-person classes with a nearby book cart of tempting titles. We will again have real coffee - maybe even cookies! - at coffee hour.

Meanwhile... we are still, however awkwardly, fulfilling book requests and having engaging phone or email conversations about books and life. February abounds in occasions to celebrate! Somewhere on our shelves are materials to inform our celebrations.

Picture books are ripe with ways to engage children and grandchildren in memorable conversation. For example, children may not realize that there was a real Saint Valentine for whom our annual celebration of love is named. His story is outlined in *Saint Valentine* by Robert Sabuda [E 270.1 Sab]. Sabuda recounts an incident in the life of St. Valentine, a physician who lived some 200 years after Christ, in which he treated a small child for blindness. Like all the best picture books, this title offers something for all ages.



February is also African American History Month. One particularly attractive and meaty title for young readers is *Heart and Soul: the Story of America and African Americans* by Kadir Nelson [CE 973.049 Nel]. Nelson recounts Black history from Revolutionary-era slavery up to the election of President Obama.



Not yet catalogued, but available upon request, are two new picture books. Ruby Bridges, the first grader who made the iconic cover of *The Saturday Evening Post* as the first Black student in her elementary school has a new title for children. *This Is Your Time* is richly illustrated with photographs from the early civil rights movement. Another new picture book apt for Black History Month is *Kamala Harris: Rooted in Justice*.

An inspirational 2020 book for adults picks up both themes, African American history and St. Valentine’s love. This memoir from Bishop Michael Curry, first African American head of the Episcopal Church, engagingly exhorts to apply a central principle of our faith. *Love Is the Way: Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times* offers an uplifting read for today.

Then there’s Presidents’ Day. Too hard to celebrate forty some leaders at once? Just have a piece of pie to honor George Washington on National Cherry Pie Day. Even if the cherry tree story is a fable, the pie is good and lies are not. Find ideas and recipes in the cookbooks at 641.5.

However you celebrate our shortest month, keep in touch and keep reading,  
Shirley Solberg & Fern Tully, your library crew

## Fourth Monday Book Group

Pandemic or not, Fourth Monday Book Group is back on track. That is, we're on the ubiquitous Zoom track, but it's working. The upside is that we can include readers who would find it difficult or impossible to join us in person.

The current system for reserving book sets precludes our planning several months ahead as we have in the past. We still need your ideas for a book to recommend each month.

Our featured book for February is the widely acclaimed *The Giver of Stars* by Jojo Moyes.

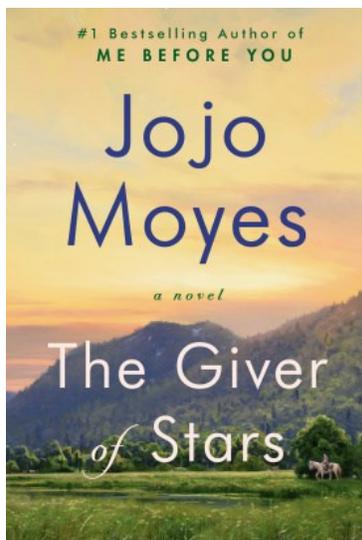
There is **no book set** for this one so we're each on our own to find a copy. Planning ahead and sharing should make it possible for each of us to read it by February 22. Yes, that really is the fourth Monday!

On the book jacket for *The Giver of Stars* we read:

“Based on a true story rooted in America’s past [Depression-era Appalachian horseback librarians], *The Giver of Stars* is unparalleled in its scope and epic in its storytelling. Funny, heartbreaking, enthralling, it is destined to become a modern classic - a richly rewarding novel of women’s friendship, of true love, and of what happens when we reach beyond our group for the great beyond.” You definitely won’t want to miss this one!

See you on Zoom, **February 22** at 10:00 a.m. to discuss *The Giver of Stars* by Jojo Moyes.

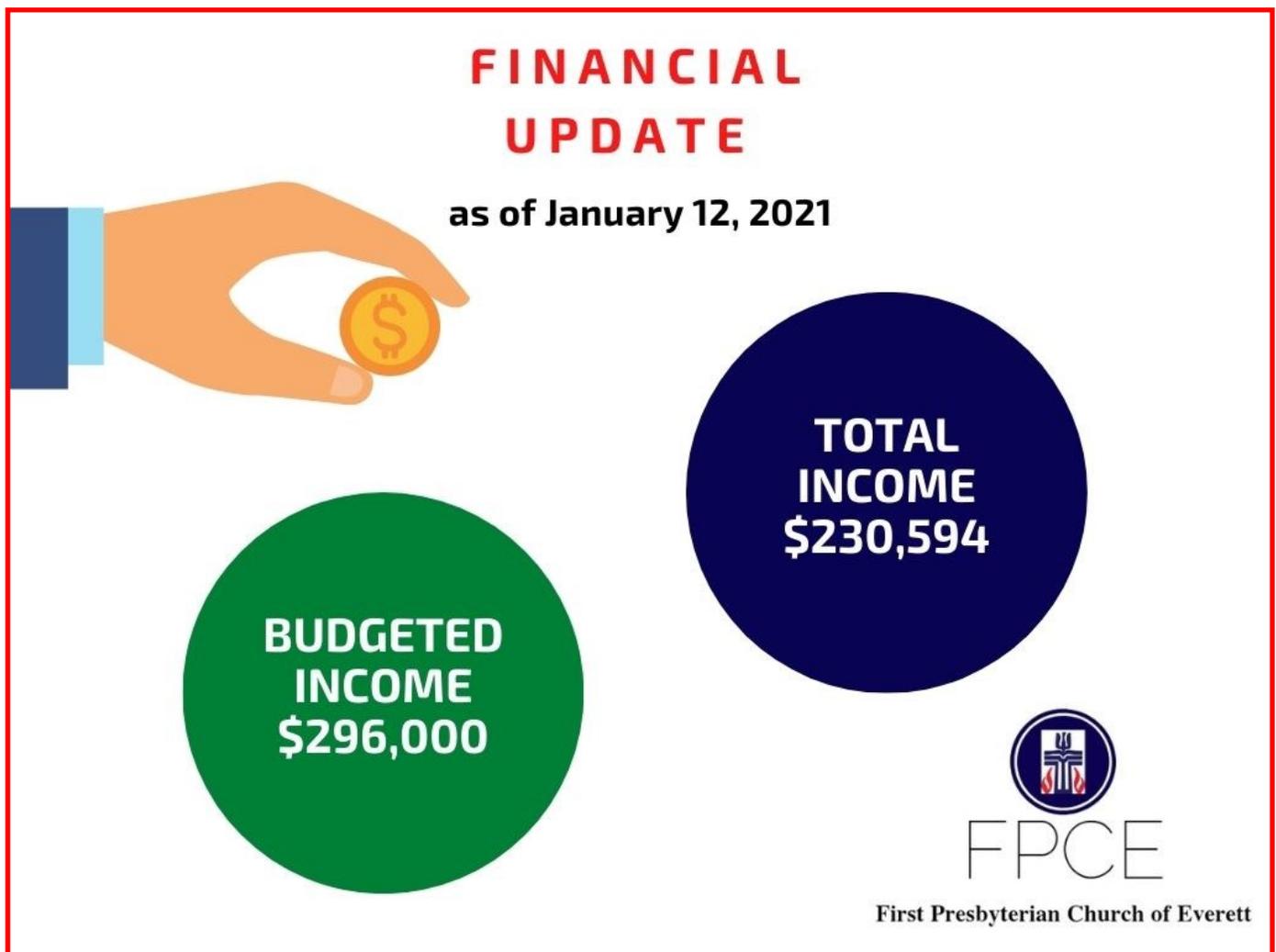
??? Shirley Solberg 425-252-2706 or shirley.solberg@icloud.com



For Zoom meeting details and additional Book Group information, please visit our website at <http://www.firstpreschurch.com/book-group>

## 2021 Stewardship Pledges

Thanks to everyone who submitted 2021 stewardship pledges. We are so very thankful for your support. If you have not yet submitted your pledge, you can still do so. Pledge cards can be mailed to the church at: 2936 Rockefeller Ave. Everett, WA 98201. If you do not have a pledge card, you can use the copy provided on page 9. For more information regarding the 2021 budget, please see the Session update on page 11.



# Celebrate! 2021



FPCE

First Presbyterian Church of Everett

The impact of your tithe goes beyond one Sunday. Your support provides music for worship, encouragement through mission, technology for discipleship, and upkeep of our building; these gifts added to the Holy Spirit impact all of us for a life-long journey with Christ.

**In 2021, I/We commit the pledge below to guide us and future generations in worship, discipleship, and service as followers of Christ.**

**2021 Pledge:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Year/Month/Week (please circle)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## **The First Presbyterian Church of Everett**

A group of amazing people defined by worship, growth, and service.

Led by a love of God. Growing into followers of Jesus.

Moved by the Holy Spirit to love our neighbor.

Being redefined and reformed by God, every day.

**We worship. We grow. We serve.**

## Thursday Bible Study - The Gospel of Mark

Our current Thursday Bible study with Pastor Alan follows the Gospel of Mark. Beginning on Thursday, February 18th, we will use Walter Brueggemann's Journey to the Common Good, Updated Edition by Walter Brueggemann to guide our study.

Thursday Bible study takes place virtually on Zoom, Thursdays at 4pm. Please note the updated Zoom meeting details below:

### Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4319124902?pwd=aWVCbHM1bCs5dTE3Y1I2ZkpLUEZTd09>

Meeting ID: 431 912 4902

Passcode: FPCE21!

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If you have questions, please e-mail Pastor Alan at [dorway@firstpreschurch.com](mailto:dorway@firstpreschurch.com).



### Lunch with Alan

Prepare a lunch and sign on for a simple and fun opportunity to connect with one another. Lunch with Alan takes place Tuesdays at noon on Zoom.

### Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82467645829?pwd=RWVwZnBmeWF4M0xoNGNRL1pOeHFSdz09>

Meeting ID: 824 6764 5829

Passcode: 483855

## Session News and Notes

### Prepared by Laura Little

The regular monthly meeting of the Session met on Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 6 pm via Zoom. Elders present were George Lockeman, Laura Little, David Baer-Peckham, Steve Hammond, Marne Larson, Jamie Hunter, Bill Grosse, Howard Garner and John Gebert. At 6:30 pm Debbie Roberts and Roy Yates joined. Excused is Elizabeth Nelson.

**Public Time:** No visitors.

**Call to Order:** Alan called the meeting to order with readings from Mark 8:27-38 and prayer.

#### Action Items:

- Attendance – noted by Clerk.
- Approval of Docket- **approved by consent with notation of moving Treasurer's report to New Business.**
- Approval of Minutes for the December 8, 2020 meeting – **approved by consent.**
- Approval of the 2020 Year End Statistical Report – **M/S/P noted that this is the first time our member numbers have fallen below 200.**

#### Standing Reports:

- **Pastor** – 1) Requests that all reports from the committees be sent in, 2) The Everett Cooperative Preschool teacher and contact person, Sharon Therres has been invited to the next Session meeting.
- **Nominating** – The committee presented their nominations for both elders and deacons for the upcoming class of 2022. They are as follows:
  - **Elders-** Debbie Roberts, Elizabeth Nelson and Roy Yates
  - **Deacons-** Sonya Beardsley and Amy Farnham. Still looking for a third member.

Motion made that these members be affirmed. S/P

Motion made to hold a nominating meeting with the congregation on January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021 via Zoom at 11:30am. S/P

- **Facilities** – Building is operational.
- **Worship** - Motion made to celebrate and authorize communion on the first Sunday of every month and these other approved instances: Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Easter Sunrise service, church or youth retreats, Christmas Eve, deacon home visitations and any other predetermined events determined by the Pastor. M/S/P

#### No Old Business

#### New Business:

- **Treasurer's Report:**
- So far this year we have 56 pledges that have come in totaling \$230,594. It is noted that this total will not support our existing staff and other nondiscretionary expenses and a full plate of committee activity. And an approximate total for our expenses for the next year is \$296,000, which shows that we will be in the deficit area. Even though our assets are \$220,000 we should not rely solely on them. We usually focus on the expense side, but this year we need to focus on our income side.
- Motion made that Session meet in 2 weeks on January 26<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm to look at the budget before we can pass and approve on it. S/P
- **Committee/Officer Appointments-** Pastor Alan will bring his assignments to Session next month.
- Due to current circumstances the MLK Program that had been planned has been changed to a revised version.

**Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm with prayer.**

## FEBRUARY CELEBRATIONS!



The First Presbyterian Church of Everett sends greetings to all of our members and friends celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this month.



Join us in wishing the following members a happy birthday and/or happy anniversary (if you are a **member** whose name is not listed, please contact Doreen in the church office to update your record, so that we can include you in the future celebration listings):

### Anniversaries:

- 2/5 Alan & Dottie Villevik
- 2/8 Tony & Sarah Scoringe
- 2/9 Roy & Carol Gresham
- 2/12 Jeff & Marne Larson
- 2/24 Alan & Vicki Dorway

### Birthdays:

- 2/3 Arlene Mawudeku
- 2/5 Carol Venables
- 2/6 Merle Kirkley
- 2/8 Nancy Faith
- 2/9 Sonya Beardsley
- 2/12 Marilyn Carter
- 2/14 Lucille Hofer
- 2/16 Donna Bosman
- 2/18 Tom Erickson
- 2/22 Hugh Minor
- 2/25 Roy Yates



**E-Newsletter Submission Deadlines**

**\*PLEASE NOTE - During the coronavirus pandemic, distribution of e-newsletters and the Carillon may be interrupted. We thank you for your understanding.\***

If you have information you would like included in upcoming 2nd and 4th Monday e-newsletters, please send that information to [sondra@firstpreschurch.com](mailto:sondra@firstpreschurch.com) by the following deadlines:

**February 4, 2021 (for 2nd Monday)**

**February 18, 2021 (for 4th Monday)**

If you have information you would like included in upcoming edition of The Carillon, please e-mail your submission to [sondra@firstpreschurch.com](mailto:sondra@firstpreschurch.com) by the deadline noted below. The Carillon is distributed on the last Sunday.

Upcoming Deadline:

**February 14, 2021**

**ALL SUBMISSIONS DUE BY 5:00PM ON DUE DATE.**

# Puzzle!

Discover the identity of a biblical person. First, assign a number value to each letter, starting with M=1, N=2, O=3, ... A=15, etc. Then use the code to complete the clues.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
15												1	2	3											

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Who is this person? \_\_\_\_\_

(Source: [www.presbyterianmission.org](http://www.presbyterianmission.org) - [LINK](#))

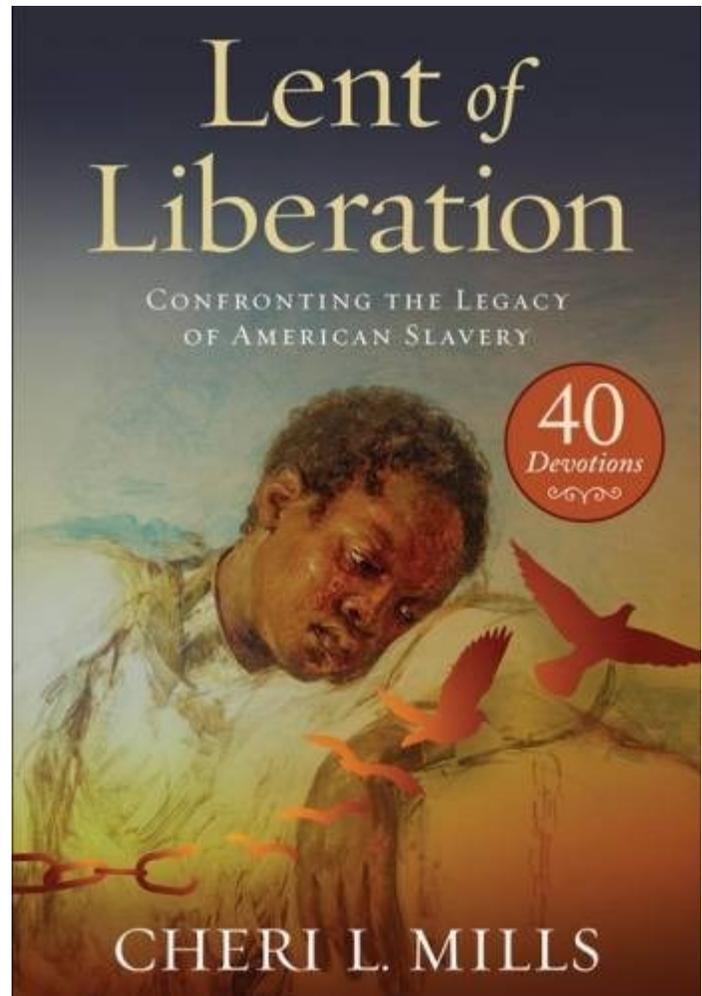
LOUISVILLE — For many in the United States, the summer of 2020 served as a moment of renewed attention to the disease of racial inequality and injustice in our country. But in order to look forward in our pursuit of antiracism, we must also look back and acknowledge our history. To help churches address the difficult work of examining the history of American slavery, Cheri L. Mills offers her new Lenten devotional, “[Lent of Liberation: Confronting the Legacy of American Slavery](#).”

Her new 40-day devotional centers on Lenten themes — exodus, redemption, discipline, and repentance — to empower both Black and white readers for the work of addressing racial injustice. To confront our history, each day includes the testimony of a person who escaped slavery through the Underground Railroad, a Scripture passage, and a reflection connecting biblical and historical themes. “If you’ve ever wondered what you can do to become more antiracist, “Lent of Liberation” is a great place to start,” says Kerry Connelly, author of “Good White Racist? Confronting Your Role in Racial Injustice.”

As we continue to fight the coronavirus and adapt our worship practices and meetings to virtual settings, free digital resources designed to enhance your small-group study and ideas for a sermon series based on the book’s material have been made available at [wjkbooks.com/LentofLiberation](http://wjkbooks.com/LentofLiberation).

“[Lent of Liberation](#)” is now available from Westminster John Knox Press.

*Cheri L. Mills has served in full-time ministry for 27 years at St. Stephen Baptist Church in Louisville, Kentucky. She is also prayer director at Simmons College of Kentucky, the nation’s 107th HBCU, and the founder of 1 Voice Prayer Movement. She was awarded the Mary McLeod Bethune Achievement Award by the Louisville Section of the National Council of Negro Women for her contributions to the community, state, and beyond.*



**Our next VOA food drive is Monday, February 8th from 11am to 1pm  
in the Stocker alley.**

## Special Donation

Wes and Annette King sought a way to honor Betty Coon. Annette called Ed and talked about places to donate in Betty's memory. Ed and Betty have supported and are connected with the Peasant Movement Papaye/Agriculture Hunger Fund in Haiti. Wes and Annette contacted the Presbyterian Church (USA) for donation information and were able to donate through the Office of Special Offerings. If you would like to give to support the Papaye Movement, all you need to do is donate to the Presbyterian Church (USA) and add the number #H000007 to the memo line. This specific number will ensure your donation goes to the Papaye Movement. When mailing in a donation, you can include a brief note explaining that your contribution is in memory of Betty. If you have questions, you can contact Alex Spoeiker by phone at (502) 569-5052 or by e-mail at [alex.spoeiker@pcusa](mailto:alex.spoeiker@pcusa). Mail donations to:

Presbyterian Church (USA)  
PO Box 643700  
Pittsburgh PA 15264-3700

There are many other specific missions you can donate to. Every year, our church participates in the four special offerings from the denomination. You can learn more about these offerings and about other ways to give at Presbyterian Special Offerings ([www.pcusa.org](http://www.pcusa.org)).

Thank you to Wes and Annette for this reminder on great other ways to honor our loved ones.

## Virtual Worship - Sundays at 10am on Facebook

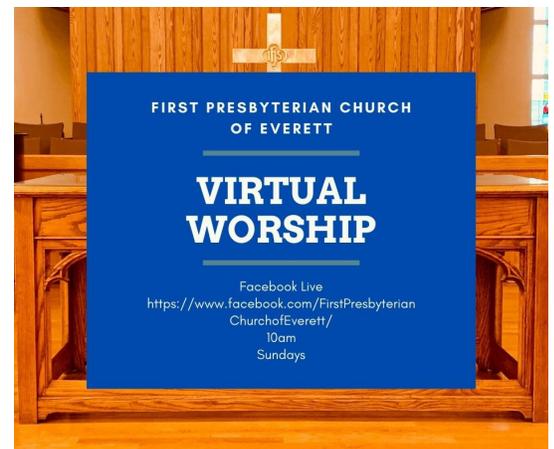
All are invited to join us for an interactive virtual Sunday worship service, Sundays at 10:00am on the church's Facebook page. Just be on our Facebook page at 10:00am and wait for the live video to start. If you have not had an opportunity to like or follow us on Facebook, you can do so by visiting <https://www.facebook.com/FirstPresbyterianChurchofEverett/>

You can hear and/or view previous worship services and find worship guides on our mobile app or by visiting our website at <https://firstpreschurch.com/sermons>

You can also watch our worship services on our YouTube channel.

Subscribe today by visiting [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBm4b8eSW9TqN1e1RoFkdag?view\\_as=public](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBm4b8eSW9TqN1e1RoFkdag?view_as=public)

Worship guides are posted on our website, the Saturday before worship.



# *Church Leadership*

Moderator – Alan Dorway

## **Ruling Elders**

<b>Class of 2020</b>	<b>Class of 2021</b>	<b>Class of 2022</b>
Laura Little	Steve Hammond	Marne Larson
George Lockeman	Jamie Hunter	Bill Grosse
Howard Garner	David Baer-Peckham	John Gebert

## **Deacons**

<b>Class of 2020</b>	<b>Class of 2021</b>	<b>Class of 2022</b>
Judy Kutz	Marilyn Minch	Lisa Comstock
Sonya Beardsley	Doris Pearson	Bob Barren
Nadine Smith	Ed Pearson	Barbara Barren

