



Providence Post

APRIL 2024



By Barb Hazlett

(Note: The following highlights are taken from the minutes of the Monday, March 18, 2024, regular Session meeting.)

Clerk's Report: Communion was served to 74 communicants on Sunday, March 3, 2024.

Flo Tucker-Hammel passed away on Wednesday, February 28, 2024.

Pastor Nominating Committee Report: The committee is in the process of interviewing candidates.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was distributed and discussed by the Session.

Nominating Committee Report: The committee will be looking for three new Session members. They will start meeting in May and June.

Session Team Reports (Chair)

Finance & Stewardship (Sue Whitsel): Per Capita for 2024 has been established at \$39.24 per person, and based on 134 members, our per capita bill from Huntingdon Presbytery will be \$5,258.16, which we pay in four installments of \$1,314.54.

For the period ending on February 29, 2024, there was \$2,667.90 given to our per capita fund. This represents a 51% response, or approximately 68 of our 134 members.

The 2024 vs. 2023 Monthly Financial Summary is summarized below:

	Through 02/29/24	Through 02/28/23
Congregational Giving	\$ 30,833	\$ 32,233
Building Rental Income (*)	4,020	260
Special Offerings	790	1,225
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Total Income	\$ 35,643	\$ 33,718
Total Expenses	\$ 36,467	\$ 38,854
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Surplus (Shortfall)	\$ 824	\$ 5,136

(*) Reflects giving to the newly-created organ fund

Congregational Fellowship (Glenn Nelson): The committee will pay for medals for the Olympic Games event that B.J. Crownover is planning.

Jane Falco will check on purchasing 30 tickets for the Sunday, June 30, Altoona Curve baseball game (our men's group will be singing at that game).

Glenn will be working with Jen Braun and Sue Whitsel to add new fellowship events to the church's redesigned website.

The church picnic is scheduled for Sunday, July 28, at DelGrosso's Park. Steve Parsons will be working out details with the Park.

Our April coffee fellowship will be a potluck lunch. The committee will provide paper plates, utensils and drinks.

Mission (Judy Hartzell): Our Soup on Saturday event served 31 meals in February, and 50 meals in March. They are planning for 48 guests in April, and will serve three different soups, meatball sandwich, fruit cups and donated desserts plus a beverage. Leftovers were delivered to the Family Services Teen Shelter. The team is requesting large or extra-large containers from our congregation. These will be used for leftovers and the containers can be new or used.

Our application to Presbytery Mission funds for our outdoor pantry is still pending.

The team discussed changing donations to the Altoona Food Bank from food to cash. It was decided to continue with food donations.

We will distribute free Food Pantry list reminders four Sundays a year. We could possibly use email and Facebook reminders about the pantry; this information is already on our church's website home page.

The April Presbytery meeting falls on the same day as our Mission Committee meeting, so we changed the date of our meeting to Monday, April 8, to allow some of our members to attend both.

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be received through Easter Sunday, March 31. Bulletin inserts for the offering will be used on March 17 and March 24.

This month we gave the following: Unified Mission, \$1,000; World Mission, \$500.

For the Altoona Food Bank in April, we are asking for donations of nonperishable food. For the Outdoor Pantry, we are asking for donations of any nonperishable food items and personal care items. No glass containers, please.

Outreach (Jane Yerty): The team is asking all Session members to inventory and clean out their areas within the church. We will be happy to sell unneeded items at the Yard Sale, which will be held on Saturday, May 4, from 8:00 am until 12 noon. Setup will be from Monday, April 29, through Friday, May 3. They are accepting donations on Tuesday, April 30, Wednesday, May 1, and Thursday, May 2, from 9:00 am to 12 noon. No clothing or stuffed animals, please. Proceeds from the Yard Sale will benefit Krislund Scholarships for neighborhood kids.

We have 11 youth signed up for Krislund. This includes two that regularly attend our church. The total cost for 11 campers is \$5,785, assuming each family can pay the \$100 registration fee.

We are continuing to investigate fundraising activities. Yard Sale monies are designated to fund the Krislund scholarships. We also voted to use our percentage of the Pentecost offering for

Krislund kids.

The Community Garden plans are proceeding. Nancy Woomer is beginning to receive reservations for the garden beds.

A discussion was held regarding Family Services collection of needed items. Team members felt this was valuable and should continue. They suggested an announcement or newsletter article that Providence Church has many and varied opportunities to give. Church members should feel free to donate as they are led. The church does not expect everyone to give to each ministry every Sunday.

Personnel (Bob Hollingsworth): A \$40 gift card was given out this month.

A job description for our nursery worker was sent to the church office.

Property (Geoff Geesey): Betsy Gallace has remodeled the closet that's located off to the side of the Fellowship Hall.

A new storm door has been installed in our office entrance as well as a dusk-to-dawn light at that same location outside.

There will be a "Phil Hall" workday on Saturday, April 27.

Spiritual Enhancement (Jeanie Mollica): Following are our upcoming youth events:

March 23 - Battle of the Brownies, Fellowship Hall at 6:00 pm, ages 5 to 18

March 24 - Egg Hunt, following the Palm Sunday worship service

April 28 - Paint Party with Sarah Jubeck, Fellowship Hall at 2:00 pm, all youth

May (Date to be announced) - Flower Planting

This year's Vacation Bible School is scheduled for Monday, July 29, through Friday, August 2. There will be a meeting to organize in May.

We have finally heard from Freedom Excursions regarding the trip to Sight and Sound Theater. We

feel that it is too late to do a spring trip, so they have offered us a date on Friday, July 26. The prices would be \$185 per adult and \$129 per child. This price includes a meal at Hershey Farms restaurant. The pricing is based on 25 passengers signing up for the trip.

Youth Sunday is scheduled for June 2. Our youth will participate in the entire worship service.

Heather Wisor is looking to purchase a new children's Bible for the pre-kindergarten and kindergarten class. We will look at our options as well as some materials to go with the new Bibles.

To help advertise the nursery supervisor position, we would like to have a formal job description, including requirements and salary information, from the Personnel Committee.

It was suggested to our team that we restructure Sunday school and junior church to take place during the morning worship service. Our group will explore this option over the summer.

There will not be any Sunday school on Easter morning. The adult class will host a continental breakfast for everyone in the church. This will take place in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 am.

Worship (Rick Herbster): Acolytes, liturgists and ushers are in place for March.

The microphones are shut off during the choir anthem to help balance the sound. Rick will obtain a quote from Doug Stephens to assess our sound system. Geoff Geesey suggested getting a second quote from Lightner Communications.

Our offering and communion methods will remain the same, but we will have something printed in the bulletin, following the Apostles Creed and before the Doxology, regarding the offering. Also, there will be an announcement in the bulletin every week concerning the offering boxes.

The Worship team will make sure the calendar of worship events and a list of the speakers will be on the church website. They will also place pictures of some of our worship services.

Worship Schedule and Guest Speakers:

April 7 - Ken Lynch, Holy Humor Sunday (Communion)

April 14 - Ken Lynch

April 21 - Todd Lewis (Tyrone)

April 28 - Glenn Nelson

May 2 (Thursday) - National Day of Prayer

May 5 - Ken Lynch (Communion)

May 12 - Ken Lynch

May 19 - Carol Wyerman

May 26 - Carol Wyerman

June 2 - Ken Lynch, Youth Sunday (Communion)

June 9 - Ken Lynch, Summer Worship Schedule begins, 9:30 am, no Sunday school

June 16 - Carol Wyerman

June 23 - Carol Wyerman

June 30 - Allen Gibboney

Old Business: None

New Business: Jen Braun will be checking on easier access to our church's website.

Presbyterians in the Press



[**Note:** Unless otherwise stated, all articles and photographs listed here have appeared in the *Altoona Mirror*.]

The *Altoona Mirror* presented a check to Sweat for Vets, a nonprofit organization, and the 2023 recipient of the Season of Sharing program. *Mirror* Publisher **Dan Slep** was shown in the photo of the presentation of the \$18,012 check.



The congregation extends its heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of **Florence (Flo) Marie Hammel**, who died on Wednesday, February 28, 2024.

April Donation Needs

Providence Presbyterian Church is collecting the following items for **Family Services** on the second Sunday of the month. Items must be left on the table in the Fellowship Hall no later than Sunday, April 14, 2024. Thank You!

Category: Household Items

High-efficiency laundry detergent
Bedding sheet sets: twin or full
Pillows
Towels and washcloths
Dishcloths and towels
Bathroom rugs
Shower curtains
Plastic food handling gloves
Shower gel
Pots, pans, dishes, silverware
Small appliances

Watch for a new donation category in the May newsletter!

APRIL Birthdays & Anniversaries

Hannah Donlan	1
Wanda Weakland	3
Jennifer Larrimore	4
Lilyahna Wisor	5
Ethan Little	7
Nancy Nevling	7
Les Hart	12
Rory Larrimore	16
Kathy Braun	17
Alyssa Conway	23
Alecea Wisor	30

Bruce & Barb Hazlett	3
Dan & Kathy Slep	22
Jim & Megan Burchfield	25
Rob & Brigitte Donlan	28

325

PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT

Every church is apportioned a share of the expenses of the presbytery, the synod, and the General Assembly for ecclesiastical purposes. The apportionment is based on church membership. The amount varies with the needs of the presbytery, synod, and General Assembly, and is a regular expense payable by this church at the spring meeting of presbytery. The amount to be paid this year per communicant member is

Name _____

The Hubbard Press

Just a reminder that the Per Capita amount for 2024 is \$39.24 *per member*. Please try to meet your per capita obligation early using the special **blue** envelope (like the one shown above) in your box of offering envelopes.



CHURCH YARD SALE

Wow! The date for our annual Yard Sale is fast approaching. Have you seen our announcements: "May the Force (4th) be with you." Hopefully this is helping you remember the day—Saturday, May 4, from 8:00 am to 12 noon. We

are looking for your donations as you spring clean, declutter, and evaluate just how much you need to keep. Please, no clothing or stuffed animals. We are accepting donations on April 30, May 1, and May 2, from 9:00 am to 12 noon. If these times don't work for you, please contact a member of our Outreach Team; we will be glad to make accommodations.

We welcome your help sorting and pricing from April 30 through May 2, and on the day of the sale. Many hands help move the work along and we enjoy visiting together.

Proceeds from this sale will help pay for scholarships to Camp Krislund for neighborhood kids. At this time, we have nine kids signed up. The anticipated cost is \$4,725, thus we have some

work to do. What a ministry Camp Krislund is—connecting a relationship with God, friends, and nature. The feedback from last year’s five attendees was overwhelmingly positive. We are committed to helping with scholarships again this year. Outreach is investigating fundraising opportunities. We are also thankful for the monetary donations we are receiving from our church family.



Have you noticed that in addition to your tithes and other offerings, Providence Presbyterian Church is asking for lots of things?

- ✎ Food Bank donations
- ✎ Food Pantry donations
- ✎ Clipping coupons
- ✎ Money for the church organ
- ✎ Money for Krislund scholarships
- ✎ Items for Family Services
- ✎ Various donations for our Youth
such as candy for Easter eggs
- ✎ Special offerings
- ✎ Soup on Saturday

Recently, Session discussed all this, wondering if it is overwhelming and asking for too much. Our conclusions were that each of these ministries is very valuable and addresses a need within our community. We also realized that different members have commitments and feel a calling to support different ministries. Thus, our message to you is to give where God calls and as He blesses you with the resources. The church does not expect everyone to give to each and every ministry every Sunday. It is our prayer that our joyful and willing service gives Glory and Praise to God.



A gentle reminder: Congregational Fellowship invites you to a potluck extravaganza on Sunday, April 7, following the morning worship service in Fellowship Hall (about 11:30 am). Or perhaps we should call it an ‘eggstravaganza’ since it’s the week after Easter. We want this to be a true potluck, no theme, no suggestions, no directions, just bring a fun and delicious dish to share, and bring any necessary serving utensils. Our team will provide the drinks, paper plates, napkins and utensils. Enjoy some good food and relaxing fellowship. See you and your dish at the church!

On Tuesday, April 9, at 9:30 am, the First Presbyterian Church in Hollidaysburg (601 Walnut Street) will host the Rev. Ruth Faith Santana-Grace, our General Assembly co-moderator. This is a rare opportunity to have a face-to-face conversation with one of our PCUSA leaders.

The Property Committee is having a “Phil Hall” workday on Saturday, April 27. This is a great opportunity to help spruce up some areas inside and outside of the church. Remember: “Many hands make light work.”

Mark your calendars now for our upcoming Vacation Bible School program with the Scuba theme. The dates will be Monday, July 29, through Friday, August 2, 2024. An organizational meeting will be held in May—see Jeanie Mollica for details.

