

Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church of Newberry

Shut In of the Month

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January 2019

Update from the Session

Below is a summary of the actions taken by the elders at the December stated meeting:

1. Reviewed and received the November Financial Report.
2. Approved the November stated session minutes.
3. Discussed the shepherding concerns of the congregation.
4. Sessional Committee Reports:
 - Missions: Approved the support a Nursing Scholarship (\$1200), Christian Hospital Sahiwal in Pakistan (WW ministry). Approved the gift of \$500 to the Miracle Hills Ministries in Greenville (same as Giving Tree project).
5. Approved the submission of historical information about the church to the Newberry Museum.
6. Approved the purchase of a new Communion set and matching offering plates from the Memorial Funds.
7. Elected officers will be installed on Jan. 13, 2019.
8. Next Session meeting is Jan. 16, 2019.

If you have any questions, please speak with an elder.



PRAYER CHAIN

If you have an urgent prayer request, please email or call **Marc Faulkenberry**, and he will distribute it via email. If you would like to be **added** to the distribution list, please email Marc. It is a privilege to lift up others in prayer to our great God.

prayers4newberry@gmail.com
351-0800 (cell)

Prayer List

David Bunn - military;
Betty Bland, Pat
Harmon, Richard
Lominick, Eliza Parr,
Mark McGuffee.

Ministry Schedule

Sunday

9:45 am

Sunday School

10:55 am

Worship

Wednesday

6:15 pm

Youth

6:30 pm

Bible Study/
Prayer

FINANCIAL DATA as of December 23, 2018

Budget Receipts \$158,341.08

Budget Needs \$169,319.49



For those wishing to place flowers in the Sanctuary in 2019, please sign up on the schedule in the Main Street vestibule.

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

Baptisms: Levi Richard Eising

Deaths: Edna Ringer, Vernelle Cromer, Billy Rikard

Marriages: David & Blaire Copeland Bunn

New Members: Herb & Kathy Seigler

Transfers: Mark & Lisa Senn, Joseph & Neely Spate, Joseph Yi



Our theme Scripture for 2019 is Roman 8:1-2 "There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death."

ARP Women's Ministries is an organization which encourages and equips the community of ARP women to minister together for God's glory and purpose.

Our desire is that all women in the ARP Church will: Know Jesus Intimately, Love Jesus Faithfully, and Serve Jesus Fruitfully.

*The Morning Circle will meet on **Tuesday, January 8** at 10 am in the Carson Room for Bible study, prayer, and fellowship. Marcie Cole will be leading the Bible study on Romans. Light refreshments will be served by Dr. Mary Baker, Mary Sease Hanna, and Julia Rikard. After the meeting the members will pack the Backpacks for January. The Circle is always open for new members; contact Carolyn Fulmer for further information.*



Fellowship, Study, and Prayer

Tuesdays from 7 - 9 pm

Home of Catherine Faulkenberry/Marci Cole

Currently studying the book ***Humility*** by Andrew Murray

If you are interested in attending the study, please contact either

Shannon Winter at 19golfaly@gmail.com, **803-940-1596** OR

Kristy Jennings, andrenkristy@hotmail.com, **803-271-5298**

ALL LADIES ARE WELCOME!!!!



Dear Church family,

A special thank you to my wonderful and loving Church family for your care and love during the most difficult time in my life. My heart was really touched by all the ways you reached out to me and my family. The prayers, visits, phone calls, text messages, food, cards, and hugs were so deeply appreciated.

Our family was blessed to have shared life with Billy for 51 years, but we are so thankful to know that he is at peace with his Lord and Savior whom he served so faithfully.

In Christ's Love, Julia

Dear Church Family,

I would like to thank you for the generous Christmas gifts that I received. I would also like to thank you for the many cards that were shared as well as your love during this Christmas season. I look forward to a new and prosperous New Year. Pete

Dear ARP-Family,

Once again this was a very delightful Christmas Fellowship Recital! It is very special to me to have you all support the music and to fellowship with my students and musical friends. I am very thankful to be included in the Christmas Fellowship of the church, and I appreciate you being open to others contributing.

Thank you also to all ARP musicians, young and younger, for being a part of it! A Happy New Year to all!!

Alice

Christmas Bonus

Dear Church Family,

On behalf of my whole family, I want to express my gratitude for the generous Christmas Bonus that was given to me this year again! It is my pleasure and joy to minister to and with you all. Your ongoing expressions of love and support for me and my family have blessed abundantly. Thank you being such a giving church!

Pastor Seth



MISSIONS FOCUS

Featured Field – United Kingdom/Wales



According to the 7th Edition (2010) *Operation World*, Wales has a population of 2,990,000. It has had a national assembly since 1998, but for the nationalists, this falls far short of their dream of Welsh independence.

Economic changes have had a profound impact on the nation. The decline of the coal and slate industries led to much depopulation and depression in industrialized areas. These, coupled with the acceptance of a social gospel, have led to empty chapels and a spiritually hardened population. Pray for those church leaders and fellowships with a clear vision to witness and serve faithfully, many of them in hard and unreceptive areas.

Wales is known as the land of revivals and the land of song. From early in the 18th Century, Wales experienced a consistent series of revivals, the last of these occurring in 1904. Since then, decline in church attendance and closure of churches in Wales have been higher than in any other part of the UK. Although many congregations remain, most are small churches of 25 people or less. National weekly attendance of religious services is 7% and only 3.5% among under-30s. In recent years, though, pockets of growth have appeared, especially within evangelical congregations that both proclaim the gospel and demonstrate it through community involvement. Pray that revival may come again and that the entire country will again sing the praises of Jesus.

Wales struggles to preserve its own language and culture. About 22% of the population speak Welsh, and Welsh-language education is flourishing. With ageing congregations, however, the decline in Welsh-speaking churches is dramatic. Pray that the Holy Spirit might breathe upon the Welsh culture and revive congregations to again be a blessing to the world.

Andrew and Lauren Goodman



Peter, Timothy, Luke, Geneva (children from left to right)

Drew and Lauren Goodman serve as World Witness missionaries in Wales. As a minister, Drew has dual membership in the ARP Church (First Presbytery) and also the Evangelical Presbyterian Church in England and Wales (EPCEW). The Goodmans serve at Barry Evangelical Presbyterian Church (barryepc.org) where Drew is the pastor responsible for preaching, evangelism, outreach, and field development. A graduate of Moody Bible Institute and Reformed Theological Seminary, he is currently a doctoral student at Westminster Theological Seminary. Lauren is a graduate of Belhaven College in Jackson, MS, and received her Master's Degree from UNC-Greensboro. Their home church is Ballantyne ARP in Charlotte, NC.

So, That's Why?

As the story goes, a husband was sitting at the kitchen table reading the newspaper while his wife was preparing a ham for dinner. The husband watched the wife cut off about an inch from both ends of the ham. He asked why she did so, proclaiming "that's a waste of good ham!" She replied "that's the way my mom prepared the ham." The husband naturally asked, "Why did your mom cut the ends off?" The wife didn't know.

Curious to find out for herself, the wife called her mom to ask why she cut the ends of the ham off. Her mom said "because that was the way my mom prepared ham." The wife's grandma passed away several years earlier, but her grandpa was still living. So she called him and asked, "Grandpa, why did Grandma cut the ends off of the ham?" He was silent as he thought for a moment. Then he replied, "So the ham could fit in the baking pan."

This story reminds us that sometimes we find ourselves doing something a certain way without really knowing why. Some things become so engrained in us that we don't even bother wanting to know why. I'm sure if you stop to think about it, they are several actions in your life that would fall into this category. This is not only true with our personal lives, but it is also the case in the life of a church. These activities are considered "traditions" and because they have been practiced for decades and generations, they continue without any known rationale or questioning.

As you may have read in the "Update from the Session" section on the front page, the Session has approved the purchase of a new Communion set and matching offering plates. Based on the use and condition of the current Communion set and offering plates, the Session deemed it prudent to replace them. They have been in service for several decades and are showing obvious signs of wear and damage. They will be preserved in the History Room.

The date when these items will be placed into service has not been determined, but when that day comes a noticeable change will coincide with their use. As soon as you enter the sanctuary for worship that morning, you will be able to see the new Communion set on the Table. You will not have to wait for the cloth to be removed during the singing of the third hymn because no cloth will be covering the Table. Why is the cloth not being used?

This is where the story of the ham applies. Have you ever asked the question, "Why is the Communion Table covered with a white cloth?" If you asked a Roman Catholic, he will tell you it's because if any of the wine is spilled, it will then be absorbed into an altar cloth. Because of their doctrine of transubstantiation, the wine truly becomes the blood of Christ, so none of the wine can be disposed of improperly. The cloth must be cleaned in a sacrarium (a special sink) that drains all the fluid directly into the soil. Furthermore, the white cloth over the Table is a sign of respect and acts as a reminder of baptismal garments, which should be kept pure until the second coming of Christ. But how would an ARP answer that question? More specifically, how would an older member of the Newberry ARP Church answer that question?

Based on some research, the reason for covering the Table was to keep the bugs off the bread and juice when the windows were opened in former days prior to air conditioning to alleviate the heat! In other words, the cloth had a practical purpose not a spiritual one. Therefore, we don't have to keep it covered (Thank God for AC!) but "look" forward to partaking the Lord's Supper all throughout the service by seeing the prepared Table. It is the Session's prayer that this change will enhance your participation in the whole service with a joyful anticipation of the Lord's Supper!

By His grace,
Pastor Seth



The Giving Tree gifts were delivered to Mission Hill Ministries on Tuesday, December 17. We were able to donate 15 knit hats, 60 pair of men's gloves, 215 bars of soap, and 116 toothbrushes.

When the gifts were delivered, the gentleman who was helping was so pleased to get everything, especially the gloves. He remarked that Saturday was going to be their coat give away and that now they had some gloves to go with the coats.

Thank you for helping with a worthwhile ministry.



Manna House Food Pantry

Canned Soup & Dried Beans

The Manna House box is in the Main Street vestibule.

"... the Lord Jesus Himself said, 'there is more happiness in giving than in receiving.'" Acts 20:35

On **Sunday, February 3**, we will once again participate in the Souper Bowl of Caring. Any food items (suggestions listed under Manna House section) and monetary gifts will be donated to our local food pantry, Manna House. Following the worship service, a variety of soups and sandwiches will be served in the Fellowship Hall. You are welcome to bring a dessert, a side item (salad, chips, etc.), or a drink.



We are so thankful for all the volunteers who served in the Nursery during the worship service in 2018! Your sacrifice was indispensable. This is a ministry that requires ongoing commitment. We hope you will continue to serve in 2019. Anyone else who would like to lighten the load for the current volunteers, please prayerfully consider joining the team. If you are so led, please let the Church Office know ASAP.

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We're on the web
NewberryARP.org

Flowers for January

6 - Communion
13 - Mary Baker
20 - Julia Rikard
27 - Shirley Mohler

Ushers for January

6 - Marc Faulkenberry, Keith Avery, Lee Ringer, Caleb Jennings
13 - George Farris, Jean Williamson, Herb Seigler, David Jennings
20 - Doug Wicker, Cecil McRacken, Gene Wicker, Lee Winters
27 - Andre Jennings, Lee Winters, Aaron Eising, Noah Yi