

Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church of Newberry

1701 Main Street, Newberry, SC 29108

January 2024

Shut-In of the Month

Richard Lominick

Update from the Session

Below is a summary of the actions taken by the Session at their December meeting:

1. The November Financial Report and the November Diaconate minutes were received as information. The November Session minutes were approved.
2. The shepherding concerns of the congregation were discussed and committed to prayer.
3. The 2024 proposed missions budget was approved.
4. The Session's next stated meeting is January 23, 6:00 PM.

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



PRAYER CHAIN

If you have a prayer request, please communicate with **Marc Faulkenberry** or **Pastor Seth** to be distributed via email.

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Year End Review

Baptisms: Cora and Avery Stevenson, Josiah Petty

Births: Josiah Petty

Deaths: Dottie Price, Jean Williamson

New Members: Andy, Lynda, and Bethany Green; Noah Waldrop, Dwayne and Mary Rueter

Removal from Roll: Bill and Mary Parr

Transfer: Elizabeth McCoy Urich; Andre, Kristy, Caleb, and Michael Jennings

Newly elected officers will be installed during the worship service on **January 7**.

Prayer List

James and Faye Hill,
Richard Lominick,
Lillian Price, Judy
Harmon, Vernetha
Renwick

Ministry Schedule

Sunday

9:45 am

Sunday School

10:30 am

Cong. Assembly

10:55 am

Worship

Wednesday

6:10 pm

Family Feast

Thursday

Noon

Community Bible
Study



On Sunday, **January 28**, we will participate in the Souper Bowl of Caring. A variety of soups will be provided for lunch. You are welcome to bring **chips** or a **dessert** to share. We will also collect non-perishable food items and monetary gifts that will be donated to a local food pantry.

BUDGET Data as of Dec. 24, 2023

Receipt	\$211,464.31
Need	\$191,909.35

Church Membership

As we begin a new year of service to the Lord, one another, and our neighbors, let us renew our commitment to church membership. The following content below is quoted from the ARP Standards, *Form of Government*.

DEFINITION OF A CHURCH MEMBER 4.1

A communicant church member is one who has made public his profession of faith in Jesus Christ, who has been baptized, and who has submitted to Christ's Lordship and to the authority of the Church.

RESPONSIBILITY OF CHURCH MEMBERS 4.4

Church members are required to:

- A. Make diligent use of the means of grace.
- B. Share faithfully in the worship and service of the Church.
- C. Give of their substance as the Lord may prosper them.
- D. Render wholehearted service to Christ and His Kingdom throughout the world.
- E. Continue in the peace and fellowship of the people of God.
- F. Submit to the authority of the elders.
- G. Live so as to bear faithful witness to the Gospel.

PROCEDURES FOR RECEIVING COMMUNICANT CHURCH MEMBERS 4.5

A. The applicants shall give assent to the following or equivalent questions, by which they enter a solemn covenant with God and His Church:

- (1) Do you confess that you are a sinner in the sight of God; that you deserve His punishment; that you are unable to save yourself; and that you are without hope of salvation except for God's love and mercy?
- (2) Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and the Savior of sinners; and do you receive and trust in Him alone for your salvation?
- (3) Do you accept the Bible, comprised of the Old and New Testaments, as the written Word of God; and that it is the only perfect rule of faith and how to live?
- (4) Do you promise to trust in the guidance and strength of the Holy Spirit so that you can live all of life as a Christian, following the example set by Jesus Christ?
- (5) Do you promise to exercise faithful stewardship of God's resources entrusted to you for the furtherance of God's Kingdom and purposes?
- (6) Do you accept that the doctrines and principles of the Standards of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church are founded upon the Scriptures?
- (7) In loving obedience, do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of this church, promising to seek the peace, purity, and prosperity of this congregation as long as you are a member of it?

Discipleship Ministry

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Matthews 28:19-20



Growing in your walk with the Lord was not meant to be accomplished on your own. Would you like to participate in a discipleship relationship where you are encouraging and being encouraged in your walk with the Lord? If you are interested in learning more about this ministry, please communicate with Jason McCoy.

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2024 Missions Budget

Lifebridge	\$1,200	ONA	\$300
Free Medical Clinic	\$300	Central Services	\$300
CHS Nurse Scholarship	\$2,400	Camp Joy	\$900
WW: Thomas/Germany	\$2,200	Bonclarken	\$240
WW: Alexander/England	\$2,400	Dunlop	\$660
WW: Witte/Spain	\$2,280	Sub-Total	\$19,840
WW: Cotton/Seed Ministry	\$2,280	Emergency	\$160
WW: Galletta/Seed Ministry	\$2,280	Total	\$20,000
World Witness	\$900		
Denominational Ministry Fund	\$1,200		

Frank & Emily van Dalen - Lithuania/Poland



Frank and Emily serve as full-time missionaries with the Evangelical Reformed Synod of Lithuania, helping to re-plant churches and return the denomination to its Reformation roots. Frank also oversees the Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Warsaw, Poland. Born in New Zealand, he obtained a law degree there, before coming to the U.S. to study theology. The van Dalens joined the ARP Church in 1985 and in 1986, began a 12-year mission in Pakistan, serving in theological training and church planting. In 1998, they



returned to the U.S. as resident missionaries-at-large, focusing on recruiting and training new missionaries. From 2005-2014, Frank served as World Witness Executive Director. In 2015, the van Dalens transferred to Kaunas, Lithuania.

RECENT UPDATE

In the morning service, we are working to build up a group of young couples with little ones. There is almost no precedent in Lithuania for little ones coming to church. From the beginning, Frank has included a children's sermon in our worship service. We may be the only church in Lithuania that does this, but there is such a positive response to it!

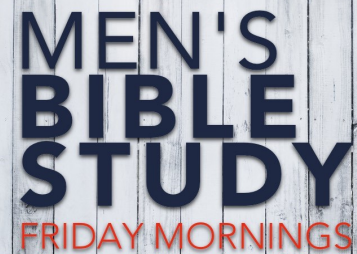
We need a new generation because the older church members are dwindling in number. We ask for your prayers for the Lithuanian congregation this Christmas season and into the New Year. We are planning another young couple's gathering in January. Pray for the work of the Holy Spirit in this group, especially in:

- [REDACTED] who have a one-year-old and attend church once a month, when [REDACTED] translates for Frank in the morning service.
- [REDACTED] who are expecting a baby in December. They come to church once or twice a month when [REDACTED] translates for Frank.
- [REDACTED] who are expecting a baby early next year. [REDACTED] has helped with summer camps. We have shared the Gospel with him many times.



We conclude with a quote from a young, divorced mother who has attended our services. Recently, as Emily hugged and welcomed her, she responded, "In this church I feel that I am seen." We ask you to join us in praying for God's work in the lives of these young people and for the future church in Lithuania.

On Friday mornings, 6:45 AM, several men gather at Doug Wicker's home for a time of food, fellowship, Bible Study, and prayer. Pastor Seth leads an interactive study (currently *2 Peter*). Email Doug to be added to the weekly reminder.



**MEN'S
BIBLE
STUDY**
FRIDAY MORNINGS



All singles and widows are invited to share in this monthly fellowship meal following the worship service. We will next meet on January 14th.

SUNDAY MORNING CONGREGATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Everyone is invited to gather in the Fellowship Hall on **Sunday mornings from 10:30 AM to 10:50 AM** to nurture *koinonia* with one another. Drinks and refreshments are provided.

Wednesday Night Family Feast

Sharing a meal, nurturing intergenerational relationships, praising the Lord in song, studying the Heidelberg Catechism, and seeking the Lord in prayer. These are some of the blessings we enjoy on Wednesday nights, starting at 6:10 PM. Join your church family and grow in faith and love for one another!



ARP Women's Ministries' mission is to encourage and equip the community of ARP women to minister together for God's glory and purpose.

- *Encourage every woman to grow in their relationship with God through His Son, Jesus Christ.*
- *Equip women to glorify God through their relationships with other women.*
- *Equip women to glorify God through their service in the local church, their communities, and the world.*
- *Equip leaders to guide women in fellowship together, in service among women, the local church, community and the world.*
- *Pray faithfully for church leaders and ARP Women's Ministries.*

*The Morning Circle will meet on Tuesday, January 2 at 10 am in the Fellowship Hall for Bible study, prayer, and fellowship. Throughout 2024 the group will be studying the book by John MacArthur, *Twelve Extraordinary Women of the Bible*. The month of January will be an introduction to the book.*

A Soup and Sandwich lunch will be served after the meeting for a time of fellowship.

The Circle would love to have any ladies of the church who are interested to join them on the 1st Tuesday of each month.



There is a **ministry** in our church that can easily be overlooked but is **critical** to our church's vitality. As the Lord graciously grows our church, the need for **nursery volunteers** increases. Currently, we have **eight** workers who serve during the worship on a rotational schedule. Would you please **prayerfully consider** volunteering, if not on the regular rotation, possibly some other schedule? Anyway you can **serve** will lesson the load on the regular volunteers. Many hands make light work! Please communicate with **Katie Eising**, if you are willing to **serve in any capacity!**

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We're on the web
NewberryARP.org

Flowers

7, 14, 21, 28 - TBA

Nursery

7 - Edith Bedenbaugh (Merri Avery)

14 - Janet Porth (Mary Rueter)

21 - Tracie McCoy (Marisol Stevenson)

28 - Elizabeth Yi (Allison Yi)

Ushers

7, 14, 21, 28 - TBA