



**WEST ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FEBRUARY 2021 NEWSLETTER**



There will be a Congregational Meeting at the church at 11:00 am on Feb. 7, 2021.

This is the message that was sent on January 17 and below I have taken a portion of Pastor Keith's sermon and underlined and put in bold the section that explains the purpose for the meeting. Please note that the way in which the meeting will be held will follow in another message as details are not finalized due to the concern about the virus. I know that some wish to meet together.

“So what is God calling US to do, or be? We are a church that has been dying for a long time. That is clear to us all. It has met your needs for a long time, but it can't now. What happens now? The Session has voted to prepare for closing and to investigate what our future may look like. I have talked to Presbytery about our situation. They have told me there are appropriate steps we need to take.

The Session will meet and call a congregational meeting. Since it is not safe for us to gather, we will organize a 'group' phone call. **After the congregation meets and approves closing the church, we will ask Presbytery to appoint an Administrative Commission which will address all the issues of the church's future.**

I have talked with the pastor of Grace Covenant. She expressed a desire to be involved in the plans for the church. She will likely be a part of the Administrative Commission. I may be asked to serve also. She is very interested in bringing community ministries to be housed here. She is already connected to those ministries. Long term she believes a worshipping community could be developed with her staff, or another Presbytery effort as it looks for sites for New Church development. The Administrative Commission will be in effect for up to a year. They will seek input from us. They will hear your ideas. They will contact many outside sources for ideas.

If this pandemic comes to an end, our play school may reopen under their oversight. Many things may happen. We must be listening for God's 'Voice' throughout the process. There is not one right way to discern if God is speaking to US or not, but if you will trust in the people around you that know your faith, know your gifts, know your vision of God and God's kingdom, you will find those who can help you to discern if God is speaking to US, just as Eli helped Samuel know God was calling him to a life of service to his Lord. You can trust in the community of voices in your life. Have faith brothers and sisters.”

Pastor Keith



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



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| 4 Erin Johnston Smith | 9 Norma Spencer |
| 4 Justin Woods | 12 Andi Spencer |
| 5 Reagan Marie Leicht | 23 Libby Hawkins |
| 6 Aaron Price | 24 Aaron James Farrally |

Believing that intercessor prayer is a vital part of our Christian faith, you are ask to remember each member on the Day indicated below.



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| 1 LuAnn Morrow | 11 Sheryl Schlegelmilch | 21 Norma Spencer |
| 2 Patrick Price | 12 Mark Schlegelmilch | 22 Marvin Stewart |
| 3 Norma Price | 13 Maria Schlegelmilch | 23 Margie Stewart |
| 4 Sgt. Houston Roberts | 14 Harry Shotwell | 24 Pat Byas |
| 5 Casey Roberts | 15 Betty Anne Shotwell | 25 Dennis Case |
| 6 Ray Roberts | 16 Robbie Spencer | 26 Bill Clark |
| 7 Connie Roberts | 17 Andi Spencer | 27 Barbara Clark |
| 8 Walker Roberts | 18 Joseph Spencer | 28 Margaret Anne Felkel |
| 9 June Roberts | 19 Joshua Spencer | 29 Jeff Fischbach |
| 10 Cliff Schlegelmilch | 20 Robert Spencer | 30 Andra Fischbach |

Let us also keep the following in our prayers:

Bill Clark is still at the Brian Center in Weaverville.

Marvin Stewart has been hospitalized with heart problems and is now at home.

Don Hawkins is having hip replacement surgery on February 2.

Amber, Cale and Killian and new baby Arthur Brooks Phoenix Foy born January 21, 2021.

Barbara Clark, Congregational Care Chairman

God never sends the Winter
Without the Joy of Spring,
And though today your heart may 'cry'
Tomorrow it will 'sing.

Helen Steiner Rice

HAVE FAITH in what will be

