



# FEBRUARY



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*Reflections from Pastor Jenn . . . “What’s in a Name?”*

When a child is born into the world, they are given a name. Their name. Chosen with love and joy for the new life and hopes for their bright future. I spent hours upon hours pouring over baby name books when I was pregnant with my two children. It felt like such an important decision, to give another person the name they will likely carry with them for the rest of their life. Scripture tells us that God knows each of our names. Hear this from the Prophet Isaiah, “*But now, says the Lord, Do not fear for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.*” (Isa. 43:1). There are more and if you’re curious, check out **Psalm 139; Jeremiah 1:5; Psalm 91:14; John 10:14**, just to name a few. No pun intended.

Our names are important. It means something when someone remembers our name, knows our name, calls us by name. It shows respect and recognition. You are acknowledging the value and worth of someone by using their name.

But what happens when someone has a name that we don’t know or recognize and have no idea how to pronounce? As our world expands and becomes more accessible to everyone, we are coming into contact with more people from other cultures. People with “funny” names. Names we don’t know how to pronounce. It’s happened to me more than once and I bet it has to you too: I meet someone for whom English is a second (or third) language and when we’re introduced and they tell me their name, it doesn’t register in my brain. It’s not a white Anglo-American name like David or Emily (my kids’ names). So what do you do in that situation? Do you repeat it back and ask if that’s how to say it? Or do you nod your head while saying, “It’s nice to meet you,” and hope you don’t have to remember it?

Recently on Twitter, a mom wrote of her son, was getting an award in school. He was in 5<sup>th</sup> grade and had been at that school for 5 years. When it came time to give him his award, the teacher presenting it got through his first name and when she saw his last name threw up her hands and pushed the award to another teacher saying, “I can’t pronounce that! You do it!” He had a “difficult” name to pronounce. His mother wiped away her tears as she took her son home that day. He wanted to know why they couldn’t say his name. Don’t they like me, he cried?

*Continued....*

# FEBRUARY WORSHIP

**February 6 @ 10:30AM Communion**

Liturgist: Nancy Voggesser

Communion Set Up: Kristy Zenk

Communion Servers:

Coffee Hour: Ed & Marilyn Jepsen

Ushers: Dale & Penny Kinney

David Ride:

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**February 13 @ 10:30AM**

Liturgist: Eric Olson

Coffee Hour:

Ushers: Jean Nihsen

David Ride: Eric Olson

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**February 20 @ 10:30AM**

Liturgist:

Coffee Hour:

Ushers:

Advent Candle:

David Ride:

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**February 27 @ 10:30AM**

Liturgist:

Communion Set Up:

Communion Servers

Ushers:



Ride for David:

Advent Lighters:

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*Please see Red Binder to sign up for next month & this month's vacant spots or call the church office.*

## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

<u>1/2</u> 30 In Person	<u>1/9</u> 40 In Person		<u>1/16</u> 41 In Person		<u>1/23</u> 38 In Person	<u>1/30</u> 20 In Person
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## Stewardship & Finance

2022 Per Capita per person: \$42.48

This year's per capita remains **\$42.48 per person**. Your per capita is required to be paid by us, even if you don't pay yours. So please consider submitting your per capita to the church office. Be sure to mark in memo: Per Capita.



*Finance Committee: Patti K Boettger, chair/treasurer*

*Al Olson, Jean Nihsen & Duane Mullen*



GENERAL FUND:

BALANCED (12/31/21)

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, February 17, 2022 9:00am Fireside Room/Zoom

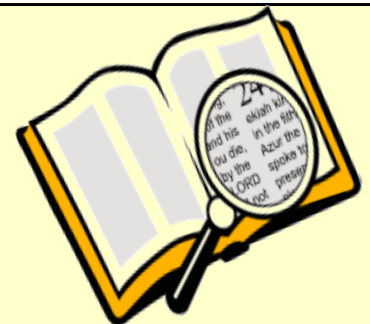


### Bible Verses to Investigate...

Exodus 34:29-35

Luke 6:27-38

1 Corinthians 15:1-11



**REFLECTIONS FROM PASTOR JENN**.... Continued...

Since the importance of learning how to pronounce the name of someone has come to my attention, I am resolved to handle it differently. Instead of nodding my head and acting like I understand, I will ask them to “teach me to say your name.” I’ll repeat it back to them as I understand it, and ask them to help me say their name correctly. Even when it’s uncomfortable. I will probably need to write it down too, to help me remember. Because being able to call someone by their name shows that they are valued. Let’s all try to show our respect and care for others as we call them by name.

Here’s a TED Talk by a woman named Huda Essa, who suffered from having a “different” name as a child in the US. She ended up writing a brilliant children’s book about it called, *Tell Teach Us Your Name*. I’m ordering a copy, if you’d like to read it sometime. It’s also free on Kindle Unlimited if you have an account.



[https://www.ted.com/talks/huda\\_essa\\_your\\_name\\_is\\_the\\_key](https://www.ted.com/talks/huda_essa_your_name_is_the_key)

Blessings and Peace,

**Star Words**

Did you get a Star Word in January? If so, how has your word shown up in your life? If you’re paying attention, you might notice your Star Word pop up in different ways. First of all, look it up in the dictionary. Think about the definition and how it speaks to you and applies to your life. Then ask yourself how that word is needed in your life. Perhaps it’s something you need for yourself, or maybe it’s something you can give to or share with others. Most importantly, ask God to speak to you through your Star Word and teach you something new. If you have a good story about your word, let Pastor Jenn know. She’d love to share it. If you haven’t gotten a word yet, pick one up from the basket on the table by the office doors or ask Pastor Jenn or Barb to draw one for you.

**FAITH CUP**

A Joyful toon by Mike Waters



By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.  
— ROMANS 5:2 KJV

**SESSION**

Thursday, Feb. 24 @ 7PM

The Session met on January 27 via Zoom for the regular monthly meeting. Actions taken included approval of The 2021 Annual Statistical Report of the congregation, including the Presbytery's Sexual Misconduct Policy. A request from Mary Goettsch to be removed from membership.

2022 Session Committee assignments were approved as follows:

Christian Education:	Shar Hulstein
Fellowship & Outreach:	Kristy Zenk
Finance:	Patti Boettger, Al Olson
Harvesters:	None needed
Membership:	Robert Lyons
Mission:	Shar Hulstein
Nominating:	Nancy Voggesser
Personnel:	Nancy Voggesser, Mike Schmidt
Property:	Wayne Igou, Mike Schmidt, Al Olson
Worship:	Kristy Zenk



Discussion was held regarding the use of space at UPC Denison by others from our local community. Currently, research is continuing to assure that our building will remain safe, clean and insured prior to any action.

The Annual Meeting of the UPC Congregation will be deferred until Sunday February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022, following worship service. Per presbyterian policy the Session designated Communion Sundays (first Sunday of each month) and sacred days for 2022.

All are reminded that UPC Denison will be holding a "Soup Drive Thru" on Saturday February 26<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is encouraged to support this fundraiser.

Session will hold their next meeting on Thursday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at the Church.

Bill Bruce, Clerk to Session

**Annual Congregational meeting has been rescheduled for  
February 13,2022**

**Following worship service.**

**DEACONS**

**Next Meeting: Tue., Feb. 1 @ 6PM Fireside Room/ Zoom**

## What is Per Capita?

Per Capita is a fundamental way in which all of the nearly 10,000 congregations and mid-councils of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) connect, participate and share in the work of the wider church. Per capita is the primary source of funding for the Office of the General Assembly, and is how Presbyterians mutually and equitably share the costs of coming together to discern the Spirit's leading for the future.



It is how Presbyterians participate in the life of the wider church by serving on General Assembly committees and commissions, regardless of distance or financial resources.

It is how Presbyterians participate in the life of the Church universal as we commit ourselves to work and live in fellowship with “all persons in every nation” (Book of Order, G-4.0101)

All Presbyterians are called to take part in the ecclesiastical and administrative work shared by the whole church through per capita giving. The annual rate is a per-member apportionment that is assessed biennially by the General Assembly. (Book of Order, G-3.0106)

All congregations — large and small — are encouraged to participate, either through an annual budget item or through a special direct appeal to their congregations. (from [www.pcusa.org](http://www.pcusa.org))

**Consider giving your per capita gift separately from your regular offering. By making this simple offering of \$42.48 specified for per capita, it frees up that money from the general budget. It can really make a big difference in the church's budget!**

## January Bible Trivia Answer

Which of the kings danced with all his might when the ark of the covenant returned to Jerusalem?

King David

The ark was very important because it represented the presence of God. The ark had been stolen by the Philistines many years before Israel had a kingdom. When it had sat in a house for many, King David wanted the ark to return to its proper place in God's house. When the ark returned, there was singing, dancing and shouting in the streets, with people praising God. David was so happy he danced in front of all the people.



Presbytery Connection Newsletter - Prospect Hill Presbytery

**MEN'S WINTER RETREAT, February 25-27, 2022**

Becoming Better Men...

What does it mean to be a better man? How do you want to live in this world as a man? What is getting in the way of living out what is most important to you? Lakeshore Center is partnering up with Presbytery of North Central Iowa to bring a unique opportunity for men to rest, reflect, and connect with other men who are interested in pursuing meaningful, purpose-driven lives. You will have the opportunity to rest, reflect and connect with other men who are interested in pursuing meaningful, purpose-driven lives.

Prices includes 2 nights of lodging and 5 meals:

Bunk room- \$100 per person (dorm style rooms with bunk beds, bedding NOT provided)

Lodge room shared: \$175

Lodge room single: \$225

Meals only (staying elsewhere or just coming for the day): \$50 or \$10 per meal

Register today by calling 712-337-3313

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**Youth Triennium this Summer!**

It's time again for the Presbyterian Youth Triennium gathering of high school youth, youth leaders, and young adults. Join thousands of Presbyterian youth in Indianapolis, IN on July 24-27, 2022. Our presbytery will be taking a group to Indianapolis and the invitation is open! Talk to Pastor Jenn if you are interested. There is some scholarship money available. You can talk to Jacob Halsey, who attended the last Triennium or check out their website:

<https://presbyterianyouthtriennium.org/>

A man goes to see his Pastor. "Pastor, something terrible is happening and I have to talk to you about it."

The Pastor asked, "What's wrong?" The man replied, "My wife is going to poison me."

The Pastor was very surprised by this and asks, "How can that be?" The man pleads, "I'm telling you, I'm certain she's going to poison me. What should I do?"

The Pastor offers, "Tell you what. Let me talk to her, I'll see what I can find out and I'll let you know."

A week later the Pastor calls the man and says, "I spoke to your wife on the phone for 3 hours. You want me advice?"

The man replied, "Yes." The Pastor told the man, "Take the poison."

## FELLOWSHIP & OUTREACH SOUP SALE

A drive through soup sale is planned for Saturday, February 26<sup>th</sup> from 4 – 6 p.m. in the church parking lot. Chicken noodle, chili and bean with ham soup will be available for sale at \$10.00 per quart. Members of the Fellowship & Outreach Committee will be making the soup during that day, however this is a church wide project and everyone is encouraged to assist with the sale. If you are available to help with the sale on the 26<sup>th</sup>, there will be a signup sheet in the hallway for you to sign your name. The proceeds from the soup sale will be used to help pay for the tuck pointing project on the church.



## February Bible Trivia

Who was David's firstborn son?

*\*look for the answer in next month's newsletter*

## MISSION



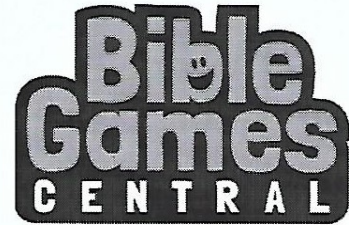
It was decided that our February mission goal is to give donations to Presbyterian Disaster Relief. Recently, the Presbyterians have been quite active in helping give relief to cities in our central and southern states hit by large tornadoes on December 10, 2021. It will take years for these cities to recover the losses experienced in early winter. If you wish to contribute to this fund, please make a check payable to the church and earmark "Presbyterian Disaster Relief". Thank you for your support.



A 10 year old, under the tutelage of her grandmother, was becoming quite knowledgeable about the Bible. Then one day, she floored her grandmother by asking "Which virgin was the mother of Jesus? The virgin Mary or the King James Version?"



# The Fall of Jericho Word Search



Read the story below. Find and circle the words that are **underlined**. The words can appear in any direction: horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backwards.

## The Fall of Jericho - Joshua 6

The gates of **Jericho** were shut tight and guarded closely because of the **Israelites**. No one went out. No one came in.

Then the Lord said to **Joshua**, "I have **handed** Jericho over to you. March around the city once with all your **fighting** men. In fact, do it for **six** days. Have seven **priests** get **trumpets** made out of rams' **horns**. They must carry them in front of the ark. On the **seventh** day, march around the **city** seven times. Tell the priests to blow the trumpets as you march. You will hear them blow a long **blast** on the trumpets. When you do, tell the whole **army** to give a loud shout. The wall of the city will **fall** down. Then the whole army will march up to the city. Everyone will go straight in."

So Joshua **ordered** the people, "Move out! March **around** the city." They marched around the city once and **returned** to **camp**. They did this for six days.

On the seventh day, they got up at **sunrise**. They **marched** around the city, just as they had done before. But on that day, they went around it seven times. On the seventh time around, the priests **blew** a long blast on the trumpets. Then Joshua gave a **command** to the army. He said, "**Shout!** The Lord has given you the city!"

The priests blew the trumpets. As soon as the army heard the sound, they gave a loud shout. Then the wall fell down. **Everyone** **charged** straight in and they took the city.

## Solution





**FEBRUARY PUZZLE**

**57. A House Divided Cannot Stand**

**Mark 3:20-26 NLT**

One time Jesus entered a house, and the crowds began to gather again. Soon he and his disciples couldn't even find time to eat. When his family heard what was happening, they tried to take him away. "He's out of his mind," they said.

But the teachers of religious law who had arrived from Jerusalem said, "He's possessed by Satan, the prince of demons. That's where he gets the power to cast out demons."

Jesus called them over and responded with an illustration. "How can Satan cast out Satan?" he asked. "A kingdom divided by civil war will collapse. Similarly, a family splintered by feuding will fall apart.

And if Satan is divided and fights against himself, how can he stand? He would never survive.

**Mark 3:20-26 ASV**

And the multitude cometh together again, so that they could not so much as eat bread.

And when his friends heard it, they went out to lay hold on him: for they said, He is beside himself.

And the scribes that came down from Jerusalem said, He hath Beelzebub, and, By the prince of the demons casteth he out the demons.

And he called them unto him, and said unto them in parables, How can Satan cast out Satan?

And if a kingdom be divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand.

And if a house be divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand.

And if Satan hath rise up against himself, and is divided, he cannot stand, but hath an end.

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**57. A House Divided Cannot Stand**

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| ABLE     | FEUDING   | POWER      |
| BEGAN    | FIGHTS    | PRINCE     |
| BESIDE   | FRIENDS   | RESPONDED  |
| CANNOT   | GATHER    | RISE       |
| CAST     | HAPPENING | SATAN      |
| CIVIL    | HEARD     | SCRIBES    |
| COLLAPSE | HOLD      | SPLINTERED |
| DEMONS   | JERUSALEM | STAND      |
| ENTERED  | PARABLES  | SURVIVE    |
| FALL     | POSSESSED | TRIED      |

# FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2/4 Denise Philipp

2/5 Brandon Halsey

2/6 Charlotte Dueland

2/13 Mary Eisenbraun

2/15 Faith Blair

2/19 Ethan Koch

2/19 Pat Bilsten

2/24 Bob Eisenbraun

