

# The MacPherson Press

February 2024

*God calls MacPherson Presbyterian Church  
to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ,  
to make disciples, and to be His witness.*

## Ash Wednesday Service At MacPherson



**Wednesday, February 14  
6:00 pm, In the Sanctuary**

Begin Lent and look to the Easter Season with  
this special worship service

**Ash Wednesday Sermon:**  
Why Do I Need to Confess and Repent?  
Daniel 9:1-23; Luke 5:29-32

## *Why Do I Need To ... Part 2*

PASTOR JIM

This month we will continue the sermon series, “Why Do I Need to ....?” The final five installments in this series will address topics that even many spiritually mature Christians struggle with in their lives. These topics are [Why Do I Need to ...?] Worship, Forgive, Confess and Repent, Participate in Right Fellowship, and Share Jesus. The idea undergirding each of these topics is they build upon those topics previously proclaimed in January. As a quick refresher, those topics are [Why Do I Need to ...] Believe in Jesus, Answer God’s Call, Pray, and Study God’s Word.

Each of the topics for February are essential in my view for aiding Christians in spiritual maturation. Peter encourages the Believer “Like newborn babies, [to] long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation, if you have tasted the kindness of the Lord” (1 Peter 2:2-3). Sadly, many Christians never mature, preferring to remain spiritual infants. The author of Hebrews decries this attitude when he asserts, “For by this time you ought to be teachers, you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles of the oracles of God, and you have come to need milk and not solid food. For everyone who partakes only of milk is not accustomed to the word of righteousness, for he is an infant. But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil” (Hebrews 5:12-14).



That may seem a little harsh to some, but the reality is we must mature in our faith; to remain stagnant in faith

is to turn aside from Jesus' teaching resulting in rebellion/sin against the Lord God. Remember, partial obedience is still entirely rebellion and therefore sin against the Lord God.

According to the psalmist all sin is against God. David the psalmist declares, "Against You [God], You only, I have sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You are justified when You speak and blameless when You judge" (Psalm 51:4).

One of our sermons in this series will be proclaimed on Ash Wednesday. The topic for Ash Wednesday is "Confess and Repent." This will be a great opportunity for those of us who are not seeking to mature in our faith to confess and repent of this apathy towards the things of God. Remember: to repent is to have a change in direction or attitude. So instead of an apathetic or cavalier attitude towards the things of God, let us develop passion for the things God desires from us. In this way we can "Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness" (Matthew 6:33) as we ought.

As we move into Lent and approach the Easter season, let us do so with resolve as individuals and as a community of faith to do all in our ability to mature and grow as Christians and as a faithful part of the Body of Christ. Instead of giving things up for Lent, let us take up a spiritual discipline that will enable us to be drawn closer to God.

Until the nets are full,  
*Pastor Jim*

## Upcoming Sermon Information

### *Why Do I Need To . . . ?*

During February we will continue our series of sermons regarding the things we need to do as Christians to help us draw closer to the Lord God. The five sermons for this month include topics on worship, forgiving, and sharing Jesus. Each topic builds upon those four topics proclaimed in January. February's topics are designed to help each of us grow in faith so that we will be better equipped to share Jesus with those we encounter each day.

#### **February 4: Why Do I Need to Worship?**

*Psalm 95:1-11; John 4:15-26*

#### **February 11: Why Do I Need to Forgive?**

*Matthew 6:1-15; John 20:19-23*

#### **February 14: Ash Wednesday**

#### **Why Do I Need to Confess and Repent?**

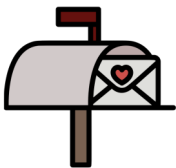
*Daniel 9:1-23; Luke 5:29-32*

#### **February 18: Why Do I Need to Participate in Right Fellowship?**

*Acts 2:37-47; 1 John 1:1-10*

#### **February 25: Why Do I Need to Share Jesus? (testimony and witness)**

*Jonah 4:1-11; Acts 4:13-31*



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## *MacPherson Men Update*

Seventeen MacPherson Men met to continue their fellowship and ministry on Saturday, January 13. They enjoyed a hearty breakfast and shared a devotion entitled "What Does God Want of Us?" They also discussed future activities.

The MacPherson Men meet monthly on the second Saturday and welcome men of all ages to join in fellowship and service. The next meeting is on February 10 in the Fellowship Hall at 7:30 am. If you have questions or comments, contact David Hesnard or Steve Thrasher for details.



***Welcome New Member!***

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# From The Finance Team

*Mary Groening, Chair*

After carefully reviewing expenditures and revenues from last year, the Finance Team has developed a budget for 2024. The team's goal continues to be to provide the best possible worship environment, to be good stewards, and to continue to further the mission of the church. Information on the 2024 Budget will be presented to the congregation at the Congregational Meeting on February 18.



As you recall, last year we started a Capital Campaign to benefit the Building Fund in an effort to help offset the cost of replacing our aging HVAC systems. At this time, we have raised 59% of our stated goal; we will continue efforts to reach the 100% mark!

In an effort to make our financial resources work harder for us, the Finance Team has made some changes in the way our investments are managed. Additionally, the Finance Team is investigating new ways that can be implemented to raise funds for the church. While we currently have several options under consideration, we welcome your input. Perhaps you have participated in a fund raiser elsewhere that could be used as a model for a fund raiser here. Let us know. You are a valuable resource and your suggestions are always appreciated.

In closing, we want to reiterate that we are confident that God will guide us as we face the financial challenges that the new year promises. We know that God has a plan for MacPherson, and it is only through our continued work as a community of believers that we can accomplish His plans for us. Thank you for being a part of that plan.

***'For I know the plans that I have for you,' declares the LORD, 'plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope.'***

***Jeremiah 29:11***

**Volunteers  
Needed to  
Provide Sunday  
Morning  
Fellowship  
Breakfast!**



**Every 1st Sunday of the EVEN Months  
Every 1st Sunday of the ODD Months**

**Menu is Entirely YOUR Choice  
Continental, Traditional,  
Fancy, or Plain!**



**Questions?  
Ready to Step Up and  
Volunteer?  
Contact Dennis Reid!**

## From APP

*Bill Groening, Chair*

The APP team has been working hard to prepare the manse for the rental market. Necessary repairs to the electrical and plumbing systems have been made. While there are still a few things to be checked off our “To Do” list, we have come a long way. We have accomplished a lot, but there is still work to be done.



Thanks once again for your help in cleaning up the yard. We couldn't have done it without you. We will, no doubt, be calling on you again as we move forward. Once all the needed repairs and cleanings have all been done, we will secure a rental management company to handle and manage the property. Once rented, the rental proceeds will be used to offset the costs incurred getting the manse market ready. Once that is achieved, the proceeds will go to the Building Fund.

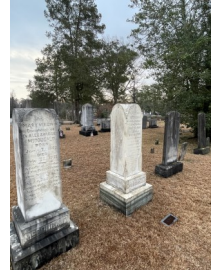
Our HVAC units continue to be a concern. We know that one unit, which received a temporary fix in December, will need to be replaced in the not-too-distant future. Additionally, there is a second unit that we are carefully monitoring. It, too, may require replacing before long.

As always, we are looking for volunteers and new members of the APP team. Taking care of the church property is a big job. There is much that could be done and should be done to maintain the buildings and the grounds. We need your help! The job is so much more than just HVAC units and the manse. Perhaps you have noticed something you would like to see addressed. Perhaps you have ideas that could be implemented to improve our property. Your suggestions are always welcome. If you can help, please contact Bill Groening or another member of the team (Liz Hart or Jose Cardona). Not sure how you can help? Just contact a team member. We have a job for you! Remember that many hands make light work!!



## *Behind the Scenes:* **The MacPherson Cemetery**

Every time you come to church, or even just drive past on Cliffdale Road, you and the community see an especially important part of MacPherson Church: the cemetery. This sacred, historical space contains graves marked as far back as 1803, and plenty of unmarked graves that predate that.



We have discussed some of the people who have had a part in cemetery care in previous Behind the Scenes: the American flags placed on graves for patriotic holidays and the actual lawn care. However, you may not know about (or have forgotten about) the quiet, dedicated work of the Cemetery Committee.

This committee was organized in the 1950s. The leaders at that time were Edgar Edens, Jr., and Erasmus “Raz” Evans. In the 1960s, George Cade and Ken McKethan became active in taking care of the cemetery. Within a few years, Bobby Waters joined them. Currently the Cemetery Committee members are George Cade, Roger McLean, David Carter, and Joseph Cade. George Cade has been primarily responsible for all duties related to the cemetery since the early 1980’s.

A few of the Cemetery Committee’s responsibilities include meeting with families to select a burial plot, maintaining records of the cemetery, and coordinating with families and funeral homes to manage all details related to preparing the burial site at the time of the service. Someone from the committee is always available when needed by families or a funeral home.

Please thank the members of the Cemetery Committee when you see them. We are especially grateful to George Cade for his 50-plus years of faithful, dedicated service to maintaining MacPherson’s stately, distinguished cemetery.

## *Session News*

MacPherson welcomed its newest elders at Installation/Ordination on January 14. Seen below from left to right, the Class of 2026 includes Megan Shoff, Jada Randall, Sharon Mozingo, Tricia DeMann, Norma Lindon, and Steve Thrasher. The complete list of 2024 Session Teams is on the next page. Don't forget: Session Elders can't do all of the work of the church alone. All of the Session Teams could use your help. Contact any Team member or chair if you'd like to step up and help out!



# *Session Structure for 2024*

## **Finance Team**

(Chair) Mary Groening  
Tanya Anderson  
Bill Groening  
David Hesnard  
Don Mollett  
Steve Thrasher  
Trustee

## **Admin/Personnel/Property**

(Chair) Bill Groening  
José Cardona

## **Christian Education**

(Chair) Tanya Anderson  
Jada Randall

## **Congregational Care**

(Chair) David Hesnard  
Tricia DeMann

## **Evangelism & Mission**

(Chair) Don Mollett  
Megan Shoff  
Sharon Mozingo

## **Long Range Planning**

(Chair) Steve Thrasher  
Norma Lindon  
Scott Cummings

## **Worship & Music**

(Chair) Mary Groening  
Joe McArthur

## **Clerk of Session**

Jim Wanovich

## **Treasurers**

Mary Groening: Treasurer/Receiving  
Liz Hart: Disbursing



## Worship and Music

*Mary Groening, Chair*

Your Worship and Music Team got off to a great start in 2024. In the past our team has consisted of myself, Martha Treneman, and Pastor Jim. At our meeting on January 4, we welcomed the following new members to the team: Dan Arthur, Carol Hubbard, Laurie Hubbard, Jeannie Jernigan, Joe McArthur, and George Salyer. With their help and input, we look forward to an enhanced Music and Worship program this year. If you have suggestions for our team, please inform one of our members.

One of the exciting developments this year is the return of the choir. With Beth Walters' help and direction, you will see and hear the choir periodically. Right now, we are looking at the end of February as a kick-off date with a second performance on Easter Sunday. Practices will take place the week before the performance. If you would like to be a part of the choir, please contact Jeannie Jernigan. Jeannie has agreed to be the liaison between Beth and the choir members.

We would also like to see the return of the Hand Bell Choir. We currently have ringers who are willing to return but would love to have a few more ringers to complete the choir. Please consider joining this fun group. We would like to hear the ringers on Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday. Practices, held on Wednesday evening before Bible study, usually last about half an hour. You do not have to read music; you only need to

concentrate on a note or two. Counting, of course, is required. (No math—just count to 2 or 4!) Once you decide to join us, let us know!

Now that February has arrived, we look about and see that indeed, love is in the air. It's everywhere you look: store shelves, yard signs, tee shirts. You can't miss all the celebration and commotion that accompany Valentine's Day, February 14. And yet, for us, this Valentine's Day carries a much larger significance. This February 14 is Ash Wednesday. At 6:00 pm on Ash Wednesday, there will be a worship service that will address our need to confess and repent. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten season, a period of preparation to celebrate Christ's Resurrection. We are reminded that the gift of salvation is free to all who confess their sins, repent, and accept God's great gift. How appropriate that this year, Ash Wednesday falls on a day set aside to celebrate love. It reminds us that we are blessed with a loving Father who sacrificed His only Son for us. When we confess and repent, we are able to accept God's gift of salvation. So this February 14th, let's put the chocolate heart aside while we take the time to worship together and remember the great gift that we have been given. Let's make this Valentine's Day a day of celebration of God's love, that we may let love continue to abound in us.

*"While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." ~ ~ Romans 5:8*

*"Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends." ~ ~ John 15:13*

*"Let all that you do be done in love." ~ ~ 1 Corinthians 16:14*



## From Congregational Care

*David Hesnard, Chair*

It is February, the month of Groundhogs, Love, Presidents, Congregational Meetings, Ash Wednesday, and more! So many things in the shortest month of the year, even leap year! As this newsletter is prepared for print, the women of the church celebrated their luncheon on the 21<sup>st</sup>, the Youth experienced spiritual growth during their Winter Retreat on the 26-28<sup>th</sup>, and the Session Teams are moving forward with all their 2024 activities. With that, several updates are in order.

We celebrate the recognition of Roger McLean as our newest Faithful Saint (*see next page*) and Jakob Chandler as our newest member (*see p. 5*). As we move into 2024, the Congregational Care Team (CCT) continues working to recognize and assist in meeting the spiritual, physical, emotional, and relational needs of the MacPherson Church family and friends that God so wonderfully blesses us with along the way. If you see a need or feel led to assist in any of our ministry areas, additional hands and ideas are appreciated and encouraged. We meet the first Thursday of every month, at 7:00 pm, in the Fellowship Hall.

The Apostle Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 13, *“Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love. Pursue love.”* Words that all of us need to take to heart in this divided and contrary society! If we do not have the comfort of God’s Love, we do not know what love is and cannot share what we do not have! Seek and Share God’s Truth and Be Prepared to Share Your Faith and Belief in Jesus Christ with Care, Compassion, and Respect.

*In Prayer and Service, David*

# Roger McLean

## Faithful Saint and Member of MacPherson Presbyterian Church

Roger and Mary Mac McLean have served MacPherson Presbyterian Church as a team since Roger joined the church in July of 1976. He was ordained as a Deacon in October of 1977 and as a Ruling Elder in December of 1981. Roger served as Sunday School Superintendent from 1990 -1991 and has been active in teaching our youngsters and youth for over 30 years as part of our



Christian Education outreach. He has served throughout the years on Session Teams and as a Trustee providing leadership and encouragement across many areas of congregational calling. Serving by his side, Mary Mac has been instrumental in support to the choir, Sunday School, and Youth activities as well. Roger's interests are manifested in his ongoing support for countless Church endeavors throughout nearly 50 years of thoughtful and caring service to both the congregation and the community. His Christian Faith remains an inspiration to all as he displays what it means to be a Faithful Saint of Jesus Christ.



# *Annual Youth Lock-In*

Lots of fun at the annual Youth Lock-In with a trip to a local Escape Room, spirited games of Bibleopoly and Ping Pong, music fun with good friends, and so much more!





There is eventually sleeping that goes on at the lock-in, under the watchful eyes of chaperones. Folks find rest in all corners of the Fellowship Hall. And yes—that's a cot by the back door and old soda machine!



## From Evangelism & Mission

*Don Mollett, Chair*

The Bible theme for February 2024 is "Strength and Courage." Let's look at a few Bible verses about being strong and courageous.

**Joshua 1:6–9:** “Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them. 7 “Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. 8 Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. 9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.

**Isaiah 41:10:** So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Let us take heart in knowing that with God we can be strong and courageous. When we go out into the world let us not fear speaking about our faith or the blessings we have from our relationship with the Lord. We all have listened to many sermons about doing just that, leaving no doubt that you are a Christian and that you live your faith daily. If we put this same vigor in our daily endeavors, then everything is possible.

MacPherson Church continues to support local outreach missions such as the Scouting programs, Operation INASMUCH, Habitat for Humanity, Episcopal Farm Workers Migrant Ministry, and others.

Our annual West Virginia Cabell/Lincoln Work Camp Mission is back on, and last year's trip was greatly received by all who attended.

Youth and adults alike enjoyed the fellowship and blessing from sharing God's Love through service to others in



need. The dates for the trip are June 16-22. There will be an informational meeting on March 17 at 5:00 pm. If you are at all interested in taking part in this year's trip, please put these dates on your calendar now. You can contact any member of the E & M Team if you have questions now about the trip: the work we do, the experience, cost and travel. What do you need to start doing now to ensure you can travel with the group in June?

As we start this new year may we have all the success, blessings, and opportunities in all we strive to accomplish for 2024.

If you have ideas, concerns, or a passion for our outreach and mission efforts, please contact Barney Treneman, Bill Kern, Sharon Mozingo, or Megan Shoff, or join us on Thursday, February 1, 6:00 pm, Room 228, for fellowship and God's work with the E&M team.

# MacPherson Presbyterian Church

## February 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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				9 am ESL, Tutoring/Jackson (#233A) 4:30 pm McCrafters (H) 5:40 pm Finance (H) 6:00 pm BYOB Bible Study (FH/K) 6:30 pm Praise Band Practice (S) 7:00 pm Freedom to Grow (#2105) 7:30 pm Christian Ed (H)	8:00 am–4:00 pm Classical Conversations Homeschoolers (Various Rooms—See Here) 5:30 pm GS Troop 888 (#127, #124) 5:30 pm Girl Scouts Troop 886 WITH COOKIE BOOTH (FH/K, 233A, 224) 6:30 pm Bible 101 (#2105)	
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<p><b>11</b></p> <p><b>Centeality Offering</b>  <b>Boy Scout Sunday</b>  12:45 pm Youth Fellowship (FH, K)  12:45 pm Session (#215)</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>7:30 am Monday Morning Prayer-Meeting (FH)  9:00–3:00 pm Children's Hope Alliance Staff (#233A)  6:00 pm GS Troop 821 (#228, #233A)  7:00 pm Troop Meeting (FH)</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>8:00 am–4:00 pm Classical Conversations Homeschoolers (Various Rooms–See Rene)  5:30 pm GS Troop 888 (#422, #424)  5:30 pm Girl Scouts Troop 886 (FH/K, 233A, 224)  6:30 Bible 101 (#215)</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p><b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>  9 am ESL Tutoring/Jackson (#233A)  4:30 pm McCreiters (FH)  6:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service (S)  7:00 pm Praise Band Practice (S)  7:00 pm Freedom to Brew (#215)</p> <p><b>Ash Wednesday</b></p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>9:00–3:00 pm Children's Hope Alliance Staff (#233A)  6:00 pm Fireside Chat with David G Pastor Jim (H/Y/You Tube)  6:30 pm Praise Band Practice (S)  7:00 pm Pastor's Book Study (#215/Zoom)</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>9 am–1 pm 4th Quarter-Tutor Meeting  7:00 pm SDS: Seekers of Sobriety</p>	<p><b>17</b></p>
<p><b>18</b></p> <p>12:00 Congregational Meeting w/ Youth Soup &amp; Sandwich Fundraiser</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>5:00 am Youth Trip to Holocaust Museum (return 9:00 pm)–<b>BUS RESERVED</b>  7:30 am Monday Morning Prayer-Meeting (FH)  9:00–3:00 pm Children's Hope Alliance Staff (#233A)  6:00 pm GS Troop 821 (#228, #233A)</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p><i>No Classical Conversations–Break</i>  5:30 pm GS Troop 888 (#422, #424)  5:30 pm Girl Scouts Troop 886 (FH/K, 233A, 224)  6:30 Bible 101 (#215)</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p><b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>  9 am ESL Tutoring/Jackson (#233A)  4:30 pm McCreiters (FH)  6:00 pm Express Meal &amp; Prayer Meeting (FH/K)  6:00 pm Troop 886 COOKIE BODDY  7:00 pm Freedom to Brew (#215)</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>9:00–3:00 pm Children's Hope Alliance Staff (#233A)  6:00 pm Fireside Chat with David G Pastor Jim (H/Y/You Tube)  6:30 pm Praise Band Practice (S)  7:00 pm Pastor's Book Study (#215/Zoom)</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>6:00 pm Parish-Reserved Pastor  7:00 pm SDS: Seekers of Sobriety (FH, K)</p>	<p><b>24</b></p>
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## **February 2024 – Jesus’ I Am #5**

### **Verse 1 – Jesus Is the King**

*John 18:37*

Then Pilate said to him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this purpose, I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.”

### **Verse 2 – Jesus Sends Us into the World**

*John 20:21*

Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.”

### **Verse 3 – Jesus is the Persecuted One**

*Acts 9:5*

And he said, “Who are you, Lord?” And he said, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.”

### **Verse 4 – Jesus is the First and the Last**

*Revelation 22:13*

“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”

### **Verse 5 – Jesus is David’s Descendant**

*Revelation 22:16*

“I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”

### **Verse 6 – Pray for the Leaders of Habitat for Humanity, Operation Inasmuch & Our City**

*Psalms 127:1*

“Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain.”

# *February Birthdays*

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**A Pastor's Work Is Never Done**  
*Snapped Sometime in the Wee Hours*  
*At the Youth Lock-In*

Eyes closed, but you'd be mistaken if you think he was sleeping! Army training taught the fine art of vigilance while at rest, now a useful skill for Youth lock-ins!



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