

JANUARY

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

WELCOME 2020



The Church Mouse



January, 2020 *Walking with Walter*

An end and a new beginning. It's hard to believe that it is already January of a new year. Last year was exciting. There were so many wonderful things that Weirsdale Church was able to do. For a church our size, it is amazing what you all have accomplished. Due to your faithfulness and love for others, we have grown both physically and especially spiritually.

The church has been blessed by your faithfulness. Week after week church attendance has been high. Not only that, many of you have been so faithful in inviting others to join us for worship. Sometimes, I look out at the congregation and see so many people coming because someone invited them. I must admit, I have never seen a church work together and do so much like Weirsdale.

Even as we celebrate last year's accomplishments, we must look forward to this coming new year. If we are to continue to reach others, we must be committed to following God with our whole heart. It is not possible for us to just simply sit back and go with the flow. Instead, we must be alert and prepared for what God intends for us in 2020.

No one knows what the future holds, but as the song says, "We know who holds the future." Together, we must be determined to follow God's leadership with all of our heart. Weirsdale has been blessed to have great leadership in the past; and I believe we have wonderful leadership for the coming year also. But I believe, no matter how great the leadership might be, without people doing the work of the church and following their leadership, nothing would happen.

I don't know about you, but I am looking forward to what is ahead. There are so many possibilities out there for us. Only through God's leadership, will each of us be able to make 2020 a banner year. Without our dedication, all our accomplishments of the past will be of little value.

My prayer for Weirsdale Presbyterian Church is that together we will bring honor and glory to God. That we, as a church, will stand firm proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ. God is faithful and thankfully, so are you. May the Lord watch over us and guide us in this coming year.



A black sign with a white border decorated with white dots. The sign has an arched top and contains the text "SESSION HIGHLIGHTS" in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Highlights from December 15, 2019, meeting:

- The budget for 2020 was approved.
- AED training for seven people was completed.
- Next Worship Committee meeting will be January 12, 2020.
- Over 70 people attended the Thanksgiving Day dinner at church.
- Thirty-five new members joined the church in 2019.
- Caleb Emerson, Boy Scout, has finished the road signs and handicap parking signs for his Eagle Scout project.
- There are plans to power wash and paint the outside of the church sanctuary in 2020.
- The Missions Committee continues to provide security for the church.
- The committee chair-persons include:
 - Stated Clerk of Session -- Angela Pecor
 - Administration, Finance & Personnel -- Linda Spence
 - Building and Grounds -- Kaye Boyer
 - Fellowship & Membership -- Diana Harris
 - Missions -- Jim Bowers
 - Worship -- Ilene Newton
 - Nominating -- TBA



END OF YEAR COMMITTEE REPORTS

To the Committee Chairs:

Please have your end of year reports to the church office by January 30th.

The date of the Congregational Meeting for accepting the year-end reports will be announced in January.



*Christmas Cantata
"Welcome to Our World"*

*Thank you Jill, Jo, the Choir
and Walter for an amazing
Christmas Cantata!*

**ORDINATION & INSTALLATION
OF NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS**

On December 1, the congregation elected the new officers and on the 29th, the new elders and deacons were ordained and installed.

Elected officers include:

Elders:

Kaye Boyer, Class of 2022
Ilene Newton, Class of 2022

Deacons:

Sue Farley, Class of 2022
Margo French, Class of 2022
Tom Hagle, Class of 2022
Axie Grimes, Class of 2021
Barbara West, Class of 2020

Please pray for the Lord's guidance in leading and caring for our congregation.

FIGHT THOSE GERMS!

A hand sanitizing system is placed in the Narthex for your use. If you are concerned about germs, please feel free to walk back and use it.



JOIN THE PHONE TREE

Betty McEuen is updating the WPC phone tree. If you would like to be contacted on a daily basis as a check to your health condition or just to hear someone say "good morning", sign up with her. Call Betty at 352-245-9412.

On Sunday, January 5th, she will be sitting at the back table during fellowship and happy to discuss what the Phone Tree is all about as well as to sign up anyone who is interested.





The Operation Shoebox sewing group will resume meeting the 2nd and 4th Mondays each month. The next meetings will be on the 13th and 27th in January. Diana Harris is the coordinator for the sewing group and delivers the items to Operation Shoebox. For further information, she can be reached at 352-425-4351 or at 352-625-6021.



A soldier stationed in Kuwait was so pleased to receive a ditty bag that he sent Diana a T-shirt titled "Kuwait Now"

A marine also sent a very nice letter:

Good morning, Ladies.

I hope that this letter reaches you in good health, weather and spirits. You certainly deserve it after the joy your thoughtful gifts spread to the deployed Marines in my unit.

For many, this is the first time they have been away from American soil, certainly their first time so far removed from their friends and families. For some, yours are the only packages that they will receive, and I can tell you from experience, it means the world to them.

Thank you, sincerely, for your time, your generosity and your support.

Sgt Crawford, C.L. USMC

P.S. Please know that the stars you sent will travel abroad in the pockets and packs of our Marines. Semper Fidelis!



**FIRST SUNDAY EACH MONTH IS "FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY"
COMMUNITY OF GRATITUDE THANKS YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

The Community of Gratitude is grateful for the monetary support and the food and bread donations. They were especially happy with the fresh produce donated from our Thanksgiving Harvest Table. It enabled their program to provide families in need with many nutritious meals and fresh fruits and vegetables around the Ocklawaha, Weirsdale, East Lake Weir and Umatilla areas of Marion County.

In November this year, they served 315 households and assisted 847 individuals which included 235 children. They provided food that was equivalent to 7,848 meals!



The pantry is always in need of such non-perishable staples as soups, peanut butter and jelly, bread, All-in-One boxed meals, personal toiletries and also pet food.



*The Pessimist complains about the wind.
The Optimist expects the wind to change.
The Realist adjusts the sail.
Which are you?*

Steve
Roger & Family
Jim
Steve, Marsha &
Family
Paul
Ester
Esther
Dottie
Ivan
Sandy
Becky
Bill
Wayne & Mary
Dave & Marlys
Marty
Nikko
Audrey
Gary
Cathy
George
George
Katie
Keith
Charlie
Elton
Tim
Our Country
Gary
Gloria
Sharon
Wiley
Joyce
David
Ed
Ellen Burger
Family

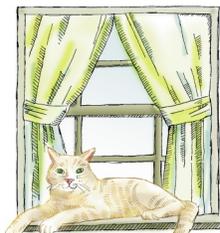
PRAYER CHAIN INFORMATION

If you have a prayer request or are interested in helping on the prayer chain, please get with **Axie Grimes**.

352-537-0854 (Cell)
352-821-1378 (Home)
mrsagrimes@yahoo.com



Remember our friends who are homebound or in a care facility by sending them a card to brighten their day:



Remember Our Homebound

Robert Lipsner
800 Lake Port Blvd. Apt C505
Leesburg, FL 34748

Betts Mengel
ATRIA Lady Lake
930 County Road 466
Lady Lake, FL 32159

James & Audrey Stangle
4680 Bellwether Ln. Apt. 113
Oxford, FL 34484

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

JANUARY

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| Head Usher: | Linda Spatta |
| Liturgist: | Ken Cordle |
| Communion Setup | Cathy Skoff |
| Communion Servers: | Kaye, Boyer, Glenda Bucklew, Axie Grimes, Diana Harris, Angela Pecor |



As always, if you are unable to serve as listed above, **PLEASE find a substitute**.
And, thank you for your willingness to serve our church!

Altar Flowers & Fellowship

The slate is wide open in early 2020 needing altar flowers and hosts for fellowship.

Altar flower forms are in the document holder in the Narthex. Flowers remain at \$25.00.

Check the bulletin board in the Douglas Hall kitchen for openings if you would like to host a snack.

Your contributions are appreciated.

January 2020



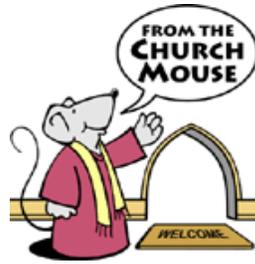
| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | 1 New Year's Day | 2 10:00AM Women's Bible Study 4:30PM Choir Rehearsal | 3 | 4 9:00AM Deacons Meet |
| 5 Food Pantry Sunday 10:30AM Worship w/ Holy Communion 11:30AM Fellowship | 6 | 7 11:30AM TTO | 8 10:00AM Bible Study Grp. 7:30PM BSA | 9 10:00AM Women's Bible Study 4:30PM Choir Rehearsal | 10 | 11 |
| 12 School Clothing Drive Sunday 10:30AM Worship 11:30AM Fellowship | 13 9AM Operation Shoebox | 14 11:30AM TTO | 15 10:00AM Bible Study Grp. 5:00PM Seniors Grp. 7:30PM BSA | 16 10:00AM Women's Bible Study 4:30PM Choir Rehearsal | 17 | 18 |
| 19 10:30AM Worship 11:30AM Fellowship 11:45AM Session Meets | 20 Martin Luther King Day | 21 11:30AM TTO | 22 10:00AM Bible Study Grp. 7:30PM BSA | 23 10:00AM Women's Bible Study 4:30PM Choir Rehearsal | 24 | 25 |
| 26 10:30AM Worship 11:30AM Fellowship Potluck | 27 9AM Operation Shoebox | 28 11:30AM TTO | 29 10:00AM Bible Study Grp. 7:30PM BSA | 30 10:00AM Women's Bible Study 4:30PM Choir Rehearsal | 31 | 1 |

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**Our Mission:
Bring People to Christ
Develop our Discipleship**



Weirsdale Presbyterian Church
Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM
Fellowship: 11:30 AM