



January/February 2025

“LIGHT FROM THE HILL”

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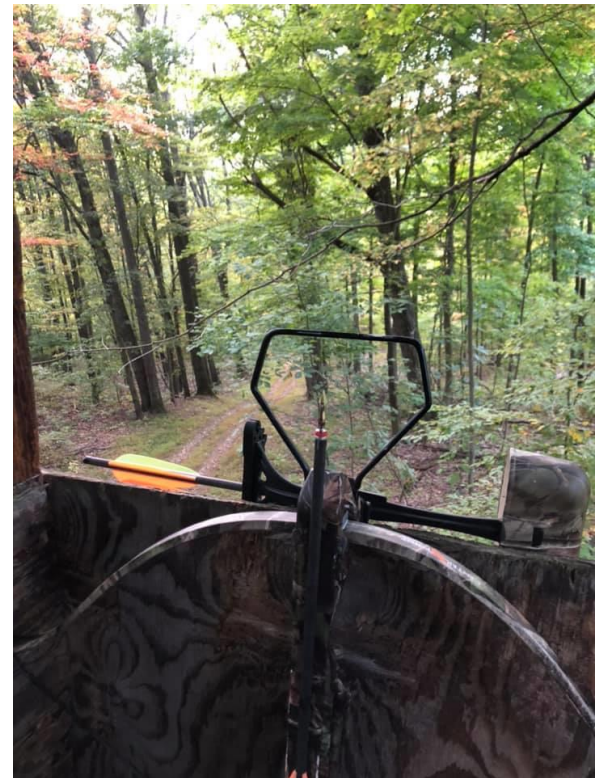
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SURVEYING THE LAND

As you get situated in your tree stand or hunting blind, you need to start surveying the land. You are not just looking for deer, but you take in all the sights and sounds. You are not just ‘looking’, but you are surveying. You are taking in the contour of the land and all its forms. Typically, most things in the woods are vertical; so when you are surveying the land, you are also training your eyes to spot the horizontal things. Deer would be horizontal and thus should catch your eye. You continuously survey and yes look at your surroundings while waiting for deer to come. In archery it’s imperative that you move slow and steady as to not be seen by the deer. Yes, they are looking for you, too.

Likewise, surveying scripture is how we should read our Bible. Not just looking at the words but seeking to see God. Seeing what he has for us. As we are doing this, we are also surveying our heart. When there’s movement in our spirit, we stop and linger, seek, and note. God is giving us clues. He is telling us what his goal is for us so that we may have the abundant life that he has promised us. Aim for the target God is presenting and make the commitment and pull the trigger.



As we see in Joshua 18: 3-4, 8

³ So Joshua said to the Israelites: "How long will you wait before you begin to take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, has given you?" ⁴ Appoint three men from each tribe. I will send them out to make a survey of the land and to write a description of it, according to the inheritance of each. ⁸ As the men started on their way to map out the land, Joshua instructed them, "Go and make a survey of the land and write a description of it."

If we do not survey the scriptures and our hearts, we will miss the land that God has promised us and forfeit his plan and benefits for our lives. How long will you wait to possess the land that the Lord has for you? As we identify this land (God's promises for us) we need to also write them down and lay claim to them.

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Article written by
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**This article comes from Pastor Greene's Facebook page *Abundant Living at Full Draw*.
If you would like to read more of her posts, visit and like her page on Facebook.

JANUARY & FEBRUARY WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

January 5, 2025

"I'm Not Jesus"

Randy Stear

The Lord's Supper will be served

February 2, 2025

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The Lord's Supper will be served

January 12, 2025

Pastor Doug Snyder

February 9, 2025

Pastor Doug Snyder

January 19, 2025

Annual Congregational Meeting

Ordination and Installation of Officers

Dr. Rev. Angel DeLaCruz

February 16, 2025

Pastor Jackie Greene

February 23, 2025

Denny Weaver

January 26, 2025

Donna Yarnal



Annual Congregational Meeting...

****Please mark your calendars****

The annual congregational meeting is scheduled for **January 19, 2025 at 10 am**. All members are invited and encouraged to attend as we need to make sure we have a quorum. We will be looking at 2024 in review and electing officers for the class of 2027. The church service will follow at 10:30 with the installation of officers



Active Member...

The Book of Order states, "An active member of a particular church is a person who has made a profession of faith in Christ, has been baptized, has been received into membership of the church, has voluntarily submitted to the government of this church, and participates in the church's work and worship.

Only active members are eligible to hold a church officer position or to vote in congregational meetings.

An in-active member of a particular church is one who does not participate in the church's work and worship."

Our Presbyterian Church of Marion has determined that an active member is one who:

- 1) Takes part in the worship of the church and/or church-organized study of the Scriptures at least four times a year.
- 2) Supports the work of the church through the giving of time, talents or money.



2025 Per Capita... The per capita rate for 2025 is \$28.40 per member. The breakdown of where that money goes is \$26 to the Presbytery and \$2.40 to the Synod. Session has voted not to pay the \$10.84 part of the per capita that goes to General Assembly.



Dear members and friends of the Presbyterian Church of Marion. You are encouraged to keep the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) in your frequent prayers. If you don't know what to be praying for, here is a prayer you can use that has been culled from several sources:

Most gracious and loving God, having accepted the invitation to work together to seek out and prayerfully discern the person who, even now, is being called to serve, lead, and journey with the Presbyterian Church of Marion, we ask you to come to the PNC's assistance.



As it is written in Psalm 139, "... you have searched us out and known us; you discern our thoughts from afar; you follow our journeys and are acquainted with all our ways ..." Be with them now, Father. As they continue in this search process, be present among them, and guide each step they take. Guide them in all their doings, Gracious God.

Build unity among them, guard them from distractions, and help them to welcome different viewpoints and perspectives as opportunities to hear, understand, and grow. Father, teach them to listen. But also, allow them some Holy rest when rest is needed.

Inspire not only their minds but also their hearts, allowing one to form the other, within each individual, and among all participants in this work. Open their hearts and minds to your presence, Lord Jesus.

Quicken the heart of the person begin called to serve as our next pastor. Remove any obstacles that might stand in the way of this call. Reveal the path and lead the way, as we all know you as The Way, The Truth, The Life.

Lord, may the PNC offer themselves as fertile ground through which your work may be done. And when their tasks are complete and the search is done, grant them quiet minds and confident hearts that, guided by your wisdom, they will have accomplished what you have asked them to do. And then let them rest, be still, and know that you are God.

Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

January Mission Outreach....

As many continue to try and put their homes and lives back together in the south, the mission committee decided to make January an outreach month for US Disaster Relief. We will collect funds through the offering and then our collection will be sent through Samaritan's Purse and earmarked for US Disaster Relief. In talking with many that have actually been to the areas affected, many families are still leaving in shelter, campers or heated tents.



If you would like to donate, you may do so by marking your giving envelope with the portion you would like to go to "US Disaster Relief".

RESPONDING TO HURRICANE HELENE

Samaritan's Purse immediately responded in Jesus' Name after Hurricane Helene left a 500-mile trail of devastation from the Gulf Coast of Florida to the mountains of North Carolina.

- We continue to help homeowners from three relief bases in western North Carolina, with work stretching into Tennessee. Our volunteers are also working in Valdosta, Georgia, and Tampa/St. Petersburg, Florida.
- Samaritan's Purse will be replacing manufactured homes, rebuilding and repairing stick-built homes, and providing additional assistance in western North Carolina and eastern Tennessee. This will be a long-term project; please see our [rebuild page for more information](#).
- Please keep the ongoing work in your prayers as so many hurting people still need help.

Deacon Social...

The deacons will host a social following worship on Sunday, February 9th. Please join them for some yummy refreshments and a time of fellowship following worship.



Prayer Partner Reveal...

Last February we invited everyone to take part in a Prayer Partner Exchange. For an entire year those that signed up and drew a name have been praying for their prayer partner. The fun part of this was that you didn't know who was praying for you, but you knew that once specific person had lifted you in prayer for an entire year!

Well the time has come to reveal who our prayer partners are! We invite you to join us at the February 9th social where those who have been praying will reveal for whom they have been praying. **We ask that each person involved with the prayer partner exchange bring a card labeled with the person you have been praying for and on the inside you can sign your card revealing your name. If you are not able to join us on the 9th, you can leave your card for your prayer partner in the office with Beth.**



If you didn't sign up to participate, come for the social, join in the fun of watching our reveal and you will have the opportunity to sign-up and draw a name to pray for someone in 2025.

February Mission Outreach...

Souper Bowl of Caring... Once again we will be helping to fight hunger in our area by having a special collection for ICCAP on Super Bowl Sunday.

On February 9th we will have soup kettles that you can put your donation in as you leave worship.

This is a nationwide collection but all our donations will go directly to ICCAP Food Bank.

Let's tackle hunger together!



Prayer Requests

Rest Home Folks:

Rose Haven, Kathy Mabon,

Homebound Folks:

Russ Olson

Active Military Service:

Louis Good & Brianna Fulmer

PNC Committee:

Calvin Farren, Lorrie Gallo, Natalie Gatskie, Chuck Glasser and Heather Hood

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 5 Ron Frankoff
- 6 Roman Elensky
Zachery Edwards
Matthew Hood
- 8 Nick Armstrong
- 13 Carson Houser
- 15 Paul McMahan
- 17 Debbie Edwards
Joe Griffith
- 19 Fred Edwards Jr.
- 21 Dave Meese
- 22 Chuck Glasser
- 24 Donna Black
- 28 Meghan Moore
- 31 Debbie Frankoff



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Isaac Haney
- 5 Diane Sellers
- 12 Stephanie Stinogel
Elaine Edwards
- 15 Kingston Brown
- 20 Mabel Millen
Ed Turner
- 21 Lynette Clawson
Anne Shannon
- 22 Nancy Laird
- 26 Bev Gatskie

Milestone Anniversaries

Jan 23 Calvin & Bobbie Farren - 54th



Milestone Anniversaries

Feb 6 Ron & Debbie Frankoff - 54th

Feb 14 Dave & Nancy Laird - 67th

Feb 25 Ray & Doris Glasser - 75th

JANUARY ELDER OF THE MONTH

Fred Turner

FEBRUARY ELDER OF THE MONTH

Cindy Mouser

JANUARY DEACON OF THE MONTH

Bobbie Farren

