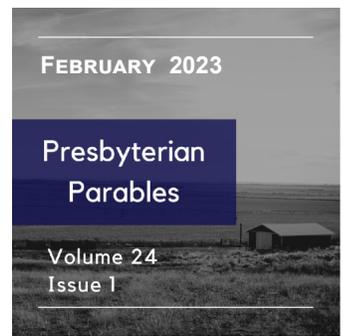


# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH *Lexington*

## EXCERPTS FROM EDDIE



Greetings to you all,

Our Clerk of Session, Don Anthony, regularly sends me blog posts from the CEO of Korn Ferry, Gary Burnison, that Mr. Burnison writes for the benefits of all those who work within the Korn Ferry ethos. Korn Ferry is a global organizational consulting firm. We work with our clients to design optimal organization structures, roles, and responsibilities. I thought Mr. Burnison's new year's message for 2023 was particularly good and worthwhile to be read by you all.

"Imagine you are about to embark on a journey - leading 10,000 people on a cross-country trip by foot from New York City to Santa Monica, California.

As you stand in Battery Park, at the southernmost tip of Manhattan, gathered around you are people from dozens of countries - different backgrounds, experiences, and perspectives. And your job is to lead this diverse group ...

We know that a solitary walker, putting in 10 hours a day, could cover those 2,800 miles in about 90 days. But this is not a race - it's about helping 10,000 people become more than they thought possible. Putting in about 2.5 hours a day, it will take our group a year - all of 2023.

A monumental challenge, to say the least. All along the way, there will be failure and success, fatigue and joy ... The unexpected will become the expected.

It's a new year - and a new journey. Whether we're leading 5 people or 50,000 or only ourselves, leadership is all about transporting people - emotionally and sometimes physically - from here to there. So what do we need to take on this journey known as 2023? **Believe ... and belief.** It was one of the first calls I received on the first business day of the new year. The person on the line was frustrated with the world around us - ambiguity and constant change. 'It's a new year, but the same headlines. Can we really do this again?' the person said with a sigh.

Every time I suggested - Have you ever asked ...? Did you think about ...? - I could never get out more than four words. The person jumped in with, 'I agree, but ...'

'I get it,' I said. 'But the real question is, what do you believe you can change?' That's when the conversation shifted.

First, we need to believe - in the destination, the mission, the purpose, and in ourselves. Then, we need to bring that belief to others. In fact, the leader's job is always to deliver belief. Say it. Mean it. Act it!

**Authenticity.** It outweighs charisma any day, in every way. We don't have to be Churchill-like. Rather, it's all about being vulnerable, immersed in purpose and connecting emotionally with others. The more authentic we become, the more people trust what we say and mirror what we do.

So, what shouldn't we put in the backpack for 2023?

**Ego.** It's not your amigo. When you are overly convinced you're this, you're probably that. The fine line between confidence and cockiness is humbleness. Our gateway for personal growth opens with humility and self-awareness. A leader will never improve a team unless they first improve themselves.

**Rigidity.** Life and leadership are not linear, nor is the path to the destination. Agility rises above the rest in 2023. Plan a little, think a lot, decide always.

Just weeks ago, from east to west, one time zone to the next, fireworks lit up the skies as the clock struck midnight, ushering in a New Year. People everywhere came together, filled with excitement for what they hope the next 12 months will bring. But what about January 28 ... or June 28th? The fact is, our highest leadership calling is to create a renewal of hope every day. This is not a journey measured in months and miles, but rather in milestones - celebrating each achievement along the way.

Indeed, we are at our best when we live - and lead - in the moment.

May all of us - family and friends, colleagues and clients - enjoy a happy and healthy New Year."

Grace and peace to you all.

In His Service,

Pastor Eddie

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**OFFICE HOURS**  
Monday—Friday  
10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.  
12:30—2:30 p.m.

**CHURCH STAFF**  
Teaching Elder—Rev. Eddie Mariel  
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Hostess—Linda Anthony  
Office Manager—Sarah Mariel  
Bookkeeper—Kimmy Schuster

**RULING ELDERS**  
Dennis Biehl                      Mary Reed  
Jeanne Burns                     Bruce Rickertsen  
Dr. Fran Carlson                 Dan Roberts  
Allison Luther                    Kristin Steinberger  
Allan McClure

Clerk of Session: Don Anthony

**DEACONS**  
Judy Biehl                         LaDonna McClure  
Dorothy Bremer                 Carol Nelson  
Vicki Davis                        Tempie Roberts  
Marlene DeLap                 Beth Rogers  
Jonelle Lans                      Jo Sherman  
Chuck Malcom                 Sharon Steinberger  
Darlene Malcom

**SERVING IN FEBRUARY**

**Ushers:** Carlsons

**Greeters:** George & Joan Allen

**Offering Counters:** Kirk Psota & a member of Properties

**Lay Leaders:**

February 5th: Larry Steinberger  
February 12th: Mary Reed  
February 19th: Emma Mariel  
February 26th: Kirk Psota

Loose Offerings during the month of February goes to:  
**Food Pantry**

**COMMITTEE SCHEDULE**

Mission/Outreach Committee — February 6th, 5:30 p.m.  
Faith Committee — February 7th, 7:00 p.m.  
Congregational Care Committee — February 16th, 6:00 p.m.  
Properties Committee — February 20th, 7:00 p.m.  
Personnel Committee — February 21st, 6:30 p.m.  
Session — February 28th, 7:00 p.m.

**WOMEN'S GROUPS**

-**FAITH CIRCLE** will resume in April.  
-**MARTHA CIRCLE** meets February 16th at 2:00 pm  
-**LYDIA & FRIENDS CIRCLE** meets February 13th at 7:00 pm.

**SERVICE COMMITTEE UP NEXT:**

**GROUP A**

## January 2023 Session Meeting

Regular Session Meeting

Location: Conference Room

Date: January 24, 2023

Time: 7:00 pm

Moderator: Rev. Eddie Mariel

Elders Present: Allan McClure (electronically), Jeanne Burns, Allison Luther, Kirstin Steinberger, Bruce Rickertsen, Dan Roberts, Mary Reed, Dennis Biehl, Dr. Fran Carlson

Elders Excused: none

Elders Absent: none

Others: Don Anthony

Prayer and Devotions: Rev. Mariel

Minutes: Minutes of the December 20, 2022 Regular Session meeting approved with the correction of spelling of Kristin Steinberger's name.

Clerk's Report: Communion: 1/1/2023.....58  
In home 0  
Total 58

Deaths: 0

Marriage: 0

Transfers: 0

Removal: 0

Membership: 220

Attendance Report: No report.

Financial Report: Passed as presented.

Balance 01/01/2023	\$ 9,154.28
Receipts	13,275.81
Disbursements	10,353.94
Balance 1/20/2023	\$12,075.95

Pastor's Report: Received as presented.

Faith Committee: Recommendation to hold Ash Wednesday Service in the sanctuary at 7:00 pm and Easter Sunrise Service at 7:00 am at location to be decided later. Passed.

Mission and Outreach: No recommendations

Properties: Motion to appoint Linda Lauby to the Financial Review Committee. Seconded. Passed.

Endowment and Gifts: No Recommendations

Congregational Care: No recommendations

Personnel: No recommendations

Deacons: No report

Other Business: Motion to appoint the following to be corporate officers: Mary Reed President, Don Anthony Secretary, Dian Kraus Treasurer, Dennis Biehl director, Dan Roberts Director, Kristin Steinberger Director, Allan McClure Director, Bruce Rickertsen Director. Seconded. Passed.

Dennis Biehl will go on the Mission & Outreach Committee

Mary Reed will go on the Faith Committee

Motion to appoint Bruce Rickertsen and Mary Reed to the Nominating Committee. Seconded. Passed. Dr. Carlson, having been elected to the Nominating Committee at the Congregational Meeting and being a serving Elder, agreed to serve ex-officio on the Nominating Committee to keep the correct voting balance on the committee.

Motion to elect Jeanne Burns to be Presbytery Commissioner for 2023. Seconded Passed

Elders to serve Communion February 5: Allison, Kristin, Dan, Bruce

Next Meeting: February 28, 2023 at 7:00 pm in the Conference Room

Devotions next meeting: Allan McClure

Adjourned with prayer by Pastor Mariel

Respectfully submitted: Don Anthony, Clerk of Session

## Home Town Tales

By  
Philip Gulley

Philip Gulley is a Quaker pastor, writer, and speaker. He has written 22 books as well as articles and essays. His most well-known books are the *Home to Harmony* series.

The book, *Home Town Tales* contains information about people living in a small communities in Indiana. He writes of many people and of their actions to keep the reader wishing for more.

He tells us about a man named Mr. Wright who was a shoe salesman. “One day Mr. Wright caught a snapping turtle that had wandered into his yard. He invites us to his house the next day for turtle soup. He was all the time cooking up any wildlife unfortunate enough to cross his path.”

Another neighbor, Mr. Bolton would back his car out of the garage, set up a reel-to-reel projector and screen. After setting up rows of folding chairs, he would show cartoons to the neighborhood kids. He also would share popcorn and soda pop with them.

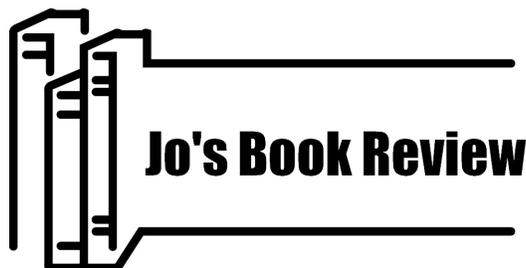
In another small town, one neighbor would let the kids swim in a backyard pool. A close neighbor would bring over his magic wrench to fix a leaking faucet. One man mowed the Gulley’s lawn before they returned from vacation.

“A long time ago, Elijah the prophet hermited himself away in a cave and moaned to God how rotten the world had turned. But God knew differently and spoke of many virtuous folk he was proud to call His own. Kindness thrives.”

He tells us about a lady named Bernice who had a tongue problem. It was black and swollen! The local doctor told her to rub baking soda on it, then rise her mouth with peroxide. Her children didn’t have much faith in the doctor who gave that advice, so they took her to Mayo Clinic where she was poked and prodded for three days. The doctors then told her that she had a black tongue, and to rub it with baking soda, then rise her mouth with peroxide! Bernice told all who would listen that her local doctor was as good as those in the Mayo Clinic. Some years later, she passed away and Mr. Gulley learned that Bernice had a hard life as her mother died from the flu epidemic when Bernice was only eight. She lost an only child, a daughter, who was only eighteen. Her husband died at an early age, and Bernice suffered from both hearing and vision loss, but spoke of blessings. The author tells us, “There are all kinds of learning in the world. There are things you learn at college, as science, poetry, and math. There are things you learn in Bernice’s living room, such as prayer, and goodness, and faith.”

There are many more interesting tales of which Mr. Gulley writes for us to read, these were a sample from his book.

He and his wife and two sons live in Indiana, where he enjoys writing about people he knew.



We have transitioned to digital form for the monthly newsletter. You will be able to receive the newsletter on the website or have it delivered by email. If you do not receive it by email and wish to, please email us at [firstchurchlex@gmail.com](mailto:firstchurchlex@gmail.com). If you are currently getting the newsletter mailed to you and wish to continue to receive it by mail, email us or call us to let us know. Thank you.

# SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

February 12 • 11 AM  
Fellowship Hall

JOIN THE COMPETITION AND BRING YOUR FAVORITE SOUP AND/OR DESSERT TO SHARE. WE WILL ALL VOTE ON THE FAVORITE SOUP AND THE WINNER WILL BE AWARDED THE "TRAVELING TROPHY"!

WE WILL BE COLLECTING FOOD FOR THE FOOD PANTRY - BOXES WILL BE DECORATED FOR EACH OF THE SUPER BOWL TEAMS, WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO PUT FOOD IN THE BOX OF YOUR FAVORITE TEAM.

## *It's our 150th Anniversary!*

### Upcoming Events:

#### **February 18: Great Presbyterian Birthday Cake Bake Off**

A birthday cake bake off with lots of awards for creativity, best tasting, etc.

#### **March 19: Church Cookbook Potluck**

Find a recipe in one of our old church cookbooks and bring it to share.

### **2023 LENTEN LUNCHES**

Sponsored by  
Lexington Ministerial Association

Hosted by churches in Lexington offering a lunch and devotional service provided by each individual congregation.

Lunch 12:00—12:20 p.m.  
Service 12:20—12:45 p.m.

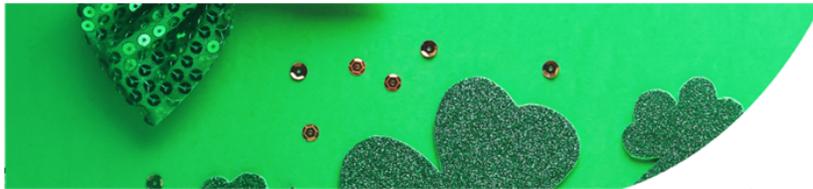
- February 23: Trinity Lutheran Church (205 E 7th St)
- March 2: Grace Lutheran Church (105 E 17th St)
- March 9: First United Methodist Church (201 E 8th St)
- March 16: St. Ann's Catholic (Parish Center 1003 Taft St)
- March 23: Calvary Assembly of God (1304 N Adams St)
- March 30: First Presbyterian Church (801 N Lincoln St)

*Free Will Offering for Lunch*





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<p><i>5</i></p> <p>9:00 am—Sunday School 9:00 am—Coffee/Fellowship Hour 10:00 am—Worship in Sanctuary or via Zoom</p>	<p><i>6</i></p> <p>Pastor's Day Off 11:00am—Knitting 5:30—Mission &amp; Outreach 7:00pm—Mid Platte Valley Taekwondo</p>	<p><i>7</i></p> <p>9:30 am—Office Staff Meeting 7:00 pm—Faith Committee 7:00pm—Mid Platte Valley Taekwondo</p>	<p><i>8</i></p> <p>4:30pm—Logos K-5 6:00pm—Logos Supper 6:30pm—Logos 6-12 6:45pm—Joy Ringers Rehearsal 8:00pm—Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><i>9</i></p> <p>7:00pm—Mid Platte Valley Taekwondo</p>	<p><i>10</i></p>	<p><i>11</i></p>
<p><i>12</i></p> <p>9:00 am—Sunday School 9:00 am—Coffee/Fellowship Hour 10:00 am—Worship in Sanctuary or via Zoom</p>	<p><i>13</i></p> <p>Pastor's Day Off 11:00am—Knitting 7:00pm—Lydia &amp; Friends Circle 7:00pm—Mid Platte Valley Taekwondo</p>	<p><i>14</i></p> <p>9:30 am—Office Staff Meeting 7:00pm—Mid Platte Valley Taekwondo</p>	<p><i>15</i></p> <p>NO LOGOS 6:45pm—Joy Ringers Rehearsal 8:00pm—Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><i>16</i></p> <p>1:00pm—PW Coordinating Team 2:00 pm— 6:00 p.m.— 6:00 pm— Congregational Care Committee 7:00pm—Mid Platte Valley Taekwondo</p>	<p><i>17</i></p>	<p><i>18</i></p> <p>2:00pm—Great Presbyterian Bake Off</p>
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**MARCH 2023**

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<p><i>19</i></p> <p>9:00 am—Sunday School 9:00 am—Coffee/Fellowship Hour 10:00 am—Worship in Sanctuary or via Zoom 11:00am—Church Cookbook Potluck 6:30 Men's &amp; Women's Studies</p>	<p><i>20</i></p> <p>Pastor's Day Off 11:00am—Knitting 7:00 pm—Properties Committee 7:00pm—Mid Platte Valley Taekwondo</p>	<p><i>21</i></p> <p>9:30 am—Office Staff Meeting 6:30 pm—Personnel Committee 7:00pm—Mid Platte Valley Taekwondo</p>	<p><i>22</i></p> <p>4:30pm—Logos K-5 6:00pm—Logos Supper 6:45pm—Joy Ringers Rehearsal 8:00pm—Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><i>23</i></p> <p>12:00pm—Lenten Luncheon @ Calvary Assembly of God 7:00pm—Mid Platte Valley Taekwondo</p>	<p><i>24</i></p>	<p><i>25</i></p>
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<p><b>9</b></p> <p>7:00am—Sunrise Service 9:00 am—Sunday School 9:00 am—Coffee/Fellowship Hour 10:00 am—Worship in Sanctuary or via Zoom</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>Pastor's Day Off 11:00am—Knitting 7:00pm—Lydia &amp; Friends Circle 7:00pm—Mid Platte Valley Taekwondo</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>9:30 am—Office Staff Meeting 7:00pm—Mid Platte Valley Taekwondo</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>5-7pm Logos Seder 6:45pm—Joy Ringers Rehearsal 8:00pm—Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>6:00 pm—Congregational Care Committee 6:00 p.m.—7:00pm—Mid Platte Valley Taekwondo</p>	<p><b>14</b></p>	<p><b>15</b></p>
<p><b>16</b></p> <p>9:00 am—Sunday School 9:00 am—Coffee/Fellowship Hour 10:00 am—Worship in Sanctuary or via Zoom Celebration of Children's Ministries</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>Pastor's Day Off 11:00am—Knitting 7:00 pm—Properties Committee 7:00pm—Mid Platte Valley Taekwondo</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>9:30 am—Office Staff Meeting 6:30 pm—Personnel Committee 7:00pm—Mid Platte Valley Taekwondo</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>4:30pm—Logos K-5 6:00pm—Logos Supper 6:45pm—Joy Ringers Rehearsal 8:00pm—Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>2:00pm Martha Circle 7:00pm—Mid Platte Valley Taekwondo</p>	<p><b>21</b></p>	<p><b>22</b></p>
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