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b and it is pleasant for the eyes to see the sun.

Ecclesiastes 11.7

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It is you who light my lamp; the Lord, my God, lights up my darkness. Psalm 18.28



A BLESSING: LIGHT

By Rev. Derek Davenport, Pastor

Light is a theme throughout scripture. It represents wisdom, safety, and the presence of God. Light is a blessing.

This time of year, we understand that blessing. As the sun shines a little more, a little longer, and a little warmer, we realize just how wonderful light can be.

Recently, we had a service without light - without any artificial light that is. We gathered in the Robinson room or the sanctuary with the sunlight streaming through the windows and the stained glass. The beauty of the spring sun was almost breathtaking.

We noticed it, of course, because the power was out. Plunged into that darkness, we were able to appreciate the light. Spring always seems more triumphant, more joyous, more glorious when winter is long.

In the weeks ahead, we will see flowers blossom, trees bloom, and neighbors emerge into the warm weather.

As a church, we've experienced something similar over these past few years. Throughout Lent, we've gathered for meals, programs, Bible studies, and worship services. Many of our favorite traditions have returned after a long hiatus - some of them for years. It's been such a wonderful season to gather together and enjoy one another's company. Some of those small blessings seem more triumphant, more joyous, more glorious than ever before.

As we celebrate Easter and head into summer, notice the little blessings of the light. Notice the increased opportunities to spend time with friends and neighbors. Take advantage of the chance to sit down with fellow church members at meals. Invite someone to one of your favorite events.

Enjoy the blessings that surround us and share them!





TRINITY STATUE By Nancy Hansen, SPC Member

In November of 2022, a statue was placed just outside of the Grant Street entrance to the Sanctuary. The statue was donated by Nancy Hansen, a long-time member of our church. Nancy explains the meaning of the statue below:

I offer this statuary to the campus of Sewickley Presbyterian Church with deep gratitude and thanks for the bountiful love of God.

Monetary blessings of the Hansen family allowed us the purchase of the stoneware. My husband, Bill, and I enjoyed it's artful creation for many years in our yard. Its purpose now is to invite people into our sanctuary and help bring them knowledge of the Good News of Christ.

The statue represents our Lord God and His hierarchy which points skyward to the heavenly bodies there. They show strength, wisdom and justice to Mother Earth and all the creatures down here.

Beneath our Father God is his beloved son, Jesus Christ, who lived, guided and loved his Father's children and who taught us the Lord's Prayer. Jesus also gave us His body and life so that our sins could be forgiven, forevermore.

Altogether, Jesus blessed us with the magnitude of the Holy Spirit so that we would be with God through prayer and purpose, loving one another as oneself. Praise the Lord!



A LOT CAN HAPPEN IN **SEVEN** DAYS

Join us as we celebrate & honor the One who changed the world forever.

Give praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. In his great mercy he has given us a new birth and a hope that is alive. It is alive because Jesus Christ rose from the dead. -- I Peter 1:3

April 2 | Palm Sunday

8, 9 & 11 AM Worship Services 12 PM Easter Egg Hunt

April 6 | Maundy Thursday

7 PM Worship Service

Reflect on Christ's Kingship & death through scripture & Communion during this Tenebrae service

April 7 | Good Friday

10 AM Children's Worship | 10:30 AM Egg Dyeing Party

6 PM Community Service St. Matthews AME Zion Church, Sewickley

April 9 | Easter Sunday

8, 9 & 11 Worship Services Easter Brunch in the Robinson Room after each service

(Discipleship classes will not be meeting)





GARDEN OF EDEN By Timothy Merrill, History Committee

At our 175th Anniversary, the History Committee presented to the church the booklet *Memorials in Stained Glass*.

In the booklet, our newest window, "Garden of Eden," is shown to the left and described below. Isn't the prayer of dedication just beautiful?

To these reproductions from the booklet, we'd add, 10 years later at our 185th Anniversary, that a number of us still remember her (and her husband Harry). Both of them were very active in our Church and community. Indeed, Harry took an active part in the construction of his beloved wife's memorial window.

Look closely at this window in the stairwell to Ansby Hall sometime. Note that there is no serpent in this Adam & Eve characterization, as Harry felt that his wife was too pure to have a serpent in her window. And, he prevailed as usual.

Window Inscription and Prayer of Dedication

Dedicated to the memory of Elspeth Drummond Hull October 16, 1905 - July 28, 1995 Beloved first Woman Elder of this Church Gen. 2:12 "And the Lord planted a Garden Eastward in Eden." Remembered by Family and Friends

The prayer of dedication included the following:

"We thank you, Lord, for Elspeth Drummond Hull and her love of family, friends and your church. We thank you for Elspeth, who rejoiced in your salvation and sought your perfection, who modeled the garden of life for us and who served this church with her special gifts as Elder. We dedicate this window to You and are grateful that it will engage our minds, inspire our hearts and please our eyes."

The window was designed and executed by Kirk Weaver of the Pittsburgh Stained Glass Studios.





DOLLARS & SENSE By Laura Mikush, Business Administrator

Were you wondering why the dining room carpet looks like a chess board?

On Saturday, December 17, 2022 the commercial dishwasher in the church kitchen had a water line fail which caused flooding in the kitchen and dining room. After water remediation the carpet tiles had to be removed so they could dry out and not grow mold. This caused them to bend and cause tripping hazards. Our custodian, Joey Tomales, spent hours taping them back down as a temporary measure until they are replaced. There is an insurance claim being processed which will allow for replacement of the laminate and carpet in the dining room. The hope is to have this completed before summer.



GUESS WHO? By Nancy House, Fellowship & Hospitality Committee

On February 24, over 100 members of our church gathered in small groups at the homes of multiple hosts for casual dinners, conversation and fellowship. Their host homes were a mystery until the week of the dinners, so everyone was excited to meet new church folks and catch up with old friends. A game of Guess Where I'm From played by each group led to some surprises and lots of laughs!

Stay tuned, because guess what? Another evening of dinner is in the works for this spring!

MEETING JESUS By Rev. Emily Miller, Associate Pastor

"Hospitality transforms all who are involved." This is a quote from the book titled Meeting Jesus at the Table by Rev. Cynthia Campbell and Rev. Christine Fohr that we used as the basis of our sermon series this Lent. How incredibly true that is! Hospitality is transformative.

This Lent, we used hospitality and table fellowship as the theme for our life here at church. We began Lent with a community Ash Wednesday service as we gathered with our siblings in Christ from three other churches in Sewickley. At that service, regardless of denomination, we gathered around the Lord's Table to share communion. Then, we moved into the Robinson room for more table fellowship with cookies and refreshments. Later that week, we gathered at the homes of nine member families for dinner and conversation at our first "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?" And each week during Lent, we descended upon the dining room with growling bellies for delicious soup and conversation about being a better neighbor to those near and far.

All of this table fellowship was being under-girded by our sermon series that brought to light some of the major scripture passages in which Jesus teaches during a meal. He teaches with his words, and he teaches with his actions. Honestly, Jesus must have been Presbyterian seeing how much he emphasized food! Some of the lessons we learned included: the abundance of God as Jesus takes what is small (two loaves and five fishes) and multiplies it until all are satisfied; Jesus' willingness to eat with "tax collectors & sinners" that brought the Apostle Matthew to the forefront of the early church; and Jesus' mandate that we shouldn't eat only with our friends, but that we should make room at the table for those with whom we have differences.

Hospitality transforms all who are involved. Rev. Campbell and Rev. Fohr go on to say, "Host and guest are impacted and changed by the relationships that are formed in the breaking and sharing of bread." May we all be transformed through a better understanding of our brothers and sisters in Christ and by a better understanding of Jesus' message of welcome and inclusion shown in his table fellowship. Who would have thought that a bowl of soup could do all that?











By Elizabeth Szuba, Director of Congregational Care

The Congregational Care Ministry (CCM) is thrilled to bring back Evergreens, a program specifically designed for seniors (55+) in our church. What a delightful time we had on March 17 as we gathered around tables enjoying fellowship, finger sandwiches, and a presentation on WWI era recruitment posters. Judee Rooney, church/CCM team member, has been collecting Americana posters since 1998. Currently, Judee has 250 posters that she has restored and preserved. She gave a fabulous presentation about posters commissioned by the Army, Navy, Marines, and Tanks. How lucky we were to learn about them and see them up close!

Be sure to mark your calendar for upcoming Evergreens events on April 28 and May 18. The theme of the next event is Games R Us. We will meet in the church dining room from 1:30-3:30 PM for snacks and an afternoon of laughter and games. Please sign up on the church website by April 25. If you need transportation to the church, please contact Elizabeth Szuba at the church office (412)-741-4550.





SAVE-THE-DATES! MARK YOUR CALENDARS

EVERGREENS IN APRIL

April 28 | 1:30-3:30 PM

If you are over 55 years of age, join us as we get together for some fun and games! We'll meet in the dining room for some healthy competition, which will include laugher, snacks and lots of smiles. RSVP online.

CAMPBELL WEEKEND

April 29 & 30

The William Oliver Campbell weekend returns in April! We will welcome Dr. Asa Lee, President of the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary as our guest speaker.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

May 6

Interested in membership to SPC? Let Sharon Barber in the church office know and she'll get you all of the details.

SPRING CLEAN-UP

Saturday, May 6 | 9 AM

Plan on joining us as we "spring clean" the church property -- inside and out! We'll be doing yard clean up, pruning, and mulching outside, and general cleaning inside the buildings. All ages are welcome and encouraged to take part.

BLANKET SUNDAYS

May 7 & 14

Honor a special woman in your life by donating \$10 to purchase a blanket which will be given to mission organizations around the world. Visit the booth in the Robinson Room on these two Sundays in May.

WORD SUNG

May 21 | 11 AM

Word Sung is back! Experience this special service where the homily is sung instead of proclaimed by our pastor.

CHURCH PICNIC

June 4 | 11 AM

We'll have just one service at 10 AM followed by our annual church picnic on the front lawn.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

August 7-11

WOMEN'S RETREAT

October 21 & 22 Guest speaker: Rev. Barb Kennedy



FRIENDSHIP NEWS By Erin Leghorn, Director of FriendShip Preschool

What's new at FriendShip? There's always something exciting happening!

Registration for the 2023-24 school year is well under way! All of our classes are either full or filling up quickly. If you, or someone you know, are looking for an engaging, play-based preschool experience for your little one, reach out to Erin Leghorn at <u>eleghorn@sewickleypresby.org</u>.

Our FriendShip II and Pre-K classes have started their annual V.I.P. (Very Important Parent/Person) programs. Parents, or grandparents, in these classes are invited to sign-up for a day to come into the classroom and teach a lesson. Activities during VIP visits can range from reading stories to conducting a science experiment to hosting a tea party and everything in between. These special visits are always a big hit!

FriendShip students received fish banks and have been invited to participate in *One Great Hour of Sharing* again this year. Last year, FriendShip families contributed a few hundred dollars to SPC's *OGHS* offering collection.

Our Children's Corner teachers held a three-week program on Friday mornings in March. This special program had a science theme so activities were based on a different concept each week – sink/float, color mixing, and magnets. Perhaps we will hold another special program like this before the end of school.

FriendShip I started its Friday program as well. In January, FriendShip I students begin coming on Fridays in addition to Tuesdays and Thursdays. Coming on Fridays allows for an easier transition in the fall to a three-day a week program. It also allows them to have some new experiences that the older classes have, such as monthly visits from the librarian at Sewickley Public Library. They have done very well with the addition of the extra day.

As we head into the last few months of school, we're looking forward to more exciting things at school, plus the arrival of spring, more warm weather days, and lots of time on our playground!













A FUTURE TOGETHER By Michael Hammer, Choir Director

My first couple of weeks at SPC have been amazing! Between the services, the soup dinners, the Evergreens, Bible Basics, multiple welcome receptions and lunches and meetings, I've met (and re-met) at least a couple hundred new friends. And if you're like me, you sometimes have difficulty with names, but what sticks are interesting facts about a person. That fellow who plays the French horn, the one who has a cousin in the military, the woman who sat across from me at the lunch (now what was her name again?). It's been both exhilarating and exhausting. Eventually, I'll get the hang of the routine and start to recognize most of you, as well as forming deep and lasting relationships. But for now, I'm just enjoying the ride.

Meanwhile, down in the choir room, I've met some other folks. The other day I was choosing choral responses for the service. These are kept in a couple of drawers in a file cabinet, in manila folders. In each folder are several sheets of paper of various sizes, some folded over, some small, some full size; some are in copies of manuscript pages, some printed, and one must have been done on a 1980s Apple computer! On the outside of the envelope (sometimes) is the composer's name. Some of these include Willcox Jenkins, Charles Goehring, and even Craig Dobbins, my predecessors at SPC. I want to know more about them, too. What was it like to serve Sewickley in their times, in some cases very different and yet very much the same? In some cases before computers, before cell phones, when the Pittsburgh area looked very different. What would Cox Jenkins have done on a Sunday without power and no battery operated lights for the piano music stand? What was it like to serve Sewickley during a World War?

For now their music sits in silent testimony to their time at SPC. I've always found history fascinating and will no doubt learn more about them and the history of this church in the days to come. But on the other side of this present moment is the part of SPC's existence that we will all learn as it unfolds, as we head into our church's future together.



HISTORY OF OUR NEWSLETTER, INTERPRETATION By Jennifer Johnson, Director of Communications

Every so often, I come across a bit of church history that answers questions that I have. One question that has been asked many times, and I've never had the answer to, is "why is the newsletter called Interpretation?"

Recently, I happened upon a large collection of our past newsletters. As luck would have it, the collection included the first issue from October 1972.

The very first article was written by then pastor, Rev. Jack Maxwell, who explained the reasoning behind the creation of the newsletter. An exert of the article is below.

As a little bit of additional history, Nancy Merrill (who wrote about Neighbors in Need in this current newsletter) was one of the original founders of the newsletter in 1972.

Enjoy!

Dear Everybody,

It is my happy task to introduce this first issue of INTER-PRETATION: Our Common Life in Church and Community, a monthly publication of The Presbyterian Church of Sewickley. Some little time a-borning, as one by one several of our people expressed an interest in such a venture, and then, finally, as that interest matured to the point of a recognizable, viable need, it is ready at last.

What is its purpose? The obvious one, of course, is to communicate information concerning the people and events which are the stuff of our church's program. A newsletter will permit that in much greater detail than either the weekly bulletin or my periodic letters can afford.

But there is more. Our title, prosaic as it may be, serves to remind us that the mere transmission of information is not enough. Interpretation is the high goal: an effort to explain and evaluate and even to inspire "our common life in church and community." -- Rev. Jack Maxwell





WON'T YOU BE My Neighbor?

Lenten Supper & Studies

BIG thank yous to everyone who provided soup and other provisions, helped to set-up and clean-up, and attended our soup suppers and studies. What a blessing it was to have special guests Hedda Sherapin and David Newell share their experiences and stories about *Mr. Rogers Neighborhood*.

> Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Colossians 3:12







SPC KIDS NEWS

By Hanna Mellor, Children's Ministry Coordinator

Hello friends! What an exciting couple of months to start out the new year! SPC Kids has been keeping busy with Kids Nights Outs, Club 345 projects, Lenten Soup Suppers breakout room, and learning about Jesus! We have been having so much fun learning together and from each other.

Our Kids Night Outs have been a blast, even with testing new locations like Ansby Hall, and we cannot wait to have more fun including Move-Up Sunday, National Pizza Party Day KNO, and more coming up! Stay tuned on our website <u>sewickleypresby.org</u>, for more about these events!

Club 345 has been taking on the challenge of becoming peer leaders and helping assist me (Miss Hanna) with my first year on the job! These kids are amazing and are helping me by participating in responsible activities, such as baking and leading discussions on proper hide-n-seek play to then take that to Sunday School and Children's Church classes!

In our Lenten Soup Suppers, the kiddos broke out into the studios to learn about what being a good neighbor actually means to them and how we can be more mindful to Jesus during the 40 day season through our actions! We played, did craft activities, and learned about Mister Fred Rogers through his wonderful video collection!

In Children's Church, we have been focusing on memorizing and learning about why the Lord's Prayer is important and how talking to God is done in each of our own individual ways. There are so many ways we can communicate with God and it is important to each of us to practice and feel comfortable forming that relationship with Him! Our Sunday



School class has been chugging along as well with a focus during Lent to get to know the Gospels and the value of the Good News! Our kids have taken well to it, Mrs. Nicole Quaka and Miss Hanna (again me!), are so proud of the work our small but mighty class does!

Lots of exciting stuff is taking place in our Kid's ministries and we would love to keep growing, but we need YOU to help! We have plenty of opportunities that are fun and engaging without any prep work! Just a love for Jesus and listening and helping kids grow their faith. If you want to volunteer sometime with the kiddos, please feel free to reach out to me, Hanna Mellor, at <u>hmellor@sewickleypresby.org</u>, for opportunities to volunteer!

"Do to others as you would have then do to you." Luke 6:31







DREAMING OF SPRING

By Mike Creamer, Ministry Associate for Youth & Young Adults

Every year the transition from winter to spring challenges our sense of time. Winter can be bitter cold as well as dark, yet before we know it the weather shifts, the days grow longer, and we find ourselves closer and closer to a sense of "normal." As we move through the season of Lent, there are all kinds of things that we reflect upon as a church and as individuals. But it leads us toward the celebration and promise of Easter: that even in the darkest moments, God is with us, and He is bringing forth new life.

This winter has brought us all kinds of events, like bowling, food projects, Youth Sunday, and Bible studies. And as we transition from winter to spring, from Lent to Easter, we have plenty of things on the horizon that we hope you'll get involved with.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 2 | Children's Egg Hunt Bonanza

April 22 | PKF Spring Session | 11 AM-4:30 PM Amplify City Campus 1600 Fifth Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15219

April 30 | Youth Group Hike | 3 PM-5 PM

May 28 | Final Sunday School and Youth Group

June 4 | Church Picnic

Surf City This Summer, August 6-11

We are excited about the possibility of returning to Surf City for the first time since 2019! This summer camp is a blast of a week, filled with water tubing, volleyball, scavenger hunts, worship, horseback riding, laser tag, jet skis, and much more! We are currently looking for any students that would be interested in going. Surf City is for current 5th-8th grade students (meaning they would be 6th-9th graders in fall of 2023). Please go onto the church website to sign up to show you are interested in joining so that we can plan accordingly!







UKRAINE SUPPORT By Deborah Murdoch-Ash, Mission Committee

In response to the war in Ukraine, the SPC supported efforts of our partners in the Czech Republic who are welcoming families fleeing Ukraine. Please keep the Evangelical Church of the Czech Brethren in your prayers as they continue to respond faithfully to the needs of their Ukrainian neighbors.

We also allocated funding for the Ukraine response to three organizations SPC supported annually in the past for other efforts. Brother's Brother Foundation, based here in Pittsburgh, supports localized programs by providing essential resources in the areas of healthcare, infrastructure, and disaster response. They shipped over 400 pallets (20 shipping containers) of medications, supplies, and equipment to Ukraine last year.

Global Links, also based in Pittsburgh, worked with partners in eastern Europe to support the health, hygiene, and dignity of women and children refugees, as well as Ukrainian medical staff and civilians injured in the crisis.

Lastly, Water Mission partnered with Ukrainian government officials to install safe water systems in the hardest-hit communities in Ukraine, trucked safe water to distribution points, and partnered with local churches and civic groups to serve refugees.

(AP Photo/Efrem Lukatsky)





The Sewickley Presbyterian Church

Prague, December 19, 2022

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

with great joy and gratitude for your generosity, I am glad to inform you that the contribution you have provided has been properly spent in the congregations of the Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren on the purpose it was designed for: the congregations have been able to do minor construction and reconstruction works that have improved the living standards of the refugees from Ukraine that they accommodate.

We believe that our cooperation has significantly helped the refugees to somewhat handle their difficult situation, and we can testify that they are very grateful for all the help they are receiving.

Detailed information on the measures implemented is provided in the attached Final Report and its attachments.

Thank you for your support that has greatly helped us to serve the needy ones among us.

Martin Balcar

General Secretary of the Central Church Office of the ECCB

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Pictured below: ECCB Nejdek & ECCB Přeštice refugees.



THANK YOU! By Nancy Merrill, Neighbors in Need Committee

A huge thank-you to everyone who so generously donated to our February Neighbors in Need drive. We delivered dozens of cartons of personal care items to our four mission partners: Center for Hope, The Ladle, Sewickley Community Center, and the Sewickley YMCA little free pantries. These items are so necessary but not covered by the U.S. government Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (food stamps). It's easy to help by adding an item or two each time we visit the grocery store during our twice-yearly drives: February and October. Thank-you for being such good neighbors!

KNITTING FOR MISSION

A child in Honduras has bonded with a doll from our Knitting for Mission group.





FOOD LOCKERS By Carol Weir, Mission Committee

The Center for Hope's Food Locker Program began in 2020 as a partnership between the Center, the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank and Bell & Howell Corporation.

There are three types of lockers – those holding fresh food, those for frozen items and a third for non-perishables. They are located in the Center's parking lot so as to be easily accessible to the individuals and families who wish to take advantage of this innovative program. Those participating can receive food twice a month, using a unique pin that opens all three lockers. The participants can pick their own day and time of day to receive food, based on their work and family schedules.

This program offers a very personalized alternative to the Center's traditional "walk through" food pantry experience and to date, approximately 25% of the Center's food pantry clients are taking advantage of this program. Staff at the Center, the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank and Bell & Howell continue to seek ways to improve access to food for those in need.

CFH Executive Director Sue Otto says "Soon, we are taking our next step forward with this innovative program. Clients will soon reserve food through a special app they download on their phone. This is especially convenient for those working part time jobs during our regular food pantry hours and for those who need a ride because they lack transportation."



To the

Sewickley Presbyterian Church

Prague, March 17, 2023

on behalf of the Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren I would like to thank you very much for your letter of December 1, 2022, with the gift of \$ 2,500. We would like to thank all who have contributed to this very valuable gift to our Church. As you indicate in your letter, we would like to use this gift to support our partnership conference in Olomouc, which will be in July this year. I have consulted this with Rev. Marek Zikmund in Přerov and he was happy to agree to this arrangement.

We wish your congregation and all members God's rich blessings for your ministry and your service to so many people. We are very thankful for the partnership of your congregation with the congregation of Přerov.

I was very glad, that I had in October 2018 the privilege to visit your congregation in Sewickley, to participate in a bible study, to get to know wonderful people and also your beautiful Sanctuary. Joan Murdoch took care of me and she did a wonderful job in giving me many insights in your congregation and in American society and history. I do also with thankfulness remember several meetings with David Murdoch who was helping us in so many ways. You see, Sewickley has a special place in my heart.

So I would like to thank you once more for faithful partnership and support!

Cordial greetings to you and the staff and your whole congregation and many blessings for you all!

Yours in Christ,

Johand frey-Teining Rev. Gerhard Frey-Reininghaus.

Chair of the Partnership Working Group for the Partnership between the Presbyterian Church (USA) and the Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren





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LET'S TAKE SOME NEW PHOTOS!



Sundays: April 2, 9, 16 & 23

It's time to update our church directory pictures. In a church as big as SPC it helps to have a photo directory. Many find our directory invaluable when looking for church member contact information and to remind us of who someone is by referring to the photos.

The last time we updated the photos was in the fall of 2019. Some of us haven't changed at all since then, some of us have, and some of us are new to SPC! Fortunately, we will be taking the photos and producing our new directory inhouse, so no pesky sales pitches to purchase photo packages and no needing to make a sitting appointment.

Annie Gensheimer and Jennifer Johnson will be in the Robinson Room on Sunday mornings in April to take your photo starting at 9 AM. The process is simple -- just stop by, verify your contact information and then get your picture taken.

If you aren't able to get your photo taken on a Sunday, please let Jennifer know. She is in the office during the week and would love to take your photo if you stop in to see her. You may also submit a photo to Jennifer via her email: jjohnson@sewickleypresby.org.

We hope you will all take this opportunity to help your church family by easily being able to recognize you with a new photo!