

A Message from Pastor Gary Rebok – January 2025

What a winter! It certainly has been quite a number of years, at least in memory, since any of us have experienced such cold weather. So much for keeping the truck washed. Anyhow, I have been delaying any newsletter information until there is something worthwhile to announce. Today, I have something exciting to announce!

Since my arrival, I, and many others, have had a vision in mind to revamp the outdated church website. In April of 2024, the Session voted to begin that process, hiring Cross and Crown Internet Marketing service (cacpro.com) in Chambersburg. This design-first company does not use dated material or stock footage. It has been almost one year in the making, but we have accomplished that vision by launching, as of today, Tuesday, January 21, 2025, our new website. The website can be utilized at <https://presbyship.org>.

Moving forward, there is much left to accomplish as we continue to learn how to build and input content weekly. In the very near future, we will no longer be sending out announcements through email; instead, announcements will be only accessible through the website. This is one reason why we moved in this direction, to be current in today's age of technology. Dive in. Check it out. Sign up for the newsletter. Send in requests. Look for upcoming events. Send in pictures. Check out the weekly sermons. Speaking of the sermons. We are moving toward not only a presentation of audio sermons but, eventually, a vision of live video presentations through YouTube. All of which will be accessible through the website. Like most good things in life, everything takes time.

I wish to thank my team members, Bob King, Diane Rodriguez, Cathy Shenk, and Tim Garling, for their input along the way. As we move forward, the admin team will consist of three people. Bob, Diane, and myself.

Beginning with the first week of February, we will discontinue email announcements, so please visit the website and save it as a favorite on your computers.

One additional announcement: we will have a missionary couple with us on February 16th during worship. Their presentation will take place in that day's sermon, followed by a luncheon. Everyone is encouraged to attend and join us in a time of fellowship over a meal. You know, Jesus always liked to eat with others, believing that sharing a meal was a chance to deepen friendships, welcome strangers, and serve the poor. At the wedding feast at Cana, He changed water into wine. At Levi/Matthew's house, he ate with tax collectors and sinners. He ate in the grainfields with the disciples on the Sabbath. He ate in the house of Simon the Pharisee. The list goes on. Most importantly, Jesus ate with his disciples at The Last Supper, announcing he would be betrayed, instituted the Lord's Supper, predicted Peter's denial, taught on servanthood, and washed the disciple's feet. He took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to them, and then He vanished.

The Lord is with us all the time; we may not see Him, but He is there. May you feel His presence today.

In Christ, Pastor Gary.\