

# Pastor Hans

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## Sunday Morning

9:00 Children's Sunday

School

9:30 Adult Sunday

School

10:30 Worship Service

11:30 Fellowship in

Fellowship Hall

11:30 Choir Practice

Communion on the 1<sup>st</sup>

Sunday of each month

## Music for the Month

3/9 Joyful Noise

3/16 Hand Bell Choir

3/23 Adult Choir

3/30 Guest

## Meetings for March

### 3/5

9:00 AM Worship Committee

1:30 PM Deacon's Meeting

6:30 PM Bible Study

### 3/19

5:30 PM Finance Meeting

### 3/26

6:30 PM Session Meeting

March 2025

# The Post

Presbyterian Church of Vinton

Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 AM



## Lenten Services

3/5 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service

4/13 10:30 AM Palm Sunday Service

4/16 7:00 AM Community Service

4/16 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service

4/20 8:00 AM Sunrise Service

4/20 10:30 AM Easter Worship Service

## Cyrus Elwick rolls a 300 Game

Son of Brian and Kristie Elwick

Grandson of Mike and Cindy Elwick

Great Grandson of Keith Elwick



JOHN'S TIRE SERVICE											GAME 2		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	25		
1	8	21	47	97	8	97	8	97	8	97	198		
RS	17	24	43	63	92	112	132	161	181	198	223		
2	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	300		
CE	30	60	90	120	150	180	210	240	270	300	523		
3	97	97	63	97	2	97	97	97	97	8	153		
JG	19	35	44	61	70	89	108	127	145		626		
4	97	2	97	8	8	97	8	8	97		124		
JG	17	26	46	75	95	115	144	164			850		
5	8	8	97	8	8	97	8	8			198		
TP	29	49	69	99	128	148	168				1048		
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## Presbyterian Church of Vinton Leadership

Pastor: Johannes Poetschner (Hans)

Elders: Nancy Baldwin, Mindy Burke, Jerry Blank, Terrie Johnson, Bonnie Peacock, Rosemary Schwartz, Angie Merchant-Stueck, and Marilyn Yedlik

Deacons: Kathy Blank(Chr.), Jorgie Bendull, Karen Buseman, Gwen Eells, Marti Eckhart, Jeff Holmes, Jean Lewis, Joan Oliphant, Dianna Weise

**President of the Corporation:** Terrie Johnson

Treasurer: Linda Druschel  
Secretary: Bonnie Peacock

March Liturgists

3/16 Kelly Henkle

3/23 Jeff Holmes

3/30 Guest

March Birthdays

3/2 Jaunita Krivanek

3/5 Lisa Clark

3/8 Emma Arnold

3/13 Larry Radeke

3/20 Beverly Hiler

3/20 Marshall Mullinex

3/23 Tiara Burke

3/28 Hunter Hillman

3/29 Victoria Elwick

## Meet 2 Of our Music Groups



Joyful Noise: Bonnie Beyer on Guitar, Pastor Hans, Marilyn Yedlik, Pauline Elwick, Bennett Burke, Diana Wiese, Jax Elwick, Myla Mefford. Caraline Mefford, Mindy Burke. Lorelei Mefford, Elizabeth Burke



Adult Choir: Directed by Angie Homes, Row 1: Jorgie Bendull, Kelly Henkle, Bonnie Byer, Marilyn Yedlik. Row 2: Paul Smalley, Garth Beatty, Judy Meyer, and Sage Holmes

## Youth Group Highlight



Some of our student in the Youth Group was given a piece of fabric to write their favorite scripture on. The material was supplied by Marilyn Yedlik and quilted by Donna Wiese. It is hanging in Fellowship Hall.

## Pastors Corner



Dear Friends,

I am - for better, for worse - a man of many words. Words based on faith are my trade, and whoever I maybe it is based on the Word made flesh. For many word smiths, the nightmare is writer's block. I just wish I had that problem: I suffer - what is the contrary to writer's block? There is a word, logorrhea, and it means precisely what you think it means. But that is not really my problem. I have written already two complete, reasonably easy to read, and even a tad on the funny side articles, and they say not what I feel like I need to say. (And that is not counting the parts I lose because of computer and internet woes.) Were I to write everything it seems to me necessary to tell you, it would make a decent competitor to the Good Book, at least in quantity.

I am desperately diving for the bottom line and feel like I am running out of air. Relevance! What matters really? We say the love of Jesus Christ. Everybody boldly endorses the law to love one another as oneself, and church folks - rather timidly in this day and age - endorse the law to love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your mind, with all your soul, with all your strength. The sad truth: as a species we fail the first law, and the second one (which really is the first one) has become an embarrassment. My dear son, who is not above teasing his aging parents mercilessly, says to the chagrin of mostly my wife that when his parents were kids there were still dinosaurs around. I have thought about that and come to the conclusion that I truly am a dinosaur, a living fossil, a remnant of an earlier age. For I still believe in an all-powerful, all knowing, omni present, and all loving God, in an age when humanity thinks it has outgrown such a notion. That I also believe that all the children of Adam and Eve are inherently flawed makes me even less popular. For don't we tell our children they can do everything they set their minds to, including the right thing? I am really sorry, but I just do not see it.

I find the better people think they are off without God the worse things tend to get. Somebody accused me that I believe that it is right to scare people into being good. This is not really the way I operate, but honestly - righteousness for the wrong reasons is still worlds better than no righteousness at all.

I find that in our hair brained world, people mistake pride for a virtue but remember: it is actually a mortal sin. To be honorable is a virtue, but who knows the difference anymore? And yet it is not so hard: pride is something we assume for ourselves, honor has to be given by others.

I find, humility is in order for all, including me. One day I went to the doctor feeling lousy, and whined, "When I look in the mirror, I see thinning hair, sagging jowls, bulging stomach, crooked teeth, and bloodshot eyes. I'm a mess. What is wrong with me?" The doctor replied, "I don't know, but the good news is that your eyesight is perfect."

I find, in this weird day and age, egocentric ethnic pride is leading us down a path towards failure of communication, failure of unity, failure of peace, and failure of any sense of order. I find, mutual judgment and criticism are supreme sports and entertainment in this age, yet we should remember that what holds true for carving holds true for criticizing and judging too: never carve with a knife what you can carve with a spoon.

I find, no good can come from atomizing our society, and while I most strongly believe everybody deserves a fair shake and equal treatment by law and government, I also believe if we jettison any sense of unity the things to come will be grim and painful.

Where is God in all this? God lets us play our games, but God's game plan in my book always was, is, and will be to save everybody. So, I say: give God a chance. Give hope a chance. Does not the Good Book say, For I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for peace and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope? (Jeremiah 29:11)

Remember, I am pulling for you though I am not always sure which way.

Pastor Hans

As you approach Easter, consider praying for renewal, hope, and a deeper understanding of the Resurrection, thanking God for the gift of His Son and the promise of eternal life.



*"We praise you in this Easter season. Change our lives, change our hearts to be messengers of Easter joy and hope. We make our prayer through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord forever. Amen."*