



KEITH ANDERSON

Anderson Windows

Rev Keith Anderson had successful knee replacement surgery on December 20, after an unexpected delay in the procedure. He is currently recovering from home.

Sticker Shock at the Pharmacy

Hopefully everyone did a Review and Compare for their Medicare Part D Plans. Beginning in 2024, drug manufacturers and drug plans are paying more of the cost for the medications. Due to this shift, many plans changed their formularies and are not covering as many medications as before. If your medication is not on the formulary, you are responsible for the total cost and it will not be applied toward the coverage gap or catastrophic coverage.

There are still options available to you if your drug costs have significantly increased in January. Here are things to consider:

- 1) You may be in the deductible level
 - Deductibles start over every year, and your plan is applying the deductible to your cost. Check with your pharmacy as they can tell you.
- 2) Contact PASBF
 - The Medicare Part D Benefit is available to all retired clergy and spouses from the IGRC. Funds are available and do not hesitate to apply. The benefit is for high cost medications – and high cost is defined by you! PASBF will even help with your deductible amount.

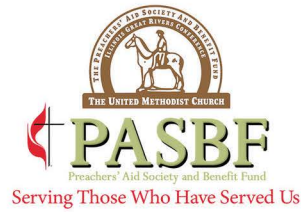
3) Applying for Grants

- For very expensive medications, grants are available to help cover the cost. Ask your doctor if there are grants available, and if so, how to apply for you. Even if there is not a available grant, do not worry as PASBF can help!

4) Using GoodRx and SingleCare programs

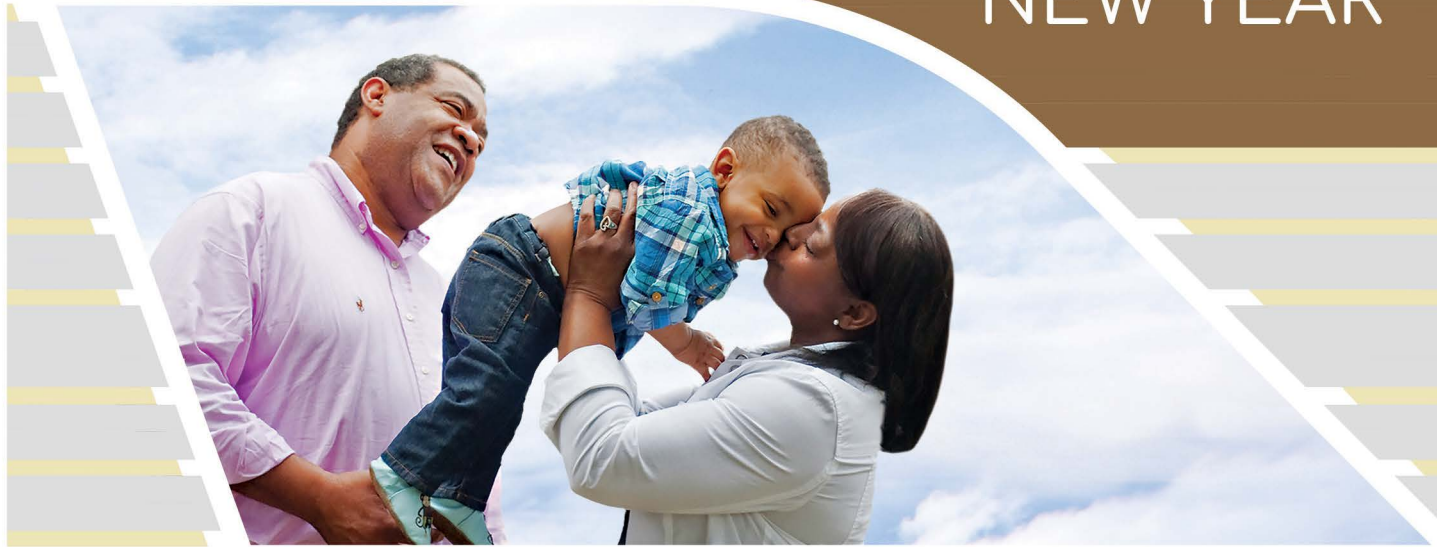
- Both GoodRx and SingleCare are programs to lower drug costs. They utilize coupons from the manufactures. You may enroll in one or both plans, but you do not have to be enrolled to received the discount. Your pharmacist can also help you obtain these discounts as well. Keep in mind, when you use GoodRx or SingleCare, the medications are run “outside” of your Medicare Part D Plan, so any out-of-pocket costs will not apply towards the coverage gap and catastrophic levels.

Over the next several years, we will see changes to the drug plans as the cost share shifts to them and Medicare plays less. I look for plan formularies to change even more in the short term so it will be vital to run a Review and Compare every year.



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SOAR in the NEW YEAR



FLY HIGH

WITH YOUR ESTATE PLANNING

A new year is about to take off. It is a time for a fresh flight of new hope and clear skies. Whether you are flying to a vacation, business meetings or volunteer opportunity, or if you are traveling only in your mind, the new year lies ahead. Pilots begin with a checklist, so should you. Here is a good place to start on your estate planning this year:



Write or update your will



Check with your bank and investment advisor to update your transfer on death forms



Take inventory of your highly appreciated assets and use them, rather than cash, to transfer gifts to charity

YOU WILL SOAR WHEN YOU SEE HOW EASY IT IS TO LOWER YOUR TAXES AND POSSIBLY INCREASE YOUR INCOME, ALL WHILE HELPING OTHERS

Fly high above life's uncertainties with these ideas and others. For example, call or email us to see how a gift annuity pays you fixed income for life at attractive rates while also giving you an income tax deduction; or how an IRA charitable rollover can help you lower your taxes on IRA distributions.



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Endless Line of Splendor

The following persons have joined The Endless Line of Splendor since our last Society Page. May we celebrate their lives and remember their family and friends as they grieve their loss.

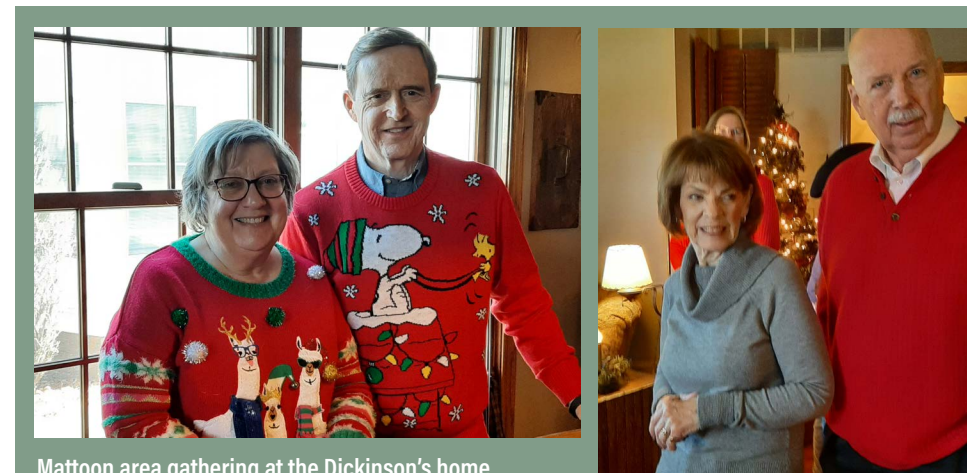
Name	Dates	Family Contact	Link to Obituary/Service
Rev. Millie Horning Peters		Angela Peters 384 Helmwood Circle Mount Washington, KY, 40047	
Rev. Don Batz	1934-2023	Aleta Batz 3080 Farmington Dr Lindenhurst IL 60046	https://www.igrc.org/obituarydetail/18171250
Margie Logan	1940-2023	Condolences may be left online	https://www.aikinsfarmer-miller-fh.com/obituary/Margie-Logan
Rev. Kathy Lossau		Michael Lossau 635 Urrbana Dr. Freeburg, IL	
Lawrence "Skip" Conrad	1932-2023	Condolences may be left online	https://www.bramleyfh.com/obituary/LawrenceSkip-Conrad

In Remembrance of ALL our clergy and spouses who have joined the *Endless Line of Splendor* in 2021:

I'm Spending Christmas With Jesus This Year

I see the countless Christmas Trees around the world below
 With tiny lights, like heaven's stars, reflecting on the snow.
 The sight is so spectacular, please wipe away that tear.
 Because I'm spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.
 I hear the many Christmas songs that People hold so dear.
 But the sounds of music can't compare with the Christmas choir up here.
 I have no words to tell you the joy their voices bring.
 For it is beyond description to hear the angels sing.
 I cannot tell you of the splendor of the peace here in this place.
 Can you just imagine Christmas with Our Savior, face to face?
 I will ask Him to light your spirit as I tell Him of your love.
 So then pray for one another as you lift your eyes above.
 Please let your hearts be joyful and let your spirit sing.
 For I'm spending Christmas in Heaven and I'm walking with the King.

AUTHOR UNKNOWN



Mattoon area gathering at the Dickinson's home.

Dear Ministry Partners:

HAPPY NEW YEAR! As we begin this new year, I want to pause and say **THANK YOU** to all our ministry supporters. Your generosity enables PASBF to continue its 154 years of ministry to nearly 1200 retired clergy, spouses and surviving spouses. We assist with pastoral support, fellowship events, Medicare Supplement payments to the conference, emergency financial assistance, PART D reviews, and so much more.

Thank you to all the churches and individuals who have made us a priority in their Christian Stewardship. Together we are making a big difference in the lives of **"those who served us!"**

Edward R Weston
 Director of Development
 BS Bus Adm, M Div, Masters Bus Adm.
www.pasbf.org

Dear Friends:

As we start the New Year, it is a good idea to review all your financial documents and update as necessary. Here are a few:

- Will
- Trust
- Power of Attorney (Health and Financial)
- Beneficiaries of Life Insurance, Property, Collectibles (Be sure to check addresses, phone numbers, etc for all Beneficiaries)
- Checking, savings, IRA'S,
- Advance directives

Remember to share with spouses/children/significant others your password to all accounts too. If anything would happen to you, your executors may need them!

The cold weather of January is an excellent time to stay indoors and catch up on legal documents!

Blessings in this New Year!

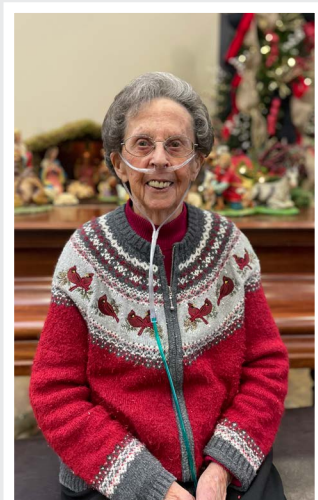
Edward R, Weston
 Director of Development

TO ALL RETIREES:

Remember: If you move or change your phone, be sure to send those changes asap to Carol in the office (csims@igrc.org)

GREETINGS FROM PEKIN

Yulefest '23



Anniversaries 50+

JANUARY

James & Bonnie Rhea1/1/69
 John & Sharon Sims.....1/9/71
 Robert & Carol Thompson1/14/62
 Gary & Sharon Whipple1/20/67
 John & Judy Hartleroad1/26/68
 Robert & Louise Chapman1/28/66
 John & Linda Capps1/30/63
 Roger & Cindi Knox.....1/31/65

FEBRUARY

Eugene & Sally A Mace.....2/3/61
 George & Ann Terry2/5/50
 Merle & Connie Heicher2/7/71

Birthdays 80+

JANUARY

Francis Pearsall 1/1/37
 Donald Scaff 1/1/45
 Bob Bradford 1/4/42
 Donald Jones 1/4/30
 Miriam Ogden 1/4/29
 Norma Copeland 1/6/28
 Mary Fester 1/7/37
 Han Sun..... 1/7/32
 Joseph Bogart 1/8/38
 Norma Kelley 1/8/43
 John Capps 1/9/44
 Donald Graham 1/9/33
 David Hurley 1/10/34
 Gary Jenkins..... 1/10/36
 Louis Frick..... 1/11/36
 Roderick McLean..... 1/11/44
 Doris Black 1/12/43
 Peggy Thompson 1/12/44
 Nancy Wood 1/12/40
 Suzanne Conrad 1/15/43
 Janice McCarter 1/17/43
 Genevieve Lee 1/18/33
 David Babb 1/19/38
 Stanley Haxton..... 1/21/45
 Richard Bishop..... 1/22/45
 William Deisher 1/22/39
 Brent Phillips 1/23/45
 Melba Gillespie 1/24/28
 William Pyles 1/26/43
 Lois Rapp 1/26/37
 Robert Sandine..... 1/27/37
 Susan Hawbecker 1/28/38
 Lawrence Bryan..... 1/30/45

FEBRUARY

Rose Fletcher..... 2/1/37
 Eva Durey 2/2/32
 Sharon Garretson 2/3/45
 John McFarland 2/4/37
 Cindi Knox 2/5/44
 Roger Knox 2/5/41
 Jeannette Fear..... 2/6/43
 Mary Hackl..... 2/6/34
 Donald Black 2/7/34
 Helen Badman 2/8/45
 Ruby Brown..... 2/8/37
 Ruth Gott 2/8/37
 Arla Morse 2/11/30
 Gary Whipple 2/12/45
 Mary Miller..... 2/13/38
 Paul Brown..... 2/15/27
 Clara Reiber 2/15/35
 Robert Wood..... 2/15/38
 Frank Munden 2/17/45
 Carol Myers 2/17/41
 Eugene Soper 2/17/42
 Margy Curtis 2/18/37
 Carol Edman..... 2/18/45
 Lois Bodeen 2/19/22
 Margaret Overlot..... 2/20/38
 Beverly Souders 2/20/37
 Jeanne Sims 2/21/28
 Roberta Blackard..... 2/23/42
 Diane Patton 2/23/41
 Arthur Runyon..... 2/23/28
 Forrest Caswell 2/24/36
 Sharon Minor..... 2/25/44
 Sheila Fitts..... 2/27/37

Memorials

R. DUANE AMBROSE

Marti Ambrose.....Effingham

MARILYN ANNABLE

Bob & Linda Edwards.....Mascoutah

DONALD BATZ

John & Helen McFarland..... Bloomington IN
Jeanne' Sims.....Rochester
Paul & Judith Unger.....Bloomington
Larry & Marilyn Maffett.....Bloomington
Helen Bass.....Springfield

GENE, HELEN, & PHILLIP BLACK

David & Liz Reynolds.....Marion

MELODY BRAWLEY

Bob & Linda Edwards.....Mascoutah

DAVE BULTIMEIER

Merry Kay Hansen..... East Peoria

OWEN CANDLER

Ida Candler.....Groveland

DAVID CHA

Anna Cha.....Penfield NY

SKIP CONRAD

Larry & Ali Moreau..... Auburn

GEORGE & VADA DESMOND

George Desmond, Jr..... Danville

WILLIAM FESTER

Roger & Carol Russell.....Marion

ANNE FOLLIS

Mike & Jean Pennell..... Sherman

STEVE GOODIN

Sharon James.....Bradley
Thomas Cunnington.....Kankakee
Philip & Laura Hays.....Kankakee

WILLIAM A. & GWENDOLYN HAMMITT

William M. & Jean Hammitt..... Normal

ROBERT HOLLIS

Clarice Hollis.....Mt. Vernon

JUDY ICENOGL

Ida Candler.....Groveland

DON JONES

Larry & Ali Moreau..... Auburn

PAUL LEES

Ida Candler.....Groveland
Gertrude "Dollie" Lees.....Bloomington

KATHLEEN LOSSAU

Glen & Susan Bocox..... Galesburg
Carol A. Sims.....Springfield
Mike & Jean Pennell.....Sherman

LOWELL McDOWELL

R. Marie Patterson..... Olney

TED MITCHELL

Wayne & JoAnn Ward.....Camargo

ORVILLE MUETH

Carol Ricketts..... Alhambra

TOM NEUFER-EMSWILER

Sharon Neuffer-Emswiler..... Champaign

FRANK NEW

Dean Austin.....Canton

WILLIAM A. PALMER

Lois Palmer.....O'Fallon

LARRY PATTON

Bob & Linda Edwards.....Mascoutah

NANCY J. PATTON

Brad & Donna Henson..... Albion
Cathy Najmon..... Lima OH

ROBERT PATTERSON

R. Marie Patterson..... Olney

FRANK PIERCE

Roger & Carol Russell.....Marion

LEROY PITTMAN

Roger & Carol Russell.....Marion

R. PAUL SIMS

Jeanne' Sims.....Rochester
Carol A. Sims.....Springfield

KATHY SNIDER

Sandra Mulberry.....Metamora
Ken & Sue Hogren..... Washington
Howard and Judith Daughenbaugh..... Morton
William G. Myers.....Bella Vista AR
Ida Candler.....Groveland
Ted Snider..... Washington
Merry Kay Hansen..... East Peoria
Eugene & Natalie Lambert..... Germantown Hills
Gail Brown..... Germantown Hills

JENNIE LYNN TOTTEN

Bob & Linda Edwards.....Mascoutah
Murriel & Brenda Nance.....Mt. Vernon

BRADLEY F. WATKINS

Johnnie M. Locker.....Peoria
The Bridge UMC..... Washington
William G. Myers.....Bella Vista AR
Larry & Ali Moreau..... Auburn
Mike & Jean Pennell..... Sherman

DOROTHY YOUNGS

LOUIS YOUNGS

Bob & Linda Edwards.....Mascoutah

ALL CLERGY and/or SPOUSES WHO PASSED IN 2023

David & Barbara Gaffron

THE ENDLESS LINE OF SPLENDOR

Wade & Onda Gregory..... Indianapolis IN

HONORARIUMS

Ethel Barnett

James & Lynette Barnett

All Appointed Clergy & Spouses

Ed Weston

Lewistown UMC & Cuba UMC

Shane & Stacy Smith

John Fullmer

Glen & Susan Bocox

The PASBF Board

Ed Weston

Julia Melgreen

Stephen & Sandra Burgener

Wayne E. Goodwin

Gary Feldman

Keith Anderson & Carol Sims

David & Theresa Nottrott

All Pastors & Families

Cindy & Doug Rettig

Logan (Gene) Perry

Dan & Carol Perry

ONGOING

Keith Anderson
H. Dayle Badman
Jon & Rochelle Bouse
Stephen & Susan Burwell
John & Irma Davis
George Desmond, Jr.
John & Norma Fullmer
Brad & Donna Henson
Philip Jackson
Debbie Jadhav
Ronald & Angela Johnson
John Keller
Kathleen Kenyon
Gail & Steve Kettelkamp
William G. Myers
Daniel Powers
Dennis Price
Clyde & Nancy Snyder
Diwan & Kamal Tiwade
Dave & Linda Trover
Ed & Nancy Weston
James C. Williams

UNDESIGNATED

Roger & Donna Apple
Karen S. McClusky
Robin Birkey
David & Mary Donley
Terrell Johnson
Patsy Adams
Laureen Koch
Terry & Sara Tipton
Sue Penny
Larry Green

Memorials

CHURCHES

Bartonville UMC
The Bridge UMC, Washington
Casey UMC
Caseyville UMC
Collinsville First UMC
Harrisburg First UMC
Jerome UMC
Kinmundy UMC
Lewistown UMC, Witness Team
Mossville UMC, UMMen
New Hope UMC, Neponset
Peoria First UMC
Pesotum UMC
Quincy Melrose Chapel UMC
Quincy Union UMC
Robinson UMC
Thayer UMC
Wesley Chapel UMC
Wesley Chapel UMC, Jacksonville
West Frankfort Antioch UMC
West Olive Faith UMC, Bloomington

More Pastor Appreciation:

Ed Weston & Bob Edwards
David R. Favreau

Our Pastor

New Hope UMC, Neponset

Ebb Munden, Miley Palmer, Jim Bortell, Paul Unger

Howard & Judith Daughenbaugh

Julia Melgreen

Stephen & Sandra Burgener

Ted Snider, Ken Hogren, Nicole Cox, Ken Harris

Willow Hill UMC, East Peoria

Merry Kay Hensen

Kevin & Jodi Meyer

Karen Boyer

Brian & Luann Kuehn

Robert & Kathy Miller

BEQUESTS or ANNUITIES

Marie Mosher memorial
James "Jay" Cox memorial

FLORIDA IGRC

2024 RETIREE GATHERINGS

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BE OUR GUESTS AT LUNCH!!

<p>THUR, FEBRUARY 8, 11:30 AM</p> <p>ORLANDO AREA BAHAMA BREEZE 8160 IRLO BRONSON MEMORIAL HWY KISSIMMEE FL 34747</p> <p>Reservations required by THURSDAY FEB 1 to: Rev. Ed Weston 2278 Haverford Dr Belleville, IL 62221-7992 or edweston69@gmail.com</p>	<p>FRI, FEBRUARY 9, 11:30 AM</p> <p>WEST COAST AREA PINCHERS 2360 WEST FIRST STREET FORT MYERS, FL 33913</p> <p>Reservations required by FRIDAY FEB 2 to: Rev. Cynthia Jones 9391 Palm Island Circle North Ft Myers, FL 33903-5251 or revjoyjones@gmail.com</p>
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REGISTRATION FORM:

Name(s) _____

Cell Phone _____

Please reserve _____ spots for me for:

_____ Orlando Gathering (**due FEB. 1** – see above) Send to Ed Weston

_____ Ft Myers Area (**due FEB. 2** – see above) Send to Cynthia Jones

ARIZONA IGRC

2024 RETIREE GATHERINGS

Sponsored by PASBF

BE OUR GUESTS AT LUNCH!!

<p>WED, FEBRUARY 21, 11:00 AM</p> <p>TUCSON AREA OLIVE GARDEN 1213 W IRVINGTON RD TUCSON, AZ 85714</p> <p>MAIL BOTTOM PORTION BY FRIDAY FEB 16 TO: Rev. Ed Weston 2278 Haverford Dr Belleville, IL 62221-7992 or edweston69@gmail.com</p>	<p>THUR, FEBRUARY 22, 11:00 AM</p> <p>PHOENIX AREA 2635 E SOUTHERN AVE TEMPE, AZ 85283</p>
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REGISTRATION FORM:

Name(s) _____

Cell Phone _____

Please reserve _____ spots for me for:

_____ Tucson Area, WED FEBRUARY 21, 11am (**due FEB. 16**)

_____ Phoenix Area, THUR FEBRUARY 22, 11am (**due FEB. 16**)

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