

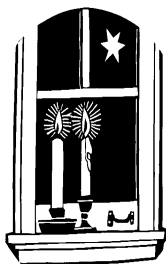
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Inviting all to know Christ, grow in Christ, and share Christ's love.

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The Longest Night

Tuesday, December 20
7:00 p.m.

Even in this season of joy...
there is sometimes grief, weariness, and loneliness
Yet even in the darkness...God's light does shine!

If the holidays are difficult for you, or for someone you know, come join us for a special time of worship...

A time to lament, to acknowledge our sadness and concern.
A time to know that we are not alone,
and to affirm that God's light and presence are with those who struggle.
A time for hope, to experience the light of Christ that continues to shine,
even in the darkest times.

Childcare is available!

Worship Schedule

- 8:30 Chapel Service
- 9:15 1st Bridge Service
(Lower Level)
- 11:00 Sanctuary Service
- 11:00 2nd Bridge Service
(Lower Level)

Church School

Children's Classes

10:00 a.m.

Youth Classes

10:20 a.m.

Adult Classes

9:45 a.m. Reception Room

CHRISTMAS EVE...

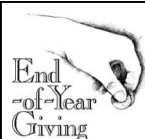
Join us to celebrate Christ's birth on Christmas Eve:

- 4:00 p.m. Song, Celebration, & Scripture (Chapel)
- 6:00 p.m. The Bridge Christmas Eve Service
- 9:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion Service with the Chancel Choir. (Sanctuary)



Worship Schedule Christmas & New Year's Day

- **Sunday, December 25**, we will have a single service at 11:00 a.m. in the chapel.
- **Sunday, January 1**, we will have a 10:00 a.m. service in the chapel and an 11:00 a.m. Bridge service.
- There won't be any Sunday School on Christmas or New Year's Day.
- **Sunday, January 8**, we will resume our regular worship and Sunday School schedules, and will celebrate communion.



For a financial update, and tips on making year-end gifts to the church, please see page 8.

FROM THE



PASTOR

*Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.
The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes...*

It's a beautiful carol, and a beautiful image, but probably not a realistic picture of Jesus' birth. Wherever and whatever the "manger" was -- scholars now think that, in an arid land where wood was scarce, it was probably not a wooden manger in a wooden stable, but rather a hollowed-out stone in a cave or the lower level of a house -- the baby in it was a real baby, born in a real birth to a young first-time mother. He probably screamed and cried; she probably screamed and cried (there were no anesthetics then); it was probably a messy affair all around. And yet blessed.

Did baby Jesus cry? The question is both silly and profound. One of the ongoing tensions in Christianity is between our sense of Jesus' divinity and His humanity. "Fully human, fully God," says our Brief Statement of Faith, summarizing a centuries-old theological debate about the exact relationship between God and Jesus. It was this debate, at times leading to bloody conflict, that produced the language of the Nicene Creed (*one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father by whom all things were made...*) and was one of the precipitating factors in the split between the Roman Catholic and the eastern Orthodox churches centuries later.

For us non-theologians, the tension plays out in other ways: it is tempting to see Jesus as somehow immaculate and removed from the nitty-gritty of human life -- as a baby without crying, a toddler without tantrums, an adult without the same temptations and sorrows that we face. Such an image of Jesus was sometimes projected by those schooled in Greek philosophy, in which absolute perfection is incompatible with day-to-day human life. Yet the New Testament tells us differently. *For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin,* says Hebrews 4. And this fact gives us confidence: *Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*

The miracle of the incarnation, which seems scandalous to people of other faiths (and even, sometimes, to us), is that the Almighty God, Maker of Heaven and Earth, should take on human flesh, with all its weakness and suffering. That God should take on human life. The Apostle Paul says it well: *Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness....*

The gift of the incarnation was not just that God became transformed; it was to enable humanity to be transformed. As St. Athanasius said in the 4th century, "*God became man that man might become God.*" Not become God, exactly, but somehow, through Christ, be transformed into God's children, and experience living in God's kingdom. What happens is more readily experienced than explained, though theologians and preachers and mystics have been trying to explain it for centuries.

I invite you, this Christmas, to open yourselves anew to the transforming love of God incarnate, come to us in a tiny child, helpless and human yet transcendent and transformative. And have a wonderful time with your family and friends.

The Case of the Reluctant Innkeeper

The Children's Musical presented on December 11, 2011

Row 1: Angela Waithaka, Luke Greising, Josie McCormick, Celia Weiss, Braelin Davis, Mumbi Waithaka, Laura Gernand, & Erienne Evens.

Row 2: Michael Lea, Erin Greising, & Andy Braden.



**CHILDREN'S
MINISTRY**

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

A change has been made in our January schedule. We will be starting Sunday School on January 8 instead of the 15th. It will be the first "birthday" and "card ministry" day of the new year. We have been delighted to have the children attend on a regular basis and miss them when they aren't there to join us. We are very happy that you, the parents, have been bringing them to the classes. They sure are a fun bunch!

Please note that we will not have Sunday School classes if church services are cancelled due to inclement weather.

If any parent would like to help with the planning and/or classroom assistance for our upcoming Valentine's Party, please let us know. We would love to have your help. Our youngest group of youngsters is also our largest group and any extra hands are always welcome.

We look forward to a fantastic new year and wish your family all the best!

PYF Upcoming Calendar

December:

18: 10:20-10:50 a.m. Sunday School

No Sunday School or PYF on December 25 or January 1

January:

8: 10:20-10:50 a.m. Sunday School

PYF: 4:00-6:00 p.m. DYG – Tubing (Details TBA)

15: 10:20-10:50 a.m. Sunday School

Mission Trip Info.

Please check your calendars! We are planning to join the DYG churches this summer for the Pittsburgh Project! The mission trip will be open to Jr. & Sr. High youth (including graduating seniors), and will run from July 9-13th or 14th. If you are interested, we need a definite commitment and a \$25 deposit by January 1st! Questions??? Call or email Mary: 574-707-1321 or MaryMall2000@aol.com



Mary & John Seddon

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Growing in Christ; Children's & Youth Ministry

Holy Conversations You Did It!

We've just about completed the Holy Conversations process and all I can say is Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! You as a congregation surprised the Planning Team by your overwhelming and thoughtful participation. Along with demographic studies and multiple worship surveys, focus groups, potluck, and small-group table conversation notes, we're gathering all your emails and comments to create a packet of synthesized material to give to the Session. The Session will help the Personnel Committee come up with a job description for your new associate pastor. Once that job description is approved by the Committee on Ministry at the Presbytery level, then you as a congregation will elect your APNC — your Associate Pastor Nominating Committee to begin the hunt (so to speak).



But that's just one outcome of the Holy Conversations. The process has brought to the forefront other issues to address that really don't have much to do with your acquiring a new associate pastor and everything to do with the future health of your entire First Presbyterian congregation. These also will be raised to the Session at a retreat early in 2012 and, after prayerful consideration, acted upon.

To many of us this process may seem way too long and tedious — “why can't we just call a new pastor now?” we ask. Especially when we have Methodist and Lutheran neighbors who say, “You still don't have a new pastor? Our pastor left and a new one appeared within a month!” The response goes something like this: We Presbyterians have learned (the long and hard way, I might add) that a careful, interactive study of who we are today, how God is calling us to serve the kingdom of God now, and what gifts new ministry leadership will need to accomplish this updated calling, all go a long way in sustaining a healthy, thriving congregation. Ultimately everyone's happier and healthier in the long run when we welcome the interim phase and invest this kind of time and effort.

My friends, if effort is any indication to how powerfully positive the church will interact with its new ministry leader, you will break through the top of the graph of meaningful service to others. Thank you again for your openness to new ways of doing all kinds of ministry, and especially for allowing me to serve with you. I'll be away for the month of January but returning to continue our interim process. Enjoy the holiday season and may God's blessings be upon all of us in the new year.

In Christ,

Adult Education

In January, our Sunday morning class (9:45 in the Reception Room) will start a series looking at some community issues and resources. Currently scheduled:

- January 8: Bill Firstenberger of Ruthmere
- January 15: TBA
- January 22: Stu Barb on the Wellfield Gardens
- January 29: TBA

Conversations about the possibility of rescheduling the two early worship services to permit a shared Sunday morning class are continuing.

Presbyterian Women



COOKIE WALK...Thanks to all of you who donated cookies, specialty items, and items for the raffle. Raffle winners are -- Marilyn Horvath - BBQ Basket and the Basket of Seasonal Hand Towels; Sharon Hatfield - Quilted Christmas Table Runner. Also thank you to those who purchased goodies and participated in the Cookie Walk. All proceeds go toward PW Mission projects.

FLOWER OF THE MONTH...The Flower of the Month coupons from Linton's are now available. The cost is \$30.00. These make great Christmas gifts. The profits from this fundraiser will help with PW missions. See Harriet Sloop to purchase.



MITTEN TREE...During December, drop off donations of mittens, scarves and hats. The "Mitten Trees" are located in the Narthex and at the bottom of the stairs to Fellowship Hall. All the items collected will be taken to the St. Paul's Clothes Closet, where they will be dispersed to help keep heads and hands warm this winter. Thank you for decorating our trees with warm gifts for others.

QUILTS OF THE MONTH



During the years I was riding with Delbert as he delivered trailers I enjoyed having something to work on. I have always enjoyed embroidering and quilting, so when I found the little quilt made of tractor squares and the one with horse heads I bought them and embroidered them. I made the tractors the color of the various ones Delbert had during his years farming. (He corrected my color choices for the John Deere wheel hubs, and of course when we drove past a dealership I noted he was right!) I made the horse heads to be similar to the ones he owned or trained over the years. As I completed them my daughter found the appropriate fabric for backing and sashing (and yes, the John Deere fabric is blue. That's what was available!) I completed the embroidering in about 2009. I finally got them pieced (my least favorite part of quilting), and quilted them in 2010. My plan is to give one to each of my children for their first grandchild since I probably won't be around when they are grandparents. (Our grandson is 11 1/2 years old and our granddaughter just turned 6!) Linda Schrock

The quilt that is hanging for the last few weeks of December was created by Terry McCaskey.

Automatic External Defibrillator



Our church has been awarded a free Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) from Heartreach Michiana (a non-profit organization of Dr. Halloran and friends to promote availability of AED's). Our AED is an amazing machine, which walks the user through every step of the process with verbal commands.

Our AED is kept at the Welcome Table. A number of our staff and members are trained to use it (Todd & Cheryl Ann Miller, Steve Seward, Cinda Olinger), and we hope to get others trained. If it's needed, don't hesitate to use it!

Presbyterian Women, Quilters, AED

January 2012



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1 New Year's Day 10:00 Chapel 11:00 Bridge No Church School	2 Office Closed In observance of New Year's Day 6:00 OA 7:00 AA Comm 8:00 AA	3 12:00 IPG	4 Regular Schedule No Choirs	5 10:00 Tail Chi 7:00 Quilters	6 Office Closes at noon	7
8 Communion Regular Schedule 4:00 DYG	9 6:00 OA 7:00 EEG 8:00 AA	10 10:00 Staff & WT	11 Regular Schedule 1:00 Circle of Grace	12 10:00 Tail Chi 6:30 Tri Kappa 7:00 Trustees	13 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; transform: rotate(-2deg);"> Newsletter Deadline </div> Office Closes at noon	14
15 Regular Schedule	16 11:30 Nifty 60's 6:00 OA 8:00 AA	17 7:00 Session	18 Regular Schedule	19 7:30 Samaritan Cnt 10:00 Tail Chi 7:00 Quilters	20 Office Closes at noon	21
22 Regular Schedule Newsletter	23 1:00 EGS 6:00 OA 8:00 AA	24 10:00 Staff & WT 7:00 Deacons	25 Regular Schedule	26 10:00 Tail Chi 6:30 PW CT	27 Office Closes at noon	28
29 Regular Schedule Blankets + Offering	30 6:00 OA 8:00 AA	31				

Regular Sunday Schedule

8:15 a.m. Bridge Rehearsal
 8:30 a.m. Chapel Worship Service
 9:15 a.m. The Bridge Worship Service
 9:45 a.m. Adult Class
 10:00 a.m. Church School (all ages)
 10:20 a.m. Youth Class
 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Worship Service
 The Bridge Worship Service

Regular Wednesday Schedule

8:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
 10:45 a.m. Wednesday's Table
 5:00 p.m. Melodia Choir Rehearsal
 5:30 p.m. Jr. Chorale Rehearsal
 5:45 p.m. Worship Team
 6:15 p.m. Bridge Planning Team
 6:30 p.m. Westminster Choir Rehearsal
 7:00 p.m. Bridge Band Rehearsal
 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Legend

AA – Alcoholics Anonymous
 DYG – Downtown Youth Group
 EEG – Elkhart Embroiderers' Guild
 EGS – Elkhart Genealogy Society
 IPG – Independent Prayer Group
 OA – Overeaters Anonymous
 PW CT – Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team
 WT – Worship Team

January Birthdays

January 1	Robert Nix	January 16	Christopher Lea	January 26	Quinnten Webb
January 2	Devan Hoffer	January 17	Kristy Nix	January 27	Stu Barb
January 3	Laura O'Neill Jessica Gorden	January 19	John Kuiper Frank Cassella		Jeff Freed Loren Vander Werf
January 4	Jeffrey Bradford	January 20	Kathy Frey Andy Braden	January 28	Mike O'Neill
January 5	Tom Miller		Sarah Downs	January 29	Jack Gehring
January 7	David Stetz	January 21	Beth Braden John Hutchings	January 31	Jenny Free Peggy Zimmerman
January 8	Bill Rice Jordan Bontrager	January 22	Jackie MacKenzie Ronald Pisani		
January 9	Judy Bechtold	January 23	Leslie Greising		
January 10	Jim Rasp Emma LaLone	January 24	Dan Zimmerman Kyle Chrobot		
January 14	Pat Warrick Russ Gilpin Kevin Boyer Mindy Weirich	January 25	Vicki Thompson Susan Freeman		

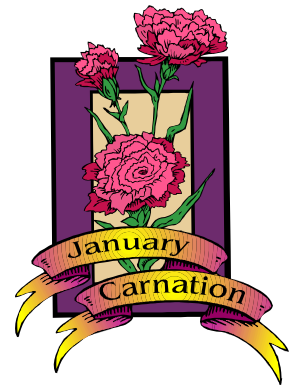
January Anniversaries

January 1—Michele & Todd Salmon

January 4—Stella Waithaka & Peter Mugetha

January 5—Cathy & Burton Johnston

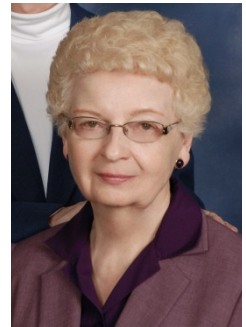
January 25—Karol & Rex Shreve



DO YOU KNOW??????

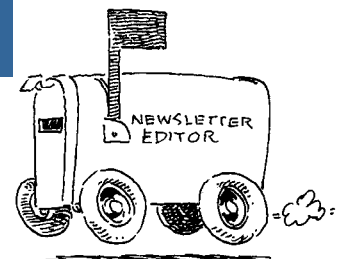
Nancy Stetz

- is a gardener and genealogist?
- has lived in Indiana, Michigan, and Arkansas?
- is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR)?
- is a volunteer librarian for the Rush Memorial Museum, Elkhart County Historical Society, and the Elkhart County Genealogy Society?
- was an only child and has an only child?
- was a pilot who was taught by her pilot father?
- has served FP as a deacon, Presbyterian Woman, office helper, Logos helper, and now you can hear her sing in the choir!



Newsletter Deadline

The next newsletter will be emailed on January 20
and available for friends without emails on January 22
and mailed the following week to those who are not in worship.
Please have all newsletter articles in by January 13.



Presbyterian Per Capita... We are a “connectional church,” meaning that our congregation is part of larger “councils” — the Presbytery of Wabash Valley, the Synod of Lincoln Trails, and the General Assembly. Congregations support these councils (formerly called “governing bodies”) in two ways: a “per capita apportionment” — almost like a “head tax” — for each member, and voluntary support through congregational mission budgets. **The 2012 per capita is \$36.24 per member. Would you be willing to make an extra contribution to cover your per capita?** Please mark your check “per capita” and put it in the offering plate or contact Cinda Olinger in the church office. Thank you!

CHURCH FINANCES

Update on current operating budget: We are operating on a short fiscal year, June-December. Through the end of October, we had slipped slightly into the red. Our year-to-date pledged income (a portion of all income) was running about \$9,500 behind the budgeted amount, while expenses were also below budget. **Are you up to date with your pledge?**

<i>Year-to-date Totals:</i>	<u>11/30/11</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Income		\$195,778	\$210,678	(\$14,900)
Expenses		\$202,778	\$212,588	\$9,810
Net		(\$7,000)	(\$1,910)	(\$ 5,090)

Plans for 2012: Because we changed to a short fiscal year after the 2011-12 pledge campaign, existing pledges extend through May, 2012, while our fiscal year ends December 31. We will be doing our next congregational pledge program next spring, to cover the balance of 2012 and all of 2013. Please plan to keep giving!



END-OF-YEAR GIVING

Thank you to all who have so generously given to support the church, the capital and CUP campaigns, and our many ministries this year. Here are some tips for future giving. If you have any questions, please call Cinda Olinger in the church office.

- ✿ **Donations for 2011** need to be given or postmarked by December 31 (make sure the date is 2011) to be included on your 2011 giving statement .
- ✿ **Regular Gifts & CUP Program:** If some or all of your gift is for the Cup Program or other special uses, please clearly indicate this on your check.
- ✿ **Prepayment of 2012 Giving:** If you are giving money in 2011 toward your 2012 support of the church, please make sure this is clearly marked. Remember that if you have pledged, your pledge runs through May, 2012. Please let Cinda know if your prepayment goes toward your pledge, or is for the period June-December, 2012.
- ✿ **Stock Transfers:** If you are planning to give a gift to the church by donating stock, make sure you contact your broker immediately to allow the transaction to clear by year-end. Also, please let Cinda know about your gift, so she can credit your account. If you don't let Cinda know, we can't always tell who gave the stock!
- ✿ **Tax Break for Gifts from Individual Retirement Accounts Is Available Again:** Under the 2010 Tax Relief Act, individuals age 70½ or older can again make tax-free distributions to a church or other charity from their IRA. Distributions must come directly to the charity from the IRA. If this is of interest, contact your IRA administrator or tax advisor in plenty of time to make this happen before year-end.
- ✿ **Offering envelopes:** If you would like envelopes for 2012, please call the church office.

Though times are hard for many, there are numerous agencies and churches doing good things in our community. Here are a few, with opportunities to get involved...

First Presbyterian Church, Goshen Christmas Day Dinner... You are invited to help with the annual Christmas Day Dinner at Goshen First Presbyterian Church. The dinner, in its 13th year, is open to anyone from the community — singles, couples, and families. Last year, more than 450 meals were served and/or delivered. The dinner is served at no cost from 1:00—2:00 p.m. Anyone wishing to help with the dinner may contact the Goshen Presbyterian Church 533-7845. Volunteers are needed for deliveries (arrive at 11:15 a.m.) serving (arrive at 12:15 p.m.) and clean-up (arrive at 1:30 p.m.) *Marilyn & John Horvath helped with this dinner last year, and found it to be a very rewarding experience.* For more information contact Alan Griffin, 533-7845, (agriffin46526@comcast.net), or David Pepple, (443)695-5793.

Susanna's Kitchen

What do you do between 10:45 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. on the 4th Monday of each month? Consider helping serve 90 to 100 buffet style lunches at Susanna's kitchen.

Our church is one of over twenty Elkhart area churches that help keep this program operating. This is Faith in Action. A hot meal is provided to persons who walk through the doors at the Congregational Church, 431 S. Third Street without reference to ability, age, gender, race, or religious belief.

This Christian outreach program, Susanna's Kitchen, began in 1982. Walt and Beth Davis are our contacts for this mission project ...or, talk to Mike Wilson, Jean Borneman, or Paul Randall, for questions concerning what is asked of the volunteers.



Church Community Services continues to be in great need for funds to enable it to serve its growing and increasingly desperate clientele. In particular, utilities have cut back on help with deposits, and CCS is one of the few agencies that will help. Any and all donations to CCS will be well-used. Checks can be made payable to the church marked "CCS."

Book Donations...

Do you have too many books? Consider bringing them to our Better World Books drop box, located in the north parking lot, behind the church. Better World Books, a "social entrepreneur" which seeks both profit and a better world, picks them up and sells them, donating a portion of the proceeds from our box to Malawi Matters. (Note: charitable proceeds from other Better World Books drop boxes go to other literacy-related charities). They seek all kinds of books, including paperbacks and textbooks. Bring 'em in!



Thank you so much for helping make our 2011 Elkhart County CROP Hunger Walk such a success. The county raised a grand total of \$34,258.27 for 2011, to which our church contributed over \$2,000. This effort would not have been possible without you! This is a 7% increase from last year's county total. Way to GO!!!



Sharing Christ's Love in the Community



Holiday Schedule for Church Office:

The church office will be closed these days:

- ✧ Monday, December 26
- ✧ Tuesday, December 27
- ✧ Friday, December 30
- ✧ New Year's Day observance, January 2.

Cinda Olinger, our church secretary, will be taking her final vacation days for 2011 on December 28, 29, and 30. Nan Adams will be in the office on the Wednesday and Thursday.

2012 Worship Flower Calendar...

Please sign-up for any Sunday's Worship Flowers in 2012. They may be in memory of a loved one, or in celebration of an anniversary, or birthday, etc.



The regular cost is \$34.00. If you would prefer a special arrangement, please call the church office. We would love to have fresh flowers each Sunday in 2012. The calendar is located outside the narthex of the Sanctuary in the hallway going to the Gathering Place.



Volunteers needed to host the upstairs Fellowship Hour on Sunday mornings in the Gathering Place. A signup sheet is located on the table by the Gathering Place or you can call Starr Robinson.

What does this involve? The coffee, tea, creamer, sugar, and cheese cubes are provided. Donut holes are also provided, but the host/hostess picks them up on Sunday morning at the Martin's on Jackson Boulevard on their way to church. If interested you can add to the snacks available for the morning by baking other goodies. It is not mandatory!

Congratulations to the Rev. Diane Karay Tripp, who was honorably retired at the November Presbytery of Wabash Valley assembly. Diane, who grew up in this church, is a writer who has authored a number of books of prayers and worship resources.



Dear First Presbyterian Church:

Beardsley School would like to thank FPC for providing funds from the Foundation Mission so the students can take field trips and also purchase clothing for needed students. Check out the bulletin board by the Sanctuary for the written thank you's. Below are a few samples:

- *Thank you FPC for helping our kindergarten students attend the zoo through your financial assistance. You are a friend to Beardsley and we appreciate your continued support. Courtney*
- *I just wanted to thank, FPC for the \$100 gift for the nurses office. Your kind generosity has allowed me to purchase such items as underwear, socks, and sweat pants. Thanks to all for your kind generosity. Lois*
- *Dear FPC, thank you so much for paying for us to go to the South Bend Symphony! It was a great experience. We had a very fun time. I saw and leaned all about instruments. I have the same interest. That wasn't my first concert but it was one of the best. I saw a whole bunch of instrument players and instruments. Thank you so much FPC! I saw the harp, cello, violin, and I saw two high school kids that both played piano. I wrote this thank you letter to you for letting us have a very, very, very, great experience! Katelin*
- *Dear FPC, thank you giving us the money. I appreciate it. We had a wonderful time at the symphony. I hope you will go there some day. It is fun, I tell you fun! The orchestra was really good. The orchestra played Lion King really good. Thank you, Alexis*

Our Emergency Fund is low...Every week we get requests from Church Community Services and from people needing assistance with rent, utilities, and food. The Emergency Fund, which is funded by donations from members and friends of the congregation, makes such help possible. The fund is running low. If you can help refresh our fund mark your check in the memo – Emergency Fund. We are grateful for any donations! Thank you!

Upcoming Weekly Worship Schedule

Date	December 25	January 1	January 8	January 15
Preacher Upstairs	Nan Adams	Steve Braden	Steve Braden	Willard Roth
Bridge Preacher	N/A	Nan Adams	Guest Preacher	Steve Braden
Liturgist 8:30 (C) 11:00 (S)	Pat Van Dyke	10:00 Harriet Sloop	Steve Eldridge Mary Rasp	Marilyn Horvath Will Evens
Special	One combined worship Service at 11:00 a.m. No Church School	10:00 Chapel 11:00 Bridge No Church School	Communion; Renewal of Baptism	
Welcome Table	Colleen Goode	Colleen Goode	Marilyn Horvath Terry McCaskey	Sue Griffen Jennifer Pitcher
8:30 a.m. Ushers (C)		Lori Eber Linda & Phillip Forgey	Carol & Steve Eldridge	Dottie & Tom Arnold
11:00 a.m. Ushers (S)	Betty Kegerreis Pat & John Van Dyke	n/a	Jane & Doc Atkins Judy Bechtold	Diane & Doug Evans Pat & John Van Dyke
11:00 a.m. Music (S)	Frank Cassella	10:00 Chapel Music	Chancel Choir	Chancel Choir
Hospitality Host	Fellowship Commission	Fellowship Commission	Fellowship Commission	Fellowship Commission
Sound Operator	Tim Good	Tim Good	Tim Good	Tim Good



Christmas Joy Offering

A Presbyterian tradition for almost seventy years, the Christmas Joy Offering goes to the Board of Pensions for assistance programs for retired clergy and missionaries, and to support Presbyterian racial ethnic schools and colleges. **We are receiving the Joy Offering through the end of December.** Please give generously.

Daily Prayer Listings

the week of December 25, 2011

Sunday – Burton & Cathy Johnston
Monday – Artha & William Juntunen
Tuesday – Judith & Keith Kankel
Wednesday – Betty Kegerreis
Thursday – Susan Kendell
Friday – Milcah, Ruth, Charles, & Elizabeth Kinyua
Saturday – Denny & Carlene Klapp
And at Golden Living Center – Barbara Karay

the week of January 1, 2012

Sunday – Jane & Bruce Klonowski
Monday – Cheri, Brent, Christopher & Michael Lea
Tuesday – Susie & Dave Lehman
Wednesday – Heidi Linder
Thursday – Ruth & Jack Linton
Friday – Mary, Kirk, Scott, Ross, & Derek Linton
Saturday – Linda & Bill Loftus
And at Greencroft Retirement – Barbara Hilbish

the week of January 8, 2012

Sunday – Jackie MacKenzie
Monday – Theresa & Larry Maier
Tuesday – Tami Maier
Wednesday – Carol & Thomas Markel
Thursday – Carolin, Safwat, Calista, & Julian Marzouk
Friday – Linda, David, & Sarah Mauser
Saturday – Terry & Andy McCaskey
And at Greencroft Nursing – Mary Jane Blanken

the week of January 15, 2012

Sunday – Katie, Braden, Josie, & Evie McCormick
Monday – Jackie McCoy
Tuesday – Sharlee & Galen McFee
Wednesday – Jean & Charles McKinney
Thursday – Jennifer & Kevin Miller
Friday – Karen & Larry Miller
Saturday – Melissa Miller
And at Home – Helen Good, Gerry Gorsuch, Ferne Huber, Jack Linton, Jane Pinkerton, Orvis Rupe, Jean & Howard Thursby, Vivian Vetter, & Dan Zimmerman



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