

# FIRST PRESS

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

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**February 19-March 17, 2012**

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## New Worship Times

In our various Holy Conversations, a number of people expressed a desire for a shared time for adult education. In both the Chapel and Bridge group discussions, we explored changing worship times to accomplish this. In particular, we discussed moving chapel worship back and early Bridge worship earlier. If both start at 8:45, and end at 9:45, we can hold a full class starting at 10:00 (allowing time for refreshments). The session has decided to give this a try during Lent and Easter. Therefore:

**Starting February 26:**

**Chapel worship will start at 8:45 a.m.**

**Early Bridge worship will also start at 8:45 a.m.**

We are using this opportunity to expand our class offerings. See Pastor Nan's column on page 2 and the adult education discussion on page 4.

### Worship Schedule

- 8:45 Chapel Service
- 8:45 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



**Our Congregational Dinner and Annual Meeting** will be held on Sunday, February 26. The dinner will be at 5:00 p.m., and the meeting will follow at 6:00 p.m. This meeting is for the purpose of electing officers, receiving an update on the CUP Program, receiving partial-year annual reports, and amending our bylaws. Nursery care will be provided. See page 9 for details!

### TABLES AROUND THE WORLD POTLUCK

Bring a dish reflecting your ethnic heritage, or a favorite ethnic dish, to the Tables Around the World potluck. Please sign up on Sunday, register online, or call the church office to RSVP.

### Wednesday Nights in Lent

*Pancake Supper & Ash Wednesday Worship: February 22*

*Soup & Taizé Worship: February 29-March 28*

Begin Lent with a Pancake Supper at 5:00 and Ash Wednesday Worship on February 22. Then join us Wednesday evenings in Lent for a simple meal and quiet, Taizé-style worship. From February 29 through March 28, we will share bread and soup in Room 100 at 5:45 p.m. (note earlier time!), and then move to the Chapel for a gentle worship service of prayer and singing. Come and reflect, come and pray, come and find the "quiet center" where you may reconnect with God.

## Implementing Learning from Holy Conversations: Step 1...



As Steve and I continue to compile all the data from our Holy Conversations process for a final report, one of the most positive indications we've found is a desire for deeper spiritual growth and more intimate conversations along the journey of faith. Given these indications, the Session has decided to focus on Adult Spiritual Education as a core value for our congregation. In the past, adult education has been tangential to the life of the congregation, so in a way this will be a new focus for First Presbyterian. But in the big scheme of things, education for both children and adults has *always* been a cornerstone of Presbyterianism. In my 20 years of ministry experience, I've witnessed significant growth (both spiritually and numerically) in two congregations that make this a focus – Trinity Pres, Pensacola, FL and Fifth Avenue Pres, NYC. So here are three parts to creating such a focus.

**Part 1:** The first is creating a common time for all who wish to be a part of this endeavor to do so...that's why the change in worship schedule beginning February 26. On that Sunday, both the Chapel and early BRIDGE services will begin at 8:45 am. This allows us to create 10:00-10:45 teaching time for ALL AGES. For Lent, in addition to our children and youth classes, we will be offering three adult classes on Sunday at 10:00 with some of these classes being offered at other times during the week. (See page 4 for class details.)

**Part 2:** The second part is creating an annual teaching calendar:

### Calendar: February 2012—January 2013

Lent 2012:	February 26 – April 1	6 Weeks
<i>April 8 2012</i>	<i>Easter – All Church Breakfast/Egg Hunt</i>	
Spring 2012:	April 15 – May 27	7 Weeks
Summer 2012:	June 3 – September 2	14 Weeks
<i>Rally Day 2012</i>	<i>September 9 – Sunday School Breakfast</i>	
Fall 2012:	September 16 – November 25	10 Weeks
Advent 2012:	November 25 – December 23	5 Weeks
<i>December 28</i>	<i>No Classes</i>	
Winter 2013:	January 6 – February 10	6 Weeks

With some modifications and flexibility, we'll start and stop class topics within this framework for the coming year. We want to encourage short-term commitments and the "mixing" of class attendance and class leaders from one teaching season to another. This schedule also allows us to schedule and advertise experts from outside the congregation to teach.

**Part 3:** The third part of a focus on education involves creating a core body of knowledge and experience that all Christians aspire to learn over the course of a lifetime, and offering various pieces of that core curriculum throughout teaching seasons of a year. The idea is to choose five broad divisions of content, such as **Bible, Theology, Arts & Literature, Christian Living, and Church History**, and offer classes from each area during the year. The Adult Education Task Force will begin the process of defining each of the five divisions – i.e., what we discern God needs us to be learning for our continuing personal and communal faith journeys. As well, they'll be researching curriculum and authors for a Master Resource List. If you would like to participate in this visioning and planning for life-long Christian education, please contact Debbie Burton (email: [burtondm@comcast.net](mailto:burtondm@comcast.net) or phone: 264-7500.)

I'm so looking forward to the ways you as a congregation fulfill this vision. You've done such tremendously positive work and I can't wait to see what you come up with next!



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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Children's Ministry Coordinator  
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## SUNDAY SCHOOL

We started a new curriculum in February called "Spark." "Spark" has memory verses, activities, and loads of fun. It covers all three age groups in the program with the current semester featuring New Testament stories. We are delighted to have Katie McCormick and Stella Waitaha filling in for Pat Van Dyke while she is out recovering from her knee surgery.

We are beginning the process of signing up volunteers for **Vacation Bible School**. If you have helped in the past or are brand new to this wonderful experience, we ask you to come help with this year's

program. We are once again partnering with St. Paul's United Methodist Church but this year we are the hosts. See more information and dates in upcoming bulletins.

## PYF UPCOMING CALENDAR

### February:

24-25: 7:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. **30-Hour Famine** at Central Christian Church

26: 10:20-10:50 a.m. Sunday School/Youth Room

### March:

4: 10:20-10:50 a.m. Sunday School/Youth Room

10: PYF: Nelson's BBQ Fundraiser at Walgreen's on Bristol and Johnson Street.

11: 10:20-10:50 a.m. Sunday School



Mary & John Seddon  
Youth Coordinators  
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**Mission Trip Information...**Please check your calendars! We are joining the DYG churches this summer for the Pittsburgh Project! The mission trip is open to Sr. High youth (entering grades 9-12th grades this fall), and graduating seniors. We will attend the Summer Camp July 1-7th. Fireworks are included!! If you are interested, you **MUST** contact John or Mary immediately, so we can provide you with all of the details. We are hoping that the Nelson's BBQ fundraiser we are having March 10th, and what is available in our trip fund, will cover the cost of the trip. Mary's cell phone: 574-707-1321.

**30-Hour Famine...**Friday, February 24, at 7:00 p.m. will kick off the PYF 30-Hour Famine! We will spend the night at Central Christian, and the program will end on Saturday, February 25 at 6:00 p.m. Let us know if you are interested in attending, and fundraising for this worthy cause! Friends are welcome!

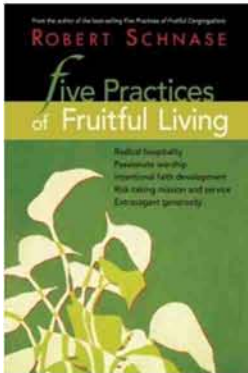


**Super Bowl Sunday...**Well, the Congregation predicted right! \$126.30 was put in the Giant's pot, & \$71.84 in the Patriot's!!! A total of \$198.14 was collected for Church Community Services! Thanks for your support!

**Associate Pastor Search Update...**The process for seeking a new pastor is dictated by our presbytery. Our next step is for the session to analyze the results of last fall's Holy Conversations, and prepare a report for the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry (COM) to review and approve. The search committee cannot be elected until this COM approval is obtained. As of this writing, the session is in the process of reviewing these results and drafting the report to the COM. We cannot have the report approved in time for the February 26 congregational meeting. At the appropriate time for action on the search process, we will call a special congregational meeting.

Growing in Christ; Children & Youth

During lent, we will be offering adult classes in three "tracks:" spiritual growth, topical study, and Bible study. All will be offered at **10:00 AM Sunday morning**, and some also will be offered at additional times during the week. Please review the options below, and plan to attend one or more classes/small groups.



## Spiritual Growth... **Five Practices of Fruitful Living** Room 107 (Nan Adams)

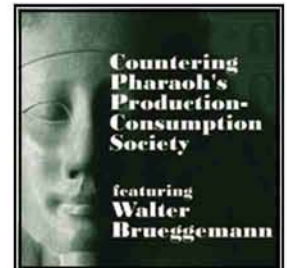
Jesus and his followers developed core spiritual practices that sustained them in God and motivated them to relieve the burdens that restrain people from flourishing. Paul writes, "Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus." How, indeed, do we develop a mind that was like that of Christ Jesus? Join us for a six-week look at five such practices. I will be offering this class on Sunday Mornings, and Thursday mornings at 10:00 am in Room 107, and it will be the topic for study at Wednesday's Table, 11:00 am in Room 100 throughout Lent.

Topics include: *The Practice of...* • *Radical Hospitality* • *Passionate Worship* • *Intentional Faith Development* • *Risk-Taking Mission and Service* and • *Extravagant Generosity*

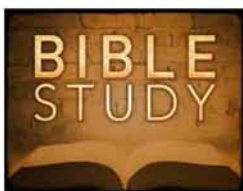
The books that accompany this study are available in two formats — a 6-week study and a 40-day devotional. I recommend the book study format for the class, but the devotional is a helpful way to remind you daily of the practices we're learning. Study Book: \$12; Devotional Book: \$12. Books will be available the first session that each class meets. Please make checks out to "First Presbyterian" and include in the Memo Line: "Book(s)". Join us for an intriguing journey of spiritual practice!

## Topical Study... **Countering Pharaoh's Production/Consumption Society: Reception Room (Steve Braden)**

"It is a journey from slavery to covenant that we keep making over and over again... [because] Pharaoh has immense power always to draw us back into slavery." In this video-based study, leading Old Testament scholar Walter Brueggemann helps us analyze and overcome the power that consumerism has in our lives and our society. Join Steve Braden in the Reception Room for this discussion.



- February 26: *The Way Out*                      • March 4: *The Decalogue*
- March 11: *Countering Caesar*                • March 18: *An Act of Imagination*
- March 25: *On Not Doing God Any Favors*



## Bible Study...

This is a time of listening to and for God, through Bible study — letting go of the busyness and business of our worlds and opening our hearts, minds, and spirits to receive all that God may have for us as He speaks to us through His Word. I hope that persons will feel free to share, but there is no pressure to do so. Bring a Bible. Consider bringing a journal or sketchpad to record thoughts, feelings, and impressions. Above all, bring a heart ready to receive all that God will have for you. Join me in the Theater Room for a meaningful time together.

Tom Kirk

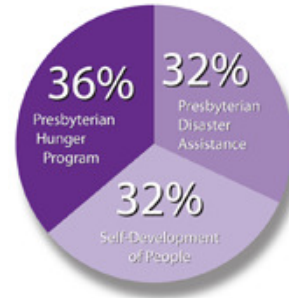
- February 26: *Jesus and the Fig Tree*                      • March 18: *When the Temple shuttered*
- March 4: *Jesus and Passover*                                • March 25: *It is Finished*
- March 11: *A Story of Two Trees*                            • April 1: *Resurrection*



## Sharing Brings Joy To Others, to God, and to Us One Great Hour of Sharing

One Great Hour of Sharing enables Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Self Development of People, and the Presbyterian Hunger Program reaches out to people in need ~~~ where we ourselves may not be able to go.

Wars and natural disasters strike. A huge wave of destruction passes through destroying communities, infrastructures, families, and all signs of normalcy for large groups of people. Once the disaster has passed — the reporters, photographers, crisis teams, and curious people leave — as does most of our attention. Now begins the long slow process of rebuilding — and this is where these Presbyterian agencies stay to help piece life together.



In thankfulness for the work of the One Great Hour of Sharing ministry, please join with people from thousands of churches in nine different denominations, reaching out together to care for Jesus' sheep, through your gifts to OGHS.

Our One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be received throughout Lent, and dedicated Palm Sunday, April 1..

*"Do you love me? Feed my sheep!"*  
John 21:15-17



### Church Community Service Service Mob

- Busy work schedule? Hard to fit in volunteer service?
- Want to serve, but can't commit to a regular assignment?
- Church Community Services has the answer!
- The Volunteer "Service Mob" is only a text away.

Trucks of food often arrive at CCS with little or no notice. Unloading these trucks and stacking the product in their appropriate places with only our current staff is difficult. A Service Mob — "Strength in Numbers" — will make a huge difference in our ability to serve this community. The CCS Volunteer Service Mob can fulfill your desire to volunteer and our need for help on short notice.

This is how it works: We'll add your cell phone number to a contact list. This will make you a part of the CCS Service Mob. When a "Strength In Numbers" shipment arrives at CCS, you'll receive a text asking you to respond. The text will include the time you're required to arrive and a short job description. You'll reply to tell us if you're available. You will then receive our reply letting you know if you are needed for this job or if we've already reached the needed amount of volunteers for that request. It's just that simple!

If you're interested in being a part of the CCS "Service Mob," call or text Mary Kneller, the CCS Food Services Director, at (574) 612-0688. Or email her at [mkneller4ccs@gmail.com](mailto:mkneller4ccs@gmail.com).

# March 2012



**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

				1 10:00 Tai Chi  7:00 Quilters/ Linda Forgey's	2 Office Closes at noon	3
4 Communion Regular Schedule	5 6:00 OA 7:00 AA Meeting 8:00 AA	6 10:00 Staff 12:00 IPG  7:00 AAUW	7 Regular Schedule  5:45 Soup Supper 6:30 Taizé Worship	8 10:00 Tai Chi  No Tri Kappa 7:00 Trustees	9 Office Closes at noon	10 PYF Fundraiser Nelson's Chicken Bristol/Johnson Sts
11 Regular Schedule	12 1:00 EGS 6:00 OA 8:00 AA	13 6:30 Coin Club	14 Regular Schedule 1:00 Circle of Grace  5:45 Soup Supper 6:30 Taizé Worship	15 7:30 Samaritan Ctr 10:00 Tai Chi 12:00 DCC 7:00 EGS 7:00 Quilters	16 Office Closes at noon	17
18 Regular Schedule  Newsletter	19 11:30 Nifty 60's 6:00 DAR 6:00 OA 8:00 AA	20 10:00 Staff  7:00 Session	21 Regular Schedule  5:45 Soup Supper 6:30 Taizé Worship	22 10:00 Tai Chi  6:30 PW CT	23 Office Closes at noon	24 9:00 PW Sewing Day
25 Regular Schedule	26 6:00 OA 8:00 AA	27 7:00 Deacons	28 Regular Schedule  5:45 Soup Supper 6:30 Taizé Worship	29	30 Office Closes at noon	31 3:00 Alex Eraybar Memorial Service

## Regular Sunday Schedule

8:00 a.m. Bridge Rehearsal  
8:15 a.m. Nursery opens (0-3 years)  
8:45 a.m. Chapel Worship Service  
8:45 a.m. The Bridge Worship Service  
10:00 a.m. Adult Class  
10:00 a.m. Church School  
(Nursery School—6th grade)  
10:20 a.m. Youth Class (7th –12th grades)  
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 (grades 1-3)  
5:30 p.m. Jr. Chorale Rehearsal (grades 4-6)  
6:15 p.m. Bridge Planning Team  
6:30 p.m. Westminster Choir Rehearsal  
(grades 7-12)  
7:00 p.m. Bridge Band Rehearsal  
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal (adults)

## Legend

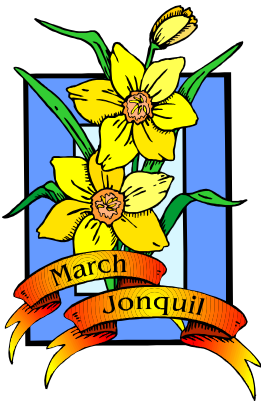
AA – Alcoholics Anonymous  
AAUW – American Association of University  
Women  
CCJ – Center for Community Justice  
DCC – Downtown Churches Coalition  
EEG – Elkhart Embroiderers' Guild  
EGS – Elkhart Genealogy Society  
IPG – Independent Prayer Group  
OA – Overeaters Anonymous  
PW CT – Presbyterian Women  
Coordinating Team  
PYF – Presbyterian Youth Fellowship  
WT – Worship Team

# March Birthdays

March 1 Dick Griffen  
 March 3 Donielle Boal  
 March 7 Madeline Bond  
 March 8 Patricia Brotherson  
 Kirk Linton  
 Patrick R. O'Connell  
 Tori Boal  
 March 9 Cinda Olinger  
 March 10 Andy McCaskey  
 Diane Evans  
 March 11 Dorothy Randall  
 Bette Brownwell  
 Dylan O'Connell

March 12 Stephen Brown  
 March 13 Jennifer Sailor  
 Bailey Stockman  
 Sam Thompson  
 March 15 Helen Good  
 Dorothy Haught  
 Michele Salmon  
 March 16 George Compton  
 Anthony Wood  
 March 17 Sean O'Neill  
 March 19 Adam Hoffer  
 Thomas Markel  
 Marsha Howard

March 19 Braden McCormick  
 March 20 Brigitte Evens  
 March 21 Steve Eldridge  
 March 22 Dick Scholtes  
 March 23 Joyce Carver  
 March 24 Sean Sullivan  
 March 25 Mary Decker  
 March 26 Sara Chrobot  
 March 27 Cami Amendt  
 March 31 Phid Wells  
 Alexander Boyer



# March Birthdays

March 6 Kathy & George Frey  
 March 8 Mary & Jeff Freed  
 March 24 Sandy & Al Haimbach  
 Jeanne & Dave Van Putten  
 March 26 Michele & Geno Braun  
 March 29 Aaron & Nichole Slagel  
 March 31 Linda & Bill Loftus  
 Cinda & Dan Olinger

## Did You Know????

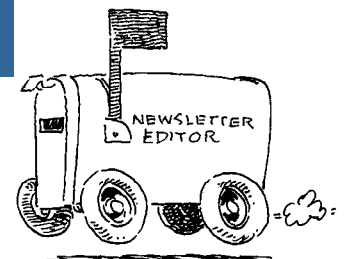
Stella Waithaka

- Was born in Nyeri, Kenya;
- Went to Moi University in Eldoret, Kenya, where she met her husband Peter Mugetha;
- Enjoys gardening and dancing;
- Has one sister, one brother, and 2 daughters, Angela and Mubi;
- Came to America for economic reasons and adventure;
- Is a nurse;
- Has several cousins named Stella due to her culture's naming pattern: first child named after husband's parent; second child (same sex) named after mother's parent, unless child is opposite sex, when you name the child after husband's other parent and then name child after mother's parents!



## Newsletter Deadline

The next newsletter will be emailed on March 16  
 and available for friends without emails on March 18  
 and mailed the following week to those who are not in worship.  
 The newsletter deadline will be March 9.



# A Sharing Calendar

It's remarkable what your gift will do.

# One Great Hour of Sharing

Sunday

[Jesus] said to [the disciples], "You give them something to eat" (Luke 9:13). Help fight local and global hunger by supporting a hunger walk.

Monday

Worldwide, a billion people—about 1 in 7—are chronically hungry. About half of them are children. Give three units to help promote food security—reliable access to enough of the right kinds of food.

Tuesday

Without the right nutrition in the first two years, a child's physical and mental development is compromised. Give one unit for each toddler you know.

Wednesday

Nearly one in four children in the U.S. is at risk for hunger. Give three units in thanksgiving if your household has never experienced hunger.

Thursday

Children who experience severe hunger have higher levels of chronic illness, anxiety, depression and behavior problems than children who do not. Share a unit for each snack you eat today.

Friday

Poor nutrition and calorie deficiencies cause nearly one in three people to die prematurely or have disabilities. Give two units if you ate out this week.

Saturday

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice" (Phil. 4:4). Share one unit for each person or experience that brings you joy.

Hunger

Water and Education

"... I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink..." (Matt. 25:35). Give a unit in thanksgiving for each glass of water you drink today.

More than one in three people lack adequate sanitation facilities. Give one unit for each toilet and sink in your home.

Almost a billion adults worldwide can't read, write and do basic math. Share a unit for each time you write or type your name today.

Educating women and girls improves the health and economic well-being of the community. Give one unit for each year of formal education of your household members.

In parts of rural Africa, sand dams can provide clean water for drinking, livestock and gardening—and improve the lives of women and girls. Give two units in thanksgiving for this.

In the U.S., some 7,200 students drop out of school each day. Only 70% of high school freshmen will graduate. Share one unit to honor a teacher important in your life.

Children

"Let the little children come to me ... for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs" (Luke 18:16). Share one unit for every year of your age.

Child labor is a fact of life for children in many developing countries. Give one unit for each person under age 18 in your extended family.

One in four children under age 5 in the developing world is underweight. Give three units in honor of the children in your congregation.

One child in five in the U.S. lives in poverty. Give one unit for each meal eaten in a restaurant by a member of your household this week.

When disaster strikes, children are often the most vulnerable—to hunger, exposure, disease, exploitation. Share a unit for each flashlight in your home.

In developing countries, rural children are 50% more likely to be physically underdeveloped than urban children. Share a unit for each fruit you eat today.

Disaster Relief

God calls us to share with neighbors in need. And, "God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Cor. 9:7). With a thankful heart, share three units if you have not experienced a disaster this year.

For the cost of a laptop computer, Church World Service can provide two families with shelter kits. Share one unit for each computer or cell phone in your household.

The Haiti earthquake in 2010 left more than 230,000 people dead. OGHs continues to help survivors recover. Give one unit for each home you've lived in throughout your life.

Communities are less prone to disasters through emergency preparedness training and shelter upgrades. Give one unit for each time you have enjoyed a sunrise or sunset this month.

In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, OGHs funds helped Gulf Coast survivors repair and rebuild—and return home. Share a unit for each window in your home.

OGHS helps meet the needs of survivors who were most vulnerable before the disaster. Give one unit for each blanket in your home.

Both urgency and joy pervade the work of One Great Hour of Sharing. The calendar above highlights some of the challenging situations we address when extending care to our neighbors in the U.S. and around the world. Each day suggests a "unit" which is defined as a donation of coins. Your household can decide what coin is best for your situation each day.

Sources: Church World Service, Bread for the World, Children's Defense Fund, UNICEF (United Nation's Children's Fund), Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, World Food Programme, World Health Organization, American Red Cross, The New York Times and the U.S. Census Bureau.

# Presbyterian Women



**SEWING DATE:** Saturday, March 24 - 9:00 to 12:00 is the time to cut, sew, crochet, or knit. You may bring your own project or help with PW mission items. We will be making book bags, baby blankets, and gowns. You may bring your own sewing machine or use one already at the church. Come join in the fun!

**RUMMAGE SALE:** May 18 & 19 are the dates set for the sale. You may drop off items anytime now. They will be kept downstairs. Good, clean items may be donated, along with clothing for infants and young children.

**FLOWER OF THE MONTH:** Certificates are good for any occasion such as birthdays and Mother's Day. PW has them for \$30.00. See Marsha Howard or Harriet Sloop.

## From the Fellowship Team

Dear Friends,

We want to give a big thanks to those of you who have volunteered to help with the Sunday Hospitality Tables, both in the Gathering Place upstairs, and at the Bridge. There have been some wonderful offerings and your help is much appreciated.



Don't forget to sign up to provide refreshments for the upcoming weeks. Some people love to go all out, but that is not necessary! If picking up something at the supermarket fits your lifestyle, that is OK. We'd just love your participation. Also, groups and organizations are encouraged to host a table.

Thank you, Starr Robinson, Chairperson



## Congregational Meeting February 26

At the congregational meeting on February 26, we will hear an update on the CUP (Our Cup Runneth Over) Program, consider a bylaw change reducing the Board of Trustees from 15 to 10 members, receive an update on our search process, and hear the Nominating Committee present the following slate of candidates:

**Elders (Class of 2014):** Jane Cherepak (Celebrating Upstairs), Steve Eldridge (Personnel), Starr Robinson (Celebrating Bridge), **vacant position** (Sharing/Fellowship), and Hanna Downs (Youth Elder – 1 year term). Additionally, Lain Downs (Inviting), and Russ Gilpin (Growing – Children) have agreed to a consecutive term.

**Deacons (Class of 2014):** Mike Stoner, Phyllis Warrick, and 1 vacancy. Additionally, Barbara Harman, Katie McCormick, and Jackie McCoy have agreed to consecutive terms.

**Trustees (Class of 2015):** Doc Atkins, and Steve Seward. Additionally, Betty Kegerreis has agreed to a consecutive term.

**Foundation (Class of 2014):** David Lehman and Stuart Barb.

Sharing Christ's Love in the Community



We would like to express our sincere appreciation to our Presbyterian family for your outpouring support shown by prayer, visits, calls, cards, flowers, and meals and your genuine concern during Jack's 11 month illness and, consequently, his recent death. Thank you for caring.  
The Linton & Greising families

Dear Members of FPC,  
Thank you so much for your generous donation of \$1000 to Beardsley Elementary School. We have purchased listening stations for the classrooms. All stations are up and running and being utilized on a daily basis. Without you this never would have been possible. Thank you for being constant supporters of Beardsley—helping each student succeed.  
Sincerely,  
The Beardsley School students & staff  
(See the handwritten notes on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary.)

Ah ha! Leave it to a group of Presbyterian Women to be thoughtful and loving to a little 97 year old like me. I have been here at Hubbard Hill for 8 1/2 years. I am in a wheel chair. When I need to go to the dentist or doctor I have to buy transportation. I love visitors! However, please call first. I am not always in my room.  
Avia Baker  
Phone 296-4112; Room 2315  
P.S. The plant you brought to me is still pretty! Thank you!

David and I really appreciate the caring notes, cards, and offers of help. We have a very caring church. We thank all who have been so gracious.  
Nancy & David Stetz

Dear Neighbor,  
Thank you for your generous contribution to the Center for Healing and Hope.  
Clare Krabill  
Director

Susanna's Kitchen very much appreciated your recent monetary donation and will put it to the best use here at the kitchen. During 2011 we provided over 20,218 meal servings to local persons which surely helped them with their daily living expense.  
Dick Osborne, Treasurer

Friends in Christ,  
Please accept our sincere appreciation for your monetary gift. Because of your willingness to give, we are better able to minister to those in need who come through our doors here at Faith Mission.  
Thanks,  
Ross Swihart

**Food Collection:** Because of First Presbyterian Church (you), Church Community Services has been "flush" with toilet paper. We are continuing our "On a Roll Campaign." Please bring toilet paper each Sunday to help CCS's mission of providing food and personal items for those in need. Also, continue to bring in used grocery bags.



**Congratulations goes to...**  
Nouhak and Smiley Thammavongsa on the birth of their daughter, Hope Mokmoney, who was born on February 1, 2012.

**Homebound Communion**



Elders and Deacons – current and 'retired:' We will be visiting homebound and nursing home residents on **Sunday, March 4** following each of the morning worship services. If you are available, would you share an hour of your time to enable our members to receive the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. If you've never served homebound communion, you'll be paired with an experienced server. Contact Dottie Arnold, Susan Lehman, or the church office if you are available.

# Upcoming Weekly Worship Schedule

Date	February 26	March 4	March 11	March 18
<b>Preacher Upstairs</b>	Steve Braden	Steve Braden	Nan Adams	Steve Braden
<b>Bridge Preacher</b>	Nan Adams	Nan Adams	David Lawrence	Nan Adams
<b>Special</b>	Congregational Dinner & Annual Meeting	Communion	Presentation on Geneva Center	
<b>Liturgist (8:45 C) (11:00 S)</b>	Steve Eldridge John Seddon	David Lehman David Lehman	Bill Burton Marsha Howard	Debby Burton Mary Seddon
<b>Welcome Table</b>	Dick Griffen Jackie McCoy	Marilyn Horvath Jackie McCoy	Debby Burton Jackie McCoy	Bill Burton Jackie McCoy
<b>8:45 a.m. Ushers (Chapel)</b>	Jane & Bruce Klonowski	Carol & Steve Eldridge	Susie & Dave Lehman	Susie & Dave Lehman
<b>11:00 a.m. Ushers (Sanctuary)</b>	Sue & Dick Freeman Betty Kegerreis	Agnes Grahmbeek Betty Kegerreis	Kirk, Scott, Ross, & Derek Linton	Terry & Andy McCaskey Vernease & Jim Pyles
<b>11:00 a.m. Music (Sanctuary)</b>	Loren Vander Werf (solo/ Chapel) Jr. Chorale & Chancel Choir	Chancel Choir	Chancel Choir	Melodia, Jr. Chorale & Chancel Choir
<b>Hospitality Host</b>	Debby & Bill Burton	Host Needed	Host Needed	Host Needed
<b>Sound Operator</b>	Tim Good	Tim Good	Tim Good	Tim Good

## Daily Prayer Listings

### the week of February 26, 2012

Sunday – Shawna, Olivia, & Abigail Reyes  
 Monday – Andy Rice  
 Tuesday – Christine & David Rice  
 Wednesday – Kevin Rice  
 Thursday – Elizabeth & Todd Rice  
 Friday – Betty & William Rice  
 Saturday – Sydney Rieckhoff  
 And at Greencroft Retirement Center – Barbara Hilbish

### the week of March 4, 2012

Sunday – David Robey  
 Monday – Starr, David, Miles, Molly, & Julia Robinson  
 Tuesday – Jennifer, Nathan, Charlie, & Broderick Sailor  
 Wednesday – Michele, Todd, Michael, Matthew, & Andrew Salmon  
 Thursday – Janet & Dick Scholtes  
 Friday – Marilyn & Oscar Schricker  
 Saturday – Linda & Delbert Schrock  
 And at Greencroft Nursing – Mary Jane Blanken

### the week of March 11, 2012

Sunday – Carla, Eric, Maria, Sarah, & Andrew Schubert  
 Monday – Mary, John, Christopher, & Kelsey Seddon  
 Tuesday – Betsy & Eric Semple  
 Wednesday – Steve Seward  
 Thursday – Kathryn Shanholt  
 Friday – Joan Shoff  
 Saturday – Jim & Beth Shreve  
 And at home – Ferne Huber, Dan Zimmerman, Gerry Gorsuch, Burton & Cathy Johnston, Vivian Vetter

### the week of March 18, 2012

Sunday – Rex & Karol Shreve  
 Monday – Jeff Sibrt  
 Tuesday – Carolyn Simmons  
 Wednesday – Kathy, Alan, & Rachel Sirinek  
 Thursday – Nichole, Aaron, & Hayden Slagel  
 Friday – Harriet Sloop, Emma, Sara, & Megan LaLone  
 Saturday – Rosetta & Steve Slusser  
 And at home – Jane Pinkerton, Howard & Jean Thursby, Larry Maier, Larry Miller, Norma Boyer, & Lillian Bell-Gaines



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### **Staff**

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Brigitte Evens, Coordinator of Children  
Mary & John Seddon, Coordinators of Youth  
Frank Cassella, Coordinator of Contemporary Worship  
Todd Miller, Bridge Media & Technology Coordinator  
Cinda Olinger, Executive & Financial Secretary  
Terry Bishop, Sexton  
Steve Slusser & Steve Seward, Custodians  
Mary Freed, Nursery Coordinator  
Ashley Borders & Susan Kendell, Nursery Attendants  
Walt Davis, George Frey, & Rudy Gourdine, Parish Associates



## LENT & EASTER

Please join us for these Lenten activities:

- † **Ash Wednesday, February 22:**  
5:00-6:30 p.m. Pancake Supper (Fellowship Hall); 6:30 service in Chapel
- † **Wednesday Evenings February 29—March 28**  
5:45 p.m. Soup Supper in Room 100; 6:30 p.m. Taizé Worship in Chapel
- † **Lenten Sermons & Classes on *Five Practices for Fruitful Living***  
Sermons in all services February 26-March 25  
Classes Sunday mornings 10:00, Wednesday mornings 11:00, Thursday mornings 10:00
- † **Palm Sunday, April 1**
- † **Maundy Thursday, April 5:** 7:00 p.m. communion service
- † **Good Friday, April 6;** Community Good Friday service at noon here; Chapel service 7:00 pm.
- † **Easter, April 8:** Celebration of the Resurrection at regular service times.