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Christian Education Director	JoAnne Sharp
Pastor	Rob Fulton

SUNNY DAYS!!

1. The best way to get even is to forget...
2. Feed your faith and your doubts will starve to death...
3. God wants spiritual fruit, not religious nuts...
4. Some folks wear their halos much too tight...
5. Standing in the middle of the road is dangerous. You will get knocked down by the traffic from both ways.
6. Words are windows to the heart.
7. A skeptic is a person who when he sees the handwriting on the wall, claims it's a forgery
8. The mighty oak tree was once a little nut that held its ground.
9. The tongue must be heavy indeed, because so few people can hold it.
10. You have to wonder about humans, they think God is dead and Elvis is alive!
11. Sorrow looks back, worry looks around, and faith looks up...
12. You'll notice that a turtle only makes progress when it sticks out its neck...
13. Unless you can create the WHOLE universe in 5 days, then perhaps giving "advice" to God, isn't such a good idea....
14. If the grass is greener on the other side of the fence, you can bet the water bill is higher.

**And last but not least ---- God gave us angel Wings and He gave us
CHOCOLATE!!!**

Keep Smiling!! And if you see someone's missing one.....give them one of yours!!

February 2012

STATE OF THE CHURCH

“Building Christ’s Church Together – with Love, Faith and Sacrifice”

NOTES OF THANKS

Once again this Christmas our church family has heard and responded generously to the call to help those in our community in need. Our church family adopted **40** families this Christmas. *Thank you for helping to make a neighbor’s Christmas brighter!!*
The Mission & Outreach Ministry team

Dear Church Family, Thank you so much for the We Care/Birthday Poster and the lovely poinsettia. A very special thank you to the First Friday Gang for the very first Christmas card that I received this season. A very happy New Year to everyone!
 Love, **Jo Mustaine**

Dear Friends, Thank you for the We Care poster, cards, and the thoughts and prayers when Dave's mother passed away just before Christmas. She enjoyed the friendships she found among members of this congregation.
Dave and Marla McCormick

I could probably qualify as the least deserving recipient of a We Care poster! My gall bladder surgery was the most painless surgery procedure that you could imagine! It was done as an outpatient and I was at the hospital for about 5 hours. I have had absolutely no pain, just 4 little incisions. However, this doesn’t mean that I don’t appreciate your caring & concern. I, along with Becky, think that we are very fortunate that God has led us to such a caring & loving church family.
 Thank you, **Steve Mast**

Thank you for all the prayers and the "We Care" poster for Jenni. You make us feel loved as a part of the family of faith. How blessed we are to have been brought together in this congregation! **Katie, Woody, Jenni, John, Reagan, Ryann, Charlton, Roxanne, Colin, Mark, Emily, and Chase**

Please accept this as my thanks, and Tracy’s as well, to our Church family – and I mean FAMILY – for the wonderful cards, We Care poster, flowers, prayers, food delivery, and well wishes during my convalescence from back surgery. While it was, and remains, a physical challenge for me, this Family went a long way, in my heart, to show your care, concern, and love. While each day brings more strength and endurance, your continued inquiries and warm fuzzies remind me that, as Pastor Rob reminds us: We are the Church – Together. Thank you all, and may GOD continue to bless this Family.

P.S. Many thanks to Ralph for repairing “our pew” from the damage caused by my giant back brace!
Michael and Tracy Brady, and our kids

Dear 1st UPC Family, Thank-you for your prayers and that wonderful "We Care" poster, helping me recover from my latest hip surgery. Combined with our Good Lord's will and Pastor Rob's hospital visit, your kindness has me on my feet and rarin' to go! Sincerely, **Kim Wagner**

Dear Friends, we wish to **THANK YOU** for your continued financial support of Our Daily Bread. Your \$200.00 donation will help to feed those less fortunate. Bless You.

Glenna M. Theis, Manager/Director Our Daily Bread
(This \$200.00 monthly donation is made possible through your generous support of 2-cents A Meal)

January 15, 2012

2012		Receipts Report			
Congregational Portion	Needed	Needed	Needed	Received	Plus/Minus
Budget Category	Yearly	Weekly	Year to date	to date	to date
Original Pledges	\$248,776.50				
discount '2012 (9%)	\$22,389.89				
Pledges	\$226,386.61	\$4,353.59	\$13,060.77	\$18,803.84	\$5,743.07
Non-pledge amount	\$44,000.00	\$846.15	\$2,538.46	\$2,669.00	\$130.54
Loose Offering	\$5,500.00	\$105.77	\$317.31	\$190.29	-\$127.02
Sunday School	\$2,000.00	\$38.46	\$115.38	\$77.49	-\$37.89
Misc. Offerings	\$3,000.00	\$57.69	\$173.08	\$2,059.78	\$1,886.70
TOTALS	\$280,886.61	\$5,401.67	\$16,205.00	\$23,800.40	\$7,595.40

Thank you for sharing your Time, Talents and Treasures.

PER CAPITA

INITIAL OFFERING

Have you wondered about the two special envelopes in your offering envelope box? There is the “initial” envelope, which helps to cover the cost of the offering envelopes, which cost around **\$ 10.00 per box**. And, there is the “Per Capita” envelope. The per capita is calculated at **\$ 25.38** per member of 1st UPC for **2012**. Per Capita amounts are payable to our Presbytery and is distributed by designated percentages to our Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly to help them continue their work and ministry.

Dear Church Family, I want to thank this wonderful church family for the love and support shown me these past months. I am feeling better and hope to be back among you very soon. A special thank you to Ranae Lentz and the wonderful cooks that prepare those delicious meals that are delivered to me each month. To those who came and raked my yard this fall, to all who signed the We Care poster I received and to the members of the First Friday Gang for the beautiful Christmas card. I feel very blessed to be a part of such a caring community of faith. Thank you again.

In Christian love, **Beulah Orahood**

To My Dear Church Family, I want to say *thank you* to everyone for the prayers, love and support you have shown me over the years. I miss not being with you on Sunday, but please know that I think of each of you often. Thank you for the beautiful poinsettia that was delivered to me over the holidays. Thank you also for the delicious meals that I have received the last Tuesday of each month.

Audrey Lambert

Our Thanks to those who helped **Undecorate** the church! Those helping out included: Paul Benedetti, Anne Brienza, Bob Core, Sue Crawfis, Kathy Draper, Jim and Linda Hilliker, Cindy Jenkins, Betty Kindell, Betty Lloyd and Beth Powers (with apologies to any we may have missed!)

Church News

Our Sympathy to...

- **DAVID AND MARLA MCCORMICK** following the death of Dave's mother, *Margaret McCormick*.
- **BOB AND MARLENE CARTER** following the death of their son, *Robert*, on January 15 in Columbus following a massive stroke several days before.

May God's strength and comfort be with you during your time of sorrow.

The Church Courtyard.....our church ministry teams are looking into the possibility of renovating the courtyard and would appreciate any suggestions that you might have....if you have an idea please give Carla Murdock a call at 599-3408 or 441-1758

Presby Book Club News: **Our February meeting** will be at Lois McKenzie's home (233 Terrance, Blf.) at 7pm on **Mon. Feb. 20th**. The February selection will be "The Book Thief" by Markus Zasad.

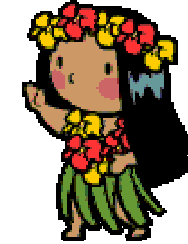
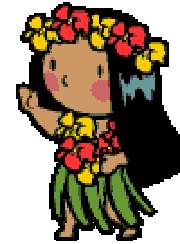
Newsletter Deadline: Monday, February 27th

facebook

We're on Facebook.....First United Presbyterian Church.

FYI.....Sunday's bulletins are on our website as well as sermons, prayer list, events calendar, birthdays, pictures, newsletters, etc.

Check it out!! www.bellefontainepres.com

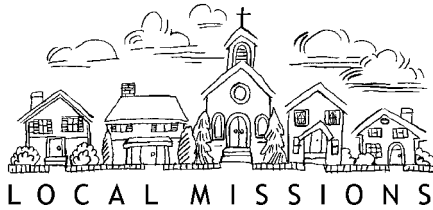


Luau

The Church Growth and Membership Care Committee, in conjunction with the Worship Committee, is planning a "**Presbyterian Luau**" on **Saturday, March 3rd from 5:00 p.m. to 8pm** in the church fellowship hall (the gymnasium).

ALL church members are invited to join us, along with their families and friends, for fun and fellowship as we try to **WARM** their spirits and **FEED** their souls.

Activities include Hawaiian backdrops for pictures, games for the kids, and flowered leis for all of those in attendance. There will be entertainment and "island food and music" for all to enjoy. The details are still being worked out at this time, but we promise fun for all as we attempt to chase away the winter blues.



LAST TUESDAY COMMUNITY DINNER. Our church serves an evening meal on the Last Tuesday of each month. This is a great opportunity to serve others in need. Please see Ranae Lentz to volunteer.




An ongoing project of our Board of Deacons, our **2-cents-A-Meal Offering** is an attempt to help meet hunger needs locally, within our own community. The basic idea is this: Bring 2 cents for every meal you have eaten in the previous month and place it in the **2c-A-Meal** boxes at each of the entrances to the sanctuary. Our Board of Deacons will see that these funds go to help feed the hungry locally through Our Daily Bread and the Lutheran Food Pantry. Remember the parable of Jesus feeding of the 5,000! Five loaves and two fishes fed a multitude! It only takes a little on your part – but it sure helps a lot when it comes to helping to feed hungry people!

Habitat for Humanity

“Building a Strong Community takes a Community”

Building a strong community takes a community. Habitat for Humanity in Logan County can use our help. Keeping Habitat in our prayers, sharing of our treasures and of our time. If you are interested in serving others through Habitat, please contact the church office or Kathleen Bow 539.0275.



It is the easiest, quickest, and fastest way for our organization to raise money!


Simply shop at any of the participating Community Cash supermarkets, save your cash register receipts and 1% cash back will be donated to us for qualifying purchases (tobacco, alcohol, purchased services and sales tax not included). Simply shop, save and support our organization!

Remember, save your cash register receipts and return them to our organization!

You'll get great prices, service and value by shopping locally, and our organization will receive much needed charitable funds.

Thanks for your Support!

Our Organization: First United Presbyterian
 Our Community Cash Stores: Fulmers & Community Mrkts.
 Our Organization Contact: Joyce Core



Remember Community Cash on your next shopping trip!

All proceeds benefit our 'In Church Sharing Fund'

Serving in February:

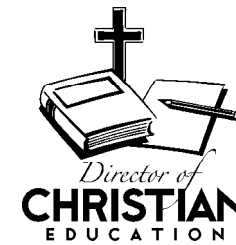
Deacons "On Call":

Feb 5: Greeters: East Entrance: Margaret Appel West Entrance: Adelsberger Family
 Ushers: Margaret Appel, Frank Turner, Audrey Hurley, Toby & Jennifer Oelker,
 Betty Lloyd, Jeanne Zupp, Steve Cox, Adam Wunderle, Betty Kindell
 Sound Tech: Eric Caughenbaugh
 Acolytes:
 Nursery: The Amey's Preschool:
 Elder Greeters: East: Elder Anne Brienza West: Elder Bridgett Hawkins

Feb. 12: Greeters: East Entrance: Mark & Susie Barlow West Entrance: Forsythe Family
 Ushers: Margaret Appel, Bud Eichholtz, Jim Hilliker, Bridget Hawkins, David Ritter,
 Mark & Landyn Butler, Janice Bowsher and Rose Shoemaker
 Sound Tech: Rodney Willis
 Acolytes:
 Nursery: The Amey's Preschool:
 Elder Greeters: East: Elder Gene Marine West: Elder Kevin Harris

Feb. 19: Greeters: East Entrance: Marilyn & Rebecca Crisler West Entrance: Tara Wagner
 Ushers: Steve Mast, Michael Brady, Jon Hines, Betty Hunt, Ryan Lane,
 Vance Holloway, Cathy Draper, Allen Huffman, Ty Rader
 Sound Tech: Paul Deardurff
 Acolytes:
 Nursery: The Amey's Preschool:
 Elder Greeters: East: Elder Steve Mast West: Elder Vicky Petty

Feb. 26: Greeters: East Entrance: Chervenak Family
 West Entrance: Vance & Theodora Holloway
 Ushers: Michael Chervenak, Courtney Chervenak, Brandon Standley, Peggy Hatcher,
 Eric Caughenbaugh, Vicky Petty, Pam McBrien, Jeremiah Vigansky
 Sound Tech: Colin Yoder
 Acolytes:
 Nursery: The Amey's Preschool:
 Elder Greeters: East: Elder Beth Powers West: Elder Joyce Core



- February 1: Dave Haw
- February 3: Adelyn Hankins & Olivia Eader
- February 4: Byron Fullerton & Ethan Wisse
- February 5: Andrea Shumaker & Dalton Lowery-Fillinger
- February 6: Becky Weber
- February 7: Joan Smith
- February 8: Iris Crandall & Paula Wurtsbaugh
- February 9: Morgan Wilcoxon
- February 10: Martha Lang
- February 12: Thomas Heydinger, Ruth Irwin & Averie Vigansky
- February 14: Barb Neff
- February 16: Joyce Core, Pam Ark & Connor Adelsberger
- February 17: Caroline Eader, Drew & Ally Myers
- February 18: Abbi Adelsberger
- February 19: Adam Kramer
- February 20: Bridgett Hawkins & Emma Wasinger
- February 21: Brianna Kramer & James Manning
- February 23: Greyson Huffman
- February 24: Margaret Hilliker & Trayce Wilcoxon
- February 26: Zach Core, Emily Amidon & Presley Vigansky
- February 27: Barb Lee
- February 28: Elaine Thompson

Happy Birthday to You

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And many more.....!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

If we have missed a birthday, please call the office at 592-6611. We don't want to leave anyone out!!

When I compare January 2012 to January 2011, I have noticed two major differences...the first and most important to me is that I have only used that snow shovel ONCE...and I only had to do that because of the way the snow on Friday drifted in front of my car. The second is when I made the grocery list for the Soup luncheon, I knew what to purchase for Potato soup without asking Sandi! You laugh but those are 2 major differences, at least for me.

January 2012 has meant intense planning for Confirmation classes...possible day trips, possible Worship field trips, service projects and on and on. I am looking forward to this time of Confirmation because I always learn something new or relearn something I have stored away in my memory. I hope that for the next 3 months you will remember the members of this Confirmation class in your daily prayers. They are a great bunch of young people and there is so much potential for them.

January 2012 meant the first gathering of the First Friday Gang back on January 6...it was fitting that we spent time talking about the Wisemen, their gifts, and their arrival in Bethlehem since it was Epiphany. When this group gathers there is an energy that is dynamic, and I am amazed at their willingness to do for others. The first question each month is "what are we making this month?" because we try and make something for others at least every other month.

January 2012 has meant detail planning for the Senior High mission trip to take place July 8-14...why am I already focusing on details...because those detail plans involve the fundraisers needed to help make the trip happen. Already we have raised enough funds to cover the cost of a 12 passenger van...now we move on to the gas and the food to feed the group. And we thank each of you for your support via these fundraisers. Next month I will know where in West Virginia we are going and can share more details about the area we will be serving in. We hope you will join us on February 17 at 6:30 for the Sweetheart Dinner, we are asking folks to make reservations because we want to make the meal/evening a very special night. Be looking for the reservation tables starting the 29th of January both in the Gym and at the front entrance of the church.

January 2012 means I have been reading in preparation for my third certification class to take place at APCE January 29-February 4 in Grand Rapids! APCE stands for Association of Presbyterian Church Educators, and yes we are meeting in Grand Rapids, the first week of February, next year we meet in Florida (bet it will snow while we are there). Upon completion of this class, I only have 2 more to complete for the first level of certification, and those should be done by year's end.

January 2012 means VBS planning, Summer Sunday school, possible middle school conference...before we all know it, I will be writing the December 2012 newsletter article, wondering where 2012 went. Oh well, so far 2012 has been great and let's keep it that way.

JoAnne

Coffee Hour



We would like to continue our monthly fellowship time following worship. We are in need of helpers for 2012. The host is responsible for providing punch or fruit. Those who volunteer to bring cookies will need to bring 3 dozen.

If you are interested in participating, please fill out the form below and return it to the church office or place in the offering plate on Sunday. Thank you!

Margaret Appel



**I / we are willing to help with the
2012 Coffee Hour/ Fellowship Time.**

Please mark your choices:

Bake Cookies (3 dozen needed) _____ Host (provides punch or fruit) _____

Month _____

Name _____ Ph No. _____

Questions??? Call Margaret Appel 935-2872

Thank You!!

Upcoming Youth Events....



Sweetheart Dinner

Friday, February 17, 2012

The evening begins at 6:30 pm

Invite your Sweetheart(s) and enjoy an evening of fine food and entertainment hosted by

The High School Youth Group

Proceeds from this evening will help with the costs of the mission trip to West Virginia this summer.

Senior Highs will begin taking reservations on Sunday, January 29 after Worship. There will be a table set up down in the Gym and also in the Front entrance for your convenience.

We look forward to seeing you and thank you in advance for your support.



Come Celebrate St. Patrick's Day With Us!

Sunday, March 18

World Famous (ok 1st UPC Famous) Potato Bar

FOLLOWED BY THE

WORLD FAMOUS PWA DESSERT AUCTION

Come out and support our Youth and enjoy some friendly or not so friendly bidding on some wonderful pies, cakes, cookies and such!





Just in chance you aren't involved in an adult Sunday school class, and you have been wondering what our four classes are doing...here is a brief description of the classes. We hope that your curiosity might be sparked enough to come check out one or all of the classes and find one that fits you.

Faith Talks...meets in the Lounge off of the Chapel...They are presently using the "*Ministry of Jesus Christ*", one of the topics in the *Serendipity Group Bible Study Series* as a guide in their Sunday morning discussion. The approach is based on sharing life experiences using them to relate to the information/questions in the Bible study, which they use more as a discussion enabler than as a study. The class is very informal, encouraging discussion based on mutual respect for each other. When they finish this course of study/discussion they will move into a discussion on "*Health and Wellness*", one of the topics in the *Lifesearch series*.

Koininia...meets in the Library upstairs...They have just begun a study on the Gospel of Luke. They are a lively bunch...the discussion is great...the laughs are frequent...and to quote Pastor Rob, "we even learn a few things along the way! Come join us!"

Faith Journeys...meets at the foot of the ramp...Has just begun a study on Grace. They will take a look at 8 Biblical characters and how Jesus extended them grace. Prayer, Bible study, discussion, and spiritual formation activities shape the class. Breakfast is always served!

Families of Faith...meets in the church office area...Is currently in a book study based on the book, *The First Christmas* by Marcus J. Borg and John Dominic Crossan. They too are a lively bunch and welcome others to come and join them.

There is an empty chair in any of the groups just waiting on you!



Wednesday, February 22nd

7:15 PM in the Sanctuary

Immediately following the Wednesday Night @ the Prez

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent, the 40-day (plus 6 Sundays) period of preparation for the new life of Easter.

Our ASH WEDNESDAY service this year will follow immediately after CHURCH FAMILY NIGHT and will be a very FAMILY-ORIENTED, KID-FRIENDLY service of confession (saying we're sorry for the things we've done wrong), repentance (promising God to try and do better) and renewal (the chance to start over!)

We will share in the burning of sins, making the sign of the cross with ashes and the Sacrament of Communion

Please join us for this special opportunity as we share together on Ash Wednesday and begin the Season of Lent

WN@P Returns!!!

WN@P returns on Wednesday, February 8th!

Gathering time is from 5:15 to 5:30

Dinner service begins at 5:30

Small Group Time begins at 6:00

The Christian Education team is providing dinner on the 8th...they will be serving Roast Beef sandwiches with Mac and Cheese, chips and assorted desserts.

There is something for everybody, so come join us!

Midweek Lenten Book Study

Beginning Wednesday, February 8th

11:30 am - 12:30 pm

SIMPLY JESUS

A New Vision of
Who He Was, What He Did,
and Why He Matters

Bible scholar, Anglican bishop, and best selling author N.T. Wright summarizes a lifetime of study about Jesus and the New Testament in order to present a new vision of who Jesus was...and IS. In *Simply Jesus* we are invited to hear one of the leading scholars of our time introduce the story of the carpenter's son from Nazareth as if we are hearing it for the first time! "Jesus – the Jesus we discover if we really looked," explains Wright, "is larger, more disturbing, more urgent than we ever imagined." As the church faces the many challenges of the 21st Century, Wright presents, in a very readable way, a vision of Jesus that more than meets them.

Study books are for \$16 each and are available in the church office. Please stop by, sign up and pick up a copy! Make sure to read the first chapter for Wednesday, February 8th!! COME AND JOIN OUR LIVELY DISCUSSION!

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