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SHARING IN THE MINISTRY OF 1ST UPC

Ministry Partners	Members & Friends of the Church
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Church Treasurer	Sue Dearwester
Sunday School Secretary	Sara Stahler
Coordinator of Parish Nursing	Phyllis Lyons
Coordinator of Pastoral Partner Program	Marty Marine
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Moderator of Presbyterian Women	Krista Adelsberger
Handbell Choir Director	Cindy Jenkins
Chancel Choir Directors	Bob Day & Cindy Jenkins
Organist	Thomas Boone
Nursery Attendants	Kent, Deb & Allison Amey
Christian Education Director	JoAnne Sharp
Pastor	Rob Fulton

The Way to a Happy New Year

To leave the old with a burst of song;
To recall the right and forgive the wrong;
To forget the things that bind you fast
To the vain regrets of the year that's past;
To have the strength to let go your hold
Of the not worth while of the days grown old;
To dare go forth with a purpose true,
To the unknown task of the year that's new;
To help your brother along the road,
To do his work and lift his load;
To add your gift to the world's good cheer,
Is to have and to give a Happy New Year.

-Author Unknown

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

We hope your Christmas season is filled with peace and joyful sounds made to the Lord, as the entire church family, Session, all the ministry teams and organizations, and our wonderful staff, look forward to 2012 and another great year here at 1st UPC.

*Happy New Year everyone!
Courtesy of your
Stewardship & Finance Ministry Team*

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.

Thank you for sharing your Time, Talents and Treasures.

Thank You!

NOTES OF THANKS

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)

“Words cannot express the gratitude we feel for the honor you gave us on Sunday, December 4th by recognizing the 25 years of ministry we have shared together here at First United Presbyterian Church! Needless to say, we were surprised and overwhelmed by your most generous gift and by the kind words that were expressed to us. It has been an honor and a privilege for us to be a part of such a wonderfully warm and caring church family these past 25 years and we look forward to whatever God has in store for us in the years to come! As the little song we sing each week at Wednesday night at the Prez says:

I am the church...You are the church...WE are the church together!

All who follow Jesus all around the world, yes, we’re the church together!

The Church is not a building...the church is not a steeple...

the church is not a resting place...THE CHURCH IS THE PEOPLE!

Thank you SO MUCH for being the church together and for allowing us to be a part of your church family for these 25 years! May God’s grace and love CONTINUE to bless us all as we share in the joy of being the church together!” **Rob and Janet Fulton**

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. Fifteen of our families are senior citizens and the other 25 families with children. Thank you!! **The Mission & Outreach Ministry team**

On Saturday, December 10th, some of our Middle school youth went to the Food pantry at LCS to help sort and count food items that had come in during food drives. Devin Fowler and Drew Jackson sorted over 600 food items that will be used to make over 400 food baskets. **Well done Devin and Drew!**

Church News



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

Presby Book Club News: The January selection will be "March" by Geraldine Brooks.

UNDECORATE THE SANCTUARY

5:00 pm, Monday January 9, 2012

Church Un-decorating Party

Advent is such a wonderful time of the year, and then comes January! Please join us of Monday, January 9 at 5:00 pm (or whenever you can get there) to help pack up the greenery, the Chrismons and the trees for another year. Bring a snack to share!

Library News: Our thanks to Ruth Irwin for a variety of books she has donated to our church library. They include several paperbacks of the Anne of Green Gables series, an easy Bible reference, several prayer and meditation books, a Christmas novelette, and two great novels about dogs. She is downsizing for her big move to the Green Hills Inn. Thank you so much Ruth.

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

Newsletter Deadline: Monday, January 16th



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 January:

Deacons "On Call": Marilyn & Jennifer Crisler

Jan. 1: Greeters: East Entrance: Becky Weber
West Entrance: Rachel Lang & Family Back Door: Rachel Lang
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: Ben Sailors & James Manning
Nursery: The Amey's Preschool:
Elder Greeters: East: Elder Anne Brienza West: Elder Bridgett Hawkins

Jan. 8: Greeters: East Entrance: Vigansky Family West Entrance: Jackson Family
Back Door: Becky Mast
Ushers: Margaret Appel, Bud Eichholtz, Jim Hilliker, Bridget Hawkins, David Ritter,
Mark & Landyn Butler, Janice Bowsher and Rose Shoemaker
Sound Tech: Rodney Willis
Acolytes: Erin Jackson & Caitlyn Shumaker
Nursery: The Amey's Preschool:
Elder Greeters: East: Elder Larry McCarthy West: Elder Mark Butler

Jan. 15: Greeters: East Entrance: Paula Wurtsbaugh West Entrance: Wunderle Family
Back Door: Marty Marine
Ushers: Steve Mast, Michael Brady, Jon Hines, Betty Hunt, Ryan Lane,
Vance Holloway, Cathy Draper, Allen Huffman, Ty Rader
Sound Tech: Paul Deardurff
Acolytes: Ben Core and Caroline Eader
Nursery: The Amey's Preschool:
Elder Greeters: East: Elder Joyce Core West: Elder Rob Storm

Jan. 22: Greeters: East Entrance: Steve & Becky Mast West Entrance: Lane Family
Back Door: Carla Murdock
Ushers: Michael Chervenak, Courtney Chervenak, Brandon Standley, Peggy Hatcher,
Eric Caughenbaugh, Vicky Petty, Pam McBrien, Jeremiah Vigansky
Sound Tech: Colin Yoder
Acolytes: Gabe Core and Olivia Eader
Nursery: The Amey's Preschool: Floras & Caroline Eader
Elder Greeters: East: Elder Betty Lloyd West: Elder Frank Turner

Jan. 29: Greeters: East Entrance: Nate & Becky Weber
West Entrance: Kite Family Back Door: Colin Yoder
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: Lindi Smith and Madilyn Jackson
Nursery: The Amey's Preschool:
Elder Greeters: East: Elder Mark Butler West: Elder Bill Wical



January 1: Sarah Phillips
January 2: Louise Gordon
January 6: Janet Fulton
January 8: Dorothy Whisman
January 9: Sue Albano
January 10: T.J. Forsythe
January 11: Marty Marine, Marjorie MacGillivray & Marissa Ritter
January 12: Alyssa Elliott
January 16: Doug Dearwester
January 17: Beth Smith
January 18: Amy McIntyre
January 20: Madison Rader
January 21: Christy Myers
January 22: Russell Ark
January 23: Tayteum Vigansky
January 26: Courtney Chervenak
January 27: Heather Fitzpatrick
January 31: Holly Core, Carolyn Fitzpatrick, Matt Core & Kelly Kite

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!!



HAPPY NEW YEAR – The Presbyterian Women are looking forward to an exciting 2012.

Ladies please mark your calendars -The Women's Retreat is scheduled for October 5, 2012 and will be held at Kirkmont. You will not want to miss the opportunity for fellowship with the women of the church.

The Presbyterian Women will have Bible Study the second Wednesday of each month beginning in January. Please join us as we study the word of God.

Thank you to all who participated who helped make the Church family dinner a success. A special thank you to the Crisler family who donated eight roasters, which were put to good use.

Thank you to all who stayed up all night and baked dozens of cookies for the cookie exchange. Several women participated and were able to enjoy the cookie goodness.

A bit of inspiration for the New Year:

"Another fresh new year is here . . .
Another year to live!
To banish worry, doubt, and fear,
To love and laugh and give!

This bright new year is given me
To live each day with zest . . .
To daily grow and try to be
My highest and my best!

I have the opportunity
Once more to right some wrongs,
To pray for peace, to plant a tree,
And sing more joyful songs!"

William Arthur Ward



Black-eyed peas, collard greens, a little piece of pork, and cornbread...that has been the New Year's day menu in my family forever. Once in awhile we might spice it up and have Hoppin' John instead of black-eyed peas, but they are still in that. We aren't much for making resolutions, but they don't seem to last too long anyway, at least that was Daddy's take on them. Miss Dot (my step-mother) would start about the day after Christmas asking Daddy what his resolutions and he would answer with "Why make them, they don't last." What about you, do you make resolutions? If you do, how long do they last?

Well if you are a resolution making person, maybe you can think of one or two that relate to Christian Education and 1st UPC. There is always some place where your talent could be used-maybe helping in one of the Sunday school classes, helping with Tuesday Dinner at the Pres., joining the Highland Ringers or the Choir. There are so many places that your talent could be used. So as we enter into 2012, think about it and see if there is a resolution that you can make to help grow the Church.

Happy New Year!

JoAnne



GRATEFUL THANKS TO "Retiring" OFFICERS

The **grateful thanks** of 1st UPC is expressed to our Deacons and Elders who have "retired" active duty on the Board of Deacons and Session.

A special word of appreciation is expressed to *Tammy Fowler, Dana Heydinger, Jennifer Oelker, Barbara Stewart and Robyn Wunderle* who complete their terms as Deacons.

To "retiring" Elders *Eric Adelsberger, Tony Core, Sue Dearwester, Carla Murdock and Judy Wical* we also offer a hearty

THANK YOU!

We are grateful for all the time and service you have offered to 1st UPC over the past few years. Please stick around! We may call on you again in future years!

Welcome!

TO NEW OFFICERS:

We extend a **warm welcome** to the following new officers:

Board of Deacons: Becky Mast, Amy Willis, Martha Lang, Ruth Miller and Marilyn Crisler

To the Session: Rebecca Crisler, Kevin Harris, Steve Mast, Vicky Petty and Beth Powers

We look forward to your service and guidance these next few years!



**ANNUAL REPORTS ARE DUE
JANUARY 4th !!!!**



**Newsletter
DEADLINE**

February Newsletter Deadline:

Monday, January 16th

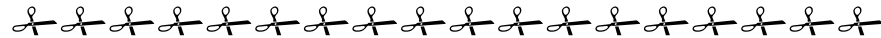
Coffee Hour



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!!

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