

"Christ is all and in all." Colossians 3:11

Pres-Bits Newsletter

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Valentine's Date Night

French Inspired Dinner and Movie for
Couples

Saturday, February 11, 2012

5:30p.m.

Last day to sign up is Sunday, February 5th

Please contact Tom Farrell at 239-0070,
for more information or sign-up on the
bulletin board in the foyer



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Session Notes

At the December Meeting:

Representatives from Presbytery attended the December Session meeting to talk about the next steps in finding a temporary pastor for the congregation until the Pastor Nominating Committee finds a candidate to be our installed pastor. John Higgins will continue to work with us on the Mission Study.

Session elected Judy Bierbaum Clerk of Session and Secretary of the corporation.

Installation of elders to serve on the Session took place during worship on January 8th. Paula Obermark, Barbara Schofield, Barb Hagan and Judy Bierbaum are new to the Session. Allen Vogt was installed to remain on session one more year and Karen Ladd two years.

Session voted to approve the budget for 2012.

The Christian Education Committee is looking for a volunteer to lead the children's choir.

The annual Meeting of the Congregation will be January 29, 2012 following worship.

At the January Meeting:

The Mission Study report was submitted to Presbytery for their approval. When this report is approved, we will be in a position to form a Pastoral Nominating Committee to begin a search for a permanent pastor.

Session approved with regret, Roni Fowler's resignation from Session.

With regret, Richard Steckel was removed from the membership roll, per his request.

The following officers were elected: Allen Vogt, President; Barbara Schofield, Vice President; Laura Evans, Treasurer.

Becky Vogt will begin to attend Session meetings in order to facilitate communication between Session and the church office.

Scout Sunday is February 5th.

Communion for February is on February 12th.

The ecumenical Ash Wednesday service will be held February 22nd here at The Presbyterian Church of Washington.

The Finance Committee reported that 2011 pledge income received were up to date.

Session Notes Cont.

The following members will be committee chairpersons:

Finance – Karen Ladd

Personnel – Jon Althaus

Worship and Music – Mike Becker & Barb Hagan.

Property – Allen Vogt

Mission and Outreach – Gretchen Farrell.

Church Life– Gretchen Farrell (looking for someone to take her place).

The Church Life Committee is searching for someone to replace Gretchen Farrell as chairperson. The Property

Committee is also looking for additional members. All committees can determine a meeting time and date to accommodate new members.

The Property committee welcomes anyone to participate in closet cleanups and other cleaning that must be done so the Fire Department can conduct their annual inspection. The last two Saturdays in January at 10:00 am the committee would welcome your help for a few hours.

Two or three Session members will be available in the church library after worship on the third Sunday of each month for a “Meet & Greet” to visit with members to talk about concerns or questions.

Children in Worship:



Children singing during worship on December 11, 2011.

Congratulations:



Gail A. Taubel graduated December 9, 2011 from William Woods University, with a Masters of Education with an emphasis in Curriculum and Instruction. Congratulations!

Christmas Caroling:



On December 18, fifteen members went Christmas Caroling at area nursing homes and shut-ins. Here we are singing at the home of Vera Ahle.

Souper Bowl Sunday

The youth will be collecting canned goods and \$'s for Loving Hearts Outreach on Sunday, February 5th - Souper Bowl Sunday. Thank you for your participation!

All-Church Potluck

The next All-Church Potluck will be **February 8th at 5:30 p.m.** Bring a side dish to share with Anna Mae's entrée selection. Come and enjoy some good food and fellowship.

Please Join a Church Committee!

We would love to have more people join any of our Church committees – please see the committee list in the narthex and at what times they meet each month. We would love to have more help carrying out any of the wonderful work that is done around our church, so take a look at what YOU can share in and do!

VBS Leadership

The Christian Education committee is looking for someone(s) to share leadership for Vacation Bible School this summer. If you are interested in directing VBS at our church or working in partnership with another congregation to host a VBS program, please notify the church office. The dates, format, and curriculum have not been determined.

Schnuck's E-script Program

Thank you to all who continue to swipe their e-script cards each time they shop at Schnucks. In 2011 this rebate program brought in \$573.99. E-script cards are available in the church office. Simply pick one up and register it to "The Presbyterian Church of Washington". Then swipe your card at the checkout and Schnucks will send us up to 3% of your sale. It's that easy and another great way to donate to the church.

Church Breakfast

We will be holding another Church Breakfast on March 17, 2012 from 8-11 A.M. More details to follow.

Men of Church Banquet

The men of Our Lady of Lourdes invite all men to the annual Men of the Church Banquet to be held on Thursday March 1, 2012. Doors open at 6:00p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30p.m., with the program following. The banquet will be held in the Parish Hall in the Lower Level of Our Lady of Lourdes Church on Madison Avenue. Tickets may be purchased from Allen Vogt for \$10 until Sunday, February 19th.

Second Annual Trivia Night!

We have set the **March 23, 2012**, as our Second Annual Trivia Night! We had so much fun last year; we are doing it again AND with another Silent Auction! Do you have any auction items to donate? We are looking for new items, services that can be written on a flyer, anything that you can offer. I'm sure we'll find a bidder and we can make a basket out of just about anything! Please drop any auction items at the church office or with Gretchen Farrell. So, get the word out to friends and neighbors, get a table of 8 together and put your thinking caps on! Any questions, please contact Gretchen Farrell or check out the flyers coming soon.

Ash Wednesday

There will be an Ash Wednesday Service with our friends from the Methodist church here at 7:00p.m. on Wednesday February 22, 2012.

Community Easter Egg Hunt is on Again!

Third time is a charm and we are ready for more fun this year! Last year we had to do our Egg Hunt indoors and had a blast, but let's hope for good weather this year. Rain or shine, we are on! Join us on Saturday morning, **April 7th** at 11 a.m. (the day before Easter!) for a great race out on the back lawn of the church! Special prizes will be hidden and we'll have cookies and punch in the Fellowship Hall afterwards. Tell all your friends and neighbors about it! Watch for the candy donation box to be out around the first of March as we will need to fill about 3,000 plastic eggs. We will have an egg filling party on Monday, April 2nd at 10 am in the Senior High room, and anyone is welcome! Thank you! The Church Life & Mission Committee, Gretchen Farrell & Laura Conley.

Play Bridge

If you enjoy playing bridge we play every Saturday from 2pm-5pm at the church.

Name Tags

Any friend or member who would like a name tag should call Judy Bierbaum at 636-432-1293 or email jbierbaum42@yahoo.com. If you prefer, write your name down and leave it in the church office.

Per Capita

The Per Capita amount for 2012 is \$27.25 per active member. If you would like to help with this expense of the church, you will find a "Per Capita" envelope at the front of your 2012 offering envelope packet.

Third Annual Church/Community Book Sale

Look for our great Community Book Sale and fundraiser to take place on Friday, Saturday & Sunday, April 20, 21 & 22nd! We have a bunch of books already and could always use some more! Do you have some books to donate? Just bring them by the church any time after Easter (April 8th). Want to help? Please call Gretchen Farrell or Karen Ladd and check the sign up board in the narthex soon. We would love lots of muscle to help unload boxes on Sunday, April 15th immediately after worship. We'll be setting up & organizing categories alphabetically from Monday through Thursday, April 16 - 19, and any help during the book sale hours. Let's make this a great fundraiser for our church!

Help Needed!

We are now having a Fellowship Table **EVERY SUNDAY** after worship and would love to have your help! We are in need of people to help Gretchen Farrell on any Sunday by bringing three dozen servings of any goodies, cookies, fruit or breads, and donating just a little bit of your time to set up and clean it up. It's easy and fun, and a great way to enjoy the fellowship between our church family members and friends. Please see the sign-up sheet in the narthex and you will be recognized in that Sunday bulletin for hosting it. Thank you to all that have helped and donated goodies! Also, if at any time you are baking sweet breads, cookies or other treats and have extra (or you are at the store and get an extra bag or two of cookies!), please feel free to donate them to the Fellowship Hall freezer for our weekly Fellowship Table and just date them when you pop them in there. THANK YOU!

Need of Clothing

The Pregnancy Assistance Center needs new or gently used children's clothing sizes 18 months thru children's size 5. There is a basket in the narthex to place items. If you have any questions, please contact Pamela Kellermann at 239-7958.

Need of Food

Loving Hearts Outreach is in need of canned meats, cereal and cake mixes. Please bring items and place them in the box in the Narthex and Jean Van Der Kamp will deliver them to Loving Hearts.

Pres-Bits

Articles for the March issue of Pres-Bits are due by February 15th.

Handbell Choir – Anyone Interested?

The Worship and Music Committee is investigating the possibility of reconvening the handbell choir. Performances would be limited to only a few times during the year to start out. Amy Randles has graciously volunteered to direct it. Practices would be held on Sunday evening or Wednesday evening. If you are interested, please contact Barb Hagan at 636-584-7211 or email at barbhagan@centurytel.net by February 12th. If there is enough interest, we will pursue it.

Thank You's

Thank you for the beautiful plant. May God bless you all and have a Happy New Year.

Sincerely Ann Hartbauer

Just wanted to say thank you for all the cards as well as your thoughts and prayers during my absence.

Tim Culp

Just a note to say "thank you" for your Christmas gift. Of course, since I am currently unemployed, it came in very handy! I am anxious to get back on the benches and provide music for the church. Hope we each have a great New Year!

God Bless,
Tim Culp

Thank you very much for the Christmas bonuses and I.B. Nuts gift arrangements of treats. They were beautiful and delicious. We enjoy being with the children on Sundays and appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Mary & Marcy

I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and my wish for each of you is a year of peace and joy. Because of your generosity, we were able to give Christmas to hundreds and hundreds of people. This should give each of you a sense of peace.

This past year has been full of so much tragedy and people responded in so many positive ways. There are a lot of good and caring people in our world, we just don't hear about them very often. Your names may not be on television or published in the newspaper, but you should know how much our clients appreciate your generosity.

Again, a special, heartfelt thank you for all that you did and have done for the Pregnancy Assistance Center and our clients this holiday season.



Fritze Alferman, Director

We were able to help two families through Pregnancy Assistance Center, from the Giving Tree, for the holidays.

Dear Choir,

Thank you so much for the gift certificate to Hawthorn and some "babysitting" money! It was a wonderful Christmas surprise for me, Jon and Althea. We all truly appreciate your thoughtfulness, and the fellowship and music that we share throughout the year. Looking forward to singing together again through the rest of the Winter and Spring!

Love in Christ,
Amy Randles

Thank you so much for the Christmas check. I appreciate your thoughtfulness. Wishing all you a blessed New Year!

Pamela Kellermann

Thank You's Cont.

Thank you so much for the Christmas bonus and gift bag lotion and chocolates. It is a joy to work with the children in P.D.O. I appreciate your generosity.
Mary Ritchey

Thank you so much for the Christmas bonus and the poinsettia. It was great to share with my family. Have a wonderful New Year!
Laurie Ruether

Thank you so much for the Christmas gift and the poinsettia. The poinsettia still looks great on my kitchen table.
In Christ,
Becky Vogt

Thank you so much for the beautiful poinsettia. I greatly enjoy the services I have shared with you. May Blessings of Christmas be with you all.
Dorothy Clarkson

Thank you so much for the Christmas gift and the poinsettia. My wife and I plan on going out to dinner at one of our favorite restaurants. I'm looking forward to another year of serving The Presbyterian Church of Washington. May you and your families have a happy and prosperous new year.

Thanks Again,
Ken Rotheli

Thank you so much for the Christmas monetary gift. I appreciate your kindness to me and my family. Happy New Year to everyone.
Kristie Lock & family

Thank you so much for the Christmas check and the Poinsettia! My poinsettia still looks good! I have enjoyed working as the Church Event Coordinator for the church.

Love, Lya

February Birthdays

2/1 Robynn Greer
2/4 Kevin Carpenter
2/5 Joy Kopp
2/7 Janet Henderson
2/8 Laura Conley
2/8 Don Conrad
2/9 Charlene Jackson
2/14 Danielle Tucker
2/19 Sam Farrell
2/19 Pamela Kellermann
2/22 Peggy Otto
2/25 Louise Mathews



Worship Assignments for February:

Worship Leader: Susan Benedict

Greeters:

February 5 Scouts
February 12 Jim & Charlene Jackson
February 19 Judy & Luther Bierbaum
February 26 Vivian Marshall & Nancy Klingert

Ushers:

February 5 Scouts
February 12 Rich & Barbara Duemler
February 19 Don & Jenny Scheibe
February 26 Laura Evans & Jane Stelzner

Prayer Requests

MEMBERS WITH CONTINUING NEEDS: Joan Schultz, Gene Kopp, Roni Fowler, Don & Jocelyn Vanbuskirk & Vic Kappelmann.

CEDARCREST: Ann Hartbauer & Mary Ann Schultz.

GRANDVIEW: Christine Lewis.

NEW HAVEN CARE CENTER: Louise Mathews & Evelyn Walters.

FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH:

Shawn Oppiger (son of Glenda & Ron Nagel),
Barbara & George Peters (parents of Nancy Thater),
Barb Ebker (friend of Karla Becker),
Vicky Vogel (daughter of Vic Kappelmann & sister of Karla Becker),
Cindy Demitroff (friend of Paul & Lya Struckhoff),
Chris Kent/in Afghanistan (son of Janet Aaron),
Ruby Neumann (friend of Vickie & Denny Price),
Kathy Bierbaum (Daughter-in-law of Luther & Judy Bierbaum),
Lydia Disbro (great granddaughter of Laura Evans),
Cathy Mueller (Aunt of Gary Froning),
Shanae Haynes (former student of Mauri Truesdell & Susan Benedict),
Melvin Eckelkamp (Anna Mae Boehmer),
Carol Mueller (neighbor of Mauri Truesdell),
Marie Brackenbury (sister of Elsie Truesdell),
Ethan Koch (sister's grandson of Judy Bierbaum),
Dawson Cutler (friend of Struckhoff family),
Wendell Schneider & his wife Judy (friends of Barbara Schofield),
Jim Lebreton (friend of Barbara Schofield).